



## The American Legion Post 143 Executive Committee Meeting October 10, 2017

Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM with a salute to the Colors, the Pledge and a Prayer by Bob Hilliard. Those attending included: Commander Ted Merriss, Steve Fuller, Joe Harrod, Bob Hilliard, Chuck Feaselman, Dale Robinson, Randy Purser, George Wheelless, Jeanette Henson, and Frank Joswick

**GUESTS:** No Guests were in attendance

### **COMMANDER**

#### **SICK CALL:**

Ronald Ray, Don Chavez's wife, Mattie (Runette) and Wayne Driver

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:**

Don Levans' brother-in-law passed. (A card will be sent to Don with request that condolences be shared with the family)

#### **TAPS:**

#### **CHAPLAIN:**

Prayer Offered by: Bob Hilliard

**ROLL CALL:** Steve Fuller conducted roll call and it was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM by Commander Ted Merriss.

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:** The September 21, 2017 Regular Membership Meeting minutes and the October 10, 2017 EC meeting minutes will be presented to the membership at the next Regular Membership meeting scheduled for October 19, 2017

### **COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Commander Merriss discussed the following:

- Received a Thank-You card from Emily Huckeba thanking Dale Robinson and the Color Guard for participating in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Roorville Homecoming Festival on September 16, 2017
- Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner during the Regular Membership meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017. The AUX will coordinate the event. SAL will provide the main course.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Georgia Department of Labor with support from Post #143 will be holding a Job Fair 2-5pm at the CC Ag Center, need 3 helpers. Contact Commander Merriss if you are interested. (Frank Joswick volunteered)
- Commander asked what it would cost to run a Post add in the Times-Georgian newspaper. The replay was \$225.00. The Commander tabled the idea for now.
- Commander will contact Richard Guynn and ask for a timeline for the review of the Post's Constitution, By-laws & SOP's
- The Post will Schedule a Revitalization Day on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12 Noon at the Post. Contact the commander if you can volunteer. (Will be calling and asking Post 400 folks to consider transferring to post 143)
- It was decided to publish a Post Family Newsletter this December covering the months from September through November. Need to decide who will take the lead on this because the Public Relations Chair position is vacant.
- Request each member bring a bag of candy to the Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Regular membership meeting for the two Trunk or Teat events

**OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Steve Fuller
  - Post Renewal Membership is at 56.4 %. Need to call members that are behind in paying their dues.
  - Member's who do not pay their 2018 membership dues by Dec 31, are no longer considered members in good standing.
  - The upcoming Caravan Audit will be held by 5<sup>th</sup> District at the Mableton Post 264 on November 18, 2017
  - Steve Fuller presented a Post Family banner sponsoring the Kiwanis Football Bowl. Overall, the Committee liked the Banner and there was only one minor change recommended.
  - Last years' Boys State participants and their families will attend the regular membership meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> Each student will be recognized and presented with a certificate. (Names will be given to Bob Hilliard)
  
2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman
  - All BBQ receipts have been turned in and the amount received are as follows:  
\$12,068.00 (Gross amount received)  
\$ 4,080.32 (Minus expenses for the purchase of food and condiments)  
**\$ 7,987.68** (Net profit)
  - The money was distributed among the post family accordingly:  
\$3,993.84 (Legion-50%)  
\$3,195.15 (Auxiliary-40%)  
\$ 797.68 (S.A.L.-10%)
  
3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass
  - No Report
  
4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Bob Hilliard
  - Thanked all who participated on Heritage Days. Will recognize members at the Regular Membership meeting on Oct 19
  - We had two UWG student volunteers.
  - Attended the Fifth District workshop concerning the upcoming Oratorical Contest. So far, only have one person willing to participate in the Post's Oratorical Contest. Additional school contacts will be made.
  - A schedule for T4T's volunteers was handed out showing the days/times they will be needed at Wal-Mart.
  - Lori will be contacted to deliver a T4T's gift box and money box to the post.
  - Bowdon Middle School will host a Veterans Day program Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. The post color guard will participate & Bill Hearnburg is to speak.
  - Possible essay program/contest writing about a particular veteran. Post might consider giving certificates or cash award. Nothing firm at this time though.
  - Present Sheriff Langley with a appreciation post plaque during the October 19<sup>th</sup> Regular membership meeting (Steve Fuller to make contact)
  - Trunk or Treat events planned for Oct 26 & 31 at Pioneer Ford and 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Temple. Halloween Safety Brochures with the Post address & phone number will be handed out along with the candy. Joe Harrod and Joe Morgan mentioned that their churches will hold similar events on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  
5. **JR. VICE / LEGISLATIVE / RAFFLE TICKETS:** by Joe Harrod
  - Collected \$3,640 from the sale of tickets for the M1 Garand and \$2,380 for the AR-15. Total collected to date is \$6,020
  - Scheduled to sell more tickets at the Barnes Hunting Store on Oct 14th. Had to cancel selling tickets at the Shot-Spot due to weather.
  - Drawings will be held in December or sooner if all the tickets are sold before then.
  
6. **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Angie Hale-Smith
  - No report

7. **SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Vacant**

- No Report

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

- Dale Robinson and the Color Guard received a "Thank You" letter from Emily Huckeba for participating in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ropville Founders Day Parade on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017
- A Memorial Service for a Navy sailor was held on Sept. 30, 2017
- Commander Merriss said that the Commander of Villa Rica Post 70 wants to get rid of the bolt action Springfield rifles he has stored at the Sheriff's Department. Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson said he would take them. Cdr. Merriss will make the call.

9. **PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vacant**

10. **CYBER CHAIR:** by Randy Purser

- Would like to give a presentation to the membership on how to access the post facebook page and explain what changes have taken place since 2014. Date TBD

11. **JUDGE ADVOCATE:** by Richard Guynn

- No Report

12. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS / WELCOMING:** by Joe Morgan

- No Report

13. **HISTORIAN: Vacant** (Bob Hilliard and Jim Leak will share the Historian duties until the position is filled)

- Frank Joswick continues to update the Post History on the Legion's 100 yr, Anniversary Celebration Website.
- Past Historian, Jim Leak, will help with documenting and printing the Post's annuals and yearbooks using narrative materials and photos with captions provided by Bob Hilliard.

14. **CHAPLAIN:** by Billy Bryant

No Report

15. **BBQ Committee Report:** by Don Levans

- Refer to the Finance Officer's Report
- Need to recognize post family volunteers that helped out during the BBQ event during the Oct 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
- **Ticket Sales:** by Randy Purser  
Although ticket sales were down this year, the post realized an actual Net increase in funds largely because the cost of items purchased for the BBQ event were less.

**ANCILLARY REPORTS**

16. **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT:** by Commander George Wheelless

- The SAL Meeting minutes and budget will be submitted during the Regular Membership meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>
- SAL will provide the Main entrée for the Thanksgiving dinner slated for the Nov 16<sup>th</sup> regular membership meeting

17. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson

- Distributed Flags to 1400 4<sup>th</sup> graders over a 2 day period during the Heritage Days Event at the AG Center (Cost-\$300)
- Need help finding prospective members to join the Auxiliary
- Will coordinate the Thanksgiving Day Dinner with SAL Cdr George Wheelless

18. **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by AUX Pres. Jeanette Henson

- Only 10 volunteers are actively supporting the Trink Davis Clinic
- Had a good turn-out for Bingo on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at the Trink Davis Village (Held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

## UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

### 19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- EC members voted unanimously to purchase a website for the post family. Cost is \$104 annually. The Auxiliary paid \$52 toward the cost leaving \$52 to be paid by the Legion. Frank Joswick will set up and manage the website
- Will do a group mailing informing the membership of the new website. (www.gapost143.org)

### 20. NEW BUSINESS:

- **ADJUTANT; Vacant (Steve Fuller and Frank Joswick will share Adjutant duties until the position is filled)**
  
- **OTHER**
  - The Post will order 55 BBQ meals for the October 19<sup>th</sup> regular membership meeting (Notify SAA Joe Morgan)
  - Meals may have to be increased to 75 if the students from Boys State and their families attend. Steve Fuller said he will know by Oct 16<sup>th</sup> if they will be attending.

### 21. DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER :

- Oct 12\_\_\_\_\_Department set post membership renewal goal at 60% by Oct 12<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 14\_\_\_\_\_Will be at the Barnes Store selling Raffle tickets for the M1 & AR-15 rifles
- Oct 18\_\_\_\_\_Job Fair at the AG Center between 2-5PM (2 volunteers needed) see Cdr Merriss
- Oct 19\_\_\_\_\_Regular Membership meeting (Boys State Students will be recognized)
- Oct 20-22\_\_\_\_\_Dept Fall Conference, Duluth, GA (Post 143 will only attend Saturday, Oct 21)
- Oct 26/31\_\_\_\_\_Post will participate in two Trunk or Treat events. One at Pioneer Ford, one at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Temple
- Nov 4\_\_\_\_\_Post revitalization will be held at the Post building between 9am to noon.
- Nov 4/5/11/12\_\_\_Toys 4 Tots Collection at Wal-Mart. Need volunteers. (See Bob Hilliard for schedule)
- Nov 10\_\_\_\_\_Bowdon Middle School will host a Veterans Day program Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. The post color guard will participate & Bill Hearnburg will speak at the event.
- Nov 11\_\_\_\_\_Veterans Day Ceremony at the CCVMP: 10:30am Band, 11:00am ceremony
- Nov 16\_\_\_\_\_Council-On-Aging Thanksgiving luncheon, 10am to 2pm. Post 143 & Color Guard to participate
- Nov 16\_\_\_\_\_Regular Membership meeting + Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 18\_\_\_\_\_5<sup>th</sup> District Caravan Audit will be held at Post 264, Mableton. Time TBD
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**With no other business to bring before the body, a Salute to the Flag followed by a prayer offered by Bob Hilliard.**

**The October 10, 2017 Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at: 6:40 PM**

**Approved Date:**

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**Commander Ted Merriss**

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**Recorder, Frank Joswick (Adjutant position unfilled)**