



"For God and Country"



"The Unaccounted"

**Carroll Post 143 Family**  
**1790 Stripling Chapel Rd**  
**Carrollton, GA 30117**  
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**NEWSLETTER**

**Cmdr. Ronnie Pate:**



Greetings Post Family-We've just completed Legion Year (LY) 2020-21 very successfully in spite of the pandemic. The Post Missions continue due to Membership's commitment to our Core Values that are unlike any other Post that I'm aware of. Also, I want to recognize and thank several Leaders that have stepped down: Tim Bass, Don Cowart, Doc Stuckey, Kathy Katen and Richard Guynn for their years of honorable and dedicated service to veterans. We value their continued council and for their "Still Serving Commitment."

We started the new LY 2021-22 on 1 July with a few new Leaders and goals. The new Leaders are; JVCs-Frank Joswick, Steve Fuller, Steve Holder, along with Adjutant Steve Hill and Judge Advocate Bill Hearnburg. Thanks to these members for stepping up to help lead the Post 143 Missions. However, this is a Team approach that includes each member, therefore, when you're ask to join a committee please answer yes with pleasure.

Finally, I want to speak to financials. The source of our funds are: \$5.00/member annual dues, Fund Raisers, Grant requests and donations. We do not have any earned income like most other Posts. We have a very conservative budget that is managed by Finance Officer, Joe Harrod. The budget supports the American Legion's Boys State, managed by JVC Fuller, various Community School programs, managed by JVC Joswick, Volunteers at Trinkka-Davis VA facility, managed by ALA President Jeanette Henson, etc. We cannot place a value on the many miles with personal vehicles and hours rendered by members in support of our Missions. The annual Post budget is about \$14,000.00 therefore, we must constantly seek financial inputs to support our "Core Values" that were in place when I came onboard. Those Core Values are no bingo, no bar, no gambling, no cussing or spitting on the floor. While these are good sound Christian principles that the membership has agreed upon, however, they do not bring in any revenue. Therefore, please consider donating your time and/or money to support the main annual Post fund raiser BBQ scheduled for 17 September at the Carroll County Ag Center. To help keep our Core Values intact we suggest those members that are capable purchase one book of BBQ tickets or donate the equivalent value.

I'm honored to serve as our Post 143 Commander.



**Adjutant Jim Hill**

Need names,address & purpose for cards to be mailed  
Read a Special Olymics card signed by students for Post donation of \$250.00



**MEMBERSHIP: SVC Randy Purser**

2022 Membership cards are available and can be picked up at the next Post Meeting on August 19 at 6:00 PM. Members who had achieved 20 years of continuous Membership were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation after the Installation service in July. Pick them up at the next meeting. We have Members who have 74\*\*\*, 57\*\* and 43\* years of continuous service.

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**Certificates available for pickup:**

Gordon T. Austin, James V. Bailey\*\*, John R. Bassett, James H. Bone, John K. Dietz, John R. Djuck, Cecil G. Duffee, Michael H. Duke, Harrison E. Duncan, Steven T. Fuller\*, Wilmer C. Fuller, Norris Garrett, Frank M. Kiblinger, Elroy M. King, Roger E. Knowles, Carey P. Lee, David R. Lyle, R. A. Merrell, Dannie Pate, Harold D. Richards, William E. Sammon, Joseph E. Schadl, Paul C. Scheufler, Lindsey E. Smith\*\*\*, Dewey E. Teal, Thomas D. Underwood, William C. Upchurch, Harvey R. Wright

It's that time of year to renew your Legion dues. Let's be the 1st Post to reach 100%! Congratulations Post Membership! We are less than two months into the dues collection period and we have 128 Members who have paid dues. There are 23 PUFL Members included in these totals. The Goal for Membership renewal is set at 205. We are presently 62.4% of our goal. The Post has a total active Membership of 198. There have been two new Members added since July 1. Thank you for your response!

1. Renew Online (Preferred Methods)

- A. Receive an email from American Legion > Renew Early
- B. Post Website Link > [www.gapost143.org](http://www.gapost143.org) > membership application
- C. American Legion Website > [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) > renew
- D. Post 143 Facebook > American Legion Georgia Post 143 Carrollton, Georgia > Sign Up
- E. Print your own Membership Card
- F. Make it easier on your Post Officers

2. In Person (Next Best)

- A. Give your \$30 Membership to any Post 143 Officer located at 1790 Stripling Chapel Road, Carrollton, GA 30116
- B. Cash or Check
- C. Post 143 will process your fees through [MyLegion.org/post](http://MyLegion.org/post)
- D. Post 143 will give your 2021 Membership Card at Meetings or by Mail

3. By Mail (Snail Mail)

- A. Receive form in mail or send check directly to Post 143
- B. Send fees by mail to American Legion Post 143, PO Box 647, Carrollton, GA 30112
- C. Wait for receipt in mail
- D. When Post 143 is notified of payment by American Legion National, will give your Membership card at Meetings or by Mail



**FINANCE OFFICER: Joe Harrod**

American Legion Post 143 Finance Report ending 7/31/2021.

Beginning Balance__	\$24,023.06
TL Income_____	\$ 4,443.00 ``
Sub-Total_____	\$28,466.06
<b>Expenses_____</b>	<b>\$ 3,225.05</b>

Balance_____	\$25,241.01
<b>Reserve Funds_____</b>	<b>\$ 7,640.44</b>
<b>Available Operating Funds_____</b>	<b>\$17,600.57</b>

**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. Bal._____	\$218,757.62
June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Bal._____	\$230,575.40



**HONOR GUARD CHAIR: Dale Robinson**

The Honor Guard will participate in the Roorville Festival on September 18, 2021. And will present two Flag Retirement Ceremonies during the Heritage Days event scheduled for September 23 and 24 at the AG Center. 5 Military Honors rendered.



**Chaplain Cecil Davis**

There WAS 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 providing the 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.

Ron Price is having trouble standing.

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

- Judson Bell
- Gary Barnes
- Danny Hart
- Horace Sanders

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**

- a. Veterans Supported / 7 vets assisted / 3 financial assistance (\$3,261)
- b. At Trinka Davis 87
- c. Total Financial Support / total 143 @ \$80,000

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**

We continue to make our monthly Buddy Check phone calls. We do not have phone numbers for some of our members. If you are not receiving the calls, please email Bill Maddox at [wmadd123@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmadd123@bellsouth.net) or call me at 770-832-6442 with your contact information.



**NATIONAL SECURITY: JVC Sam Pyle**

**POW/MIA (Accounted For)**

- A. POW/MIA Accounting by wars (Jan 2021 to present): WWII-131; Korean War-12; Vietnam war-1
- B. Reported on status of Congressional Bill regarding American Flag importance

**LEGISLATIVE: JVC Sam Pyle**

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**HONOR GUARD FUNERAL COORDINATOR:-Steve Holder**

- a. One planned but cancelled - Bowden



**CHILDREN & YOUTH: JVC Frank Joswick**

Heritage days will be held at the AG center again this year. It is a two-day event scheduled for both Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 07:30am to 1:00pm. The post family volunteers will help park vehicles and act as tour guides for some 1,000 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The Honor Guard will present a Flag Retirement Ceremony each day. If anyone is interested in volunteering, text, or call Frank Joswick at 770-883-9741.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS: JVC Frank Joswick**

News articles of post events will be published in the Times-Georgian as they occur. Remember, both the Post meeting minutes and newsletters can be viewed on the website along with the Post E-Calendar. The first issue of the Post newsletter will be mailed to all about the last week in August.



**AMERICANISM/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.



**JUDGE ADVOCATE: Bill Hearnburg**

The Post Constitution, By-Laws, and SOP's has been revised to be "Gender Neutral" and the committee is in the process of reviewing the rest of the documents for any necessary corrections or additions.

**BBQ COMMITTEE CHAIR: Bill Hearnburg**

As you know, our Post provides invaluable services to veterans in need. The Post buys groceries, pays rent, utilities, and helps fulfill other basic needs for veterans. We can only do that with a successful fund raiser. Please make every effort to buy or sell at least ten tickets to our BBQ event on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember: *"Ask not what your BBQ fundraiser can do for you, but what you can do for your BBQ fundraiser."* For God and Country, Bill



**SALCOMMANDER: Steve Fuller**

SAL Cmdr., 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.



**AUX PRESIDENT: Jeanette Henson**

**New Officers for 2021-2022:**

- President Jeanette Henson
- V. President Wanda Maddox
- Secretary Dyane Purser
- Treasurer Jean Whitner

**OTHER:**

- The Auxiliary continues to hold Bingo for the residents at the Trinkka Davis Village
- The Auxiliary are still looking for new members to join.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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

Next month marks the 20-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. It's a time in history that The American Legion will never forget.

For nearly two decades, American Legion posts across the nation have conducted ceremonies on 9/11 to ensure that their communities don't forget the lives lost that day or those lost while fighting the global war on terrorism prompted by the attack.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, The American Legion will conduct a special podcast series – 20 stories, 20 episodes, 20 years. Starting Aug. 16 and concluding Sept. 10, The American Legion's Tango Alpha Lima podcast will release one of the 20 episodes each weekday.

The nearing of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 also means the drawdown of the men and women who are currently deployed for the global war on terrorism.

As our men and women come home, I ask all Legionnaires to welcome them home. You can do this by hosting a welcome home dinner, adding them to your Buddy Check calls, assisting them with veterans benefits and programs of The American Legion that will support them and their families.



### 2021-2022 GA DEPT CMDR: Mark Shreve ([www.georgialegion.org](http://www.georgialegion.org))

. The year 2020-2021 was indeed an unprecedented year. Hopefully, 2021-2022 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, two new programs are available to assist us via [mylegion.org](http://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

- EC meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2021
- General Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021, at 6:00pm
- BBQ Prep at Ag Center will begin on September 16, 2021, at 10am
- The BBQ Event is scheduled for September 17, 2021, from 11am – 2pm
- Heritage Days event is scheduled for Sept 23 & 24. Report both days at 7:30am

*Member Profile Update*

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Member is Deceased:

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

**BBQ PHOTOS**

