



**The American Legion Post143  
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting  
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:01 PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

**WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS:** by Commander Harrod

- **Department/5<sup>TH</sup> district guests:** None
- **Guests:** None
- **Prospective New Members:** Ralph Cook and Frederick Krantz
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** None

**COMMANDERS COMMENTS:**

- **Birthdays:** Don Levans, Ruth Fuller, Jeffrey Liggett
- **Anniversaries:** None

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jeanette Henson

President Henson made a specific point of recognizing the SAL, American Legion members and the Unit 143 Auxiliary for all of the assistance and participation in the *Four Chaplains* program and display on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary Room was tastefully decorated and the members served refreshments and cookies after the program for all attendees. Great job, Ladies!

Jeanette also made note of the extensive facelift that our American Legion meeting room had received, thanks to Carroll County and their talented craftsmen. Impressive!

The Unit 143 membership is presently in need of 12-15 new members in order to meet our Dept. goal. Please contact family members and encourage them to consider joining the women's group and to help support the organization. Eligibility includes wives, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, great granddaughters, sisters and also those women who are eligible for Legion membership in their own right. The Auxiliary dues are \$25 annually.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Jeanette Henson

The volunteer crew at the T. D. Veterans Village is now providing at least one volunteer per day to assist our veterans at the facility. President Henson also reported that the Trink Davis Veterans Village is working on legal and consistent transportation for volunteers to travel to and from Decatur in order to obtain their certification in a timely manner.

**SICK CALL:** Brenda Knowles, Merlin Caldwell, Ronald Ray, Carl Brack, Hubert Guynn, Mary Nelson's great grandson, and Debra Robinson.

\*E. W. Talbot was welcomed back after almost a year of health issues preventing him from attending.

**100<sup>th</sup> CENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN:** Don Levans

An activity update from Chairman Levans since our last meeting included the following:

- SAL Four Chaplains program – excellent attendance
- Carrollton High School Baseball Veterans Night – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM. First pitch thrown by Finance Officer Charles Feasleman accompanied by Post 143 Honor Guard
- The Post 143 Birthday Party – Mar 21<sup>st</sup> @ the scheduled March Combined Membership Meeting. A **Calling Committee** is in need of volunteers to assist in contacting the membership for this and future events for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary post calendar.
- Auxiliary Birthday Party – Apr 18<sup>th</sup> @ the scheduled April Combined Membership Meeting.
- Memorial Day Festivities – May 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) @ the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park. Past National Commander Dale Barnett will be the guest speaker.
- Reception – May 25<sup>th</sup> after the CCVMP Memorial Day program for Post 143 Family, Guest Legion members, and Dignitaries @ the American Legion Post 143 Building, 1790 Stripling Chapel Road, Carrollton.
- The Amp – May 25<sup>th</sup> @ a time to be determined. Free entertainment sponsored by Post 143 for all at The Amp. Carrollton Mayor Walt Hollingsworth and the County Chairman will sign a proclamation declaring

Memorial Day weekend as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion and recognizing it as such.

- The People's Parade – July 4<sup>th</sup> morning in Carrollton. Post 143 will have the honor of being the Grand Marshal and will include other Posts, Military vehicles, Local ROTC units and Antique Cars carrying Legionaries, as well as representatives of each part of our American Legion Family on a float. All participating floats will be judged on their best representation of the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a trophy will be awarded.
- Sounds of Liberty CSO Concert – July 4<sup>th</sup> evening @ the Carrollton City Schools campus. The American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be the feature of the performance with local veterans participating in the program.
- Fireworks – July 4<sup>th</sup> evening following the Sounds of Liberty. Again, the American Legion will be the focus.
- Publicity – Ron Knowles and Ronnie Peak, both Gulf War Veterans, have been interviewed for an article looking at the future of the American Legion. The *Southern Spice* section of the **Times-Georgian** will also feature the history of the Legion as well as of Post 143, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The local radio station(s) will also feature the information in the near future.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Participation by all of the Post 143 Family is encouraged and appreciated. We would like to see this entire list of events be successful and a memorable experience for all of us to look back on. Chairman Levans stated, "...This is a time for us to show the community who we are---what we do---and how we impact the community..."

**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 left 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 left tables please help with cleanup after meeting

**BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

1. The regular Post meeting began at **6:59 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. **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 recited in unison. (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 January, 2019 General Meeting were accepted.
  - A vote was taken and the minutes of January, 2019 EC Meeting were accepted.
  - 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**: Past Commander Ronnie Pate attended a meeting at Post 294 in January concerning the details for the event. *Fishing for Freedom* is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Georgia Power Company's Lake Wansley. RSVP's to the 5<sup>th</sup> District must be received by March 15, 2019 to be on the roster to participate. To qualify participants must be a veteran that has been wounded, combat wounded, has a war-related injury, is paralyzed, or a Gold Star Family member.  
A motion was made by JV Tim Bass to donate \$250 from Post 143 (Fishing for Freedom Budget) to the program. It was seconded by Past Cmdr. Ronnie Pate. The Finance Officer will mail a check for the above amount to the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- **Calling Committee**: It was agreed upon to divide the membership roster between the volunteers and those individuals would be responsible for notifying their list of members for any upcoming events.
- **Second Annual Military Enlistee Ceremony for Carroll County** is scheduled for Monday evening April 15, 2019 @ 7:00 PM at the Carroll County Cultural Arts Center (775 Old Newnan Road). The enlistees are high school seniors from Carroll County.
- **The nomination committee for the 2019-2020 Post 143 officers** was selected. It will consist of Past Commanders Don Levans, Wayne Driver, Ronnie Pate, Cecil Davis, and Roger Knowles. The two nominations from the floor were JV Sam Pyle and E. W. Talbot. Past Cmdr. Roger Knowles was selected as chairman for the committee. The SLATE OF OFFICERS will be announced at the May 2019 Combined Membership Meeting. Voting will be by a written ballot.

#### 11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman

- The Financial Reports for the Months of December, 2018 and January, 2019 were read to the membership and copies of each were presented to the Commander. The copies will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.

#### 12. ADJUTANT REPORT: Steve Fuller

- **REMINDER: Flag & Emblem** orders made through **Post 143** will be exempt of the 4% GA state sales tax
- 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**
  - \*Former Post 143 member, Margaret Miller, sent a brief note to the post bringing everyone up to date on her activities now that she is in San Diego, CA.
  - \*Registration Fee has been paid to Georgia.
  - \*Fishing for Freedom sent a Certificate of Appreciation for 2017.
  - \*Toys for Tots sent a thank you note for our participation during 2018. It included a notation to "Kick off 2019". It was agreed to donate \$100 to the organization.
  - \*Buddy Check – Adjutant Steve Fuller has posted on the bulletin board a list of members with unpaid dues. Along with the Adjutant Fuller, JV Sam Pyle and Historian Bob Hilliard will co-lead this group.
  - \*American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Drake Pauley, whose Eagle Scout project was the POW/MIA TABLE at CCVMP, is in the competition for the Georgia American Legion Scout of the Year. The requirement that Drake have an active family member in the post was discussed and it was determined that his father would qualify for membership in the SAL.
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> ----- 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 21-24----Spring Conference information is posted on the bulletin board.
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> -----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.
  - May 4 -----Homecoming in Valdosta, GA. The dinner at 6:00 PM is free. Cut off for reservations is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 13. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson

- Membership Report: Current membership is at 98.4% with two new members pending.
- Honor Guard: Three (3) honor services have been performed since January 2019. Two (2) Color Guard presentations were performed; The Four Chaplains Ceremony on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the Council on Aging Valentine Day Party on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

- **REMINDER:** An updated list of the Georgia and United States Representatives and Senators for 2019 is available for members
- MIA Recovery is continuing. Remains (6) from North and South Korea, Laos/Viet Nam, Germany, and Pearl Harbor have been returned to the United States government.
- Georgia Senate voted on two (2) bills: Bill 77 would strengthen veteran's monument protection laws.  
Bill 51 would give local government the ability to remove veterans' monuments by majority resolution.
- On February 21<sup>st</sup> the Georgia Senate voted on a governmental oversight committee that was backed by veterans historical organizations.
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie is implementing an initiative to make final decisions on disability compensation and other benefits within 125 days.
- Blue Water Navy Veterans Act will be proposed again in 2019, after success was not made in 2018. It will also expand to include veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

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

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** Chairman Stuckey has a signup sheet for anyone planning to volunteer at the Special Olympics this year. Your name and shirt size are required. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ Central High School from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn**

- An audit of the financial records for Post 143 has been completed. All expenditures and revenues were properly accounted for and properly reported. Judge Advocate Guynn complimented Charles Feaselman, Financial Officer for his accuracy.

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

- Service Committee has assisted 22 veterans thus far in 2019; monetary funds (\$330) were given to 1 individual (a veteran) to keep his heat on.
- **Trinka Davis Update:** Angie Hale and Ted Merris are no longer employed at the Veterans Village. New hires will be trained in the coming weeks, but until that time, coverage and services may be spotty to say the least. In the interim, it may be more advantageous to visit the VA facility in Newman for needed assistance.
- The proposed 2019 American Legion Post 143 calendar of events to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is as follows:
  - March 21, 2019 Birthday Party at Combined Membership Meeting
  - March 23, 2019 Post 143 Open House at post hall
  - April 18, 2019 100<sup>th</sup> 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
  - May 25, 2019 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
  - 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**

- If anyone has anything that would be of value to the membership or the post that you would like to add to the post's Facebook page, please contact Randy at [randyane@yahoo.com](mailto:randyane@yahoo.com), (770)366-9723 or (770)836-0125.

**21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg NO REPORT**

**22. Jr. Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick**

- The 4-H Club Air Rifle Team (5 members) competed at the State level recently and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Team member Morgan Frank finished 1<sup>st</sup> in State in the Individual competition with a score of 587 out of a possible 600. She will now be going on to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round to competition.
- The Jr. Shooting Sports Chair will be coming up for someone to fill. Think about it.
- **Post Website:** The Centennial webpage has been updated with a logo, and history as well as a website to checkout. Go to [www.centennial.legion.org.-GA-Post143](http://www.centennial.legion.org.-GA-Post143) and check out the new look!
- The Quarterly Newsletter is in production, and will be available soon.

**23. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver ABSENT**

- SAL Cmd. George Wheelless expressed a very gracious thank you to the post for all its cooperation and assistance that helped make the Four Chaplains Ceremony so successful. There were approximately 100 attendees, including 5<sup>th</sup> District and State dignitaries. The Times-Georgian's *Faith and Values* section included an article promoting the event. EXCELLENT JOB!
- The annual **St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner** at Post 143 will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite dish to share with your American Legion Family members while you listen to some Irish crooning and a little **BLARNY**, too.

- At the District Meeting, it was announced that the Finance Officer **must** have signature ability.

**24. Historian: Bob Hilliard NO REPORT**

- **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 100<sup>th</sup> 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**

- **REMINDER:** Chaplain Ronnie Martin's correct contact number is (770) 500-6567.
- Please take advantage of the opportunity to find a group of fellow veterans who want to share their issues with someone and have the assistance of Chaplain Pierce, too.
- Additionally, if you are aware of any members that are homebound, ill or has passed away, please contact Chaplain Martin.

**26. Any committee reports missed? NONE**

**27. Unfinished Business: JV Sam Pyle**

- **Cemetery headstones:** JV Sam Pyle proposed that Post 143 think about adding a marker to the headstone of James Casper Holland to signify the first casualty from Carroll County killed in action during WWI. The publicity would add to the importance of the local WWI anniversary events.

**28. Any New Business: Adjutant Steve Fuller**

- GA Dept. of Veterans Services has a program for qualifying veterans in need of assistance with necessary home repairs. The Habitat for Humanity has money available to work with this need. Please contact Legion member Paul Scheufler and he will give you the necessary contact information to point you in the right direction.
- A recent full-page article in the Fleet Reserve Association magazine featured a Navy recipient of the **Quilt of Honor**. It was suggested by Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen that possibly Post 143 could submit the names of our recipients (Carlos Fuller and Chuck Feaselman) to the American Legion publication for recognition.
- With 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention approaching, the nominees for officers is being discussed. Our own past commander, Ronnie Pate has agreed to run for 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander. Good Luck!
- Post 160 Legion Riders announced their disbandment.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. Is at 87% of their goal, and are presently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state of GA.
- G. D. Hendricks, a past Post 57 SAL Chaplain, was honored for his longtime service by the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**29. Dates to remember:**

- February 27<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Carrollton HS Baseball "Veterans Night" first pitch at 5:30 PM.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ EC Meeting @ 5:00 PM.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner
- March 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Post Birthday Party (at regular meeting)
- March 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Spring Conference
- March 27<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Special Olympics at Central High School
- April 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Military Enlistee Ceremony at Carroll Co. Cultural Arts Center
- April 18<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Birthday Party (at regular meeting)
- April 27<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing for Freedom
- May 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Homecoming in Valdosta
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Boys State

**30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: Asst. to Adjutant Kathy Katen**

Member Joe Morgan informed the attendees that the Dept. of Revenue will be presenting **The American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coins** in celebration of a century of service. The coins will be available March 14, 2019. The United States Mint has contact information: [www.catalog.usmint.gov](http://www.catalog.usmint.gov) or 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

**31. CLOSING**

- There was no further business to come before this meeting.
- **STAND AND UNCOVER**
- 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 February 21<sup>st</sup> ,2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 8:04 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

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Commander Joe Harrod

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Recorder Kathy Katen