



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

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:02 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:** None
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** None

**COMMANDERS COMMENTS:**

- **Birthdays:** **POST 143 (84<sup>th</sup> Birthday)**, Ronnie Pate, Jean Withner, Don Chavez's wife, Runette Kemp
- **Anniversaries:** Ronnie and Joey Martin, and Jean and Tom Withner

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- Unit 143 will be celebrating the American Legion Auxiliary Birthday on April 18<sup>th</sup> at our Combined Membership Meeting.
- Invitations were handed out to the eligible family members and/or those women who are eligible for Legion membership in their own right to consider joining the Auxiliary Unit 143.
- **REMINDER:** The Unit 143 membership is continually accepting new members in order to maintain 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 **NO REPORT**

**SICK CALL:** Greg Giles, Jeanette and Warren Henson, Mary Nelson, Debra and Drew Robinson.

- \*Runette Kemp has been declared cancer free.
- \*Ronald Ray has passed away.

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

- Don recognized the accomplishments of the Post History Committee. The History Room is now open for members and future visitors to view. A PowerPoint has been created recognizing Post 143 in conjunction with the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and is now on the National website. Members were able to review the presentation at the membership meeting.
- Past Commander Levans gave the membership a very informative history of Post 143 (and Post 60) from the past commanders, the charter in 1935 to present day and the various policies that have been altered along the way. The post home has traveled a long road, too, from the Log Cabin at the corner of Rome and East Ward Streets to its spacious veterans building on Stripling Chapel Road.
- After giving the detailed history of American Legion Post 143 and former Post 60, Chairman Levans reported that Carrollton Mayor Walt Hollingsworth and County Chairman Marty Smith are signing a proclamation declaring May 25<sup>th</sup> ,2019 American Legion Day.

**STAND and UNCOVER** for prayer by Chaplain Ronnie Martin

**INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL**

- \*Thanks to Joe Morgan for delivering the dinner, to everyone who helped set up the meal and decorate our dining area.
- \*Those needing help with meal and guests will be first in line
- \*Members at center tables facing podium will be next
- \*Exit into hallway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- \*Post 143 is sponsoring the meal
- \*Please uncover while eating
- \*Those at center tables please help with cleanup after meeting
- \*An official Cake Cutting will be performed about 15 minutes after the serving line begins

**BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

1. The regular Post meeting began at **7:12 PM** with one rap of the gavel. Sgt at Arms (Ron Knowles) closed doors and secured meeting room.
2. Three raps of gavel.
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. **RECOVER.**  
  
(One rap of the gavel to seat members)
7. **Commander Harrod declared General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, officially convened.**
8. **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 February, 2019 General Meeting were accepted.
  - A vote was taken and the minutes of February, 2019 EC Meeting were accepted.
  - Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

**POST REPORTS**

9. **COMMANDER:** 2018-2019 Post 143 Committee Chairs and Members
  - Again, any members who have not paid their **2018-2019 dues** please do so in person, by mail or online.
  - **Reminder:** March 21-24 is the Spring Conference
  - **Second Annual Military Enlistee Ceremony for Carroll County** is scheduled for Monday evening April 15, 2019 @ 7:00 PM at the Carroll County School Performing Arts Center (775 Old Newnan Road). The enlistees are high school seniors from Carroll County.
10. **Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman**
  - The Financial Reports for the Month of February 2019 was read to the membership and copy was presented to the Commander. A copy will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.

## 11. 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.
- Four (4) prospective nominees for membership, Ralph Cook (Global War on Terror), Frederick Kranz (Viet Nam), Jeff Rooks (Global War on Terror), and Randy Peak (Global War on Terror) were unanimously accepted into the Post 143 membership.
- **Special Olympics Update:** The revised date(s) for the activities are: Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Central High School. Rain date is Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
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>.

## 12. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson

- Membership Report: Current membership is at 103%, plus the four (4) new inductees from the Adjutant Report.

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

## 14. Jr. Vice/Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**

- **REMINDER:** An updated list of the Georgia and United States Representatives and Senators for 2019 is available for members

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

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** Chairman Stuckey has an updated schedule for the event. It will be held on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 2019 @ at Central High School from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The rain date is Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>,

## 16. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn **NO REPORT**

## 17. Service Officer/ Legion Centennial Committee Chair: Don Levans

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

- The **Post 143 Birthday Party** was attended by a large number of the Combined Membership and their families at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Combined Membership Meeting. Post 143 hosted the fried chicken meal and furnished the two (2) impressively decorated cakes; one for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion and the other for the 84<sup>th</sup> birthday of Post 143's Charter. Post Commander Joe Harrod furnished the **homemade** ice cream—vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, oreo and peach---which was a unanimous winner! There was a ceremonial cake cutting before the meal started.
- The **Military Room Display** is open to members in the CCVMP Room at the Veterans Building. It's an impressive variety of military uniforms, photographs, equipment and documentation spotlighting many of the Carroll County veterans during the numerous war years. Please take advantage of the opportunity to view the exceptional artifacts and capture a firsthand glimpse of history.
- The **Calling Committee** is actively working to keep all of the membership informed of the upcoming events involving the Post 143 and the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Auxiliary Birthday Party – Apr 18<sup>th</sup> @ the scheduled April Combined Membership Meeting.
- Memorial Day Festivities – May 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM @ the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park. Post 143 membership is encouraged to **wear their legion hats**.
- Reception – May 25<sup>th</sup> (around 12:30 PM) 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> @ 6: PM. **BAND OF GOLD**. Free entertainment sponsored by Post 143.
- Carrollton Mayor Walt Hollingsworth and the County Chairman Marty Smith have signed proclamations officially Declaring Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as **Post 143 Day** in the City of Carrollton and the County of Carroll 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. American Legion Post 143 participants are requested to **wear their legion hats**. 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.  
(A very generous donation to Post 143 of banners, flags, etc. for the parade from John Bassett's former employer.)
- 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.
- Several members are volunteering to help make these events successful, but many more members (and families) will be needed. Please consider working with us.
- **SPECIAL REQUEST:** On the morning of May 25<sup>th</sup>, before the Memorial Day program at CCVMP, volunteers are needed to load the folding chairs from the post for transport to the park where they will be set up for the morning activities. At the conclusion of the program, the same chairs will be loaded and brought back to the post for the Reception. Contact Commander Harrod to put your name on the list of volunteers.

**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"

**18. Service Committee Chair: Bill Maddox NO REPORT**

**19. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser NO REPORT**

- **REMINDER:** 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.

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

**21. Jr. Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick NO REPORT**

**22. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver NO REPORT**

**23. 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.

**24. Chaplain: Ronnie Martin NO REPORT**

- **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Chaplain Ronnie Martin has a **NEW** contact number is (678) 552-8027.
- 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.

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

**26. Unfinished Business:**

**Past Commander Ronnie Pate**

- Fishing for Freedom will allow Post 143 to set up a table for membership applications during the day of fishing.  
**Larry Boswell**

- Honor Guard Funeral Requests – Please inform your families to contact your funeral home when you are requesting an honor guard. The funeral home will furnish the necessary information to the Honor Guard.

**27. Any New Business: NONE**

**28. Dates to remember:**

- March 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Spring Conference
- March 26<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

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

- The Marine Corp League is again selling raffle ticket for five (5) weapons. Tickets are available from MCL members.
- There are still free tickets available for The United States Air Force Academy Band program on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Carroll County Performing Arts Center at 775 Old Newnan Road, Carrollton.
- The American Warrior Garage is offering a 20% discount to veterans and seniors on services. The business is Located in Bremen behind Walmart.

**30. 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 March 21<sup>st</sup> ,2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 7:35 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

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Commander Joe Harrod

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Recorder Kathy Katen