



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

Post Cmdr Joe Harrod opened the meeting at 5:00 PM. Those attending included Adjutant Steve Fuller, SVC Dale Robinson, F/O Chuck Feaselman, JVC Tim Bass, JVC Charles Stuckey, JA Richard Guynn, Welcoming Committee Ron Knowles, Historian Bob Hilliard, Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson, Wanda Maddox, and Kathy Katen.

BY THE COMMANDER

GUESTS: No

SICK CALL: None

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 5:01 PM.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cmdr Harrod

- **Centennial Coins**
The Cmdr has ordered the requested 100th year Centennial coins plus four extras, but they have not yet been received. The coins are \$20 each.
- 5th District Revitalization will be held October 4th, 5th, and 6th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Post 294 in Powder Springs, GA. Past Cmdr Ronnie Pate, Adjutant Steve Fuller and Committee Chairman Ron Knowles indicated they would like to attend.
- On Thursday, October 25th Pioneer Ford in Bremen will be hosting *Trunk or Treat*. Legion members are asked to bring a bag of Halloween candy to the Combined Membership Meeting on October 18, 2018 to donate toward that event. Cash donations will also be accepted and appreciated. Adjutant Steve Fuller was asked to send an email to the membership requesting the donations.
- On Sunday, October 7th at the Front Porch Event Center in Carrollton, American Legion Post 143 will be represented by JVC Tim Bass and Historian Bob Hilliard at the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Drake Pauley.
- The District 5 Oratorical Contest for 2019 was discussed by the Executive Committee, and it was suggested that interest in participating be brought before the combined membership at the October 18th meeting.
- Dept. of GA Legion Riders have asked if Post 143 would help them sponsor *Wreaths Across American* this year and/or volunteer to help distribute the wreaths on the gravesites of veterans.
- The Caravan Report has been mailed.
- A nominating committee for 2019-2020 officers was discussed. The committee would consist of 2 members at large that would be elected from the floor in addition to 3 past presidents. This is under review and updates will follow in the future.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: (Steve Fuller)

- **Draft Minutes:** The minutes for the September 4th Executive Cmte meeting and the September 20th Combined Membership meeting will be sent out via email and uploaded to the Post website at www.gapost143.org/aboutus .
- Department Caravan List was mailed on September 28, 2018.
- 2018-2019 Membership Goal is 109 paid members which places the post at 72.6% paid membership. Paid online membership was 18 and Paid Up for Life was 32.
- At the October 18th Combined Membership Meeting, voting on new members will take place. The 4 perspective members are: Martin McFadden, John Thomas, Don Cowart and Brian Labor.
- Office Hours have been established 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
- A new updated greeting for the American Legion Post telephone answering machine is being implemented.
- Notice of Andrew McGukin's passing has been received.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Dale Robinson **NO REPORT** (included in Adjutant's Report)

2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman **INCOMPLETE**

3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass

JV Bass and Historian Bob Hilliard will be representing the post at the Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Front Porch Event Center on Stripling Chapel Road in Carrollton.

Heritage Days was well attended and it was noted that the 3rd grade students were respectful of the significance of the Flag Retirement Ceremonies.

4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Charles Stuckey

JV Stuckey reported a very successful and well attended Heritage Days. The 2018 attendance of 1800 students is approximately 400 more students than attended in 2017.

5. **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Don Levans **EXCUSED**

Two veterans were helped with \$750 each.

A second \$2000 request was made to the Trinkka Davis Community Foundation.

Notifications and records have been transferred to the Service Committee, but a new list of officers is needed.

6. **SERVICE CMTE CHAIR:** Bill Maddox (Wanda Maddox reported in Bill's absence.)

The American Legion Post 143 Communication Family Committee is basically in place with a representative from each organization.

7. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** by Bill Hearnburg **ABSENT**

8. **JUDGE ADVOCATE/AUDIT CHAIR:** by Richard Guynn

An audit of the SAL was suggested by Paul Schuefler, but will be discussed at the Combined Membership Meeting on October 18th.

9. **LEGISLATIVE & PROTOCOL:** by Sam Pyle **ABSENT**

10. **BBQ CMTE CHAIR:** by Joe Harrod **NO REPORT**

11. **CYBER CMTE CHAIR:** by Randy Purser **ABSENT**

12. **WELCOMING CMTE CHAIR:** By Ron Knowles

A discussion concerning the disruptive conversations in the rear of the meeting room during the Combined Membership Meetings was noted and will be addressed at the October 18th meeting.

13. **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson

Roopville Elementary School's 3rd grade on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 follow up to the Roopville Founders Day ceremony.

Bremen Academy on Friday, October 19th for a Flag Folding Ceremony

Bowden Middle School on Monday, November 12th Color Guard for Veterans Day observance

14. **HISTORIAN:** by Bob Hilliard **NO REPORT**

15. **CHAPLIAN:** by Ronnie Martin **ABSENT**

During the social hour at the Combined Membership Meeting on October 18th, the chaplain from the Trinkka Davis Veterans Facility will speak to the attendees about what services are available to post members and/or their families.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

16. SAL COMMANDER: by Cmdr George Wheelless **ABSENT**

- The "Four Chaplain Sunday" is scheduled for Feb 10, 2019 and will be held in the AG Center Building.

17. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT: by Jeanette Henson

- Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson reported that over 1700 mini U. S. flags were distributed at Heritage Days by the Auxiliary members.
- Three members from the Auxiliary, Betty Stuckey, Wanda Maddox and Jeanette Henson volunteered at Heritage Days.

• **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson

- Donations of Halloween candy (bags) is requested for the residents at the Trinkka Davis facility to distribute to school children for Halloween.
- Although the post has a driver, the Trinkka Davis Veterans facility still does not have reliable transportation available for volunteers, etc. to travel to Atlanta.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fishing for Freedom: This program will be on the Commander's Agenda for further discussion at the November 6th Executive Committee Meeting. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Members need to remember 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.

19. NEW BUSINESS:

It was agreed by the Executive Committee members to order 60 BBQ meals for the October 16, 2018 Combined Membership Meeting.

A reminder to the cleanup crew volunteers, please do not dispose of the desserts as they are also included in the remaining food that is donated to the Women's Shelter. Thank you for remembering.

20. DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 18th _____ Combined Membership Meeting
- October 20th _____ 5th Dist training at Post 160, Smyrna, GA
- October 25th _____ Trunk or Treat
- October 26-28 _____ Fall Conference, Duluth, GA
- November 10 _____ Veterans Day Ceremony at CCVMP

21. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

JA Richard Guynn made notice of the fact that 2018 seasonal flu shots are available to eligible veterans free of charge at Trinkka Davis Veterans facility. Shingles inoculations are also available, but you should check with your doctor for details.

WERE THERE ANY OTHER REPORTS MISSED? NO

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Bob Hilliard

The 2018 Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 6:26 PM

Date Approved: _____

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen