



The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 6th, 2021

- All Electronic Devices Silenced-JVC Sam Pyle secured the meeting room (1 gavel rap)
- Post Colors & (Uncover) Pledge-JVC Sam Pyle (3 gavel raps; Please stand)
- Post Everlasting: **NONE**
- TAPS: **N/A**
- HONORING POW/MIAs: JVC Sam Pyle
- A PRAYER WAS OFFERED: Chaplain Cecil Davis
(Recover)
- PREAMBLE: Cmdr. Pate led the committee members and guests.
- Roll Call: Quorum was confirmed.
- ATTENDEES LIST attached
- **COMMANDER PATE** called the Executive Committee Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, to order at 1708 hours on 05 May 2021. (3 gavel raps)
- **EC MINUTES**: The 01 April 2021 EC Meeting Minutes were approved by email.

- **SICK CALL:**

Ruth Fuller (wife of Carlos Fuller) is bedridden at the Stewart House with multiple physical issues.

Wayne Driver had back surgery last Monday due to a fall at his home.

Herman Ayers has multiple health issues.

Don Cowart is dealing with heart issues.

Harvey (Bucky) Bowen has multiple Myeloma Cancer. He recently underwent a stem cell transplant at Emory in Atlanta.

David Crews is in Piedmont Heart Center Atlanta with congestive heart failure and is scheduled for a heart valve replacement on Monday, 10 May.

Charles Stuckey has multiple health issues.

E. W. Tolbert recently had a cancerous partial lung removal at a hospital in Rome, GA. He is at home and feeling well.

Mrs. Thomas Underwood has been diagnosed with a broken bone below her right knee suffered from a fall at home.

Ion Upchurch, spouse of William Upchurch, has multiple health issues.

Don Levans reported that John Bassett is having heart issues.

Richard Guynn mentioned that Paul Scheufler (SAL) is not well, and his wife is dealing with a reoccurrence of cancer.

PLEASE KEEP THESE AND ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

CHAPLAIN DAVIS would like to be informed of any member that is ill or Injured. He will give them a call to check on their progress. 770) 845-2242

- **COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Cmdr. Pate welcomed the Executive Committee membership, and that we are able to have a quorum present.

- Preparations are being made for the upcoming elections.
- May (in 1919) is the month that the organization of the American Legion was finalized.
- And, May 6th is the National Day of Prayer

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. FINANCE OFFICER-Joe Harrod

- A. Budget Status Report: A copy of the Post 143 Budget with the 30 April 2021 balance was submitted by FO Harrod, and is attached to the 06 May 2021 EC meeting minutes.
- B. The “Profit & Loss Statement” was presented by the Finance Officer to the Executive Committee.
- C. “Community Foundation of W GA Investment” (31 March2020 thru 31 December 2020) was reviewed by FO Harrod with the attending committee members.
- D. The Post 143 Finance Report for April 2021 is also attached to the 06 May 2021 EC meeting minutes.
- E. FO Harrod reminded all committees that work should begin on their respective budget requests and/or changes and submitted to the Finance Committee for approval, as they will be voted on at the 17 June 2021 Membership Meeting.
- F. Officer Harrod suggested that a notice be placed at the copy machine for donations from the other organizations that use the equipment and supplies (printer cartridges) in the office.
- G. Post Office Box rental is coming up for payment.
- H. Finance Officer Harrod stated that Post 143 could operate, if necessary, for one more year, but the Executive Committee should also anticipate planning a fund raiser in the near future.

2. JUDGE ADVOCATE-Richard Guynn **NO REPORT**

3. MEMBERSHIP-SVC Randy Purse **ABSENT**

- A. 2021 Goal Status
102%
- B. D5 Post 143 Ranking
6th in D5
- C. DOG Ranking
D5 is 5th
- D. Deceased Members
 - a. Total for 2020/2021
23
 - b. No. since the 1 Nov EC Meeting
08

4. Recruitment Business Cards

New business cards are available as a recruiting tool for the membership to represent Post 143. Your contact information can be recorded on the back of the business card and given to the perspective candidate. Try to acquire their contact information and turn it into the SV.

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

A. Service Officer Don Levans' reported as follows:

- a. The Service Officer served twelve (12) Veterans in April.
- b. The Service Committee provided \$490 in financial support to four (4) of them.
- c. The grant application for the Trinka Davis Fund has been submitted and was accepted.

The **VSO** continues to be restricted by Covid-19 regulations. The best way to contact them is by email requesting an in-person meeting by appointment.

- **Nikita Hall (www.Nikita,hall@vs.state,ga.us) is the contact for the VSO.**

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

a. BUDDY CHECKS (Welfare & Assistance)

Committee Chair Bill Maddox was not present, but Don Levans gave the following report: Attempts 135

Contacts 58

6. Volunteer Chair-Jeanette Henson

- a. Volunteers at the Veterans Service Center are still not allowed to assist patients.
- b. BINGO (with prizes) is available for the residents at the Veterans Village facility.

7. Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson

- a. **REMINDER:** With the backlog of funerals, HG Chair Robinson announced that an alternate location for families to attend a Fold & Taps service for their deceased veteran is the CCVMP. If this choice is made, please notify a member of Post 143.
- b. The Honor Guard Chair announced that two (2) Military Honors had been rendered during the month of April.
- c. Military Honors for WWII veteran Hugh Barrow (postponed due to Covid-19) will be rendered on 15 May 2021 at Bowdon Cemetery by the Post 143 Honor Guard.
- d. The Post Honor Guard Rifle Team will participate in the Memorial Day Program at CCVMP on 29 May 2021. The music program will begin at approximately 1045

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

9. Chaplain Davis **NO REPORT**

10. NATIONAL SECURITY, PILLAR II-JVC Joswick

A. POW/MIA ACCOUNTING

- a. From January 1, 2021- April 30, 2021, forty-six (46) service member recoveries have been accounted for.
- b. At the present time from all conflicts, there are 80,526 still missing.
- c. From April 1- 30, 2021, 13,000 sailors have been recovered from the USS OKLAHOMA in Pearl Harbor, HI.

11. AMERICANISM, PILLAR III-JVC Bass

A. LEGISLATIVE-JVC Pyle **NO REPORT**

B. CCVMP-JVC Tim Bass

- a. The Memorial Day Program at CCVMP is scheduled for Saturday, 29 May 2021, beginning at 1030. The guest speaker will be Michelle Morgan. There will be a **rededication** of the Park and recognition of all the volunteers that have made the park such a success. The Honor Guard Rifle Team will perform during the ceremony. Please bring your own chairs (BYOC).
- b. Recently a group of volunteers spent about 2 hours making repairs to both the service and American flag poles' ropes, pulleys, etc. at the CCVMP. JVC Bass expressed his appreciation for all the participation.
- c. JVC Tim Bass has called a work day on 7 May 2021 at the CCVMP.

C. AL NATIONAL JSSP TOURNAMENT-Frank Joswick

- a. The Carrollton HS Air Rifle Team came in 3rd place in the State, and 3rd place in the Individual Category. After a conference with Coach Mike Lewis, JVC Joswick stated that an inhouse awards night would be held mid-May at the school and an invitation extended to the American Legion to attend. At that time, the bronze medals will be presented to the team and/or individuals in the appropriate categories.

b. JROTC-Frank Joswick

(1.) Carrollton HS AF JROTC held their Awards Night Dinner on Thursday April 22nd at the School Cafeteria. Commander Pate and Frank Joswick attended. Cmdr. Pate presented the Military Excellence Award to Cadet Barry and JVC Joswick awarded Cadet Redwine with the Scholarship Excellence Award.

(2.) Central High School's AF JROTC held their Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 3rd at the CCPAC. Frank Joswick and Tim Bass attended and presented a donation for support to the JROTC.

c. Boys State-Steve Fuller

(1.) Plans are continuing to go forward for Boys State this June. At the present time four (4) students are planning to attend. Updates will be forthcoming as information becomes available.

12. CHILDREN & YOUTH, PILLAR IV-JVC Stuckey **ABSENT**

13. CYBER CHAIR-JVC Purser **ABSENT**

A. SVC Purser submitted a report for the Post 143 FaceBook page to compete for the TALMA awards (THE AMERICAN LEGION MEDIA ALLIANCE).

14. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Relations-Bill Hearnburg

a. Public Relations Chair Bill Hearnburg stated that he has offered the Publicity Chairman position to Frank Joswick, and JVC Joswick has accepted it. Bill offered to serve on that committee.

B. Newsletters-Frank Joswick

a. The final quarterly Newsletter will be published sometime in May.

C. Bulletins- Frank Joswick

a. April's Bulletin has been canceled. There will be no further issues for 2020-2021.

D. Web Master-Frank Joswick

a. The present Website is no longer supported. Web Master Joswick is in the process of rebuilding the Post 143 site using Yahoo's online web builder.

E. Times-Georgian News Paper-Frank Joswick

- a. News Articles regarding Carrollton HS Air Force JROTC Awards, Central HS AF-JROTC Awards, and the Post Everlasting Bell presentation by Marine Corps League's Commandant Ron Sutherland to Commander Pate have been submitted.

F. Other

- a. Frank, our post webmaster, entered American Legion Media Alliance (TALMA) Contest for the first time this year. The Post Website, Newsletter, and 2 Video's were submitted. (GA Department's GALPA dissolved last year.)
- b. Commander Pate complimented Frank for the outstanding job he's done.

15. HISTORIAN-Jeff Rooks- ABSENT

16. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT-Jeanette Henson

- A. President Henson reported that the ALA has reached their goal of 118.52%.
- B. The Auxiliary will continue to schedule meetings to correspond with the Post meetings.

17. SAL COMMANDER REPORT-George Wheeless ABSENT

- A. SAL SV Steve Fuller brought up the status of the SAL. After an extended discussion, it was suggested that a ballot of nominees be presented for the next election and a Voice Vote be taken. Other alternative procedures were named, but will be investigated further before a decision is made.

*SAL Supervisory CMTE-Wayne Driver **ABSENT**

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ALL

A. Virtual Meeting Capability Status-Frank Joswick

- a. Item closed.

B. Nomination Committee-Don Levans

- a. Final Report

(1.) The Committee consists of the following:

PAST COMMANDERS:	Cecil Davis
	Don Levans
	Wayne Driver

**ELECTED FROM THE FLOOR: Tom Underwood
Dale Robinson**

- The EC appointed Don Levans as Chair
- Present at the meeting 15 April 2021: Cecil Davis
 Don Levans
 Tom Underwood
 Dale Robinson
- Present at the (2nd) meeting 27 April 2021: Don Levans
 Cecil Davis
 Tom Underwood
- Officers agreed to be submitted as nominees at the May 2021 Post Meeting.
 - 1. Commander.....Ronnie Pate
 - 2. SR Vice Commander.....Randy Purser
 - 3. Judge Advocate..... Bill Hearnburg
 - 4. Finance Officer.....Joe Harrod
 - 5. JR Vice Commander..... Frank Joswick
 - 6. JR Vice Commander..... Sam Pyle
 - 7. JR Vice Commander.....Steve Fuller
 - 8. JR Vice Commander.....Steve Holder

19. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

A. Election of a 2021-2022 Election COMMITTEE

- a. Commander Pate entertained a motion to elect the nominating committee to be the Election Committee for 2021-2022. JVC Sam Pyle made a motion and Bill Hearnburg seconded that motion. There was no further discussion and the vote was carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Post Meetings-CMDR

- a. EC 03 June 2021 @ 1700 hrs.
- b. GM 20 May 2021 @ 1800 hrs. (Elections)

C. Correspondence-Adjutant Katen

- a. GET WELL: David Crews (heart procedure in Atlanta)
- b. HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Andrew Valliar (94th)
- c. 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Era Recognition at the Villa Rica Post 70 (emailed to membership)

D. Announcements

- (1.) Memorial Day Celebration at CCVMP 29 May 2021 @ 1045
- (2.) D5 Meeting 16 May 2021 @ Post 294 (Bylaw's approval, District election)
- (3.) DOG Convention 24-27 June 2021

20. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

A. Steve Fuller announced that a photograph will be taken in Whitesburg of one of the new Purple Heart County signs that have been distributed in Carroll County. There will be two (2) signs installed in the parking lot at American Legion Post 143.

B. An invitation from Steve Fuller was extended to the officers of Post 143 to join a Navy Reunion of the USS Coral Sea "Line and Trouble Shooters" at Steve's residence. He will contact Cmdr. Pate when a time and date are confirmed.

C. Chaplain Cecil Davis announced his appreciation for the generosity of Post 143 to help furnish chicken sandwiches and drinks to the Special Olympics participants on 13 May 2021. He informed the EC that the total cost of the lunches has been donated by many caring people.

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

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)

22. Chaplain Cecil Davis offered a closing prayer. (Uncover) (Recover)

23. JVC Sam Pyle retired the colors. (Present arms.) (Order arms)

24. This day of 6 May 2021, the Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 1800 PM (1 rap of gavel by the Commander).

Approval Date_____

Commander Ronnie Pate

Adjutant Kathy Katen