



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

Post Cmdr. Joe Harrod opened the meeting at 4:57 PM. Those attending included SV Ron Knowles, JV Tim Bass, JV Sam Pyle, JV Charles Stuckey, JV Don Cowart, Judge Advocate Richard Guynn, outgoing Finance Officer Charles Feaselman, Finance Officer Ronnie Martin, Adjutant Steve Fuller, Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen, Service Officer Don Levans, Service Committee Chair Bill Maddox, Cyber Committee Chair Randy Purser, Public Relations Bill Hearnburg, Jr. Shooting Chair Frank Joswick, Past Cmdr. Ronnie Pate, Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson, Auxiliary Vice President Wanda Maddox, and John Bassett.

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 4:59 PM.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cmdr Harrod

- CMM Meal: It was decided that 70 chicken dinners would be ordered for the upcoming Combined Membership Meeting on August 15th.
- **BBQ Chairman:** Cmdr Joe Harrod stated that Don Levans has accepted the position of advisor for the **BBQ fundraiser** in September, and the positions held for the 2018 event will be retained by the same members for the upcoming 2019 BBQ. A review of the overall plan was discussed (menu, positions, procedures and ticket sales). All members are asked to pick up a pack of tickets (10) at the upcoming Combined Membership Meeting on August 15th. The scheduled date for the BBQ is Friday, September 6th at the Ag Center. The cost of individual tickets will be \$9.00.
- Cmdr. Harrod, Adjutant Steve Fuller, Finance Officer Ronnie Martin and Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 7th at 2:00 pm. to process the 2019 – 2020 membership dues (payments) received thus far. If any member has not yet paid their 2019 - 2020 dues, you can access the online payment information at www.Mylegion.org, or pay at the August 15th membership meeting.

- **ADJUTANTS REPORT:** Steve Fuller

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

(This posting may be changing in the future, but the Post answering machine may be a valuable alternative.)

A detailed discussion took place amongst the attendees in regards to Post 143 giving (or not) its bank account access information to National Headquarters for processing new memberships and / or renewals. After it was agreed upon that the Finance Officer would verify the numbers (payments) before being submitted to the website, a motion was made by Don Levans **that the Treasurer and the Adjutant put the Post account information together and submit to National Headquarters for processing new memberships and renewals online vs on paper.** The motion was unanimously passed and carried. An additional motion was made to have Cmdr. Harrod, Finance Officer Ronnie Martin and Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen learn the process. In the future one (1) membership committee member would also be joining this group. This was also passed by a unanimous vote.

An adopted (signed and dated) copy of the July 2019 Combined Membership Meeting Minutes has been requested by the Finance Officer in order to conduct an end of year audit, and to submit to Bank OZK to verify the signature card(s) for the 2019 - 2020 installed officers.

A more detailed conversation concerning the specific responsibilities and schedules for volunteers at the BBQ Fundraiser was conducted, and assignments were given. An inventory will be taken prior to the event. Setup will be done the day before on Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 am., and then transported from the Post Hall to the Ag Center. Any members who may not be able to assist on the day of the BBQ, could possibly help with some other area of the fundraiser (such as set up). Please approach a member of the committee and give them your name and contact information.

Randy Purser is in charge of sales. He has the ticket packets, and will log your name with the appropriate ticket numbers when you receive them. He will also collect the sales money when your tickets are sold.

Fifth District **Reminder**

- **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 Ron Knowles **NO REPORT**
- **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman (**outgoing**) **NO REPORT**
- **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass **NO REPORT**
- **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Charles Stuckey **NO REPORT**
- **JUNIOR VICE/LEGISLATIVE & PROTOCOL:** by Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** by Bill Hearnburg **NO REPORT**
- **JR. SHOOTING SPORTS CHAIR:** by Frank Joswick **NO REPORT**
- **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Don Levans **NO REPORT**
- **SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Bill Maddox **NO REPORT**
- **JUDGE ADVOCATE/AUDIT CHAIR:** by Richard Guynn

Judge Advocate Richard Guynn notified the Executive Committee that he had completed an audit of the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and the audit is in order. The appropriate letter from the SAL will be forwarded to the Adjutant.

- **HONOR GUARD:** by Ronnie Knowles **NO REPORT**
- **CYBER CMTE CHAIR:** by Randy Purser **NO REPORT**
- **WELCOMING CMTE CHAIR:** **NO REPORT**
- **CHAPLIAN:** by Thomas Underwood **ABSENT**

- 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
- **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. This will continue to be an ongoing request.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

- **SAL COMMANDER:** by Cmdr George Wheelless **ABSENT**
- **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**
- **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**

Public Relations Committee Chair Bill Hearnburg pointed out to the committee members that the Post 143 answering Machine is in desperate need of attention. It was agreed that Bill Hearnburg, Don Levans, Ron Knowles, Randy Purser And Ronnie Martin would meet on Wednesday, the 7th of August, to reprogram the equipment and provide a more accessible means of contacting the Executive Committee members, as well as the SAL (Sons of the American Legion), Sons of the Confederacy, Marine Corp League, CCVMP (Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park) and the Sons of the Revolution.

- **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Aug 15th _____ Combined Membership Meeting @ 6:00 pm.
 Sep 3rd _____ Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 pm.
 Sep 5th _____ Set up for BBQ
 Sep 6th _____ BBQ

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

REMINDER: 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 Past Chaplain Ronnie Martin

On this day Tuesday, August 6th 2019 the Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned At 6:15 PM. (with 1 rap of the gavel by the Commander).

Date Approved: _____

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen

