



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

Post Cmdr Joe Harrod opened the meeting at 5:00 PM. Those attending included Adjutant Steve Fuller, SV Dale Robinson, Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman, JV Tim Bass, JV Charles Stuckey, JV Sam Pyle, Service Officer Don Levans, Service Committee Chair Bill Maddox, Judge Advocate Richard Guynn, Welcoming Committee Chair Ron Knowles, Chaplain Ronnie Martin, Historian Bob Hilliard, SAL Cmdr George Wheelless, Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson, Auxiliary VP Wanda Maddox, Jr. Shooting Sports Chair Frank Joswick, John Bassett, and Kathy Katen.

BY THE COMMANDER

GUESTS: No

SICK CALL: No

TAPS: *(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

ROLL CALL: It was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cmdr Harrod

- 100th American Legion Anniversary will be recognized and celebrated throughout the next few months with a wide variety of activities and projects. Committees will be in need of members volunteering their time and energy to make these plans come to fruition. Please consider contributing in some way to the success of this monumental undertaking.
 - In conjunction with the American Legion 100th Anniversary this year, Post 143 will also be recognizing the 84th Anniversary of its charter as well as the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th birthday.
 - The attached documents will provide the schedules for the activities planned thus far. Updated material will be available as needed.
 - A nominating committee for the 2019-2020 election of officers will be activated at the March 5th Executive Committee Meeting. The nominating committee will consist of 2 members at large that would be elected from the floor in addition to 3 past commanders. The members of this committee will be announced at the March 21st Combined Membership Meeting.
 - *Fishing for Freedom* is questionable as of last month's meeting at Post 254.
 - An in-depth discussion concerning funds for the various expenses that will be incurred by Post 143 during the 100th Anniversary, 84th Charter Anniversary, 100th Auxiliary Anniversary and Memorial Day festivities was culminated with a decision to establish a **CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT**. A motion was made by Service Officer Don Levans and seconded by Judge Advocate Richard Guynn. to establish an account (**Centennial Account**) to record expenses and donations associated with the 100th anniversary and associated festivities. All expenses will be approved by the Executive Committee before being dispersed from this account. If final accounting shows a debit balance of expenses over donations, funds from the Post 143 Investment Account at the Community Foundation of West Georgia would be withdrawn to cover the expense. Repayment to the Investment Account would eventually be made from the General Funds of the Post.
- A vote was taken and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee. There was opposition noted from one non-voting member of the Executive Committee. Sponsors are being sought to defray costs of the post's special activities with a cap on expenses of \$5000.00.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: (Steve Fuller)

PLEASE NOTE

- Office Hours at the post building.
 - First Tuesday monthly, 4-5 PM (prior to the EC meeting)
 - Second Thursday monthly, 6-7 PM (prior to the SAL meeting)
 - Third Thursday monthly, 5-6 PM (prior to the general membership meeting)
 - Every Wednesday afternoon, 4-5 PM
- If you need assistance from the Adjutant call 770-301-3221

Fifth District Meeting

- March 21-24, 2019 Department Spring Conference.
- April 27, 2019 **Fishing for Freedom**.
- Boys State May 21-June 01, 2019
- The American Legion is behind in membership, and could fall short of 1.8 million members. From National to local posts there is concern.
- Any members of Post 143 who have received one or more military rewards, please check with the Adjutant to verify if your medal(s) is on the list and your name will be sent on to Department. You will need a copy of your DD214.
- Transfer sheets from another Post must be signed by the member who is transferring or accompanied by a letter from the member.

Correspondence

- If anyone from Post 143 is interested in attending the Department Meeting in May, please make your plans known to the Adjutant.
- New **Flag and Emblem** catalog is at the Post. Ordering through the post will save you sales tax.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Dale Robinson **NO REPORT**
2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman (**Copy of Budget attached**) **NO REPORT**
3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass **NO REPORT**
4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Charles Stuckey **NO REPORT**
5. **JUNIOR VICE/LEGISLATIVE & PROTOCOL:** by Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**
6. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** by Bill Hearnburg **ABSENT**
7. **SERVICE OFFICER: by Don Levans**
 - Service Officer Levans reported on the progress of the 100th Anniversary of Post 143. (Attached material will list the details of those plans.)
 - A Publicity Committee has been established with Cmdr Joe Harrod, SV Dale Robinson, Chair Frank Joswick, and Bruce Browning.
 - A Calling Committee will be established at the Combined Membership Meeting on February 21, 2019. A chairman and many **volunteers** will be needed in order to lighten the load for the entire committee. This group will remain active from March through July.
 - **Volunteers** will be needed to assist with the parking at the American Legion building on various occasions scheduled over the next few months.
 - A History Room is being set up at the post with memorabilia, World War I materials, a power point and music of the era just to name a few displays. The legion members working on this project are Historian Bob Hilliard, JV Sam Pyle, Public Relations Bill Hearnburg, and Kathy Katen.
 - Officer Levans will be asking for **volunteers** to sign up on any other subcommittee that they feel they can contribute the most to.
8. **SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Bill Maddox **NO REPORT**
9. **JUDGE ADVOCATE/AUDIT CHAIR:** by Richard Guynn
 - Judge Advocate Richard Guynn brought up an issue for discussion concerning the election of the Finance Officer to also serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. A motion to leave the Constitution as is was brought to the floor and carried. It was also determined that the Financial Officer should be **elected** and could also serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.
10. **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson **NO REPORT**

11. **CYBER CMTE CHAIR:** by Randy Purser **ABSENT**

12. **WELCOMING CMTE CHAIR:** By Ron Knowles **NO REPORT**

13. **CHAPLIAN:** by Ronnie Martin **NO REPORT**

- **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Chaplain Martin's correct contact number is **(770) 500-6567.**

14. **HISTORIAN:** by **Bob Hilliard**

- 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.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

15. **SAL COMMANDER:** by Cmdr George Wheelless **NO REPORT**

- The "Four Chaplain Sunday" is scheduled for Feb 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM. and will be held at the Post 143 Legion Room
- St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck (Irish) Dinner on March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

16. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**

17. **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson

- There is a change at the BINGO games held for the resident veterans at Trinka Davis. There will no longer be cash prizes.

18. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Members need to remember to report or request any appropriate needs or services for themselves or other Legion post members to the Chaplain and/or the Service Committee members.

19. **NEW BUSINESS:**

20. **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- February 10th _____ Four Chaplains' Event on Sunday @ 3:00 PM at the Post 143 Legion Room
- February 21st _____ Combined Membership Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- February 27th _____ Carrollton HS Baseball "Veterans Night" First Pitch @ 5:30 PM
- March 5th _____ Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- March 21st _____ Combined Membership Meeting and Legion Birthday Party @ 6:00 PM
- March 21st - 24th _____ Dept. Spring Conference
- April 27th _____ Fishing for Freedom
- May 21st – June 1st _____ Boys State

21. **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

WERE THERE ANY OTHER REPORTS MISSED? NO

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Ronnie Martin

On this day Tuesday, February 5, 2019 the Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 6:42 PM. (with 1 rap of the gavel by the Commander.)

Date Approved: _____

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen