



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:00PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: by Commander Harrod

- **Guests**
- **Dept./5th District**
- **Prospective New Members: Jim Hill**
- **Prospective Transferees:**

RECOGNITION:

- **Birthdays: Linda Pyle, Kathy Katen, Cecil Davis and John Roos**
- **Anniversaries: Paul and Carol Scheufler**

GENERAL BUSINESS

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson

- ALA National has decreased the 2019 – 2020 goal for Unit 143 which should be to the group's advantage.
- **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

The coffee corner at the Veterans Village Clinic is now being managed by the Admirative Assistant there.

Recently Post 143 Commander Joe Harrod and Junior Vice Sam Pyle assisted ALA Unit 143 President Henson with the relocation of a very generous donation of Christmas trees and decorations to a storage unit. The volunteers at Trinkka Davis will now be able to make Christmas extra special for all the veterans who visit the facility or are residents of the village there.

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

SICK CALL: Mary Nelson (back problem), Debra Robinson (recovery from cancer treatments), Justin Bell (auto accident injuries), Sammy Robinson's wife (cancer), and Jeanette Henson (upcoming surgery).

Please remember Larry Chadwick's family, especially his wife, Sue, in your prayers. Larry passed away recently.

Report by Morgan Frank

Jr. Shooting Sports Chairman Frank Joswick welcomed and introduced Morgan Frank and her parents, John and Candance Frank. He gave a brief timeline of Morgan's progress from the first local round in January of the Carroll County 4-H riflery team (with her teammates Taylor Berry, Collin Grubbs and Ben Bradley) in which she placed 1st in the State "individual Category", and the team placed 3rd to the final shoot-off round in the Olympic Shooting Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Morgan finished in 6th place out of the top 8 remaining shooters in the competition.

A ***Certificate of Participation*** was presented to Morgan for her participation in the tournament, along with a commemorative Legion Coin, a limited edition 100 anniversary silver half-dollar coin and an official tournament T-shirt, which she displayed for the membership at the meeting.

For Morgan's excellent marksmanship skills displayed during the Tournament, Chairman Joswick awarded her with Post 143's ***Certificate of Distinction***.

CONGRATULATIONS, MORGAN! WELL DONE!

STAND and UNCOVER for prayer by Chaplain Larry Boswell

INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL

- *Thanks to Joe Morgan for delivering the dinner, and to everyone who helped set up the meal.
- *The SAL Squad 143 will be first in line, as they will be conducting their meeting during the Post 143 Combined Membership Meeting
- *Those needing help with meal and guests will be next 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 7:02 **PM** with one rap of the gavel. Sgt at Arms (Thomas Underwood) closed doors and secured meeting room.
2. Three raps of gavel.
3. Commander asked members to **UNCOVER**
4. **Chaplain Larry Boswell offered a prayer.**
5. **POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR (Sgt. at Arms Thomas Underwood) was remembered**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Senior Vice Ron Knowles
7. **RECOVER.** The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was led by Senior Vice Ron Knowles

(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 July, 2019 General Meeting were accepted.
- A vote was taken and the minutes of July, 2019 EC Meeting were accepted.
- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of each meeting.

POST REPORTS

10. COMMANDER

- * Prospective Member: Dr. Bill McGee, DVM
- * Visitors: G. D. Hendrix, Post 57 Newnan, GA
Al Hillman, JV Chairman 5th District

***AWARDS** 2018 – 2019 Membership

Don Levans – **Legionnaire of the Year 2019** for the management of the 100th Anniversary celebration

Bill Hearnburg – **Legionnaire of the Year 2019** for the promotion of the 100th Anniversary celebration

Joe Morgan – Certificate of Appreciation 2019 for his commitment to securing the monthly meeting meals

Chuck Feaselman – Meritorious Service Award 2019 for the many years of outstanding service
A gold watch was also presented.

Frank Joswick – Meritorious Service Award 2019 for “going beyond the call of duty”

11 Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Outgoing Chuck Feaselman (to Incoming Ronnie Martin)

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

12. Adjutant Report

*Correspondence: **September 13th** will be the **Dedication of Public Safety Memorial Park** at 1050 Newnan Road, Carrollton, GA 30116. Dedication is at 10:30 am.

August 23 – Emergency Blood Drive

Legion College 2019 – 2020 is offering a Master’s Degree both for the Fall and Spring Sessions
Detailed information is available from Jim Fultz, Dean (jefultz1@yahoo.com) or Michele Garner, Administrator (garnerm3@icloud.com) .

13. Sr Vice Ron Knowles

*Membership Committee Report: 66 electronic membership cards
30 Paid Up for Life
15 Paid on Line
66 pending

14. JV/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass **ABSENT**

15. JV/ Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle

On 30 July President Trump signed the National Service Act making ALL Honorably Discharge eligible for membership in the American Legion regardless of when you served. Ask your military family members and veteran friends to consider joining our Post.

16. JV/Children & Youth Chair: Charles (Doc) Stuckey **ABSENT**

REMINDER: Heritage Days will be held on Sept 26th & 27th at the Ag Center. American Legion volunteers will serve as guides to assist the teachers each day. The Post also contributes financially to the program

17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn

JA Guynn reported that an audit for the American Legion Post 143 and the SAL has been completed. The finances of each are being managed in good order and according to standard accounting procedures. Their accounts are in good shape.

The Financial Audit for the Change of Finance Officer was completed and was found to be in order. The Judge Advocate's Letter so stated and was presented to the Commander. A second copy of the aforementioned letter will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.

18. Service Officer/Legion Centennial Committee Chair: Don Levans

Trinka Davis has two (2) excellent individuals, Nikia Hall and Judson Hayes, who are now available to assist veterans who need help with various needs concerning the Veterans Administration. The waiting times will probably not be any shorter, but the help is available.

U. S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Hewlett A. Thompson, 23, of Haralson County was once listed as a WWII MIA, but now KIA, will be reinterred on November 30th at the Clem United Methodist Church Cemetery with full military honors. Chaplain Boswell contacted the funeral home and offered the services of the Honor Guard from Post 143. In his honor, 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.

As announced earlier, the dedication of the Public Safety Memorial Park at 1050 Newnan Road will be on September 13th at 10:30 am. This is one of the first in the state of Georgia, and the first in Carroll County.

19. Service Committee Chair: Bill Maddox **ABSENT**

20. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser

Tickers (1320) for the annual BBQ Fundraiser have been printed. Everyone should pick up their booklet of ten (10) tickets from Randy and sell, sell, sell! All money should be turned in at the Executive Committee Meeting on Sept. 3rd (or before) at the Post 143 Building. The meeting starts at 5:00 pm.

21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg

One of the primary commitments every member of Post 143 should recognize is the preservation of the American Legion. The best way to accomplish that objective is to recruit new members. Invite a veteran to one of our meetings, and pass out the American Legion Post cards, and offer them "the deal". Only new members who join **this** year will receive a 100th Anniversary hat and their first year's due paid.

22. Jr. Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick **NO REPORT**

23. SAL Commander: George Wheelless **ABSENT**

24. Historian: Bob Hilliard **ABSENT**

The Post History, which was awarded 1st place in the State of Georgia, will be submitted for the National Competition. Great job, Bob, and good luck!

25. Chaplain: Larry Boswell

The Honor Guard participated in three (3) funerals last month.

26. Were any reports missed?

27. Honor Guard: Dale Robinson

Any member of Post 143 is entitled to full military honors at their funeral. Please inform your families that this benefit is available, and to convey those wishes to the funeral director at the time the arrangements are being made.

The Roopville Homecoming Parade is planned for the morning (arrive by 9:00 am.) of Sept 21st. American Legion Post 143 will be participating with a float. Any volunteers who would like to join the members and ride on the float, please notify the Post. The float can accommodate 20 people.

The next anticipated event for the Honor Guard is the Veterans Day program at the CCVMP on November 9th.

Unfinished Business: **NONE**

Any New Business:

Post 143 now has it's fourth (4th) Junior Vice----Don Cowart. Nice to have you back!

REMINDER: 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.

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.

28. Dates to remember:

- Aug 18th _____ 5th District Meeting Post 29
- Sept 3rd _____ Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- Sept 5th _____ Set up for BBQ
- Sept 6th _____ BBQ
- Sept 13th _____ Dedication of Public Safety Memorial Park
- Sept 19th _____ Combined Membership Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Sept 26 & 27 _____ Heritage Days

30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: **NONE**

- 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 August 15th, 2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 7:47 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen

