



Alpharetta Post 201

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Thursday, July 13, 2023

FY 23-24 Budget, Comedy Show Votes On Agenda for Tuesday Membership Meet

Members of the Post will be asked to vote on two significant matters at next Tuesday night's General Membership meeting. They are the FY 23-24 Budget for the Post and a proposal to schedule a comedy show at the Post on Saturday night, Sept. 30.

Members wishing to review a summary of the proposed budget, pending final executive committee review, during the remainder of the week, should [click here](#).

Since the Post does not have an approved budget yet for the current fiscal year, the Post's By-Laws call for a member vote on the proposed comedy show. As a reminder, the Post's fiscal year is the 12 months period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

In addition to the two matters requiring a membership vote, the officers of the Post, the Auxiliary and the SAL will also all be installed during the meeting.

Dinner will be served prior to the meeting, starting in the usual 6 p.m. time frame.

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~ ~ IN MEMORY ~ ~ James E. "Korea Jim" Kallinen *May 14, 1948 - July 7, 2023*

"Korea Jim," as he will always be remembered at the Post, died on Friday, July 7 at his home following an extended illness. He had been a member of Post 201 and the American Legion for eight years and was a paid-up-for-life member.

He was also a 20-year member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars including serving as Commander of Post 8180 in Seoul, where he earned an All American – All State Commander designation in 2015-2016.

A Celebration of Life for him is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30 in the Post 201 Ballroom. [Click here to read his complete obituary](#).

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~ Just a Reminder ~

At the June General Membership meeting, Jr. Vice Commander Tom Richardson conducted a quick-and-dirty focus group of members attending. The questions asked included:

- What should we do to get you to come to the Post more often?
- What are we doing right?
- What else do we need to do?

Comments and observations from those in attendance included:

- Serve coffee and donuts at the first baseball game of the day.
- Pay more attention to Veterans Day and other holidays, e.g. have a party that attracts younger members and families.
- Do something to recognize/honor area high school graduates who will be attending the various service academies.
- Don't overlook holidays as opportunities to celebrate or have an event. As an example the recent Memorial Day was completely overlooked.
- Accommodate younger members and their families; Give them a place to come and include their children.
- Give a Post 201 hat to members transferring from another Post.

Members who would like to offer suggestions or ideas are also asked to email them to the Post. The address is americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com. Be sure to include the words "An Idea to Consider" in the subject line. And don't forget to include your name, email address, and phone number for follow-up from Post leadership.

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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 the Clubroom bulletin board, or contact a member of the Baseball Committee.

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Installation of Post, Auxiliary and SAL Officers. Dinner will be served prior to the meeting starting in the 6 p.m. time frame

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. Phone: 770-294-5672.

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

Friday & Saturday, July 21 and 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Georgia District 9 "Revitalization" Hosted at Post 201. Military veterans in 16 North Georgia counties are invited to attend either day. Attendees will be able to visit with American Legion staff members to discuss veterans'

benefits, VA benefits, renewing their 2024 memberships, and other associated training opportunities.

Saturday, July 22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Summer Rockin' Boots Line Dance Party. Enjoy an afternoon of line dancing. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. [Click here for details.](#)

Monday, July 24, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Friday, July 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Scotch and Cigar Night. 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.

Sunday, July 30, 3 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for "Korea Jim" Kallinen.

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m. First Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast for members of the Post family and first responders. Rescheduled from Saturday, July 1. 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 are not expected to 'bring a dish to share'. This is an opportunity for members of the Post 201 family to gather in an informal setting. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Saturday, Aug. 5. Annual Old Soldier's Day Celebration. No details available on planned activities for the day.

Tuesday, Aug 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. 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. 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. Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both 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 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

