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Happy 4th of July!

**“Ask not what your country can do for you
– ask what you can do for your country.”**

*President John F. Kennedy
Inaugural Address
January 20, 1961*

This past Saturday marked the 50th Anniversary of the “All Volunteer Force” in the United States. To anyone who has ever served in the military, and especially those who entered service after July 1, 1973, those hallowed words spoken by John F. Kennedy some 12 years earlier take on a somewhat more significant meaning.

Why? Because those men and women chose to put their lives on the line for this nation when they swore “to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies.”

To veterans, and anyone currently on active duty in the military, [Independence Day celebrates America](#) - - its history, its origin, its founders, and all those who came before us.

While we all can probably agree that America is not a perfect country, the freedom we have is a precious gift. Those who have ventured beyond the boundaries of this nation can testify to that.

Thus, as we celebrate today, we can look around and say, “Yes, this is worth it. This is something worth fighting for. I'm proud I did my part.” Happy 4th of July!

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Post 201's July 4 Event Schedule

11 a.m.

Post Clubroom/Bar Opens for Members

12 noon

Post Opens to the Public Baseball Field Concession Stand Opens

Members of the Post and the area community are invited to celebrate the day and take advantage of all the Post's facilities until the fireworks show at Wills Park concludes. Bring blankets and plan to picnic on the grounds during the day and into the evening. Children may enjoy the bounce houses and other related activities during the day.

Food for sale at the concession stand and prices:

Candy/Cookies - \$2.00
Peanuts/Sunflower Seeds - \$2.00
Chips - \$1.00
Popcorn - \$3.00
Soda & Gatorade - \$3.00
Water - \$2.00
Hot Dog - \$3.00
 Dog/Chip/Drink Combo - \$6.00
Hamburger - \$4.00
 Burger/Chips/Drink Combo - \$7.00
Cheeseburger - \$5.00
 Cheeseburger/Chips/Drink Combo - \$8.00
Ice Cream Sandwich or Cone - \$2.00
Icee -\$1.00

A \$1 discount on each item costing more than \$2 is available to members of the Legion. Beer will be available for sale on the grounds and adults may also take advantage of the Post Clubroom's beverage offerings throughout the day until the Post closes.

6 p.m. *Alpharetta City Band Concert*

Playing under the direction of Dr. Nicole Fallin, the Alpharetta City Band, a traditional concert band, has become an integral part of the city's cultural arts community. The ensemble of dedicated amateur musicians from Alpharetta and surrounding communities has entertained audiences throughout the north metro area since its first concert in 1989. Audiences delight in the band's diverse repertoire, which includes patriotic marches, Broadway classics, jazz standards, traditional concert band arrangements, and holiday favorites.

9:30 p.m. *Fireworks*

The City of Alpharetta's fireworks, which can be seen from the Post's Walk of Memories and baseball field, are scheduled to start when the sky is dark, which should be in the 9:30 p.m. time frame. If there is a weather delay, the latest start-of-show will be 10:40 p.m., according to the City

Event Parking & Other Information

As in past years, donations will be appreciated for vehicle access to the Post parking lot from those who are not members of the Post, but who are taking advantage of the parking facilities in order to enjoy the area's Independence Day celebration.

For those who might not be familiar with the Post's beverage rules, alcoholic beverages *may not* be brought onto the Post's grounds. Consumer fireworks, charcoal grills and small propane grills are also prohibited on Post grounds.

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Post 201 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 and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - 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

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program - [888-514-5345](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

Post 201 - Serving Vets for 75 Years
November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022

