



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

Post Cmdr Joe Harrod opened the meeting at 4:58 PM. Those attending included SV Dale Robinson, Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman, JV Sam Pyle, Service Officer Don Levans, Service Committee Chair Bill Maddox, Judge Advocate Richard Guynn, Welcoming Committee Chair Ron Knowles, Chaplain Ronnie Martin, Auxiliary Vice President Wanda Maddox, Allen Katen and Kathy Katen.

BY THE COMMANDER

GUESTS: No

SICK CALL: No

TAPS: *(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

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 5:00 PM.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cmdr Harrod

- A **Calling Committee** representative will be contacting members with a reminder of the upcoming 4th of July People's Parade that will begin at 10:00 am. that day.
 - **REMINDER:** Officially the parade on July 4th will be the **American Legion Centennial Anniversary Parade** with the Post 143 filling the Grand Marshal position. Numerous antique cars, the Post 143 Float and American Legion Post 143 signage is completed and ready for the July 4th event. Cmdr. Harrod made a request that each veteran participating in the parade have access to an ample supply of water on Thursday.
It was also noted that Public Relations Chairman Bill Hearnburg was a guest on **Community Voice** on WLBB radio with Rebecca Smith on Tuesday, July 2nd to promote the American Legion's significant role in this year's People Parade.
 - BBQ Chairman: Cmdr Joe Harrod is in need of a volunteer to chair the **BBQ fundraiser** in September, and will be including the subject on his agenda once more at the upcoming July 18th Combined Membership Meeting.
 - CMM Meal: It was decided that 70 chicken dinners would be ordered for the upcoming Installation and Combined Membership Meeting on July 18th.
 - Department Meeting on June 28th and 29th, 2019 in Valdosta, GA was attended by Cmdr. Harrod, SAL Finance Officer Warren Henson and Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson. The History Report was submitted by Unit 143 President Jeanette Henson for Post 143 Historian Robert Hilliard. Commander Harrod announced that Post 143 was presented with several awards. They included 2nd Place for our post website, 3rd Place for our post newsletter and plaques for Outstanding Children and Youth and Outstanding Post Category #2 for the State of GA. Cmdr. Harrod remarked that Post 143 did good work for 2018-2019.
 - **ADJUTANTS REPORT:** Steve Fuller **ABSENT**
- PLEASE NOTE**
- Office Hours at the post building.
First Tuesday monthly, 4-5 PM (prior to the EC meeting)
Second Thursday monthly, 6-7 PM (prior to the SAL meeting)
Third Thursday monthly, 5-6 PM (prior to the general membership meeting)
Every Wednesday afternoon, 4-5 PM
If you need assistance from the Adjutant call 770-301-3221

Fifth District Meeting

- Any members of Post 143 who have received one or more military rewards, please check with the Adjutant to verify if your medal(s) is on the list and your name will be sent on to Department. You will need a copy of your DD214.
- Transfer sheets from another Post must be signed by the member who is transferring or accompanied by a letter from the member.

Correspondence

- **New Flag and Emblem** catalog is at the Post. Ordering through the post will save you sales tax.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Dale Robinson

An updated membership report will be available at the Combined Membership Meeting on July 18th.

- **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman

Finance Officer Feaselman distributed the 2019-2020 Post 143 Budget to the Executive Committee for review before the Combined Membership Meeting on July 18th. At the CMM any corrections, additions or edits should be presented to the membership. This document is attached to this report.

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

- **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Charles Stuckey **ABSENT**

- **JUNIOR VICE/LEGISLATIVE & PROTOCOL:** by Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** by Bill Hearnburg **ABSENT**

- **JR. SHOOTING SPORTS CHAIR:** by Frank Joswick **ABSENT**

- **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Don Levans

- Service Officer Levans reported on the accomplishments of Post 143 thus far for the 100th American Legion Anniversary schedule in 2019. At this time, seven (7) of the nine (9) planned events have been completed. "We've done our job. The Legion is felt in the County!" was his observation.
- Last minute details and instructions were discussed and reinforced with the Committee.
- Don also reminded the members that presentable attire, and most importantly, our American Legion hat would be worn in the 4th of July Parade.
- Michael O'Hearn of The Times-Georgian did an interview with Commander Joe Harrod recently in regard to Post 143 and its participation in the 4th of July Parade, and the Sounds of Liberty Concert.

- **SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Bill Maddox **NO REPORT**

- **JUDGE ADVOCATE/AUDIT CHAIR:** by Richard Guynn **NO REPORT**

- **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson

❖ Members of the Honor and/or Color Guard are reminded to wear the summer uniform with scarf for the parade.

- **CYBER CMTE CHAIR:** by Randy Purser **ABSENT**

- **WELCOMING CMTE CHAIR:** By Ron Knowles **NO REPORT**

- **CHAPLIAN:** by Ronnie Martin **NO REPORT**

- **HISTORIAN:** by **Bob Hilliard ABSENT**
 - Bob Hilliard is **still** 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 would be more than welcome. Those items could include discharge papers, equipment, uniforms, newspaper articles, correspondence, telegrams, etc..

ANCILLARY REPORTS

- **SAL COMMANDER:** by Cmdr George Wheelless **ABSENT**
 - ❖ It was noted that Cmdr Harrod received four (4) separate compliments at the Dept. Meeting concerning the Four Chaplains Program that was presented by the SAL in February of this year.
- **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **ABSENT**
- **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **ABSENT**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - Members need to report or request any appropriate needs or services for themselves or other Legion post members to the Chaplain and/or the Service Committee members.
 - JV Pyle had an update on the James Casper Holland marker at Carrollton City Cemetery. The post was hoping to have the new marker installed in time for the July 4th Parade, but it will not be completed in that timeframe. The new headstone has been ordered, and Sam is still taking donations to defray that cost.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - The post needs to build up its membership. Chaplain Ronnie Martin pointed out the need to get the Carroll County employees' attention and involvement in their volunteer hours and the free publicity that comes with it.. If anyone has some positive suggestions to boost the Post 143 membership, please pass your thoughts on to any member of the Executive Committee.
 - Fundraisers to boost the current income for the post. Any suggestions should be voiced at the upcoming meetings.
 - Heritage Days is approaching and signup sheets will be discussed at the CMM on June 18th.
 - The Memorial Fund for Michelle Lewis, a staff member at the Carroll County Ag Center, who passed away last October, has been established. The American Legion Post 143 Honor Guard expressed a desire to donate \$100 from their account to this fund. The motion was made by Dale Robinson and seconded by Don Levans. By unanimous voice vote, the motion was so carried.

- **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- July 4th _____ American Legion Centennial Anniversary Parade @ 10:00 AM
- July 4th _____ Sounds of Liberty @ Carrollton City Schools Campus 8:00 PM
- July 4th _____ 4th of July Fireworks Display (after sunset)
- July 18th _____ Combined Membership Meeting @ 6:00 PM

- **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

Service Officer Don Levans related a recent situation concerning the personal papers and correspondence of Col. John Sorbet, a WW II, Korean, and Viet Nam veteran whose family "didn't know what to do with this stuff". After contacting Blynne Olivieri, at the West Georgia University Library, she has come up with a solution. The Library will offer a **BUCKET FOR VETS** that will be available for former military personnel who wish to preserve their military experience in a safe space. It will be cataloged for the convenience of the individual as well as the staff at the Library. If a sufficient number of the post membership is interested in this effort, we could invite a representative from the department at the local college to speak at a Combined Membership Meeting. Please make your wishes known to Don or any of the Executive Committee.

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 Ronnie Martin

On this day Tuesday, July 2, 2019 the Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned
At 5:41 PM. (with 1 rap of the gavel by the Commander.)

Date Approved: _____

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen