



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

Post Cmdr Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included JV Bob Hilliard, JV Joe Harrod, JV Tim Bass, Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson, SAL Cmdr George Wheelless, and Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson.

BY THE COMMANDER

GUESTS: Kathy Katen

SICK CALL: Don Chavez; Debra Robinson; Mary Nelson; Bill Johnston; Dee Sammon; Ruth Fuller; Horace Geter; Warren Henson

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: (Cmdr Merriss)

BBQ EVENT

- The Cmdr asked if anyone had volunteered to Chair the BBQ committee. JV Joe Harrod said he would volunteer if no one was willing to do so. Aux Pres. Jeanette Henson said she would assist. It was also stated that last year's price for the meal was \$9.00 and \$10.00 if purchased at the AG Center. F/O Chuck Feaselman had the tickets printed. Sales began sometime in July. Joe Harrod asked who kept the records of last year's ticket sales. Jeanette Henson said that Randy Purser has that information.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP

- The Cmdr asked the committee if they would consider sponsoring High School Football programs within Carroll County for the upcoming year. The cost for the sponsorship varies according to what type of advertisement the Post wanted to purchase. Several members asked what the cost would be and if it was part of the budget. The Cmdr said he would bring in a price listing at the next meeting and the matter was tabled until then.

4th OF JULY PARADE

- Cmdr Merriss asked if the Post Family was ready to participate in the 4th Of July Parade again this year. He stated that he has 400 flags to hand out. JV Robert Hilliard said he will contact both the Carrollton and Central High School JROTC Cmdr's and ask if they can hand out the flags
- JV Joe Harrod asked if an application to waive the parade fee was submitted by the post. The Cmdr said he had no knowledge of one but would wait to see what information the Parade Coordinator emails to him. JV Joe Harrod also asked if anyone will be carrying the Post Family banner in the parade. The Cmdr. said it would be better to have someone like the JROTC to carry it and have the veterans ride on the float. JV Robert Hilliard said he will contact both the Carrollton and Central High School JROTC Cmdr's and ask if they can carry the Banner.
- JV Joe Harrod said that a Terry Hanley, Activities Coordinator for the local Woodsmen of the World Chapter, asked if it would be possible to assist the post with some of its programs. She also gave the post 200 American Flags. Don Levans has her phone number
- JV Joe Harrod stated that Carlos Fuller will ride in the Jeep as last year. JV Robert Hilliard suggested that the Post also invite Horace Sanders, a WWII veteran, to ride in the Jeep as well. JV Hilliard will Contact Don Levans regarding this matter.
- JV Harrod also informed the Cmdr that a short (10 word) Bio be given to the Parade Coordinator so the Post can be properly recognized during the parade. Cmdr Merriss will provide the Bio.
- Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson said the 4 members of the Color Guard team will also participate in the parade. Cmdr Merriss said it might be a good idea to have an extra member of the Color Guard ride the float as a backup. Mr. Robinson agreed.

JUN 21st COMBINED MEMBERSHIP MEETING/COOKOUT

- The Cmdr said that only reports requiring a vote by the membership will be given
- Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided at the cookout (SV Steve Fuller will coordinate the cooking)
- Funds from the Membership Budget will be used to purchase the food and provide for 2 hours of live entertainment.
- The Cmdr will email a Side Dish and Dessert list to the Post family who in-turn, will info AUX Pres. Jeanette Henson what each person will bring.

CENTENNIAL COINS

- The Department will provide one centennial coin, Number # O143 to the Post. Cmdr Merriss said it will be placed in a Shadow Box for display. Cost for each coin is \$20. The Cmdr reserved 50 coins. Orders must be placed By July 9th. The Cmdr will email the membership an Order Form. JV Joe Harrod mentioned that the legion catalog sells the Centennial Coin \$4.95.

POST MEMBERSHIP

- The Cmdr. Stated that the Department is still saying that the current membership renewal rate is at 86%, whereas SV Steve Fuller says National has the Post at 94%

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (22-24 June)

- Jv Joe Harrod and JV Robert Hilliard will be attending. Mr Hilliard will turn in the Post Yearbook and Scrape Book on Jun 22nd

POST OFFICER INSTALLATION

- Cmdr Merriss asked JV Joe Harrod who he would like to have officiate the installation of the 2018-19 Officers. JV Harrod said his 1st choice is Dept. JV Cmdr Eddie Asberry followed by past 5TH Dist. Cmdr Sam Perry. Cmdr Merriss will contact Dept. JVCmdr Eddie Asberry.
- Cmdr Merriss ask JV Harrod if he plans to have a program for the Installation Ceremony. JV Hilliard stated that SV Steve Fuller's wife printed last year's program. JV Harrod said he would contact SV Fuller.

REVISED CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

- Because Judge Advocate Richard Guynn is out of county, Cmdr Merriss will sign an email to the membership the 2018 Constitution, Bylaws, and SOP's as approved by the Department.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Vacant

Frank Joswick provided the following:

- **Draft Minutes:** The minutes for the May 1, 2018 EC meeting and the May 17, 2018 Combined Membership meeting will be sent out via email and uploaded to the Post website. www.gapost143.org/aboutus on or about Jun 11th.
- **Correspondence:**
All Reports & Lists have been accomplished and have been mailed out to appropriate Legion Departments:
Top Post 400 transfer Recruiter report
Top New Member Recruiter report
C & Y narrative report; Scouting narrative report
Certification of 2018-19 officers List
Certification of elected officers' service records List
\$15 Post Bond Check and \$5 check for the Legionnaire of the Year pin.
Post Delegates to the Department
Post Committee Chair List
Consolidated Post Report
Post/Squadron Commander & Adjutant list

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP: **ABSENT/NO REPORT**

2. FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: **ABSENT/NO REPORT**

3. JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR: by Tim Bass **NO REPORT**

4. JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR: by Robert Hilliard

- The Post Yearbook and Scrapbook will be turned into the Department at the Convention on Saturday, Jun 22, 2018
- Last day to submit the Department Scholarship Application is June 15, 2018
- An Eagle Scout Ceremony will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Bremen in the next few weeks. SAR and DAR will participate. JV Hilliard stated that the Post, along with WWII Veteran Horace Sanders, may want to attend as well. Will provide more information as received.

5. JR VICE/ LEGISLATIVE: by Joe Harrod **NO REPORT**

6. JUDGE ADVOCATE: by Richard Guynn **ABSENT/NO REPORT**

7. HONOR GUARD: by Dale Robinson

Mr. Robinson stated that 3 Military Honors were performed since the last meeting, and that will the Color Guard will take part in the upcoming 4th Of July Parade. He went on to say that the Honor Guard has 6 Teams ready to participate in what is projected to be a busy summer season for the Color Guard.

8. HISTORIAN: **Vacant**

Bob Hilliard will be submitting both the post yearbook and scrapbook to the Department on Jun 22, 2018.

9. SERVICE OFFICER: **Vacant**

10. SERVICE CMTE CHAIR: **Vacant**

ANCILLARY REPORTS

11. SAL COMMANDER:

- The "Four Chaplain Sunday" is scheduled for Feb 10, 2019 and will be held in the AG Center Building.
- The SAL Officer Installation Ceremony will be held on July 12, 2018 with Past Cmdr Pate officiating.
- SAL & DAR held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the CCVMP with the Post 143 Color Guard participating.

12. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:

- 2018-19 Auxiliary Officers have been elected. Some positions are still vacant
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TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:

7 new Volunteers and a few other Post volunteers will be going to the VA Hospital in Atlanta to get their new Security Badges. The date and time is to be determined.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- Cmdr Merriss Said the VA will be holding a town Hall meeting at Trinka Davis VA Clinic on Jul 21, 2018. The Veterans Affairs Regional Director will be present as will a Georgia State Representative. A representative from the Post will also be there, and may be asked to provide refreshments, although no funds may be available.
- Cmdr Merriss said some questions asked should address the current vacancies at the clinic and why the VA van is no longer used for the veterans

14. OTHER

JV Joe Harrod said that the Florida State Women's Softball Tournament (His Cousin's granddaughter plays shortstop) will play Washington for the National title tonight. He also stated that another player from Franklin is also on the team.

15. DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jun 21 _____ Next Combined membership meeting/Cookout
- Jun 22 -24 _____ Department Convention, Duluth, GA
- Jul 3 _____ EC Meeting
- Jul 19 _____ Regular Meeting with 2018-19 Post Family Officer installation Ceremony
- Jul 21 _____ VA town Hall Meeting at Trinka Davis VA Clinic

WERE THERE ANY OTHER REPORTS MISSED? NO

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Bob Hilliard

The Jun 5, 2018 Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 6:08PM

Date Approved: _____

Commander Ted Merriss

Recorder Frank Joswick