



**The American Legion Post143  
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting  
Thursday, July 18, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:05 PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

**WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS:** by Commander Harrod

- **Department/5<sup>TH</sup> district guests:** Dept. of GA JV Jesse Campbell, 5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary President Sheila Clark, Past 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. President Donna McCain, Past Dept. President Linda Brock and Post 264 Neil Price
- **Guests:** Don Levans' son, Mike, daughter-in-law, Jane and granddaughter, Katie Levans and Don's sister, Judy. Durrell Langley, Post 148 Heard County
- **Prospective New Members:** Randall Wilson (USA Vietnam, Bob Drogmartin USN
- **Prospective Transferee's:** Bobbie Merrill, USA Vietnam
- **Special Guests:** Sarah Parrot, Linda Justain, Charles Justain (Quilts of Valor)

**RECOGNITION:**

- **Birthdays:** Charles Frealsman, Edna Scott, Graham Fuller and Joey Martin
- **Anniversaries:** Ron and Donna Knowles (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill and Sharon Hearnburg (50<sup>th</sup>)

• **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jeanette Henson

- **REMINDER:** The Unit 143 membership is continually accepting new members in order to maintain our Dept. goal. Please contact family members and encourage them to consider joining the women's group and to help support the organization. Eligibility includes wives, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, great granddaughters, sisters and also those women who are eligible for Legion membership in their own right. The Auxiliary dues are \$25 annually.
- **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Jeanette Henson

Please contact Jeanette if you are interested in volunteering at the Trinka Davis Veterans Village. Jeanette can give you the information for training and the available days and times that still need coverage at the facility.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** All the best to our Post Adjutant Steve Fuller on his runoff election victory for the 4<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner for Carroll County.

**SICK CALL:** Donald Cowart, Ray Turner, and Don Chavez and his wife, Runette Kemp.

**Debra Robinson has been declared cancer free!**

**BBQ (Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 2019):** Planning is a little behind, but Cmdr. Harrod is anticipating a meeting in early August with the committee chairs to firm up the details for the event. Volunteers can contact both legion and auxiliary members at any time to add your name to the list of workers. Dale Robinson and Joe Harrod have volunteered to cook the excess meat.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Quilts of Valor**

The representatives and special guests from Quilts of Valor, Sarah Parrot, Linda Justain and Charles Justain were introduced by our Past Post Commander Ronnie Pate. This was the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) time a member of Post 143 has been a recipient of this very significant award. Our multitalented Past Post Commander Don Levans was the latest post member to be so honored. Don's family members were in attendance, and shared in the emotional presentation which included a certificate as well as the stunning quilt. As is Don's style, he commented that every year his military record gets more impressive than the last! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**STAND and UNCOVER** for prayer by Chaplain Ronnie Martin

**INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL**

- \*Thanks to Joe Morgan for delivering the dinner, and to everyone who helped set up the meal.
- \*Those needing help with meal and guests will be first in line
- \*Members at right tables facing podium will be next
- \*Exit into hallway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- \*Please uncover while eating
- \*Please help with cleanup after meeting.

**BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

1. The regular Post meeting began at 7:08 **PM** with one rap of the gavel. Sgt at Arms (Ron Knowles) closed doors and secured meeting room.
2. Three raps of gavel.
3. Commander asked members to **UNCOVER**
4. **Chaplain Ronnie Martin offered a prayer.**
5. **POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR (Sgt. at Arms Ron Knowles) was remembered**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Senior Vice Dale Robinson
7. **RECOVER.** The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was led by Senior Vice Dale Robinson  
**(One rap of the gavel to seat members)**
8. **Commander Harrod declared General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, officially convened.**
9. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
  - The Adjutant took a roll call of officers and it was determined that enough members in good standing were present to declare a quorum.
  - A vote was taken and the minutes of June, 2019 General Meeting were accepted.
  - A vote was taken and the minutes of June, 2019 EC Meeting were accepted.
  - Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of each meeting.

**POST REPORTS**

**10. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman**

- The Financial Report for the Month of June 2019 was read to the membership by Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman and a copy was presented to the Commander. A second copy will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.

- 11. Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outstanding Post Award, Category Two for 2018-2019 DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outstanding Children & Youth Award, Category Two for 2018-2019 (4<sup>th</sup> year) DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GALPA Website  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GALPA Newsletters

**12. Commanders Comments:**

Commander Harrod expressed his appreciation to 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairman Don Levans and Public Relations Chair Bill Hearnburg for their major management of the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary programs (Memorial Day at CCVMP and Post 143 Bldg., the AMP musical show, and the Sertoma/4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade) for Post 143. Also recognized by the Commander was the membership and their families for their efforts and contributions that also made 2019-8-2019 such a successful year for the Post. The awards received at the State Convention from the Dept. of GA and GALPA are a true reflection of just how involved and devoted our membership is. **"It was a great year!"**

The local post awards for 2018-2019 are "in transit", and will be announced and presented at the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Combined Membership Meeting by Commander Harrod.

- 13.** A motion was made and seconded to suspend normal post business proceedings and move to the installation of 2019 - 2020 Officers. A unanimous vote was taken and carried.

Past Commander Ronnie Pate was our Master of Ceremonies. He announced that Post 143 had achieved 100% membership for 2018 - 2019 and presented the streamer to SV Dale Robinson to attach to our Post pole. Sergeant at Arms Ronnie Knowles called forward the new officers, and certified their eligibility to hold their offices. Past Commander Pate administered the oath of office to the 2019 - 2020 officers. Commander Harrod entrusted them to assume their charges and duties. Chaplain Ronnie Martin offered a prayer. Past Commander Pate presented Commander Harrod with the gavel. The Commander then introduced our 2019 - 2020 officers as well as the Adjutant Steve Fuller, Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen, Chaplain Larry Boswell, Service Officer Don Levans, and Sergeant at Arms Thomas Underwood to the membership. Photographs of the newly installed officers were taken immediately after the meeting was adjourned.

**2019-2020 OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

**Installing Officer:  
 Past Commander Carroll Post 143  
 Ronnie Pate**

**American Legion Carroll Post No. 143**

**Commander..... Joe Harrod  
 Senior Vice Commander..... Ronald Knowles  
 Junior Vice Commander..... Tim Bass  
 Junior Vice Commander.....Sam Pyle  
 Junior Vice Commander..... Charles Stuckey  
 Junior Vice Commander.....Don Cowart  
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Guynn**

**Finance Officer.....Ronnie Martin**  
**Adjutant..... Steve Fuller**  
**Assistant Adjutant..... Kathy Katen**  
**Chaplain.....Larry Boswell**  
**Service Officer.....Donald Levans**  
**Sergeant at Arms..... Thomas Underwood**

**CLOSING**

Post 143 Commander Joe Harrod

14. A motion was made from the floor to resume the normal business of the Post. The motion was seconded and was carried by a unanimous vote.

15. Closing comments.

Commander Harrod spoke to the membership concerning the passing of Past Commander Paul Aust earlier this month, and that the Commander noticed Paul was present at the State Convention just prior to his sudden death. All the outgoing officers were thanked for their contributions to the success of the past year, and the new officers for 2019-2020 were welcomed and Commander Harrod anticipated another productive year ahead.

Department of Georgia JV Jesse Campbell recognized the awards Post 143 earned in the past year. He also congratulated the post for achieving 100% membership. JV Campbell pointed out that we (the membership) should be united and work together as a family, and thanked everyone for all we do for our veterans.

**29. Dates to remember:**

- Aug 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Combined Membership Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Set up for BBQ
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ

**Unfinished Business:** On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Chris Perkins, assistant to Senator David Perdue, was at the Post 143 Building to discuss any Government or VA issues that his office could possibly assist any of us with. Contact information is available from the post.

Public Relations Committee Chair Bill Hearnburg announced the awarding of the Irving S. Ingraham Award to our Service Officer Don Levans. The Carrollton Rotary Club recognizes an individual with outstanding leadership qualities and notable volunteer activities. Don works with Habitat for Humanity, his church, the many veterans' organizations in the area and Carroll County in general. **Fantastic job!**

**Any New Business:** Post 148 will be sponsoring the MOVING WALL later this year, and would like any assistance our members can offer. Anyone that is interested in volunteering their time, please contact Durell Langley at Post 148 for further information.

SAL conducted the installation of their 2019-2020 officers on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as reported by Wayne Driver.

Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Fuller  
 Senior Vice \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Wiggins  
 Junior Vice \_\_\_\_\_ Avery Fuller  
 Judge Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Scheufler  
 Sergeant at Arms \_\_\_\_\_ (Unavailable)

At the present time the Squad 143 is still in need of a Chaplain. Anyone interested in filling that position please contact a SAL member.

**30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

- JV Sam Pyle stated that President Trump has ordered the display of U. S. flags to be lowered to half-staff on the day of Retired Associate Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens' interment at Arlington National Cemetery. (July 18, 2019)
- JV Pyle also informed the membership that U. S. Army Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hewlett A. Thompson (23) of Haralson County, who was KIA on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1944 (WWII) in Burma, will be reinterred in the Clem United Methodist Church Cemetery on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with representation from American Legion Post 143. The CCVMP is anticipating the placement of Pvt. Thompson's wall plaque from MIA to KIA. A (free) plaque with the pertinent information about Army veteran H. A. Hewlett's wartime service and sacrifice information will also be installed.
- The GA Dept. of Veterans Services has two individuals available at the Trinka Davis Veterans Center for your convenience during regular working hours. Any problems should be directed to Don Levans for further assistance.
- There was no further business to come before this meeting.
- **STAND AND UNCOVER**
- Chaplain Larry Boswell led us in a closing prayer.
- **RECOVER**
- COMMANDERS CHARGE: "Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state, and nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy."
- **The Flag of Our Country is in place for retirement. "HAND SALUTE": "TWO"**
- THREE RAPS OF THE GAVEL
- The Commander declared the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 7:36 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

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Commander Joe Harrod

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Recorder Kathy Katen