



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 2018**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:02PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: by Commander Harrod

- **Department/5TH district guests:** None
- **Guests:** Joe Fuller, John Thomas
- **Prospective New Members:** John Thomas
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** Sarah Parrott, Sandy Geho, Sally Smothers (Quilts of Valor)

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- **Birthdays:** Linda Pyle, Ron Sutherland, Kathy Katen
- **Anniversaries:** Paul and Carol Scheufler (50th), Bill and Sharon Hearnburg (53rd)

GENERAL BUSINESS

BBQ COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:

There is a BBQ committee meeting schedules for Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:00PM at the Post 143 building. Chairman Joe Harrod requested that members please turn in any ticket sales money at that time.

Randy Purser reported that there were still approximately 200 tickets available for distribution. Ticket money collected as of August 16, 2018 was \$3006.00.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 installed the following officers for 2018-19.

President: Jeanette Henson

Vice President: Wanda Maddox

Secretary: Dyane Purser

Treasurer: Jean Withner

Chaplain: JoAnn Duncan

Historian: Sandra Pate

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jeanette Henson

President Henson reported that the completed volunteer badges are ready. The pending badges still need fingerprints and photographs from the prospective volunteers.

SICK CALL: Ruth Fuller, Dee Sammon, Warren Henson, and Ron Ray

CONDOLENCES: 5th Dist. Aux SAA Danna McCarrie's mother passed away not long after her father's passing.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Quilts of Valor

Past Post Cmdr Ronnie Pate introduced our special guests, Sarah Parrott, Sandy Geho and Sally Smothers of the Quilts of Valor organization. The ladies presented Carlos Fuller, a WWII U. S. Marine Corps veteran (1943-1946), with a handmade quilt as well as a certificate recognizing his service. It was noted that American Legion Post 143 Carrollton GA was the first post in the state to receive this distinction.

STAND and COVER for prayer by Chaplain Ronnie Martin

INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL

Thanks to all for set up of meal (especially deserts)

- Those needing help with meal and guests will be first in line
- Members in center tables will be next
- Exit into halfway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- Please uncover while eating
- Those at center tables please help with cleanup after meeting.

BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The regular Post meeting began at 7:06PM. With one rap of the gavel, Sgt at Arms (Ron Knowles) closed doors and secured meeting room.
2. Three raps of gavel, ALL STOOD. The colors being in place, "HAND SALUTE" "TWO"
3. UNCOVER
4. The Chaplain offered a prayer: Ronnie Martin
5. POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR (Sgt at Arms Ron Knowles) was remembered
6. Pledge of Allegiance. By Senior Vice Dale Robinson
7. RECOVER. Recited the Preamble to the Legion Constitution (Senior Vice Dale Robinson)
(One rap of 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 General Meeting were accepted.
- A vote was taken and the minutes of July EC Meeting were accepted.
- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

POST REPORTS

10. COMMANDER: 2018-2019 Post 143 Committee Chairs and Members
 - Members were asked to review the handouts of Officers and Committees and were urged to find a place to serve. All Committee Chairs were requested to look for individuals to serve on committee.
 - 5th District meeting was scheduled for Sunday, August 19th 2018 at Post 264 in Mableton. Adjutant Steve Fuller and Historian Bob Hilliard indicated they would be attending.
 - 5th District training is scheduled for Sept 8th, 2018 at Post 294 in Powder Springs
 - Heritage Days (Sept 27th and 28th 2018) sign up sheets were distributed and any members volunteering for Tour Guides or Parking Lot attendants were asked to add their names to the list(s).
11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman
 - The Financial Report for the Month of July, 2018 was read to the membership and a copy was presented to the Commander. A copy will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.
12. ADJUTANT_REPORT: Steve Fuller
 - Three invitations to the Eagle Scout Award Program on August 25, 2018 at the Carroll County Court House at 2:00PM
 - Notes of thanks were received from the families of Patsy West, Buron Brock and Bill Johnston for the assistance that was offered by Post 143.

13. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson
 - Membership Report: SV Robinson reported 66 paid
 - 31 paid up for life
 - 18 paid online
 - Honor Guard Report: The Honor Guard provided services 3 times in July and 2 times in August (to present)

Contact has been made with SMG Hise and SMG Todd of the GA Army National Guard to procure details for a training day at some point in the future.
- 13.(cont'd) SV Robinson pointed out that KIA, MOH, General Officer, and SGT MAJ are all eligible for full military honors at their passing if their next of kin wishes to do so. Post 143 also grants this privilege to any of our legion members in good standing.
14. JV/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass
 - August 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM an award ceremony at the Carroll County Court House to present the American Legion Good Citizenship citation to Eagle Scout Elliott Andrew Bassel of Troop 39.
 - September 14, 2018 The community is hosting a luncheon at the AG Center at 12:00PM following a ground breaking ceremony adjacent to the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park for the 911/First Responders Memorial. American Legion Post 143 will be recognizing these individuals at the Center with plaques presented by John Bassett and Don Levans. September 27 & 28, 2018 Heritage Days will take place at the AG Center. The Honor Guard is scheduled for the Flag Retirement ceremonies both days.
15. JV /Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle
 - Chair Sam Pyle recommended checking the website ALDailyNews.org as well as msbabuylegion.org for various articles concerning veterans and the Defense Dept.
16. JV/Children & Youth Chair: Charles (Doc) Stuckey **ABSENT**
17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn **ABSENT**
18. Service Officer: Don Levans
 - The Service Committee will consist of Don Levans, Ronnie Martin, Bill Maddox, Allen Katen and Wanda Maddox (Auxiliary Unit 143). They will provide and assist members and their families with veteran related issues. ALL members should be aware of this service and notify a committee member of any situation that could use their help.
19. Service Committee Chair: Bill Maddox **ABSENT**
20. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser **NO REPORT**
21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg **NO REPORT**
22. Jr Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick **NO REPORT**
23. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver
 - Chairman Driver deferred his report to Adjutant Steve Fuller.
 - Installation of the 2018-19 officers consisted of: Cmdr George Wheelless
SVC Steve Fuller
JVC Jeff Leggett
Adjutant Evan Fuller
Judge Advocate Paul Scheufler
Finance Officer Warren Henson
Sergeant at Arms Josh Fuller
Chaplain **VACANT**

- The 2018-19 Budget and Past Report Minutes were accepted.
- BBQ
- Heritage Days
- Veterans Day: 2 volunteers

24. Historian: Bob Hilliard

- Bob requested any member to volunteer as photographer for the Post
- Anyone can take photographs and forward them to Bob for the Scrapbook
- Bob also reminded the membership that we will be competing at Nationals this fall in the History Scrapbook category

25. Chaplain: Ronnie Martin **NO REPORT**

26. Any committee reports missed? **NONE**

27. Unfinished Business:

- Ron Price questioned why the membership repeated the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the Combined Membership Meeting after reciting it at the beginning of the Post Family Meeting. Cmdr Harrod explained that it was traditional and would continue to be done that way, but noted the objection of Member Price.

28. Any New Business:

- The Honor Guard has been invited to participate in the Bremen Academy History Days on Friday, October 19th, 2018 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. A classroom has been assigned to the Honor Guard at the Academy.

29. Dates to remember

Aug 25th Award for Eagle Scout @ Court House 2:00 PM

Sept 4th EC Meeting

Sept 6th (Thurs) BBQ Set up Day at Ag Center

Sept 7th (Fri) Day of BBQ at AG Center

Sept 20th Next General Membership Meeting

30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- SAA Ron Knowles suggested checking your personal information at the VA to insure all data is correct/Current
- Adjutant Steve Fuller is updating the membership email roster
- Chaplain Ronnie Martin suggested more advertising for the BBQ

31. **CLOSING**

- There was no further business to come before this meeting.
- UNCOVER
- The Chaplain Ronnie Martin 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 16, 2018 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at 7:48PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen