



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Sr. Vice Cmdr Steve Fuller, In the absence of Post Cmdr Ted Merriss, opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included JV Bob Hilliard, JV Joe Harrod, JV Tim Bass, Judge Advocate Richard Guynn, Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman, Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson, Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson, Past Cmdr Don Levans and Recorder Frank Joswick

BY THE COMMANDER

SICK CALL: *Don Chavez; Debra Robinson; Ruth Fuller; Hubert Carroll*

TAPS: (Since Last Meeting)

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

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 5:05PM

COMMANDER'S REPORT: (Sr Vice Steve Fuller for Cmdr Merriss)

- **Sr Vice Cmdr Steve Fuller commented on the following:**
- Steve Fuller asked if someone was interested in chairing the BBQ committee. Chuck Feaselman said he thought Cmdr Merriss was going to be the chair. Jeanette Henson said that the Cmdr only said he was going to find someone to fill the BBQ chair position, not to chair it. Steve Fuller asked Frank Joswick to ask the Cmdr for clarification regarding this matter. Joe Harrod asked if the Date has been determined for the next BBQ Event. Don Levans said the AG Center has been reserved for September 14-15, 2018 (Dates to be confirmed) and that Sammy is committed for that time as well.
- Steve Fuller asked Richard Guynn if the revised Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by Department yet. JA Richard Guynn said that he was told that Cmdr Merriss received the approval letter last week. Frank Joswick said Cmdr Merriss sent the Department a copy of the original Constitution and Bylaws along with the Recommended Changes for review. A copy of the approval letter will be obtained once he returns from his trip.
- Chuck Feaselman said he sent a check last week to 5th District for \$85.60 to pay the Posts' 2017 per capita tax
- Cmdr Merriss, SV Fuller and JV Hilliard will attend the 5th District Convention on May 19, 2018 (Will email list to Dept/District)
- Several post members will be attending the "Senior Enlistee Signing Day" event at the Carroll County Cultural Arts Center scheduled for May 3rd, at 2pm. All Veterans are welcome to attend.
- Steve Fuller also asked the EC members if they had someone to recommend for "Legionnaire of the Year" as the committee did last year. Don Levans stated that it had always been the Cmdr's responsibility to select a person for Legionnaire of the Year. Steve Fuller asked Frank Joswick to ask Cmdr Merriss he needs to select a post member for Legionnaire of the Year.

ADJUTANTS REPORT:

- **Frank Joswick briefed the following:**
- **Draft Minutes:** The minutes for the April 3, 2018 EC meeting and the April 19, 2018 Combined membership meeting will be sent out via email and uploaded to the Post website. www.gapost143.org/aboutus
- Voting to accept the minutes as written will occur during the May 17th Combined membership meeting.
- **Coospondance:**
The following Reports have been accomplished and will be mailed out to appropriate addressee's by May 7th:
Top Post 400 transfer Recruiter report; Top New Member Recruiter report; C & Y narrative report; Scouting narrative report
- **The following forms/lists are to be mailed to the department 7 days after the election of Post Officers: (May 24)**
Certification of 2018-19 officers; Certification of elected officers' service records; \$15 Bond; Delegates to the Department
- **Consolidated Post Report due before May 29:**
Steve Fuller is compiling information for the CPR and will complete on-line. All EC members are to submit their reports before May 29th.
- **Post Committee Chairman List due Department before July 1**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:**

- SV Steve Fuller said that National has the post at 94.3 %. He also said he had to pay the 2018 membership dues for John Roos because the original payment was lost somewhere between the Post and the Department.
- In the Absence of SAL Cmdr George Wheeless, Steve Fuller mentioned renting the CCCAC for the "Four Chaplain Sunday" Ceremony. Don Levans said he asked if he could use their facility as an alternate location if the 9-11 event had to be moved indoors. He was told they charge a \$500 rental fee plus \$25 hr utility fee. Add another \$25 to use their microphone. He was also told the fee was not negotiable.

2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

- Chuck Feaselman handed out the 2018-19 Budget for all to review. Frank Joswick mentioned that the budget for the Post website was not included. Chuck Feaselman added the Website Budget to the list. Bob Hilliard asked why the \$250 check presented to both the Central and Carrollton HS JROTC Cmdr's this year was reduced to \$200 in the 2018-19 budget. Chuck Feaselman said it was always suppose to be \$200 for each school, and the remaining \$50 was to be used for certificates and medals. Joe Harrod asked if the \$30,396.51 listed in the bank statement included the Reserve funds. Chuck said the Reserve funds were separate accounts and were not included in the general funds. Joe Harrod then asked if the general funds minus the reserve funds were sufficient to support the budget for the upcoming Year. (2018-19). Chuck Feaselman said the projected budget for 2018-19 will be \$14, 178.00 minus the reserve funds. Chuck went on to say that next October he as for a grant in the amount of \$5000 that will include the Honor Guard, Americanism and the Children & Youth programs. Last year the post received a grant check of \$3000 for just the Honor Guard.
- Richard Guynn made a motion to accept the budget as written, the motion carried by voice vote with no opposition.

1. **NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** by Past Cmdr Don Levans

- Steve Fuller asked Don Levans if he would Chair an "Elections Committee" now that the Nominating Committee has been dissolved. Don Levans said he would accept to run the election process which is to include:
 - Brief membership on the balloting process prior to casting ballots
 - Will stress that only members in good standing are eligible to vote
 - Will distribute, collect and tally the ballots.
 - Will announce the names of the newly elected officers (Elected by simple majority)
 - Ballots will include the names submitted by the nominating committee and the one nominee from the floor. It must also have a place for write-in's. There will be no more nominations from the floor accepted. (Steve Fuller will provide the ballots)
 - Joe Harrod asked how the post will verify a member's eligibility. Steve Fuller said he would have the Membership register available to ensure members voting are eligible.
 - Richard Guynn made a motion to accept Don Levans as the Elections Committee Chair, The motion carried by voice vote with no opposition.

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 met in BOC Marty Smith's Office on Apr 18th to discuss the upcoming Sep 9-11 Event to be held at the CCVMP

• **Junior Shooting Sport Program:**

Frank Joswick briefed members that Carrollton HS coach, Mike Lewis, and four members of his Riflery Team will attend the May 17, 2018 Combined Membership meeting. Coach Lewis will talk about the schools riflery program followed by an awards presentation by Cmdr. Merriss and Tim Bass. (Frank Joswick will Emcee)

• **Boys State:**

SV Steve Fuller said that 7 students expressed an interest in attending Boys State this year but they haven't submitted their applications yet. The dead-line has passed for submitting applications. However, Steve Fuller did say he will still accept any applications submitted prior to the start of Boys State.

Jeanette Henson said that no students have signed up for Girls State either, although several said they would. She also said she will not sending any money to Girls State on a "Maybe"

4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:**

JV Bob Hilliard stated that the Central HS JROTC Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd at 2 pm at the Carroll County Cultural Arts Center.

Carrollton HS JROTC received their awards last Thursday, April 26, 2018.

Bob also said he needs a list of post members who have passed during the year. He was told that he can obtain that information from Larry Boswell.

5. HONOR GUARD: by Dale Robinson

Dale Robinson said he will Provide a Color Guard Team on May 3rd during the Council on Aging Spring Fling Luncheon. A Fire Team and an Escort for impersonator, Gen. Pershing will be provided during the May 28th Memorial Day Event

6. JUDGE ADVOCATE:

JA Richard Guynn briefed EC members that he conducted an Audit of the Post's financial records from the period of January 2108 to April 30, 2018. He went on to state that the finances are being managed in good order and according to standard accounting procedure. A copy of the audit will become a part of the EC meeting.

7. HISTORIAN: Vacant

JV Bob Hilliard said he and Jim Leak were in the process of compiling information for the post yearbook and scrapbook. B. Both Books are to be completed and turned into the department at their convention scheduled for Jun 21, 2018. Frank Joswick will provide requested pictures.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

8. SAL COMMANDER:

In the Absence of SAL Cmdr George Wheelless, Steve Fuller mentioned renting the CCCAC building for the "Four Chaplain Sunday" event. Don Levans said he asked if he could use their facility as an alternate location if the 9-11 event had to be moved indoors. He was told there is a \$500 rental fee plus \$25 hr utility fee. For another \$25, you can use their microphone. Don said they told him the fee was not negotiable.

9. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:

Poppies have been ordered for the Memorial Day Event

Jeanette also stated that if you were invited and didn't attend the Carroll County Volunteer Dinner at the AG Center, you missed a good meal.

• TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:

10 Volunteers will be attending the VA orientation at the Post on May 9th at 10:00AM

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- SAA Joe Morgan will order 65 BBQ dinners for the May 17th CM meeting. Frank Joswick will provide ice
- Steve Fuller suggested that the Post hold a brief business meeting during the June 21st Combined Membership meeting to be followed by a cookout. It was also suggested that live entertainment be provided as well. Steve suggested using the Americana Band that was used last year. Several other members also made suggestions. Steve will make some calls to see who would be available to provide the entertainment. Steve will get back with EC members before the next EC committee meeting. Jeanette Henson said if he had no luck, she would make some calls as well.

11. DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 17 _____ Next Combined Membership Meeting

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, Gainesville, GA.

Jun 05 _____ Next EC Meeting

Jun 21 _____ Next Combined membership meeting

Jun 22 -24 _____ Department Convention, Duluth, GA

**WERE THERE ANY OTHER REPORTS MISSED? NO
WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY**

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Chaplain

The May 1, 2018 Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 5:58PM

Date Approved: _____

Commander Ted Merriss

Recorder Frank Joswick