



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## E-Mail Sent to Post Members ID'd as 'Scam' Found to be Georgia Department Fundraiser

With all due respect to Paul Harvey and his 33-year long ABC Radio broadcast titled “The Rest of the Story” there is more to the “E-Mail Scam” notification readers of this publication received in the 11:20 a.m. time frame Tuesday morning.

Within an hour and 10 minutes after the Post’s e-newsletter started landing in readers’ inboxes, District 9 Commander Gary Ely posted an email to about 50 members of the District 9 leadership circle stating that the email campaign “. . . is not spam. It was intended to raise money for the DOG (Department of Georgia).”

It should be noted that the original email which was identified as a “scam” made no reference to a Department of Georgia fundraiser, or a publication that would be sold to members of the Legion as part of fundraising initiative.

Also, prior to publishing Tuesday’s e-newsletter this publication sought the opinions of several sources which included both post leadership and internet security professionals. All gave the email a ‘thumbs down’ and a scam or spam conclusion.

In addition, the Department’s website, which was listed as a source for more information in the email in question, was reviewed and no mention of the email campaign was found on the site.

Thus the “scam” conclusion was reached and a warning to the membership was published. Subsequently we have also learned that a postcard mailing with the same “we need your information and please call within five days request” is also being received by Post 201 members.

At its worst, it still 'feels' like a scam. At best, it could fit into the category of 'bait and switch' advertising.

So as Paul Harvey would say, "And now you know...the *rest* of the story."

*Editor’s Note: A copy of the original email from the Department of Georgia which asked members to call an 866 number, and the District 9 Commander’s email which offered the explanation are available to read by clicking here.*

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## **9/11 Ceremony Set for 10 a.m. Monday At Battery Atlanta's Ga. Power Pavilion**

A 9/11 Remembrance ceremony honoring service members, veterans, first responders, and members of the national guard and reserve will be held between 10 a.m. and 12 noon Monday at the Georgia Power Pavilion at Battery Atlanta, 2625 Circle 75 Parkway SE.

Sponsored by The Warrior Alliance and Merging Vets and Players (MVP), the event is free and open to veterans and first responders.

The event is divided into two parts. At 10 a.m. participants will have the opportunity to meet and network with veteran and first responder peers as well as participate in an MMA-style workout with Atlanta-area veterans, former pro athletes, and first responders.

At 11 a.m. a reenlistment ceremony is scheduled for active duty, national guard and reserve members.

[Click here for more information](#) on the event, or [click here to register](#) if you plan to attend.

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## **Troop 51 to Hold Paint Recycling Fundraiser At Post Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Post-sponsored Troop 51 will hold a Paint Recycling Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23 in the Post's front parking lot. If you have left over paint and don't know what to do it, here's the answer.

The paint collected will be re-used by Atlanta Paint Disposal. It will be filtered and turned into a quality, reusable paint product that is then donated back to non-profit organizations in Georgia for beautification projects. Groups like Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Armies, and Boys & Girls Clubs are among those who will receive the recycled paint.

All latex and oil based paints in any size container (including spray cans) will accepted. The fundraising cost to donate paint is: Spray Can - \$2; Pint - \$2; Quart - \$2; Gallon - \$5; and 5-Gallon - \$25.

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### **~ ~ Brief News Notes ~ ~**

Check out the the photo collage of Labor Day activities at the Post thanks to the photographic talents of Steve Olesnevich. It can be found on the "Legion Page" of the Post's website, [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org).

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Plans are underway to celebrate the life and times of Jimmy Buffett at the Post on Saturday, Sept. 16 starting a 5 p.m. Scott Hoehn is leading the charge. Frozen margaritas, cheese burgers in paradise, buffet style karaoke, and a parrot head costume contest are all on the tentative agenda. Thirty-six leis will be available for the first arrivals. And Scott is building a playlist of Buffett, Beach Boys, Bob Marley and other island-type sounds for fill-in music around the karaoke stuff.

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The 9th District in conjunction with Sugar Hill Post 127, the VA and the Georgia VSO's will conduct a claims clinic on Friday and Saturday Sept. 22 & 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Lunch will also be offered each day. Veterans needing assistance should bring a copy of their DD-214. If they cannot find it, the team members can help them obtain one.

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The Aug. 26 John Creek Veterans Association's Kabul 13 Remembrance Ceremony was video'd and is now available for viewing. The full ceremony can be viewed by [clicking here](#). A slightly shorter version with the introduction of the guest speaker and his presentation is available by [clicking here](#).

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The Post's rear parking lot has been rented by the Adult Big Wheel Club for a corporate team building exercise on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17. For those interested, the deck is a great place to watch adults wheel around the parking lot on oversized tricycles.

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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

**Thursday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting.** Dinner will be served in the 6 p.m. time frame. The evening's guest speaker will be Matthew W. Johnson, founder and owner of Georgia Veterans Law. A Lawrenceville native, he graduated from the University of Georgia for his undergraduate studies and law school. He was a captain in the Marine Corps. He will discuss the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and other pending military-related litigation, as well as various veterans benefits that every veteran should know about.

**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. 21, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

**Monday, Sept. 25, 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)

**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.

**Friday Night, Oct. 6. The Simply Awesome Band.** Come to the Post for a night of Tina Turner! Smooth Jazz! Blues! R&B! Oldies and More. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8. Military and Veterans Family Retreat.** - - An opportunity is available 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](#) to see more on the program or call 770-532-2267.

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

