

**American Legion Post 143
Combined membership Meeting
19 August 2021**

1. 6:00 PM COMBINED POST MEETING

- A. Please Silence All Electronic Devices
- B. Salute National Colors (All those properly covered execute a hand salute on my command; all others place your right hand over your heart.)
- C. Uncover Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Recover

2. COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- A. Welcome
- A. Recognized Dept. Treasurer, Jim Hultz and 5ht Dist. JVC Dwight Bell. New members Steve Hyatt and David Smith
- B. Asked if anyone is celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. ALA President-Jeanette Henson
- B. Post Family BBQ-Bill Hearnburg/Don Levans
- C. Heritage Days-Frank Joswick
- D. Law Enforcement Memorial Service-Don Levans
- E. Other?

4. SICK CALL:

Do you know of any Post family member or some of their family who is sick at home or hospitalized?

5. TAPS:

Horace Sanders

6. PLEASE STAND AND UNCOVER FOR PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN-CECIL DAVIS

7. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EATING:

- A. Thank all who brought covered dishes/desserts/set up food line.
- B. Thank Tim Bass for picking up the meals.
- C. Thank Frank Joswick for picking up the ice.
- D. Select the first Table to lineup. And, remind them about cleanup duty.
- E. A donation of \$6 per meal please.
- F. Those members requiring extra time & guests will be first in line and exit the door next to the platform.
- G. Form a line in the hallway, please.
- H. Please remember to uncover while eating.

19 August 2021 @ 1900 hrs.
American Legion, Dept. of GA, Carroll Post 143
General Membership Meeting

Please Silence All Electronic Devices – SAA secure the meeting room

(1 gavel RAP)

Post Colors & (Uncover) Pledge-SAA Underwood

(3 gavel RAPS; Please stand)

Post Everlasting-It is my duty to report that the following Comrades have been called from our midst and have gone to report to the Great Commander of all. Moment of silence in memory of our Comrades. (Chaplain will read each name followed by one Bell Toll by the SAA) / *Horace Sanders*

Play Taps-Honor Guard Chair Robinson

HONOR POW/MIAs-SAA

“A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all Wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.”

CHAPLAIN DAVIS WILL OFFER A PRAYER(Recover)

American Legion Preamble to the Constitution-SVC Purser

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:
TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;
TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER;
TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM;
TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE ALL WARS;
TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION;
TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES;
TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT;
TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOODWILL ON EARTH; TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO
POSTERITY PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRACY;
TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.”

Confirm Quorum

“I NOW DECLARE THIS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF CARROLL POST 143, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, REGULARLY CONVENED” (3 gavel raps) / more than 8 members present – *Quorum confirmed.*

EC Minutes: 01 July 2021 Emailed

GM Minutes: 15 July Emailed

Both minutes records motioned & approved simultaneously (19 August 2021)

SICK CALL: by Commander

Ron Price (at mtg.) trouble standing / assisted by members

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Welcome all and recognize guest / Guest list attached (3)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

1. FINANCE OFFICER-Harrod

- A. Budget Status Report
 - a. New budget year as of 8-1-2021 to 7-30-2022
 - b. Budget approved / Copies attached / Accepted - unanimous voice vote
- B. Fund Raiser CMTE Chair?
 - a. Can use some help with fund raising – volunteer type
 - b. Cmdr. reminded group of “core values” importance / No steady income to Post; therefore, need fund-raisers through-out year for operation / about \$1,000 is retained by Post from membership dues.

2. JUDGE ADVOCATE-Hearnburg

- a. BBQ help needed / Eat-in or drive-by / Sell tickets (10) minimum.
- b. Hearnburg applauded for offering \$100 reward for person with most ticket sales.

3. MEMBERSHIP-SVC Purser

- A. No. of Members
 - a. 198 Active members / 127 paid / 22 lifetime membership
- B. % Renewal
 - a. 68%
- C. Post Goal (Not released) – not available / mtg. with District Cmdr. tomorrow (8/20)
- D. D5 Goal-5,209-Achieve 50% by 8 Sept.
- E. Deceased Members:
 - a. Total from 1 July 2021 to present = 1 (last physical year 22)
- F. Recruitment Business Cards Available
 - a. Current membership cards available at table
 - b. 20 year certificates available at table in hallway

4. VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION, PILLAR I-JVC Holder

- A. Service Officer Levans
 - a. Veterans Supported / 7 vets assisted / 3 financial assistance (\$3,261)
 - b. At Trinka Davis 87
 - c. Total Financial Support / total 143 @ \$80,000
 - d. Other
- B. Service CMTE Chair Maddox (Kathy Katen)
 - a. Buddy Checks
 - b. Other
- C. Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson
 - a. No. of Military Honors Rendered / 5
 - b. Other / 18 parades / demonstrations planned for Heritage days 9/23-24 in Carrollton
- D. Honor Guard/Funeral Coordinator-Steve Holder
 - a. One planed but cancelled - Bowden
- E. Chaplain Davis
 - a. Thanks offered for notification calls for sick & injured
 - b. Read large card of thanks from Special Olympics at CHS

F. NATIONAL SECURITY, PILLAR II-JVC Pyle

- A. POW/MIA Accounting by wars
- B. Reported on status of Congressional Bill regarding American Flag importance

G. AMERICASM, PILLAR III-JVC Fuller (absent by permission)

- A. LEGISLATIVE-JVC Pyle
- B. CCVMP
- C. Vet Park going strong / started by Post 143 / marbleizing walls where needed / plates still costing \$300.
- D. September 5 gathering at park honoring First Responders

H. CHILDREN & YOUTH, PILLAR IV-JVC Joswick

- a. Heritage Days still on / 14 volunteers / Honor guard participating
- b. Halloween Trunk & Treat still being planned – Oct. 27 / Pioneer Ford sales lot, Bremen / Oct. 2020, over 1200 visitors

I. CYBER CHAIR-SVC Purser

- a. 2000 reached by posting to Social Media.
- b. BBQ insufficient to meet needs

J. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Public Relations-Frank Joswick
 - a. Newsletters-Issue #1 soon to be released / EC committee / email & snail mail to others
 - b. Bulletins-Web Master-EC Minutes posted for August
 - c. T-G News Paper-News article & BBQ / radio / flyers available for posting & distribution

K. HISTORIAN-Vacant

- a. LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER

L. SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT-Steve Fuller

*SAL Supervisory CMTE-Vacant

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-All

- A. BBQ CMTE-Hearnburg – Already covered
- B. Revisions to Post Constitution, By-Laws & Standard Operating Procedures completed-Hearnburg
- C. Heritage Days-Joswick
- D. Law Enforcement Memorial Service-Levans
 - a. Public Safety budgeted \$400 for plaques
- E. New Member Orientation-Hill (Tabled)

N. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

- a. Steve Hyatt (long time local resident)
- b. David Smith, Bowden
- c. Motions proposed to accept both with resounding second– Don Levans
- d. Vote rendered for acceptance of both new members

O. CORRESPONDANCE-Adjutant Hill

- a. Need names, addresses & purpose for cards to be sent.
- b. Read Special Olympics card from CHS

P. GOOD OF THE LEGION: Membership permitted to make any suggestions of any kind, character or description, save of religion or partisan politics. (Motions are not allowed)

- a. D5 Comments / Jim Hultz / Post 70 / Dept. GA Treasurer
- b. Dwight Bell / Works with Jim Hultz
- c. American Legion Online Training at www.legion.org/dispatch/alei
 - i. Offered study guide to assist learning & participation
 - ii. Ten members responded to take training on line.
- d. Post 143 WEB pg. at www.gapost143.org
- e. AL Legion Member Services at www.mylegion.org
 - i. Login
 - ii. Register

Q. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Post EC Meeting 2 September 21 @ 1800 hrs.
- B. Service Officer honored for time & energy rendered in support of Post 143.

R. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY, THE CHAPLAIN WILL LEAD US IN A CLOSING PRAYER. (3 gavel raps, stand, & uncover)

COMMANDERS CHARGE: “Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the Community, State, and Nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and Ourselves, that nothing shall serve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.” (Recover)

SAA Retire the Colors,

(Stand) This day of 19 August 21, the General Membership meeting of Carroll Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 8:10 PM

(1 gavel rap)