

Meal & Meeting Minutes
19 May 2022 @ 1800 hrs.
American Legion, Dept. of GA
Carroll Post 143 Meeting

0600 Call to Dinner & Blessing of Food // Approx. 40 AL members present

0645 Silence Electronic Devices – SAA secure meeting room (1 gavel RAP)

Post Colors & (Uncover) Pledge-SAA Sinclair / (3 gavel RAPS; Please stand)

Prayer-Chaplain Davis

Introduction of Guest

- Auxiliary President-Jeanette Henson
 - QOV – Appreciation gift sent (\$500)
 - Four (4) girls planning to attend Girls State
- SAL-Commander Steve Fuller
- Legionnaires-Adjutant

REPORTS:

- ALA President Henson / *Sick Call (Attachment # 1)
- SAL Commander Fuller

Benediction-Chaplain Davis

Retire Colors-SAA Sinclair

- 50/50 – Ron Sutherland (\$64) – Post (\$63)
- Wine raffle – Barry Thompson

Break and Adjourn for Separate Meeting Rooms

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01900 Hrs.-Reconvene Legionnaire Meeting (1 gavel RAP)

Secure the Quarters & Post Colors-SAA Sinclair

National Anthem-F.O. Harrod

(Uncover) 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) / Randall Wilson

Play Taps-Honor Guard Chair Robinson

Prayer-Chaplain Davis

HONOR POW/MIAs-SAA (Uncover)

“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.”

American Legion Preamble to the Constitution-SVC Purser (Cover)

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 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.”

OFFICERS ROLL CALL-Adjutant

CMDR. – Ronnie Pate	X	Judge Advcte – Bill Hearnburg	X	III JVC – Steve Fuller	X
SV Cmdr – Randy Purser	X	I JVC – Steve Holder	X	IV JVC – Frank Joswick	X
Finance Ofcr. – Joe Herrod	X	II JVC – Sam Pyle	X		

- o Determine Quorum-Eight (8) Members in good standing

I now declare this membership meeting of Carroll Post 143 Department of Georgia regularly convened. (3 gavel raps)

- o EC Minutes: 07 April 2022 / No corrections / motioned & seconded / approved voice vote
- o GM Minutes: 21 April 2022 / No corrections / motioned & seconded / approved voice vote

SICK CALL: Covered in meal agenda (See Attachment # 1)

COMMANDER’S REPORT-Welcome All & Recognize Guest

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FINANCE OFFICER-Harrold

- A. Budget Status Report (Copy of report in files)
- B. Profit/Loss
- C. 2022 – 23 Budget Request
- D. Fund Raiser CMTE Chair Ben Sinclair

2. JUDGE ADVOCATE-Hearnburg

- a. April Post members meeting nominated Officers for 2022-2023 year / No nominations from the floor were made & nominations formally closed.
- b. Nominations: Cmdr. – Ronnie Pate / Sr. Vice Cmdr. – Rosemarie Miller / Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Frank Joswick / Jr. Vice Comdr. – Sam Pyle / Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Steve Fuller / Jr. Vice Cmdr. – Steve Holder / Judge Advocate – Bill Hearnburg / Finance Officer – Joe Harrod
- c. Motion proposed & seconded / Adjutant cast vote for members present / Accepted as presented.
- d. Installation to be 3rd Thursday in July 2022

3. MEMBERSHIP-SVC Purser

- a. Post Goal: 205 Members Paid (211 Members have Paid)
- b. Post Percent of Goal: 103%
- c. No. of Transfers: 23 (19 from Post 400, 4 from other Posts)
- d. New Members: 6
- e. D5 Goal-5,209-Achieve 100% by 11 May: 90.21% of Goal
- f. Post Deceased Members
- g. Total from 1 July 2021 to present: 31
- h. Recruitment Business Cards Available

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

A. Service Officer Levans

- a. Veterans Supported / five (5) assisted
- b. Total Financial Support / \$1,150

B. Service CMTE Chair Maddox

- a. Buddy Checks
 - Many calls expressed appreciation
 - Number of contacts reflected in increased attendance following post Coved pandemic

C. Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson

- a. No. of Military Honors Rendered / April – 2 / several items under development – parades, etc.
- b. Honor Guard/Funeral Coordinator-Steve Holder

D. Chaplain Davis

5. NATIONAL SECURITY, PILLAR II-JVC Pyle

- A. POW/MIA Accounting by wars / five (5) recovered & identified recently
- B. MIA Project-JVC Pyle / 3 have been turned in for “memory posting” thus far
- C. Other MIA’s & Georgia casualties – (list in May 2022 files)

6. AMERICASM, PILLAR III-JVC Fuller

- A. LEGISLATIVE-JVC Pyle
- B. Boys State / 2 not attending – 3 remaining
- D. Information for Ezekiel Ussery, Matthew Basil, & DeAnte Alford already in hand

7. CHILDREN & YOUTH, PILLAR IV-JVC Joswick

- A. April was Children & Youth Month.
- B. Visited Little River Gun club. Watched CHS shotgun club shoot skeet
 - a. Post sponsors 4 members to go to state
 - b. Plan to present awards in June at Post
- C. Sheriff’s deputy McDowell planning to speak regarding their youth programs at June Post GM meeting
- D. Briefing to EC in June regarding details of Hilliard Scholarship program
- E. Other: **CYBER CHAIR-SVC Purser**

8. COMMUNICATIONS-JVC Joswick

- A. Public Relations-
- B. Final Post newsletter sent in May / Next newsletter scheduled for August 2022

9. HISTORIAN-Vacant

10. SAL COMMANDER’S REPORT-Steve Fuller

- *SAL Supervisory CMTE-Vacant
- Nine (9) officers to be installed at the July GM

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-AII

- A. Post C, BLs & SOPs Amendments-Hearnburg
Under review by the DOG
- B. New Member Orientation-Hill (Tabled)
- C. Scholarship-JVC Joswick will present committee recommendations to EC members June 2

12. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

- A. Election of 2022-23 Post Officers-Levans (See item # 2 for details)
 - a. Turned over to Don Levans for vote acceptance process
 - b. See Item #2 for details
- B. Post SAL Squadron SVC Driver presented the 2022-23 Officers slate
- C. Vote on New Members / one new member voted to accept – Gerry Eidson

Correspondence-Adjutant Hill

- A. \$80.00 Donation to support membership renewal / Thank you sent to donor
- B. Consolidated Post Report / Completed & sent to DOG
- C. Reminder to “Sign in” upon entry to Post / List to become permanent record in files
- D. Copies of Reports from members to be provided to Adjutant at close of meeting

13. **Business for the good of the Legion:** Membership shall be permitted to make any suggestions of any kind, character or description, save of religion or partisan politics. (Motions are not allowed)

- A. D5 Comments
- B. Remembrance oration rendered for Randall Wilson by Bill Hearnburg / also discussed importance of keeping personal will’s & records up to date if life changes have taken place.
- C. AL Legion Online Training at www.legion.org/dispatch/alei
- D. Post 143 WEB pg. at www.gapost143.org
- E. AL Legion Member Services at www.mylegion.org
 - a. Login
 - b. Register
 - c. Dues for 2022-2023 (\$40) can be paid ON LINE at “mylegion”
- F. Donate Vehicles, Legion.org/donate/auto or call 1.440.453.4466

14. **Announcement**

- A. EC Meeting 2 June @ 1800 hrs.
- B. Memorial Day Event on 28 May @ 1045 hrs. at the CCVMP. To honor those that have died in American Wars. It originated during the Civil War. Please wear Legion head cover.
- C. Set Flags to half-staff from Sunrise to noon only on 30 May.

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)**

Retire Colors-SAA Sinclair **(Stand)**

This day of 16 May 2022, the General Membership meeting of Carroll Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 1945 PM **(1 gavel rap)**

SIGNATURES: Commander: _____

Date: _____

Adjutant: _____

Date _____

ATTACHMENT # 1
SICK CALL / 5-19-2022

Michael Barnett – fell, broke arm

Bill Sammon – cancer related problems / at home now

Ted Baranowski – undergoing procedures to improve mobility / Wife had successful cancer surgery

Charlie Glenn – seeing doctor for leg pain

Billy Hannah – cardiac rehab

Gary Knoble – improving with pace maker

Don Levans, Steve McEwen, & Jeanette – recovering from cataract surgery

Becky Sinclair – Cancer screening / appears to be cancer free

Bobby Murrow – getting better

Ron Knowles – retina surgery / recovering

Fred Crance – under the weather

Paul Rice – trouble with right leg