



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## Old Soldiers Day Activities at Post Kick Off with 1st Saturday Breakfast, Formal Ceremony Set for 12 noon

This year's Old Soldiers Day (OSD) will get off to a strong start with the monthly First Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast. Designed as an opportunity for members of the Post family and first responders to gather in an informal setting, folks will start gathering in the 8 a.m. time frame. Generally meal service follows within 30-45 minutes later. But it's a laid-back affair with no formal schedule.

For those who hang around long enough after the breakfast, the Clubroom/Bar will open at 11 a.m. And a well known local area band, N2U, will start entertaining those arriving early for the 12 noon Old Soldiers Day ceremony, as well as others in the area.

N2U is a four-piece combo whose members have done studio work in Nashville. They have also played USO tours for servicemen and women in far-flung location, and locally at American Legion posts in Marietta and Jonesboro, as well as other clubs and civic organizations. The band will be bringing country, Southern Rock, R&B, Blues, 50's Oldies, 60's 70's, 80's and 90's sounds to the Post along with an occasional touch of a jazz.

Participants at the midday OSD ceremony include State Senator John Albers, State Representative Chuck Martin, Alpharetta Mayor Jim Galvin, Post 201 Ambassador Roger Wise and Commander Tom Billings. The master of ceremonies will be Scott Childress.

The Greater Atlanta Area 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association Buffalo Soldiers from Decatur and the Johns Creek Veterans Association color guard will also participate. Former city councilman John Monson will sing the National Anthem. And David Mitchell, a chaplain and member of the Roswell Masonic Lodge, will deliver the invocation.

Following the ceremony, N2U will fire up their "sound" again until 2 p.m. and lunch will be available for all attendees.

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## Part 2 - - What Veterans Need to Know (. . . that the VA Does Not Disclose)

Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part presentation prepared by Attorney Jim Swain. This week's material discusses "VA Survivors Pension." Readers should [click here to read](#) the second of this two part series. For those who might have missed Part 1, "Eligibility for Veterans Pension," it is available on the same web page as Part 2. If you previously visited this link be sure to refresh the page after it opens.

As an attorney, Jim's areas includes in his list of practice areas Veteran Pension Planning and Medicaid and Elder Law Planning. In future issues we plan to include material prepared by Matthew Johnson, an attorney at Georgia Veterans Law. - *hdh*

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## **Writer Searching for Navy, Marine, Coast Guard 'Brats'**

Author and Atlanta World War II Round Table member, Rona Simmons, who has written books and articles and has given presentations on military topics including WW II, is trying to identify individuals who were raised in US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Coast Guard families and grew up as military "brats."

She would like to interview them for an article she is writing for [Veterans Breakfast Club Magazine](#). If you or someone you know is a Navy, Marine, or Coast Guard "brat" and would be willing to be interviewed by her, please send an email to WW II Round Table adjutant Bill LeCount at [atlantaww2roundtable@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaww2roundtable@gmail.com). He'll put you in touch with her. Here are the details she has provided regarding her search:

Proposed Article for a Pennsylvania-based veterans group (Veterans Breakfast Club) for the December issue of VBCMAGazine.

Topic: Growing Up Military - The Experience of 'Army' Brats.

Premise: While I have my own experience to draw from with a father who was a WWII veteran and later had a 24-year career in the Air Force, there are likely as many opinions on how having a parent who was career military influenced a child's life and future as there are Air Force or Army brats out there.

I would like to include thoughts from children of the other military branches as I believe someone who had a career military father in the Marines or Navy or Coast Guard who was absent for months at a time had a very different experience than mine.

Also, a child who had a career military parent deployed during one of our more recent wars (Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan ...) would also add insight. Note: I already have two Army brats to interview, so it is the other branches children I am seeking.

Thank you so much for any help you can lend. Regards, Rona Simmons, Author.

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**~ ~ Military- Veterans Related News ~ ~**  
(*Not likely to be published locally in other media.*)

**US Military Confirms Myocarditis Spike After Mandatory COVID Vaccine Given To Service Members** [Click here to read.](#)

**Majority of VA Health Care Facilities Receive 4 or 5 Stars in CMS Quality Ratings, Outperforming Non-VA Facilities** [Click here to read.](#)

*Editor's Note: To provide more context to this story, we found the rankings list for all the VA hospitals in the nation. Although there is a link from the VA news story, the details are not easy to find so this publication put its own top-flight research team to work and found the list which we cleaned up to make it significantly easier to read. [Click here to see the list.](#) Note that the VA facilities in Decatur (Atlanta) and Augusta, Ga. only received a 2-star rating while the facility in Dublin, Ga., received a 4-star rating. - hdh*

**Chinese Code Hidden in US Military Systems; Report Says China Can Cut Off Military Power, Water, Communications** [Click here to read.](#)

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**Friday & Saturday, Aug. 4-5, Vet Fair at Cobb County Civic Center.** [Click here](#) for more information.

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m. First Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast** for members of the Post family and first responders.

**Saturday, Aug. 5. 12 noon. Annual Old Soldier's Day Ceremony.**

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

**Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Dinner served in 6 p.m. time frame.

**Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday each month

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** monthly meeting. Park Place at Newtown Park.

**Monday, Aug. 28, 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).

**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. Contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

**Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day.**

**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

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

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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