



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## Two Scholarship Checks Presented At Post General Membership Meeting

*Initial July 4th Plans Outlined; FY 23-24  
Special Budget Meet Set for 4 p.m., July 10*

Two of the four \$1,500 Post scholarship winners collected their checks Tuesday night at the General Membership meeting. Kayleigh Kilgore of Cumming and Chandler McDade of Marietta were presented their checks in a brief ceremony at the start of the meeting by Post Commander Tom Billings.

Kilgore, a graduate of Denmark HS will attend the University of Georgia where she plans to major in biology and eventually become a physician's assistant. McDade, who graduated from Pope HS, will be attending the University of Tennessee, majoring in engineering. He also plans to join the Army ROTC, and hopes to complete Ranger training.

The other two scholarship winners were Brady Kilgore (Kayleigh's twin brother) also of Cumming, and Jack Parsons of Alpharetta.

Brady, also a Denmark HS graduate, will be attending Georgia Southern University. He could not attend the check presentation because he was at Georgia Southern hoping to qualify for the varsity fishing team. Parson's, a Blessed Trinity HS graduate will be attending Auburn University.

In addition to the scholarship checks presentation, the 22 Legion and two SAL members attending heard a series of updates on various Post activities, most of which were previously reported at the June 13 Executive Committee meeting. However some 'new' news surfaced on several matters including:

- The Executive Committee, at its Monday afternoon special meeting on the FY 23-24 budget, concluded that a follow-up special meeting is necessary to dig deeper in to the individual line items numbers that generated the 2-page summary budget proposal. That meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, July 10.
- John Dowd announced that the Post's internet service has been repaired. The Post started experiencing spotty service on Saturday and Sunday and lost all service on Monday. According to Dowd an internet service "box" on a telephone pole at the

back of the parking lot was struck by lightning causing it to burn out over a short period of time. The box was replaced by Comcast on Tuesday and full service was restored.

- Dowd also said the new electronic security system should be in place and working by July 1. The monthly fee for the new system will be approximately half that of the current fee, so the cost of the new equipment will be amortized over a period of three and a half years.
- Baseball Committee chair Alan Dudley reported that TrackMan, a doppler radar ball flight tracking system will soon be installed at the Post's baseball field. The tracking begins when the ball is released from the pitcher's hand and ends shortly after the ball leaves the bat or is caught by the catcher. It measures full ball trajectory and spin, including metrics such as vertical release angle and horizontal movement. TrackMan is used by all 30 Major League Baseball teams, top amateur organizations, prominent collegiate summer leagues and is embedded in more than 500 stadiums around the world.
- Dudley also said that "thanks to Paul Sheridan's initiative" the National Anthem is now played before every game at the Post.
- Entertainment chair David Kirchner reported that planning is underway for July 4 activities at the Post. He said the Clubroom/Bar will be open at 11 a.m. The concession stand opens at 12 noon. Children's activities will include bounce houses. And the Alpharetta City Band scheduled to play a late afternoon concert. John Dowd will oversee parking that day as numerous guests use the Post's parking facilities and grounds to view the Alpharetta's fireworks. Those interested in helping with parking should get in touch with Dowd.
- During an update discussion on the Scholarship program by Billings, he noted he was still looking for someone to chair the committee. Roger Wise heard the call and volunteered for the job, which Billings immediately assigned to him.
- Taking advantage of the "Good of the Legion" portion of the meeting, Jr. Vice Commander Tom Richards conducted a brief focus group of those attending. He asked: "What will get you to come to the Post? What are we doing right? What do we need to do? A variety of responses were offered including the need to focus on programming that would attract younger veterans, especially those who have spouses and children.
- While no 'silver bullet' surfaced during the brief 'focus group', the idea of asking for improvement suggestions via this e-newsletter surfaced. So if you have an idea and wish to present it via the newsletter, email [americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com). Be sure to include the words "An Idea to Consider" in the subject line. Also be sure to include your name, email address, and phone number for follow-up by Post leadership. The best ideas will be published, but some editing may be necessary.

Just prior to the meeting's 8 p.m. close, Billings recognized and passed the microphone to Immediate Past Commander Fred Mahony for some comments.

“I had a great two years as commander,” he said. However, he also said some things didn’t happen 'on his watch' due to lack of advance planning. The lesson learned, he said, is that “committees need to plan in advance when you want to get something done.”

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**[Click here to see the most current baseball schedule for the Post's field.](#)**

Volunteers are needed to work at the concession stand. A signup sheet is posted on Clubroom bulletin board, or contact a member of the Baseball Committee.

**Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting** to review Home Depot Grant expenditures to date.

**Monday, June 26, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002.** Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, [roncowan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roncowan@bellsouth.net) or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, [jim.davis@comcast.net](mailto:jim.davis@comcast.net).

**Saturday, July 1, 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal Pot Luck Breakfast** for members. Cooking generally starts around 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Meal served in 9 a.m. time frame. Be sure to bring something to share. First responders who attend are exempt from the 'bring something to share' expectation. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email [jedowd3@gmail.com](mailto:jedowd3@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, July 4. Independence Day.** Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. Concession stand at 12 noon.

**Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.** Rescheduled because first Tuesday of the month is July 4th.

**Monday, July 10, 4 p.m. Special Executive Committee meeting** to review the FY 23-24 Budget.

**Tuesday, July 11, 6 p.m. Executive Committee.**

**Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Installation of Officers.

**Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 a.m. VetBuds.** Meets at Uptown Cafe the third Wednesday of each month, 9850 Nesbitt Ferry Rd., Johns Creek. For more information contact Matt Cronley, [matt@cronley.com](mailto:matt@cronley.com). Phone: 770-294-5672.

**Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

**Friday, July 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Scotch and Cigar Night.** *SAVE THE DATE* and plan to attend. Tickets, which may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar, are \$40 per person until July 14. \$50 per ticket after that. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1.** Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. [www.gmcmoaa.org](http://www.gmcmoaa.org)

**Wednesday, Oct. 11. SAL's 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament** at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Or contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In.** Planning Lead: Tommy Youngblood.  
Email - [youngbloodtom@att.net](mailto:youngbloodtom@att.net). Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.

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## ***Club 201 Dance Activities***

Visit both [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com)  
and the [Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page](#)  
for detailed information about  
all dance activities and schedules.

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## ***Resource Links***

**Post 201 Walk of Memories** - [Click here](#) for more information.

**Survivor Assistance Checklist** - [Click this link](#).

**Benefits for Georgia Veterans** - [Click this link](#).

**Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter** - Visit [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org) and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

**Post 201 Website** - [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org).

**VA Telephone Hotline** - 1-877-222-8387

**Veterans Crisis Line** - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

**Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk** - 631-720-6022

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