



## Carroll Post No. 143

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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Dear fellow Legionnaires,

This will be the final Newsletter for the remainder of the Post year. The next newsletter will be published again in August.

The post has resumed General membership meetings on 15 April 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021 beginning at 6:00pm.

The meetings have been modified due to the Covid-19 virus to include:

- No meals will be served unit further notice.
- Only the Business meeting will be conducted, and will now begin at 6:00pm
- Only chairs will be provided and will be spaced according to published guidelines.
- Wearing of Masks is encouraged.
- No one who is sick should attend any meeting.

The Nominating committee has been formed to recommend new officers for the 2021-2022 year.

Members of the post will vote on the new officer selection during the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, so please attend if possible.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Pate, Commander  
Carroll Post 143  
The American Legion



"For God and Country"



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"The Unaccounted"

**MAY 2021**

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**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**Cmdr. Ronnie Pate:**



**Commander's Report:**

Commander Pate extended a warm welcome to a sizable number of returning members as well as two first-time attendees: Thomas Cochran, and Jose A. Marti.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to recommend Officers for the 2021-2022 Post year. Two post members, Dale Robinson and Tom Underwood were voted to join the nominating Committee. General elections of new Officers will be elected during the General Membership meeting scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Two delegates from the Post will be attending the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention. It is scheduled for May 16, 2021 at Powder Springs, GA., and Two delegates from the Post will also be attending the Department of Georgia Convention scheduled for June 24-25, 2021.

Marine Corps Commandant, Ronald Sutherland presented a Ceremonial Bell for our "Post Everlasting" recognition. Each month, Chaplain Cecil Davis will read the names of any fallen Post comrades while SAA Tom Underwood will strike the "Bell" after each name is read.



**Adjutant Kathy Katen**

Two Thank-You notes, nineteen Get-Well cards, and twenty Sympathy cards were sent out to the Post family. The Post also received two Thank-You notes, one thank-You message via email, and two Christmas cards.

The April monthly Department of Georgia Post report has been completed and sent to the Department through the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

The Consolidated Post Report for 2020-2021 has been finalized and will be submitted to the Department of Georgia.



**MEMBERSHIP: SVC Randy Purser**

1. Post membership has increased by 6 new legionnaires and 11 transfers for a total of 17 members since July 2020.
2. The 2021 renewal goal of 100% has been reached.
3. Post 143 is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> of 20 post's in the 5<sup>th</sup> District
4. 17 Legionnaires' have passed from July 2020 to present.
5. Four new members voted in at the 1 April 2021 EC meeting are:
6. Andrew J. Fuller, USN; David J. Smith, USMC; Michael J. Bostic, Army; Jerry Shadinger, Army

**CYBER CHAIR:**

The new Post Wi-Fi username is: **ATT8594** and Password is: **F4CB2QD3NS**

**RECRUITMENT BUSINESS CARDS:**

A new business card will be made available at the May 21, 2021 General Membership meeting. It is to be used as a recruiting tool for new membership. Cost per 1000 was \$85.00.



**Honor Guard Chairman: Dale Robinson**

The Honor Guard has performed 24 Military Services since January to April 2021. (Jan:11, Feb: 8, Mar: 5.)

The Post Honor Guard Flag and Rifle teams will provide Military Honors for veteran Hugh Barrow (Postponed due to COVID-19) on May 15, 2021 at the Bowdon Cemetery.

The Post Honor Guard Team participate in the Memorial Day program at the CCVMP on May 29, 2021. Music begins at 10:30am.

The Honor Guard will participate in the Roopville Festival on September 18, 2021. Will also have a booth at the event.



**Finance Officer Joe Harrod**

**American Legion Post 143 Finance Report ending 4/30/2021.**

Beginning Balance__	\$28,694.35
TL Income_____	\$ 100.00
Sub-Total_____	\$28,794.35
<b>Expenses_____</b>	<b>\$ 409.23</b>

Balance_____	\$28,385.12
Reserve Funds_____	\$ 7,846.36
Available Operating Funds_____	\$20,538.76

**Post 143 Investment Fund:**

Jun. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020-2nd Qtr. Bal._____	\$168,266.20
Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020-3rd Qtr. Bal._____	\$175,470.72
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020-4th Qtr. Bal._____	\$201,658.74
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021-1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Ba/_____	\$218,757.62



**Chaplain Cecil Davis**

There will be no Special Olympics for 2021. In place of the event, I requested that volunteers purchase Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for the children. Cmdr. Pate made a request for a motion to donate \$250.00 toward this special project. A motion was made, and the vote by the Executive Committee was unanimous for donation.

**Sick Call:**

Bob Merrell needs our prayers.

Ruth Fuller, wife of Carlos Fuller, is receiving Hospice Care since she returned to the Stewart House. (No visitors for now)

Wayne Driver is recovering from a fall that injured his back and broke a bone in his foot.

**POST EVERLASTING: ( January 2021 to Present)**

Judson Bell – U.S. Army – 01/05/2021

Gary Barnes - U.S. Navy – 01/28/2021

Danny Hart – U.S. Navy – 02/02/2021

Note: Please Keep Chaplain Davis informed of any member of the Post Family that is ill, injured, or in spiritual need.



**Service Officer: Don Levans**

Twenty three Veterans have been served from Jan. 2021 through Apr.. 15, 2021

Six veterans have received financial assistance in the amount of \$1,687.00

Twelve veterans had spoken with the VSO at the Trinka Davis Clinic.

The VSO's at Trinka Davis ( Nikita Hall & Sean Seader) are currently working in their offices but are seeing veterans by appointment only.

To make an appointment, email: [Nikita.hall@vs.state.ga.us](mailto:Nikita.hall@vs.state.ga.us). State your name, phone number, and last four of your SSN.



**Service Committee Chair: William Maddox**

55 members were contacted out of 128 attempts that were made last month. Bill Maddox went on to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Buddy-Check volunteers. Cmdr. Pate commented on the exceptional job the committee has done and is asking more members to consider volunteering on this worthwhile committee.



**AMERICANISM: JVC Tim Bass**

The annual memorial Day Program will be held at CCVMP on May 29, 2021 beginning with a musical Symphony at 10:30am. The theme is “Honoring Those Who Honor Veterans”. Mabelle Morgan, Carroll County Board of Commission Chairperson, will be the guest speaker.

Tim Bass is also asking for volunteers to help with the event. Contact a member of the EC committee if interested.



**NATIONAL SECURITY: JVC Frank Joswick**  
**POW/MIA (Accounted For)**

As of April 14, 2021, 47 service members have been “Accounted For”. All the recoveries were from WW II, and one of those service members identified was from Georgia.

**Jr. SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM: Frank Joswick**

The Carrollton High School Riflery Team place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State both in the Team, and Individual competition categories. However, the scores were not high enough to qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of competition. An Awards Night will be held at the School where the Post will present Bronze medals to the Riflery Team. Date/Time TBD.



**BOYS STATE: Steve Fuller**

Boys State will be held at Gorgon College in Barnesville, GA. There are four (4) students from Carrollton High School confirmed to attend this year. The membership is encouraged to make an effort to attend the graduation at the conclusion of Boys State. Details, such as Date/Time, will be made available as they become known.

**STEVE FULLER FOR: SAL Commander George Wheelless**

SAL member Steve Fuller stated that the Sons of the American Legion needs to increase their membership. Currently, there are 19 paid members. Legionnaires can hold a dual membership or if they have sons, fathers, grandfathers, grandsons, etc. that are interested, they are eligible to join.



**LEGISLATIVE: JVC Sam Pyle**

Any members, especially new members, will find Mylegion.org a valuable resource to become familiar with. The website gives you a broader view of what is going on nationally in the American Legion.



**JA Richard Guynn**

Any suggested changes to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Constitution and Bylaws should be directed to The Judge Advocate. One proposal was to revise the documents to be “Gender Neutral”



**PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bill Hearnburg**

Bill expressed a very generous “THANK YOU” to JVC Frank Joswick and SO Don Levans for picking up the slack while Bill was confined during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



Commander Pate complimented Adjutant Kathy Katen for her performance as Post 143 Adjutant this year. In addition, congratulations were given to Adjutant Katen and her husband, Allen, on 55 years of marriage.

JVC Sam Pyle stated the McDaniel Curtis Camp Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at CCVMP would be held on 04/17/2021 at 1100 hrs. In case of rain, the service would be at the Post 143 Bldg.

Carroll County Commissioner Steve Fuller announced that the designated Purple Heart County signs have been placed on the major highways entering Carroll County. In addition, Purple Heart parking signs are being placed at the American Legion Post Bldg. (2) as well as other locations around the Carroll County area for Purple Heart recipients. (A picture was requested of the Purple Heart American Legion members.)

Commander Pate also expressed his thanks to Commissioner Fuller for his efforts to have a resolution passed by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners that designated Carroll County as a Purple Heart County in the State of Georgia.

A special request was made by Steve Fuller to remember and pray for the three law enforcement officers that were involved in a shooting situation on April 12, 2021. They were Carroll County Deputy Jay Repetto, Carrollton Police Sgt. Rob Holloway, and Villa Rica Police Officer Chase Gordy.



*Around the Legion* ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))



**2020-2021 National Cmdr. James W. Oxford**

The past year has been trying for us all. We’ve lost friends and family members. We’ve felt isolation while adhering to safety guidelines. And we’ve missed our brothers and sisters in The American Legion. Thankfully, there is hope ahead. We are on track for our national convention this summer in Phoenix. And just this week, we announced that the American Legion World Series will return in August to Shelby, N.C. We are also planning to have our American Legion Boys Nation and Junior Shooting Sports finals. I look forward to these events occurring once again and catching up with American Legion Family members. At the same time, we’ll need to continue practicing safety protocols. The pandemic still has not lifted and a heightened risk remains for yet another surge of cases. To protect yourself, fellow Legionnaires and others, please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and practice other social-distancing measures. And if you have not already, please get your vaccinations before joining us. Handshakes, hugs and other forms of close contact are out. As National Judge Advocate Kevin Bartlett recommends, “No touchy.” While we may see these measures as restrictive, remember this — what’s important is that we are back together once again. And no mask can keep us from pursuing our mission of service to communities, states and nation. After all, we are ...Veterans Strengthening America.and how to volunteer.



**2020-2021 Dept. of GA Cmdr. Eddie Asberry ([www.georgialegion.org](http://www.georgialegion.org))**

Since the initial meeting in 1919, there have been both changes and challenges. However, we are a resilient group of individuals and as Americans, we have always met the challenges and embraced or adapt to change. This organization redesigned itself and continued to change to meet those challenges. The year 2020 was indeed an unprecedented year. Hopefully, 2021 will return us to a better normalcy and therefore, a better year. We are proud to have the expertise of the scientific minds, coupled with the modern technology, that developed a vaccine – in record time in hopes of defeating this enemy (COVID-19). New conversations including such discussions as webinar, zoom, e-meetings, social distancing, and of course, coronavirus. Then, too new programs are available to assist us via mylegion.org, electronic membership payment, and the Training Tuesday which is presented in 60-90 minutes sessions on the last Tuesday of each month by a staff at the National HQs (<https://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesday>). It has been a year!!!!





**Dates to Remember**

- 1-General Membership Meeting on 20 May 2021 at 6:00pm
- 2-Memorial Day Celebration at CCVMP on 29 May 2021 at 1045hrs
- 3-D5 Meeting 16 May 2021 @ Post 294 Powder Springs, GA
- 4-DOG Convention 24-27 June 2021 in Duluth, GA

***Member Profile Update***

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	Email:	Member is Deceased: <input type="checkbox"/>	

**\*NOTE:** Please give this CORRECTION FORM to the Adjutant during the next Regular Membership meeting or call 770-830-5979 & leave a message



(Top Left) Marine Corp League Commandant Ron Southerland Presents Ceremonial Bell to Post 143 Commander Ronnie Pate. (Center from left) Honor Guard Team Leaders Chuck Bass and Don Levans, Award recipient Harvey Wright, and Commander Ronnie Pate, presented Harvey Wright with a Meritorious Service Certificate. (Top Right) Cmdr. Pate presents a Military Excellence Medal to Carrollton HS Cadet Major Calista Berry. (Bottom Left) JVC Frank Joswick presents a Scholastic Excellence Medal to Carrollton HS Cadet Lt. Col. Niani Redwine. (Bottom Right) JVC Tim Bass presents a Military Excellence Medal to Central HS Cadet Major Austin Armstrong.