



Thursday, 20 May 21
The American Legion Post 143
General Membership Meeting

- **All Electronic Devices Silenced-JVC Sam Pyle secured the meeting room (1 gavel rap)**
- **Colors Posted & Pledge Recited-JVC Sam Pyle (3 gavel raps)**
- **HONORING POW/MIAs: JVC Sam Pyle**
“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.”
- **A PRAYER WAS OFFERED: Chaplain Cecil Davis**
- **PREAMBLE: CMDR Ronnie Pate led the membership**
- **OFFICER ROLL CALL: Adjutant Katen confirmed that five (5) officers were present.**
- **ATTENDEES LIST: The ATTENDEES LIST is recorded and attached.**
- **QUORUM: A quorum was met.**
- **COMMANDER PATE called the General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, to order at 1807 hours on 20 May 2021. (3 gavel raps)**

- **SICK CALL**

Horace Geter is suffering from respiratory issues, and would appreciate a card from the members.

Karl Kessinger inquired about Carlos Fuller and his wife, Ruth. She is still receiving Hospice Care at the Stewart House in Carrollton. Carlos would really enjoy receiving phone calls from his fellow legionnaires. (770) 830-7649

JVC Sam Pyle stated that Billy Payne is dealing with dementia, but would like to hear from the members.

Ron Price is being treated for nerve damage in Florida.

Nevin Mowry's wife, has dementia that is progressing. She can't be left alone. Nevin would be pleased to hear from any of his fellow members at Post 143.

Chaplain Davis reported that E. W. Tolbert is "cancer free".

Harvey Bowen has bone cancer.

- **NOTICE: CHAPLAIN DAVIS would like to be informed (770.845.2242) of any member that is ill or Injured. He will give them a call to check on their progress.**
- **Also take advantage of the Buddy Check system that is already in place at Post 143. Chairman Bill Maddox reports monthly on this program. (770) 546-8513**

- **MEETING MINUTES**

Commander Pate called for a motion to accept the **EC Meeting Minutes for 1 April 2021** and the **GM Meeting Minutes for 15 April 2021**. A motion was made by Paul Scheufler and seconded by JVC Sam Pyle. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

- **COMMANDER'S REPORT-**

Commander Pate, Steve Fuller and Thomas Cochran attended the 5th District Meeting on 16 May 2021 at Post 294 in Powder Springs, GA. They represented Post 143 and cast our votes for the officers on the District 5 ballot.

Steve Fuller was selected for the Election Committee. He requested that any Post 143 members who have information or questions concerning any of the Department candidates that will be on the ballot, to please pass those thoughts on to him before the June 24th convention in Duluth, GA.

At this time the final decisions concerning the agenda for the Department Convention are still evolving, but Commander Pate, Steve Fuller, and Thomas Cochran are planning to attend. Their registration has been paid in anticipation of their attendance.

Commander Pate welcomed two (2) first time attendees, Eddie Bearden and Tim O'Dell.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. FINANCE OFFICER-Joe Harrod

- A. Financial Report: Finance Officer Joe Harrod highlighted items on the Post 143 Finance Report ending on 30 April 2021 with the attending membership. A copy is attached to the 20 May 2021 General Membership Minutes.
- B. A copy of the 30 April 2021 Budget Status Report was also presented, and is attached to the General Membership Minutes for 20 May 2021.
- C. Presently the post is able to function with the present budget, but FO Harrod has requested input from the various committees before the 2021-2022 Budget is completed.
- D. The audit will be scheduled in June before the installation of new officers.

2. **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION, PILLAR I**-JVC Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**

A. Service Officer Don Levans reported the following:

1. During the month of May 2021, eight (8) veterans were assisted.
2. Financial aid amounted to \$942.
3. Public housing was arranged for one (1) veteran family.

B. Service Committee Chair- Bill Maddox **ABSENT**

C. Volunteer Chair-Jeanette Henson **EXCUSED**

D. Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson

1. During the month of April 2021, three (3) Military Honor Services were performed.
2. The present number for May 2021 is four (4).
3. The Hugh Barrow ceremony was completed on 15 May 2021 at Bowdon Cemetery.

E. Honor Guard/Funeral Coordinator-Steve Holder **ABSENT**

F. Chaplain Davis-**NO REPORT**

3. **AMERICANISM, PILLAR III**-JVC Bass **NO REPORT**

A. Boys State-Steve Fuller

(1.) Steve Fuller reported that there are now seven (7) attendees that have signed up for Boys State. Carrollton High School – 5, Bremen High School – 1 and Central High School – 1.

(2.) The 2020-2021 Budget allowed \$1500 for (5) Boys State expenses.

(3.) Due to the additional expense (\$250), Commander Pate called for a motion to take care of the remainder of the expense if the ALA does not agree to do so.

(4.)SO Don Levans made a motion to the proposal, and Public Affairs Committee member Bill Hearnburg seconded that motion. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

A. SAL COMMANDER REPORT-SCV Steve Fuller **NO REPORT**

*SAL Supervisory CMTE-Wayne Driver **NO REPORT**

B. ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ADDITIONS? **NONE**

C. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

(1.)Motion to replace a CCVMP PA Speaker, \$542.49

Commander Pate called for a motion to pay the CCVMP for one (1) PA Speaker, \$542.49, that needed to be replaced. Don Cowart made the motion, and Paul Scheufler seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Later in the meeting, it was decided that the fee for the speaker should be paid “off budget”. Steve Fuller made a motion to that effect, and Don Cowart seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote to accept the motion.

(2.)Determine Members in good standing for the Election

It was determined that all members in attendance at the General Membership Meeting were in good standing for the Election.

(3.)Motion to suspend normal business for conducting Election

A motion to suspend normal business for conducting the Election was made, seconded and carried. The normal business of the meeting was suspended at 1826 hours.

(4.)Nomination/Election Committee 2021-2022-Don Levans,

a. Nominating Committee Chairman Don Levans presented the Officer Slate to the membership, announcing each three (3) times.

COMMANDER..... RONNIE PATE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER..... RANDY PURSER
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER I..... FRANK JOSWICK
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER II.....SAM PYLE
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER III.....STEVE FULLER
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IV.....STEVE HOLDER
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... BILL HEARNBURG
FINANCE OFFICER.....JOE HARROD

- b. Chairman Levans called for nominations from floor. None were made.
- c. A motion was made by Don Cowart to waive any written ballots in-lieu of Voice/Raise hand vote provided there was only one candidate per position. JVC Sam Pyle seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The proposal passed.
- d. The Election was held.
- e. The Election Results were unanimous, and the entire slate of officers were elected to their respective offices.

(5.) A motion to resume normal GM business of Post 143 was made by JVC Sam Pyle and seconded by Bill Hearnburg. It was a unanimous vote, the motion carried and normal GM business resumed at 1835 hours.

(6.)Post Meetings

- a. Commander Pate made a proposal to the membership (which included five (5) past commanders) to change the Executive Meeting convening time from 1700 hours to 1800 hours commencing with the 03 June 2021 meeting.
SO Don Levans made a motion to change the schedule for future EC Meetings to 1800 hours. Steve Fuller seconded that motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.
 - (i) EC Meeting.....03 June 2021 @ 1800 hrs.
 - (ii) GM Meeting.....17 June 2021 @ 1800 hrs.

NOTE: PLEASE USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS!

(7.)Correspondence-Adjutant Katen

- (i) A total of 15 greeting cards (1 birthday, 24 get well) were mailed to veterans from Post 143.
- (ii) Three (3) information sheets have been posted on the American Legion Hall bulletin board pertaining to the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans.
American Legion Post 70 in Villa Rica, GA will host a Certificate and Pin Ceremony on 12 June 2021 at 1600 hours.
All this information is also available on the Post 143 website.

D. Business for the good of the Legion:

- (1.) Commander Pate proposed to the attending members that the Post resume our meal and social hour before the Installation Ceremony on 15 July 2021. The feedback seemed to be positive, and as a result, the Executive Committee will make a decision at the 03 June 2021 meeting.
- (2.) Joe Morgan will be contacted and asked to check with Jones Barbeque to get a quote on cost and availability.
- (3.) JVC Sam Pyle announced that several Name Tags have been received and members who have ordered one should make a point of picking theirs up from the Post.
- (4.) Chaplain Davis reminded everyone that the Post now has new business cards for each member to take for recruiting purposes...or perspective members who might be interested in joining.
- (5.) Commandant Ronald Sutherland of the Marine Corps League in Carrollton announced that their organization is holding a raffle. The tickets are \$10 each and will afford you a chance to become the owner of a **NEW** COLT 1911 A-1 pistol.

E. Announcements

- a. Memorial Day Celebration at CCVMP 29 May 2021 @ 1100 (Music begins @1030) The Wreath Laying will be performed by Steve Fuller (representing the SAL) and Kathy Katen (for the American Legion).
- b. D5 Meeting 16 May 2021 @ Post 294
- c. DOG Convention 24-27 June 2021

- **WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY, CHAPLAIN DAVIS LED US IN A CLOSING PRAYER. (3 gavel raps)**
- **COMMANDER’S 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.”**
- **JVC Sam Pyle Retired the Colors**
- **This 20th day of May 2021, the General Membership meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 1849 hours (1 rap of gavel by the Commander).**

Approval Date _____

Commander Ronnie Pate

Adjutant Kathy Katen