



**The American Legion Post143  
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:08 PM. All stood for a salute to the Colors. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

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

- **Guests: Joseph and JoAnn Jeffries, Post 86 Auxiliary Chaplain Sharon Purser**
- **5<sup>th</sup> District: Cmdr Walt Cusick**
- **Prospective New Members: None**
- **Prospective Transferee's: None**

**RECOGNITION:**

- **Birthdays: Carlos Fuller (94), Karl Kessinger (80)**
- **Anniversaries: Bill and Wanda Maddox, Donna and Steve Fuller, Runette Kemp and Don Chavez, Jeanette and Warren Henson**
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the WPA Building in Carrollton, Carlos and Ruth Fuller will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have extended an invitation to the Post 143 membership to join them on that day from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- President Henson pointed out that the last couple of months when wives of Post members have visited, they have joined the auxiliary. Jeanette encouraged the husbands to bring their wives to the monthly membership meetings.
- **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 **NO REPORT**

**REMINDER:** Please contact Jeanette if you are interested in volunteering at the Trink 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:**

**Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Gail and Jeff Liggett are dealing with medical issues, Hubert Carroll has cancer, Runette Kemp and Don Chavez are recovering from separate medical problems and Peggy Riley had a mini-stroke recently.**

**BBQ REPORT:** Cyber Chair Randy Purser reported that 1300 BBQ Fundraiser tickets were printed and distributed of which 121 tickets were returned. In addition to \$142 in donations, there was \$287 for the sale of the leftover food (pork and stew), and a total of \$10, 836 in total tickets sold for a grand total of \$11, 265. The total expenses incurred for this event will be submitted to the Finance Officer and the September 2019 financial report will be given at both the October 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, and the October 17<sup>th</sup> Combined Membership Meeting.

The annual **Trunk-or-Treat** on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Ford, and on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the First Baptist Church of Temple are on the Post 143 calendar. Please bring candy in during the October meeting for these events. Frank Joswick has volunteered again this year to be the coordinator.

**STAND and UNCOVER** for prayer by Chaplain Larry Boswell

### **INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL**

- \*Thanks to everyone who helped set up the meal.
- \*Those needing help with their meal and guests will be first in line
- \*Members at left 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 7:04 **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 August, 2019 General Meeting were accepted.
- A vote was taken and the minutes of August, 2019 EC Meeting were accepted.
- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of each meeting.

### **POST REPORTS**

#### **10. COMMANDER**

- **Dept. Fall Conference will be in Duluth from October 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Cmdr. Harrod is planning to attend; anyone else interested in attending needs to let Cmdr Harrod know no later than the next Executive Committee meeting.**
- **Dept. Caravan for the entire state will take place from September thru October.**
- **District Revitalization will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> at Post 29 in Marietta and will focus on membership and Caravan business. Cmdr. Harrod is planning to attend this program and is requesting at least one volunteer to also attend.**

**11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Ronnie Martin**

- The Financial Report for the Month of August 2019 was read to the membership by Finance Officer Ronnie Martin and a copy was presented to the Commander. A second copy will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.
- The Trinka Davis Fund check for \$4000 was received at the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. These funds provide much needed assistance to veterans who are truly in need of help, and enhances our working relationship with the officers at Trinka Davis Veterans Center.

**12. Adjutant Report**

\*Correspondence: **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](mailto:jefultz1@yahoo.com)) or Michele Garner, Administrator ([garnerm3@icloud.com](mailto:garnerm3@icloud.com)). Dept. Cmdr Cusick highly recommends this program.

- 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting and Training is November 17<sup>th</sup> at Post 294 in Powder Springs. At this time 2 volunteers are needed. The 2019-2020 schedule is posted on the Post bulletin board.
- Dept. of GA Hospital Visits schedule and the Dept. of GA newsletter are also posted on the Post bulletin board.
- Emails were sent out to the membership with the details for Heroes Day at the Douglas County Courthouse on September 21<sup>st</sup> and for Georgia Veterans Day on November 9<sup>th</sup> in downtown Atlanta at the Centennial Park District. All this printed material is also on the Post bulletin board.

**13. Sr Vice Ron Knowles**

Membership Committee Report: Membership is at 60.5% and the Post is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District/

**14. JV/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass NO REPORT**

**15. JV/ Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle ABSENT**

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

**REMINDER:** Heritage Days will be held on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center. American Legion volunteers will serve as supervisors this year to assist the teachers each day. Chuck Bass stated that there is still a need for more volunteers; contact Chuck if you can help.

There will be a “walk through” on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. at the Ag Center. On Thursday and Friday (26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) breakfast will be served at 7:30 am.

The Honor Guard will perform 4 (four) Retirement Ceremonies and the Rifle Team will also be in attendance both days of the event.

The Post has again contributed financially to the Heritage Days program.

**17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn NO REPORT**

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hewlett A. Thompson, 23, of Haralson County was once listed as a WWII MIA, but now KIA, will be reinterred on November 30<sup>th</sup> 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. At the present time at least 50 of his family members have agreed to attend the ceremony.

The dedication of the Public Service Memorial on September 13<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The Public Service Memorial Park is one of only a few counties in GA that have one.

Service Officer Levans and the VSO had numerous requests from area veterans for assistance during the past month. Some of the individuals had legitimate needs, and some did not meet the requirements needed. This is where the Trinka Davis Fund does the most to benefit the many veterans who need it the most. Don, Ronnie Martin and Bill Maddox put their joint efforts into this program on a daily basis to find housing, jobs and medical access for our veterans.

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

**20. Honor Guard Chair: Dale Robinson**

**The Honor Guard performed 3 (three) funerals with military honors.**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> the Roopville Homecoming has requested the Post 143 Honor Guard and a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Pavilion.**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the Honor Guard will perform 4 (four) flag retirement ceremonies and the Rifle Team will also be attendance.**

**Also, of note, a booth (#46) is being made available for Post 143 to use on Saturday at the Roopville Homecoming for promoting membership and for the CCVMP to solicit plaque sales.**

**The next anticipated event for the Honor Guard after the September programs is the Veterans Day program at the CCVMP on November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**REMINDER: 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.**

**21. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser NO REPORT**

**22. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg**

Chairman Hearnburg received a phone call from JoAnn Britt (Lowell Opry House) who related a situation of a veteran in a local nursing home who was near death and was potentially going to be buried in a pauper grave if his body was not claimed. Through some research and initiative, the veteran's DD214 was found, verified and put in the right hands, and on September 20<sup>th</sup> he was scheduled to be buried in Canton at the National Cemetery with full military honors. As Bill stated, "That DD214 put him in OUR Family Tree"!

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

**24. SAL Commander: George Wheelless NO REPORT**

**25. Historian: Bob Hilliard**

**Due to Bob's relocation to the Augusta area soon, he will no longer be able to fulfill his position of Post 143 Historian. If any member of the Post is able to fill this position please step forward and contact one of the Executive Committee members by email, phone or in person at any meeting (Executive Committee or Combined Membership).**

**Bob donated a decades old American Legion flag that a gentleman, a Korean veteran, entrusted to him to give to Post 143.**

**26. Chaplain: Larry Boswell NO REPORT**

**27. Were any reports missed? NONE**

**28. Unfinished Business: NONE**

Don Cowart agreed to chair a committee to investigate the possibility of joining area churches in coordinating Thanksgiving Dinners for veterans in the area that are truly in need of the meal. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**29. Any New Business: NONE**

**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:**

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Roorville Homecoming Parade  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Days Walk Through at Ag Center 5:30 pm.  
Sept 26 & 27 \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Days  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ EC meeting at 5 pm.  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> District revitalization  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ General Membership Combined Meeting at 6 pm.  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Fall Conference in Duluth  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Trunk or Treat at Pioneer Ford  
Oct 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Temple

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

5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Walt Cusick conveyed to the membership how very impressed and pleased he was to see how our post runs our meetings and the amount of participation that is displayed by the members. He also offered the help of the District and/or Post 29 if needed; not to tell us what to do. He gave his congratulations on our membership of 71.6% (136 members)! The focus to gaining new and younger membership is through modern media marketing. Cmdr. Cusick suggested more emphasis on this way of recruiting. He encouraged everyone (men and women) to work together as a family, and also to take advantage of the American Legion University program. "It's worth it!" Cmdr. Cusick thanked us for our hospitality and said he might have to come back when we are serving "fried chicken" for dinner.

Jimmy Sanders is offering his collection of history books to the Post as a donation. Cmdr. Harrod said we would work on it at the future EC and CM Meetings next month.

Cmdr. Harrod has some very worthwhile information concerning the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. If you have the time to spend with travel and appointments, the school offers quality dental care, about 1/3 of the cost at a local dental office and it's all supervised by the faculty. Speak with Cmdr. Harrod If you are interested. Don Cowart suggested a local children's library (small enclosed structures) in several locations around the county that our American Legion Post could attached our insignia to and make our presence known in the area. Cmdr. Harrod said there are already structures (and books) around Carrolton very similar to that same idea.

- 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 7:52 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

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Commander Joe Harrod

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Recorder Kathy Katen