



Alpharetta Post 201

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Old Soldiers Day Recognition Continues Thanks to Post Members, Area Friends

With apologies to Rudyard Kipling who is believed to have coined the phrase, “only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun,” it’s possible that the observation needs to be modified somewhat by adding “and members of Post 201 and their guests who also go out in the midday sun.”

Helping to keep the Post’s Old Soldiers Day (OSD) tradition alive, some 30 or so members of the Post and guests braved a bright, 91-degree noonday sun this past Saturday to recognize Old Soldiers Day 2023 during a 45-minute program featuring Alpharetta Mayor Jim Gilvin, Georgia 49th District Representative Chuck Martin and Georgia 56th District Senator John Albers.

Following the ceremony the crowd did grow somewhat larger as participants moved inside for air conditioned comfort, drinks, and a hotdog and hamburger lunch prepared by Legion members who volunteered their time during the baseball season to work at the concession stand.

The N2U band also drew a few onto the dance floor as they performed during lunch and for an hour or so after that.

Perhaps the most thought-provoking comment during the 12 noon ceremony was offered by Albers who quoted his friend and fellow Georgian, Army Colonel Mike Steele who is well know for saying “Patriotism without action is counterfeit.” Some may remember that Steele was portrayed by actor Jason Isaacs in the film “Black Hawk Down.”

SAL member and former Alpharetta city judge Scott Childress MC’d the ceremony. Post “Ambassador” Roger Wise, who arranged for the guest speakers, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and former city councilman John Monson, who is noted for his musical voice, sang the National Anthem. USAF veteran David Mitchell, who is also chaplain for the Roswell Masonic Lodge, offered the invocation.

Other participants included the Johns Creek Veterans Association color guard, and four members of the Greater Atlanta Area 9th and 10th Cavalry Association Buffalo Soldiers.

During the ceremony Childress surprised the Buffalo Soldiers presiding officer, Derrick Davis, with 2018 Old Soldiers Day t-shirt. The shirt, which featured horse soldiers, also marked the last year that the Post and the city of Alpharetta produced the well-remembered Old Soldiers Day parade.

In those days the parade terminated at the Post, which had the effect of bringing a thousand or more people to the Post to celebrate OSD!

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~ ~ IN MEMORY ~ ~
Anthony Joseph "A.J." Trapino
Feb.2, 1981 – Aug. 7, 2023

A.J. was a 19-year member of Post 201's Sons of the American Legion. [Click here to visit a Go Fund Me page](#) which has been established in his memory.

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**Day of Remembrance Ceremony to Honor
Kabul 13 Set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26**

The Johns Creek Veterans Association and the Knights of Columbus from St Benedict and St Brigid will jointly host a Day of Remembrance on Saturday, Aug. 26 to honor the 13 military members lost at Kabul. Formal ceremonies start at 10 a.m. at Newtown Park's Veterans Memorial Walk. The ceremony will be followed by a cookout social. [Click here](#) for more information and phone numbers to RSVP for the event. The RSVP deadline is Sunday, Aug. 20.

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

Public's Confidence in Military Drops Again

[Click here to read.](#)

VA Expands Breast Cancer Screenings, Mammograms for Vets with Potential Toxic Exposures

[Click here to read.](#)

Fort Cavazos (formerly Hood) Soldiers Have Been Without Proper Access to Food for Months

[Click here to read.](#)

Air Force Touts First Successful Valkyrie Flight Powered by AI

[Click here to read.](#)

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**Upcoming Post 201 & Other
Veterans Related Activities**

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.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:30 a.m. Vet Buds. Uptown Cafe, 9850 Nesbitt Ferry Rd., Johns Creek. [Click here](#) for more information.

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 or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Monday, Sept. 4. Labor Day. Watch this space to read about plans to celebrate at Post.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. www.gmcmoaa.org

Friday, Sept. 29, "Rat Pack" night at Post 201. [Click here for details.](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, "Married with Laughter." [Click here for details.](#) Tickets may be purchased online or at the Clubroom/Bar.

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. 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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*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

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

