



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: by Commander Harrod

- **Department/5TH district guests:** None
- **Guests:** Frederick Krantz
- **Prospective New Members:** Sandra Barnes
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** None

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- **Birthdays:** Dale Robinson and Betty Levans
- **Anniversaries:** None

GENERAL BUSINESS

AUXILIARY PRESEDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson

The Unit 143 membership is down; presently it is at 48%. Please contact family members and encourage them to consider joining the women's group and to help support the organization. Eligibility includes wives, daughters, granddaughters, mothers, and sisters, and is only \$10 annually.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jeanette Henson

President Henson reported that Dr. Cooper from the Trinka Davis Veterans Village is working on consistent transportation for volunteers to travel to and from Decatur in order to obtain their certification in a timely manner.

SICK CALL: Mary Nelson, Debra Robinson, and Ricky Allen

STAND and UNCOVER for prayer by Chaplain Ronnie Martin

INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL

- *Thanks to all for set up of meal (especially desserts)
- *Those needing help with meal and guests will be first in line
- *Members at right tables facing podium will be next
- *Exit into hallway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- *Please uncover while eating
- *Those at right tables please help with cleanup after meeting

BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The regular Post meeting began at 6:53 PM. with one rap of the gavel. Sgt at Arms (Ron Knowles) closed doors and secured meeting room.
2. Three raps of gavel. ALL STOOD. The colors being in place. "HAND SALUTE" "TWO"
3. Commander asked members to UNCOVER

4. The Chaplain Ronnie Martin offered a prayer.
5. POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR (Sgt. at Arms Ron Knowles) was remembered
6. Pledge of Allegiance. By Senior Vice Dale Robinson
7. RECOVER. The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was omitted, but was recited in unison at a point later in the meeting.
(Senior Vice Dale Robinson)
(One rap of the gavel to seat members)
8. Commander Harrod declared General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, officially convened.

9. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Adjutant took a roll call of officers and it was determined that enough members in good standing were present to declare a quorum.
- A vote was taken and the minutes of December General Meeting were accepted.
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- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

POST REPORTS

10. COMMANDER: 2018-2019 Post 143 Committee Chairs and Members

- Any members who have not paid their 2018-2019 dues please do so in person, by mail or online.
- Fishing for Freedom: a meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Post 294 at 1:30 PM. Past Commander Ronnie Pate is planning to attend.

11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman **NO REPORT**

12. ADJUTANT REPORT: Steve Fuller

- **Flag & Emblem** orders made through **Post 143** will be exempt of the 4% GA state sales tax
- Adjutant Fuller thanked Commander Joe Harrod and his wife, Charlene, for all the cleaning they did at the Post 143 Meeting hall prior to our December Membership Meeting and Christmas dinner.
- Dept. Adjutant has requested a list of any post veterans who have been awarded a PURPLE HEART or above, including the MEDAL OF HONOR. You must present a DD214 in order to verify the award(s), and present it to the Adjutant or Commander.
- CORRESPONDANCE
 - January 26th — 5th District Training 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Post 294 Powder Springs. Committee chairs are encouraged to attend.
 - February 10th – Four Chaplains at Post 143 in the meeting hall at 3:00 PM. Invitations have been sent from the post to District 5 and Dept. GA , as well as the Mayor of Carrollton, Carroll County Sheriff and Carroll County Commissioners. Light Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served following the program.
 - March 14th ----- SAL St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner at Post 143 at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite Irish dish and enjoy the music provided for the evening.
 - March 23rd -----Dept. Homecoming Benefit forms are available from the adjutant as well as for the Spring Conference if you plan to attend.
 - April 29-May 2—National President of the Auxiliary will be in Georgia, escorted by the Legion Riders.
- Chaplain Ronnie Martin informed the members of an article written by SV Dale Robinson that appeared in the January 17th edition of the *Times-Georgian* explaining the significance of the *Four Chaplains* event.
- An article and photograph detailing the new POW/MIA CHAIR at the Veterans Administration in Atlanta is available from Adjutant Fuller.
- Tanner Hospital has used vehicles available for sale. If anyone is interested contact Steve Fuller for details.
- More information concerning the Council on Aging event on February 7, 2019 is needed. The Honor Guard is anticipating adding this event to their calendar.

13. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson

- Membership Report: Current membership is at 91.6%. Some adjustments will be made as there are additions and deductions to be made during the month. We are well within our March goal.
- Honor Guard: Six (6) services have been performed since December 2018.

14. Jr. Vice/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass NO REPORT

15. Jr. Vice/Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle

- *Military Times* has an article concerning another attempt by the Navy Viet Nam Veterans to be recognized by the government in the "Blue Water" issue.
- U. S. Air Force reported the death of Georgia native, Joe Jackson, at the age of 95. He was a Medal of Honor recipient and fought in WWII, Korean Conflict, and Viet Nam.
- An updated list of the Georgia and United States Representatives and Senators for 2019 is available for members

16. Jr. Vice/Children & Youth Chair: Charles (Doc) Stuckey

- **TOYS for TOTS** was very successful for 2018. Over 9,000 children were recipients of your generosity. Thank you all for your donations and we're looking forward to the challenge again in 2019.

17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn

- All the proposed changes to the Constitution have been approved.
- A change to the Constitution still pending is the addition of a Finance Officer to the Finance Committee. He or she should be a recommended appointment, but not by the Finance Chairman. This will be proposed at the February 21, 2019 Membership Meeting.

18. Service Officer/ Legion Centennial Committee Chair: Don Levans

- Service Committee has assisted 17 veterans in December; monetary funds were given to 8 individuals. In January 2019, two veterans have been helped with financial assistance from the Trinka Davis Grant.
- Officer Levans gave a brief history of the American Legion's origins. After a number of WWI American veterans returned to the United States in 1919 and found themselves with no job, no benefits and starving, a group of their fellow veterans that remained behind in Paris, France organized what we now recognize as the American Legion. An Act of Congress made it official on March 19, 1919.
- The proposed 2019 American Legion Post 143 calendar of events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary is as follows:
 - January 11, 2019 Centennial Committee Meeting
 - March 21, 2019 Birthday Party at Combined Membership Meeting
 - March 23, 2019 Post 143 Open House at post hall
 - April 18, 2019 100th Anniversary of (Unit 143) The American Legion Auxiliary at post hall
 - May 25, 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony at CCVMP with Past National Cmdr/GA Dale Barnett, Guest Speaker
A barbeque sandwich meal will follow at the post hall for all members and their families.
 - May 27, 2019 Memorial Day Parade in Carrollton followed by a musical concert at the AMP
- The Executive Committee Meeting on February 5, 2019 will add much more clarity to this calendar and the events mentioned. The results of that meeting will be available to everyone at the Combined Membership Meeting on February 14, 2019. Several members are volunteering to help make these events successful, but many more members (and families) will be needed. Please consider working with us.

19. Service Committee Chair: Bill Maddox ABSENT

20. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser NO REPORT

21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg NO REPORT

22. Jr. Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick NO REPORT

23. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver ABSENT

24. Historian: Bob Hilliard

- **REMINDER:** Bob Hilliard is requesting any members or their families that have photographs of the 30 Charter Members of Post 143 to please submit them to him. Included with that request are any WWI veterans' photographs. Any significant items that would apply to the 100th American Legion Anniversary would be more than welcome. Those items could include discharge papers, equipment, uniforms, newspaper articles, correspondence, telegrams, etc. Also, if anyone has any other ideas for the celebration, please bring them to a meeting or contact a committee member.

25. Chaplain: Ronnie Martin NO REPORT

26. Any committee reports missed? NONE

27. Unfinished Business NONE

28. Any New Business: Adjutant Steve Fuller

- 5th District Homecoming is in May 2019. Post 143 has been notified that the 5th District is raffling off two (2) matching His & Her watches. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and ten (10) tickets were received. A motion was made to write a \$50.00 check from Post 143 as a donation. The motion was carried.
- The 5th District also notified Post 143 that an appropriate gift from our post should be given to the outgoing commander. A discussion followed and suggestions were submitted. A final decision will be made in the near future.
- A question was raised as to donations to the U. S. Coast Guard during the Government Shutdown. Members were informed that the Dept. GA/National Assistance Program was helping individuals in that area of need.

29. Dates to remember:

- January 21st _____ Martin Luther King Jr. Parade (Color Guard)
- January 26th _____ 5th District Training (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM) Post 294 Powder Springs
- February 5th _____ 2019 Executive Committee Meeting & Legion 100 year planning @ 5:00 PM.
- February 10th _____ Four Chaplains” Event on Sunday @ 3:00 PM at the Post 143 Legion Room
- March 21st -24th _____ Dept. Spring Conference
- April 27th _____ Fishing for Freedom
- May 21st – June 1st _____ Boys State

30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

31. RECOVER. The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was recited in unison. (Senior Vice Dale Robinson)

31. CLOSING

- There was no further business to come before this meeting.
- **STAND AND UNCOVER**
- The Chaplain Ronnie Martin led us in a closing prayer.
- **RECOVER**
- **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 swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.”
- **The Flag of Our Country is in place for retirement. “HAND SALUTE”: “TWO”**
- **THREE RAPS OF THE GAVEL**
- The Commander declared the January 17, 2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at 7:32 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen