



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Post Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included SV Steve Fuller, JV Bob Hilliard, JV Joe Harrod, Judge Advocate Richard Gynn, Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman, Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson, AUX President Jeanette Henson, Nominating Committee Chair Don Levans and Recorder Frank Joswick

BY THE COMMANDER

SICK CALL: Jennifer Merriss; Debra Robinson; William Johnston

TAPS:

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of Legionnaire Robert Billingsley.

ROLL CALL: 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 as a permanent record for the Post.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:10PM

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cmdr Merriss said that 5th District wants all posts to work at getting their 2018 membership at 100%; The Cmdr will also be appointing someone to Chair this year's September BBQ Fundraising Event. He went on to say that he has free tickets for the upcoming USMC Band Concert to be held on Apr 9th at 6pm, at the Carroll County Performing Arts Center.

ADJUTANTS REPORT:

CORESPONDANCE: The 2019 Annual post data Report was mailed to the Department on March 26, 2018

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Minutes to the March 13, 2018 Executive Committee meeting and the March 15, 2018 Combined Regular Membership Meeting have been uploaded to the post website for review. (www.gapost143.org/aboutus) and group email will be sent to the general membership, Monday, April 9, 2018

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:

- SV Steve Fuller said the Department has 143 at 94.4 % national shows 203 members and my green line shows 208; our actual percentage is 95.3%. Discussed this with Department at length but no result. If we pay membership for 9 members we will be at 100%. Cmdr Merriss said funds could be used if necessary. Chuck Feaselman said the Finance committees would have to be notified of any transfer of funds.
- Steve went on to say that he will make a trip to department and wrangle with them; Paid 400 transfers will not count until 2019 legion year
- Spring conference/legion college Attendees/Topics:
Ronnie Pate, Bob Hilliard, Steve Fuller attended on March 24, 2018. National Commander Candidate, Brett Reistad, addressed the conference; Emphasis placed on membership; legislative services, homeless veterans, National Emergency Fund (NEF), Disaster assistance program and Home safe Program. Required Post yearly forms can be downloaded from mylegion.org;
Post Officers list and bond payment of \$15 will soon be due to the Department along with the Consolidated Post Report; The National Commander will begin visiting several posts beginning April 19th. Contact Post 145 if you want to be an escort.
- 5th Dist Homecoming will be held at post 160 on Apr 14th; Willie Pitts Golf Tournament is scheduled for Jun 2nd. Proceeds go to NEF

2. FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:

- Chuck Feaselman collected proposed changes to 2018-19 Budget. The changes to the 2018-19 Budget will be given to the Finance Committee and their recommendations will be provided at the next EC Meeting. Cmdr Merriss asked that a Budget line item be added for "Sponsorships". Chuck said funds could be taken from other budget items if necessary. JV Joe Harrod said it would be better to have a separate category for "Sponsorship" and move funds from dormant accounts into it for the 2018-19 Budget.

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: by Past Cmdr Don Levans

- The members of the Nominating Committee asked current officers if they are willing to serve again during the 2018-19 post year and also asked they provide names of prospective new officers; Should have a 2018-19 Officer list by Apr 19 GM meeting; Don Levans went on to say that the Post needs to start grooming members now by asking them to join a committee which may lead some to become future Post Officers

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

Sub Committees:

9-11/1st Responder Ceremony at CCVMP:

JV Tim Bass stated that he and 1st Responders from Law Enforcement,, Firefighters and EMC will meet in BOC Marty Smith's Office on Apr 18th to discuss the upcoming Sep 9-11 Event to held at the CCVMP

- **Junior Shooting Sport Program:**
Frank Joswick briefed members that Carrollton HS coach, Mike Lewis and members of his Riflery Team will attend the Apr 19, 2018 Combined Membership meeting to receive certificates for competing in the American Legion's Air Rifle Tournament.
- **Boys State:**
SV Steve Fuller said that 7 students are committed to attending Boys State May 27 thru June 2, 2018. The post budgeted \$1,500 for 6 students to attend, leaving one (1) student that will be funded by SAL. Although Mt. Zion HS said they may have 2 or 3 students that may be interested. Steve asked if there was money in the current post budget to pay for the additional students. Chuck Feaselman said that would require a vote to do so. Steve said he is waiting to hear from Mt Zion and Carrollton HS's before a final recommendation is brought before the committee.
- 4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:**
JV Bob Hilliard stated that JROTC Awards will be given out in May; Jeanette Henson's granddaughter will apply for the Dept Scholarship; Submitted the C & Y 2018-19 Budget to the Finance Officer
- 5. **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson
A Military Honors Service with Rifle team will be performed in honor of passing of Legionnaire Robert Billingsley.
- 6. **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**
JA Richard Guynn briefed EC members of additional changes made to the following Standard Operating Procedures:
 - **SOP, Para 1, Executive Committee:** last sentence, insert the word "**ACTIVE**" before the words "past commanders....."
 - **SOP, Para 2, Nominating Committee:** 2nd sentence, insert after the word -year "**AND WILL BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING THAT WILL INCLUDE ACTIVE**" past commanders.....
 A motion was made by JA Richard Guynn to accept the changes as stated. Officers present voted to approve said motion. Frank Joswick will make the necessary changes to the SOP's. (**See Attachment**)
- 7. **HISTORIAN: Vacant**
JV Bob Hilliard said he was in the process of compiling information for the post yearbook so it can be turned into the Department by Jun 2018.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

- 8. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:**
President Jeanette Henson said that 7 students will be attending Girls State in May 27, 2018. Will also need 4 volunteers for a the next Bingo event scheduled for April 10th between 1 to 3 PM.; Attended a Vietnam War Veterans Day event at Trinka Davis. Some veterans have asked for pins and certificates. Cmdr Merriss asked Frank Joswick to contact GDVS regarding available certificates and pins.
- **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:**
President Jeanette Henson said there are still only have ten active volunteers that help out at Trinka Davis Veterans Clinic on a weekly basis. We have additional volunteers that say they are interested, but the VA is having problems scheduling training.
- 9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - SAA Joe Morgan will order 65 BBQ dinners for the April 19th CM meeting. Frank Joswick will provide ice
 - JV Bob Hilliard stated that a post member, Brad (James) Moore, has WWII news clippings, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star he would like to donate to the Post. Jeanette Henson said they could be placed in a shadow box if the Post decides to accept them. Cmdr Merriss said he will contact Mr. Moore and provide more information at the next meeting; Bob Hilliard also said would like to recognize members that participate in such events as Heritage Days and Special Olympics by giving out certificates and Legion "Volunteer" coins during one of the CM meetings.
 - Cmdr Merriss asked if there was any message traffic from 5th Districts asking for a Post convention delegation list. Steve Fuller said he hasn't seen any but the 5th District Convention will be held sometime in May.
- 10. **DATES TO REMEMBER:**
 - Apr 18 _____ 9-11 cmte mbrs will meet in Marty Smith's office at 10AM along with other 1st Responders to discuss the Sep 8th Event
 - Apr 19 _____ Next GM meeting @ 6pm and CHS Riflery Team Awards Ceremony
 - Apr 19 - 21 _____ National Commander will visit several Posts through Apr 21
 - Apr 28 _____ Confederate Veterans Ceremony at CCVMP beginning at 2pm
 - May 1 _____ Next EC meeting @ 5pm
 - May 19 _____ 5th District Convention at Smyrna Post 160
 - May 25 _____ National Poppy Day
 - May 28 _____ Memorial Day Event at CCVMP (Gen Pershing impersonator to speak)
 - May 27-Jun 2 _____ Boys State @ Riverside Mil Academy, Gainsville, GA
 - Jun 14-18 _____ Department Convention, Duluth, GA

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Chaplain

The April 3, 2018 Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 6:30PM

DATE APPROVED: _____

Commander Ted Merriss

Recorder Frank Joswick

Post 143 Committees

As Established by the Standard Operating Procedures

1. **Executive Committee:** The Commander shall be the Chair and in his/her absence the SR Vice Commander shall be the replacement. Purpose is to address and work with issues of the Post, plan for upcoming meetings, etc. It will consist of the elected officers and Committee Chairs. The Executive Committee shall meet within 10 days after their election, and immediately preceding their term of office, or special meetings may be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the Post Commander, or upon request of a majority of the Executive Committee. With three days notice to all committee members, the Commander may call a meeting of the Executive Committee. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Issues coming to vote concerning finances, property or changes to the Constitution or By Laws must be addressed to and by only elected Officers of the Post. **The immediate past commander shall not serve on the Executive Committee, but shall at the Executive Committee's request, chair a committee of active past commanders as a resource for the Executive Committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the Executive Committee upon specific issues assigned by the Executive Committee.**

~~2. **Nominating Committee:** Purpose is to provide a slate of officers to be voted on at the annual election and to assist the Commander (when asked) in selecting committee members. It should be composed of five (5) members including the Senior Vice-Commander, the Adjutant, the Service Officer, and two (2) members elected from the floor, to serve for one year. The chair of the committee will be one of the five members appointed by motion and vote at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee.~~

2. Nominating Committee (NEW): Purpose is to provide a slate of officers to be voted upon at the annual election and to assist the commander, upon the commander's request in selecting committee members. The committee shall serve for one year and be composed of members in good standing that will include active past commanders who are not seeking an office that year, and two (2) members elected from the floor. The chair of the committee shall be the immediate past commander and if that person is unable to serve, the chair shall be elected by members of said committee.

NOTE:

The **Hi-lited, underlined & italicized** words in Paragraphs 1 & 2 reflect the additional changes approved by the officers of the Executive Committee on Apr 3, 2018