American Legion Post 201, Alpharetta, GA 30009
Oratorical Competition

Who: 9th – 12th grade high school students*

What: Compete in the American Legion's annual oratorical competition focused on the U.S. Constitution, "A constitutional speech contest." Contestants prepare and give a speech on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight (8) to ten (10) minutes long. Contestants must also provide a three (3) to five (5) minute assigned topic speech from the below amendments.

The amendment topics for 2026 are:
- **Amendment IV** – Rights against unreasonable searches and seizures
- **Article III Section 3** – Treason against the United States
- **Article IV Section 4**– Guarantees States a Republican Form of Government and protection against invasion
- **Article VI** Clause 3– States shall be bound to support the Constitution

When: Winners at each level move onto the next

- Post 201: Alpharetta American Legion (201 Wills Road) – **Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10am**
- District 9: TBD no later than March 1, 2025
- Area 3: TBD no later than March 15, 2025
- Department (State): Sunday, March 29, 2025 at 2pm at Mary Persons Auditorium in Forsyth, GA
- National: May 15 – 17 in Hillsdale, MI at Hillsdale College

Why: Earn Scholarship money for college and have fun competing against other High School students

Post 201 scholarship money

- First Place: $1,000
- Second Place: $750
- Third Place: $500
- Additional scholarship money earned at each level of competition. Winners may earn more than $25,000 in scholarship awards if he/she wins at national level

More information: American Legion National Contest

- Georgia Oratorical Reference Site

To register: Register Here

Questions: Contact David Cunnold, American Legion Post 201 Oratorical Chair

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*Contestant must be an active high school student in grade 9 to 12, must be an American citizen or lawful permanent resident, and must be under age 20 on May 15, 2026.