



The American Legion Post 143 Executive Committee Meeting January 23, 2018

Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included: Commander Ted Merriss, Tim Bass, Bob Hilliard, Richard Guynn, Steve Fuller, George Wheelless, Jeanette Henson, and Frank Joswick

GUESTS: Bill Hearnburg (Presented recommended changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures)

BY THE COMMANDER

SICK CALL:

Ronnie Pate, Jeanette and Warren Henson

CARDS & CONDOLENCES: Horace Geter & family (Loss of sister, Barbara Crowder) Camp Gilley family, (Loss of Post veteran Camp "CH" Gilley)

TAPS:

Frank Scott, USMC, WWII and Camp CH Gilley, USMC, Korea

ROLL CALL: Frank Joswick conducted roll call and it was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum. The EC Sign-In Sheet will be attached to the EC minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM by Commander Ted Merriss.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: The December 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes and the November 16, 2017 Combined Regular Membership Meeting minutes have been uploaded to the post website for review. (www.gapost143.org)

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Merriss discussed the following:

- On January 15th, the post Color Guard and 8 other post members took part in the MLK Day parade.
- If anyone knows of Veterans requesting help due to cold weather please contact Commander Ted Merriss.
- Commander Ted Merriss and Robert Hilliard will attend an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Eli Nunez at the Carrollton Presbyterian Church Jan 27th @ 3pm.
- *The Department along with 5th District, will hold a revitalization workshop Feb 1-2-3 at Post 294 – Powder Springs*
 - Feb 1-2____ hours are from 10am – 4pm
 - Feb 3____ hours are from 10am to 2pm
 - Need at least one person from each Post per day. (Bring cell phone with charger)
 - Contact Commander Merriss by January 29th if you can attend

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP: by Steve Fuller

- All membership renewal cards to date have been mailed out to members
- 21 members had delinquent letters mailed to them
- 13 members have been contacted via phone, email or phone message
- 2 personal visits were conducted
- Membership committee will continue to concentrate on 2016 members who will drop off the National rolls in June 2018
- The post currently has 182 paid members; 63 members have not paid dues; 30 members have not paid their dues for the past two years
- Seven of our fellow comrades that have passed during the past 12 months. Please remember them and their families.
- Jerry Culver will speak at the January GM meeting. His father was killed at the Battle of the Bulge

2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman
 - The Post Financial Report was provided and will be attached to the minutes of this meeting

3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass

Sub Committees:

 - **9-11/1st Responder Ceremony at CCVMP:** by Tim Bass
Don Levans and John Bassett will assist in the planning of the 2018 Sept 9-11/1st Responder event at CCVMP
 - **Junior Shooting Sport:** by Frank Joswick
 - CHS Coach Mike Lewis and his 4 member Precision Air Rifle team will shoot the competition targets Jan 26th
 - Will Return Targets to National for scoring by January 29th to determine if the team will compete in the qualifying round.
 - **Boys State:** by Steve Fuller
Will speak with Americanism Chair Tim Bass, concerning the recruitment of high school students for the 2018 Boys State program.

4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Bob Hilliard
 - **Toys-for-Tots:**
 - Ronnie Pate gave our Toys for Tots check to Lori. Dena and I helped box up toys (there were plenty). Carrollton High School also had cadets helping.
 - **Boy Scouts:**
 - Troop 179 will hold its last Eagle Scout Ceremony for Eli Nunez at the Carrollton Presbyterian Church Jan 27th @ 3pm. (Cmdr Ted Merriss @ Bob Hilliard will present certificates)
 - **Legion Scholarship Program:**
Most Advanced Learning High School students graduate in December. Does anyone have a grandchild of a veteran that is interested in applying for the Legion's Scholarship? Let me know.
Jeanette Henson said she has a granddaughter that would be interested in applying for the Scholarship.
 - **Special Olympics:**
Need to start thinking about volunteers for the Special Olympics, usually it is held in March. However, the County Representative has not set a date yet.

5. **HONOR GUARD:** by Chair Dale Robinson
 - Conducted 3 Military Funeral Honors since the last meeting
 - Color Guard participated in the MLK Day Parade on January 15th

6. **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Vacant**

Sub Committees:

Website: by Frank Joswick
All Post meeting minutes, Newsletter and Event Calendar are now on the post website: www.gapost143.org

Newsletter: by Frank Joswick
The next post newsletter is scheduled to will be mailed out during the month of April

7. **JUDGE ADVOCATE:** by Richard Gynn
 - Bill Hearnburg, member of the Special Governance committee, provided the EC members with handouts outlining the recommended changes to the Constitution, its Bylaws and the Standard Operating Procedures. A brief discussion took place between committee members and Bill Hearnburg concerning the role of Past Commanders; Changes to the Nomination Committee; Addition of an Audit Committee; And Travel Policy changes to mention a few. Commander Merriss decided that more time was needed to properly review all the recommendations, therefore, he tasked each EC member to present their recommendations in writing, on what is acceptable and/or what needs further clarification or consideration by the next Scheduled EC meeting (Feb 13th)

ANCILLARY REPORTS

8. **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT:** by Commander George Wheeless

- Submitted the January meeting minutes and Financial Report to Commander Ted Merriss
- Will host an Irish Pot-Luck Dinner with live entertainment on Feb 8th at 6:00pm.
- Commander Merriss asked Commander Wheeless what the cost of the dinner was and he stated it would be \$300.
- Commander Merriss asked for a motion to have the Post pay \$150 toward the dinner. Steve Fuller made the motion, and it was seconded by Bob Hilliard. All eligible members present approved the recommendation by voice vote. *(All votes concerning finances will be forwarded to the finance Committee)*

9. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson

- The AUX will assist SAL with the Irish Pot-Luck Dinner scheduled for March 8th at 6PM in the post's main meeting hall.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT: by Jeanette Henson

- More people throughout the community are expressing an interest in becoming a volunteer at Trinka Davis. However, Management is having problems scheduling a Training Session for the new volunteers

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Steve Fuller asked if it would be possible to set aside a \$1000 to cover expenses for several other Social Events that will be planned during this post calendar year.
- Commander Merriss asked for a motion. Richard Guynn made a motion to establish a "Social Event" account with an initial budget of \$1000. Steve Fuller seconded the motion and all eligible members present approved the recommendation by voice vote. *(All votes concerning finances will be forwarded to the Finance Committee)*
- Joe Morgan will Order 50 meals for the January 25, 2018 Combined Membership meeting. Frank Joswick will get ice.

11. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Jan 26____CHS Riflery Team to shoot 1st round of Nation Air Rifle Championship competition targets
- Jan 27____Troop 179 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Eli Nunez at the Carrollton Presbyterian Church @ 3pm
- Feb 1-3____5th Dist Revitalization workshop at Post 294, Powder Springs (Hours 10am -4pm except Sat, 10am – 2pm)
- Feb 8____Valentine Ball at 10am, City Rec Center
- Mar 8____Irsh Pot-Luck Dinner with live Entertainment starting at 6:00PM
- Feb 13____Next EC meeting @ 5pm
- Feb 15____Next GM meeting @ 6pm
- Feb 17____5th District meeting, Post 216, Austell, GA. 8am registration and the meeting starts at 9am

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag

And a prayer by Bob Hilliard

The January 23, 2018 Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at: 6:40 PM

Approval Date: _____.

