



DECEMBER

NEWS BULLETIN



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Seasons Greetings Post 143 Family members. As we approach the end of another successful year, I want to personally thank each of you for your volunteer contributions to the Post Operations. Your precious available time is invaluable to veterans, children & youth and the community. Post 143 is recognized as a non-profit pillar in the community due to your commitments.

Speaking of non-profits, the annual budget for the Post is around \$13k, however, only about \$3K is derived from membership dues. Therefore, the short fall in operational funds is typically secured by the annual BBQ and various donations. This time of year, Companies and individuals are searching for local non-profits to consider for their year-end tax deduction donations. For the convenience of Post 143 donors, we've established a direct donation account with the Community Foundation of West GA. Go to www.cfwg.net to look up the nonprofit tab for Post 143.

In closing, we enjoyed a wonderful meal, great fellowship and good live entertainment during our November meeting. We're extending thanks to SAL Commander Steve Fuller for providing the meats, to ALA President Jeanette Henson for roasting the turkey breasts and everyone that brought side dishes.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a safe & joyous New Years !

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES: RANDY KNIGHT



As we come to the end of 2022, let us reflect on the blessings that God has bestowed on us this year.

*Remember the greatest of all gifts, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, "therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel", which means God with us. God sent his only son to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. Never lose sight of the real reason for the season and his name is Jesus. **God bless each of you and your families. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.***

POST EVERLASTING
(JULY 2022 TO PRESENT)



*John Djuck
Cecil Duffee
Robbie Merrell
Joseph Schadt
Harvey Wright*

SAL CMDR STEVE FULLER

Georgia Boys State will be held the week of June 17, 2023 at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA. This is a change of venue from the previous two years. Boys State was held at Gordon State College in 2021 & 2022. We thought that we had found a home for a few years but a change in administration doubled the price forcing the change in facilities. After an exhaustive search for a campus that can accommodate our needs and meet the budget requirements, the committee chose Valdosta State. I want to thank Phil Youngblood, Boys State Director, and Bob Beauchamp, Boys State Dean, for their efforts in securing this site at a reasonable price.

In January I will be attending the senior staff meeting to discuss price increases and some changes in the way Boys State is structured. The meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 21st at Post 172 in Warner Robins, GA. I anticipate the price per boy to increase but at this point, not sure how much. Carrollton High School usually send 5-7 boys. I have also received requests for Central, Villa Rica, and Temple High Schools as well. There will need to be adjustments made to the Post budget for the anticipated increase. I will contact the Legion Posts in Villa Rica/Temple areas to see if they can help fund the other schools. I will have more information after the January meeting. If anyone has questions or concerns, call me at 770-301-3221 or email at: stevefullera^@gmail.com

I want to wish the Legion Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

AUX PRES. JEANETTE HENSON

We have had a busy year still providing Bingo prizes and refreshments for the residents of Trinka Davis, and we sent 4 girls to Girl's State this past summer. The Auxiliary also:

- ***Helped host 5th District meeting and provided breakfast.***
- ***Held a shoe drive for Impact West GA, Attended the fundraiser (8 attended).***
- ***Sold tickets and helped with the Annual BBQ in September.***
- ***Made contributions to Wreaths Across America to Marietta Cemetery.***
- ***Took part in 5th District Meeting.***
- ***And we are in process of buying Christmas gifts for all the residents of Trinka Davis.***

Unfortunately, we have lost 2 Special Auxiliary members this year but we gained two new ladies and had one gentleman join.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023 !

FINANCE: JOE HARROD

**American Legion Post 143****Finance Report ending
11/30/2022.**

Beginning Bal: \$35,222.79
 TL Income: \$ 5,400.00
 `Sub TL: \$40,622.79
Expenses: \$ 1,525.07
 Balance: \$39,097.72
 Reserve Funds: **\$ 8,777.78**
 Operating Funds: \$30,319.94

Post 143 Investment Fund:

Sept 30st 2021-3rd Qtr.
 Bal. _____ \$227,338.21
 Dec 31st, 2021-4th Qtr.
 Bal. _____ \$239,400.49
 Mar 31st, 2022-1st Qtr.
 Bal. _____ \$231,781.53
 June 30th 2022 2nd Qtr.
 Bal. _____ \$202,077.96
 Sept 30th 2022-3rd Qtr.
 BAL. _____ \$189,879.74

Certificate of Membership



*The following Veterans have been accepted into
 The American Legion Carroll Post 143 during
 The current 2022-2023 Post year*

*Les G. Hudl
 Dennis Reed
 John Volk
 Larry Rahr
 Robert Wessinger
 Derek Warren
 Ralph Fenner
 Stephen Garner
 James Pack
 Gilbert Brown
 Mike Dugan
 Joseph Lamendola*

MICS.—Events & Photo's



The SAL treated the Post family to a Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 17, 2022. The Aux was in charge of side dishes. Everyone had a great time eating and listening to the Live entertainment that was also provided. Some even made an attempt at dancing!



Charter Communications Representatives Leah Brown and Catherine Fleming presented the Post with a \$5000 donation during the Thanksgiving dinner held on Nov. 17, 2022



Commander Pate awards Don Levans with a Lifetime Member Certificate and trophy in recognition for his many years of outstanding loyalty and dedication to the Post.



AUX VP, Wanda Maddox presents Sissy Almon with a Memorial Plate in memory of her mother, Edna Scott.



The Toys-4-ToTs program distributed 20,462 toys to 5, 078 children last year. The goal is to exceed that amount by 2% this year. Post Family volunteers this year are Rose & Jessica Miller, Bob Thogmartin, Ronnie Martin, Frank Joswick, Bill & Wanda Maddox, and Tim Bass, Thanks again to all who brought in toys that will certainly put a smile on all the little kids faces this Christmas.

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Post Family Thanksgiving Dinner



Temple High School Student-Vet Connect



T-4-T Volunteers



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Post 143 members were invited to attend Central Elementary School's veterans day celebra-



Post 143 Honor Guard members help raise new Flag at Bowdon Middle School.



The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration is held each year in the United States, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day honors all those who lost their lives when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. More than 3,500 Americans lost their lives or were wounded on that solemn day. War was declared on Japan the following day.



Post 143 donates every year to "Wreaths Across America," this year our Honor Guard Team along with MOAA will be conducting a Wreath laying ceremony at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 11:00am

A SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS: The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, gazed round the room and I cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest. Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, Transforming the yard to a winter delight. The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve. My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow. My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near. Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight. A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child. "What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here! Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!" For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.. To the window that danced with a warm fire's light Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night." "It's my duty to stand at the front of the line, That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me. My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December," Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers." My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam', And now it is my turn and so, here I am. I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile. Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag. I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house and my home. I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.. Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall." "So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right." "But isn't there something I can do, at the least, "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast? It seems all too little for all that you've done, For being away from your wife and your son." Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget. To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long. For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled. Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.



Post members, if you have not renewed your membership for 2023, your current card will expire on December 31, 2022! Please continue to support the greatest veterans organization ever by helping the Post be the first to get 100% or better membership. Renew your 2023 membership one of three ways:

1. Mail to:

American Legion Post 143
P.O. Box 647
Carrollton, GA 30112-0647

2. Online:

www.MyLegion.org

3. In-Person

All blood types needed.



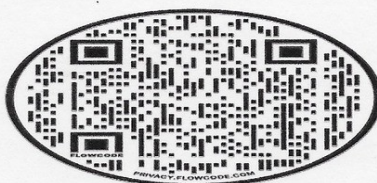
**American
Red Cross**



The American Legion Post 143 **Community Blood Drive**

Thursday, December 29, 2022
2:00pm – 7:00pm

The American Legion Post 143
1790 Stripling Chapel Road, Carrollton, GA 30117



Donate and receive a long-Sleeve T-shirt!

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: American Legion

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December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

December 02—**EC Meeting cancelled**

December 12—**SAL Membership Meeting cancelled**

December 15—**Combined Membership Meeting cancelled**

December 17—**Wreath Laying Ceremony at the CCMVP beginning at 11:00am**

December 29—**Blood Drive at Post 143 according to individual schedule**

December 31—**Last day to renew 2023 membership**

JANUARY 2022

January 06—EC Meeting

January 16—SAL Membership Meeting

January 19—Combined Membership Meeting

Member Profile Update

First Name: _____	<u>COMMENTS:</u>
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