



Alpharetta Post 201

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FY 23-24 Budget Approved by Membership; Auxiliary Scholarship Winner Highlights Meeting

It was a close call, but one member more than the required 18 needed to conduct business attended the General Membership meeting this past Tuesday night. But it literally took getting two of them 'out of the kitchen' where they were doing repair work, in order to bring the participation up to 19, and also which resulted in a unanimous vote to adopt an FY 23-24 budget for the Post.

This year's approved budget summary may be viewed and downloaded by [clicking here](#).

While the budget vote was the most important item on the Tuesday evening's agenda, perhaps the most enjoyable and unique item on the agenda (at least for most membership meetings) was listening to this year's Auxiliary scholarship winner, Sara Lewis', rendition of Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA.

It's been nearly 40 years since Greenwood wrote what has become his signature patriotic anthem. Thanks to Marty Farrell's quick thinking, he recorded Sara on his cell phone and it's now on the Post's web site. Visit www.legion201.org, click on the Auxiliary icon, then scroll down a couple of inches find it.

Other significant reports presented during the meeting included:

An opportunity for military and veteran's families to have a no-cost weekend on Oct. 7 & 8 at YMCA Camp High Harbour at Lake Allatoona. The weekend is made possible through the Brittany & Kayla Memorial Fund, which was created in memory of two beloved camp staff members who had a passion for serving others. Located only 30 minutes northwest of Atlanta the camp features 84 acres of scenic beauty for campers to explore. [Click here](#) for more information on the program.

The kitchen hood is scheduled to be installed today. However, there is a delay in installing the fire suppression system, so the new completion date now appears to be mid September.

Dog droppings are causing problems in the Walk of Memories (WOM) area. Discussions are underway to post "nicely worded signs" which would say no dogs (leashed or unleashed) are allowed in the WOM area or in the concession stand area. Lots of area residents walk their animals on Post property and most do 'clean up duty' behind their animals. But the dropping problems seem to be getting progressively worse.

Three new round high-top tables and chairs for each table now grace the Clubroom/Bar thanks to an anonymous donor.

The TrackMan radar system at the baseball field has been installed, but some additional work is needed for it to perform effectively.

Post Commander Tom Billings is looking for a volunteer to head the Post's Boys State program. Get in touch with him if interested.

This year's Post 201 Oratorical Contest winner, Lambert High School graduate Vinayak Menon, recently served as the captain of the 12-member 2022-23 USA Debate Team at the World Schools Debating Championships. He and his team won the first-place trophy during the week-long competition held this year in Hanoi, Vietnam. The USA victory was the first time a team from the USA won a first place trophy since 1994.

In the American Legion contest, Vinayak also won a district competition, but unfortunately did not advance beyond the area-level competition. However, at the recent World Schools Debating Championship, he was ranked among the top 10 percent of speakers in the world.

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Post Raises Funds for A. J.'s Family Through 'Booze Basket' Campaign

During the next 30 days the Post will be selling tickets in the Clubroom/Bar to raise funds for the family of Anthony Joseph "A.J." Trapino. A 19-year member of the Post's Sons of the American Legion, A.J died in an accident on Monday, Aug. 7.

All the funds raised from the Post's 'Booze Basket' campaign will be given to the family. Tickets sales started yesterday. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Post's Tuesday, Sept. 19 General Membership Meeting.

A single ticket costs \$5, or \$10 will get you three tickets. Individuals should write their name and phone number on each ticket since the winner does not need to be present at the drawing to win. Anyone, members or non-members may purchase a ticket.

The winner will take home a basket, which is on display in the Clubroom/Bar and valued in the range of \$500, that contains the following brands: Fireball, Jägermeister, Legends 87, Crown Royal, Limavady, Famous Grouse, Tito's, Ketel One, Bacardi's, Captain Morgan, Beefeater Gin, Bombay Sapphire, Proper 12 and Patron.

For those interested, a family friend has established a Go Fund Me page in A.J.'s memory. [Click here](#) to visit the page. A Celebration of Life Service will also be scheduled at the Post at a later date.

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Department Launches Fall Sweepstakes Campaign

The Department of Georgia has launched its Fall Sweepstakes campaign to raise funds that are vital to support continuing programs that help Georgia veterans and their families. A total of \$10,000 will

be awarded. The Sweepstakes drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at the Department's Fall Conference at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta in Duluth, Ga.

Georgia Legionnaires will receive a mailing soon after Sept. 1 with pre-printed tickets. Please return your tickets with your voluntary donation. The suggested donation is \$10 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$20, or all 12 tickets for \$30 to increase your chances of winning one of the prizes to be awarded! The Good News: You don't have to be present to win. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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.

Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. Day of Remembrance to Honor the Kabul 13. Hosted by the Johns Creek Veterans Association and the Knights of Columbus from St Benedict and St Brigid. 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.

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.

Saturday, Sept. 2., 8 a.m., First Saturday Informal Pot Luck Breakfast for members of the Post family and first responders.

Monday, Sept. 4. Labor Day. Clubroom/Bar opens at 1 p.m. A cook-out is being planned along with a membership retention activity. Watch this space for more details.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting. Dinner will be served in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 a.m. Vet Buds. Uptown Cafe, 9850 Nesbitt Ferry Rd., Johns Creek. Meets third Wednesday each month. [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

Friday, Sept. 29, "Sinatra & Friends Show" at Post 201. [Click here for details.](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, "Married with Laughter" featuring Jeff Norris and Renee Delorenzo, two stand-up comedians who have been married for 10 years, This is the fifth show in the *Laughter at the Legion* series. [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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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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