



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2018**

Commander Merriss called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:10PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: by Commander Merriss:

- **Department/5TH district guests:** No
- **Guests:** Jim Driver and Angela Bigley
- **Prospective New Members:** No
- **Prospective Transferee's:** No

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- **Birthdays:** Ted Merriss and Bob Hilliard
- **Anniversaries:** No

ILLNESS/SURGERY/RECOVERY:

Debra Robinson, Mary Nelson, Bill Johnston, Ron Ray, Runette Chavez, Dee Sammon and Warren Henson (Back Surgery, Jul 10th)

POST FAMILY CONDOLENCES:

Auxiliary Secretary Jean Withner's Mother passed away. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

TAPS: No

Chaplain Billy Bryant led us in prayer for the sick, those that passed, and the blessing of the dinner meal.

BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The regular Post meeting began at 6:14PM. With three raps of the gavel, all stood, saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Merriss rapped the gavel one more time and declared Post 143 Department of Georgia, Regular Meeting officially convened.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A roll call was taken and it was determined that enough members in good standing were present to declare a quorum.
- Membership & Guest attendance rosters and the 2018-19 Budget are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

COMMANDERS REPORT:

- Cmdr. Merriss stated that because the Post Family will be having a cookout immediately following the Business meeting, only the following reports will be presented:
- Reports that will require a vote
- Membership Report.
- "Business For Good of the Legion" Comments
- Cmdr Merriss went on to say that the Post Family will be participating in the upcoming July 4th parade in Carrollton. There will be 25 seats available on the float. Carrollton HS JROTC will walk on either side of the float to hand out 600 stick Flags. Assembly time is at 0800 behind Wendy's to decorate the float. Parade starts at 10:00 am. JV Cmdr Joe Harrod said that a couple Legionnaires, Sal and AUX members need to carry the Post Family Banner. See the Cmdr if you plan to attend.
- The post received a grant for \$6000 from the West Georgia Community Foundation that will be used to assist veterans in need. Last year the Post received a \$5000 grant and to-date, all funds have been exhausted.

ADJUTANT REPORT:

Motion to Accept Meeting Minutes:

Frank Joswick asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written for the May 1, 2018 Executive Committee and the May 17, 2018 Regular membership meetings. Motions were made and by voice vote, members in good standing approved both minutes as written. Copies will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- a. SV Cmdr Steve Fuller stated that there is still a disparity between the post membership rate stated by National's list and that by the Department. The Department has the post at 87% whereas the post figures show us at 97%. Steve said the post has 211 paid members and two are listed as unpaid. He will try to resolve this issue, and if he can't, will pay their dues personally, which will give us 213 paid members. He will also be attending the Department's convention scheduled for Jun 22-24 to resolve the membership matter.

FINANCE OFFICER/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

In the absence of the Finance Officer, Finance Cmte member Frank Joswick reminded all that a copy of the proposed 2018-19 Budget was provided to the general membership during the May 17th meeting and that a vote on said budget would take place during the June 21st Regular Business meeting. He provided additional copies of the proposed 2018-19 Budget to the members present.

- a. JV Cmdr Joe Harrod noticed there was a disparity between last month's "Miscellaneous" budget total and the Budget that was handed out tonight. After further review, it was determined that the 2018-19 Budget presented before the members tonight was correct and that the previous budget submitted on May 17th had a mathematical error. Frank Joswick said he would make the necessary corrections to the proposed 2018-19 Budget that was submitted on May 17th
- b. A motion was made and members voted to approve the 2018-19 Budget as written. A copy will be filed in the post records.
- c. JV Cmdr Joe Harrod asked if there were enough funds available in the current budget to cover expenses through July 31st. Frank Joswick said that funds in individual Committee Chair accounts should be adequate to cover their obligated expenses through the remainder of the post year. However, any additional expenses incurred would have to come from the General Fund.
- d. JV Cmdr Joe Harrod asked if there were enough funds in the current budget to cover any costs incurred now for the upcoming BBQ Event scheduled for September. Frank Joswick said those costs would be paid out of the general budget fund and credited back to that account from the revenue generated from the sale of the BBQ tickets.

DELEGATES TO THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (Jun 22-14)

A motion was made and by voice vote, members approved to pay the travel expenses for JV Cmdr Joe Harrod and JV Cmdr Bob Hilliard as they travel to/from the Georgia Department Convention scheduled for Jun 22-24, 2018.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jun 22-24 _____ Department Convention
- Jul 3 _____ Executive Committee Meeting
- Jul 4 _____ Post Family and Color Guard will participate in Carrollton's July 4th parade
- Jul 19 _____ Combined Membership meeting and 2018-19 Officer Installation Ceremony

BUSINESS FOR GOOD OF THE LEGION: (MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS OF ANY KIND, CHARACTER OF DESCRIPTION, SAVE OF POLICAL OR RELIGION NOR WILL ANY MOTIONS BE MADE)

Legionnaires:

- Cmdr Merriss thanked all who helped cook the hamburgers and hotdogs, brought in the side dishes, desserts, drinks and ice. He thanked SV Cmdr Steve Fuller for securing the Americana Express Band for the event. He also reminded everyone to help with the cleanup afterwards.
- The Cmdr said that he just got back from New Jersey where he went to see his son Eric, who is in the Air Force, pin on his 1st Lt bars.
- Howard Scarboro stated that his son-in-law, a Navy pilot for 22 yrs is now CO at NAS, New Orleans.

CLOSING:

The Commander rapped the gavel three times; all performed a Hand Salute to the flag. The Jun 21, 2018 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at 6:30 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date: _____

Commander Ted Merriss

Recorder Frank Joswick