



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2018**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:03PM. 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:** Catherine Dickey, Dyane and Gabby Purser
- **Prospective New Members:** Catherine Dickey
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** Chaplain James Pierce, Trinka Davis Veterans Village

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- **Birthdays:** Joe Harrod, Paul Schuefler
- **Anniversaries:** Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Fuller (69 yrs.), Mr. & Mrs. Sam Pyle (37 yrs.), Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Smith (25 yrs.)

GENERAL BUSINESS

BBQ COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:

The final financial report for the 2018 BBQ was submitted.	Total Sales	\$12,416.00	Disbursement:
	Total Expenses	<u>3,575.10</u>	American Legion \$4,420.45
	Total Profit	\$ 8,840.90	SAL 884.09
	Disbursement		Auxiliary <u>3,536.36</u>
			\$8,840.90

Cmdr. Harrod thanked everyone that helped with this year's BBQ sales, preparation and participation. He also stated that the post will begin planning for the 2019 BBQ after the end of this year.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson

President Henson reminded members that more wives are still needed in the auxiliary.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jeanette Henson

Transportation for volunteers to travel to Decatur for certification is still pending, but President Henson is still trying to get the issue resolved,

SAL: The SAL will be providing the ham for the November Combined Membership Meeting meal, with the Auxiliary and members' wives providing the accompanying sides. Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson has the sign-up list.

SICK CALL: Jeanette Henson's mother, Homa Archer is recovering from a fall, and Frank Searcy is not doing well.

All members are reminded to contact either Service Committee Chairman Bill Maddox or Chaplain Ronnie Martin if a member of the Legion or the Auxiliary as well as family members are ill or in need of prayers.

CONDOLENCES: Judge Advocate Richard Guynn notified the membership of the passing of Michelle Lewis from the Carroll County Ag Center. Chaplain Ronnie Martin stated that he would send a card of condolence from the Post 143 Family.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Chaplain Service at Trinka Davis Veterans Village

Chaplain James Pierce from the Trinka Davis Veterans Village was introduced by Post Chaplain Ronnie Martin to the combined membership for a presentation on the programs offered at the Carrollton facility. Chaplain Pierce services Carrollton, Austell, and Rome, GA. A Veterans Support Group is open to all veterans who want to "talk and share" on Tuesdays @ 1:00 PM and Thursdays @ 10:00 AM at the Carrollton Veterans Center. He can be contacted at (404) 852-5681 or online @ james.pierce6@va.gov for more information or to set up an appointment. Flyers are also available at the Sign-in Table. Post Chaplain Martin highly encouraged members to take advantage of this benefit.

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 at the right tables facing the podium will be next
- Exit into halfway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- Please uncover while eating
- Those at right tables please help with cleanup after meeting.

BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The regular Post meeting began at 7:03PM. 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. Commander asked members to UNCOVER
4. The Chaplain Ronnie Martin offered a prayer:
5. POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR (Sgt at Arms Ron Knowles) was remembered
6. Pledge of Allegiance. By Senior Vice Dale Robinson
7. RECOVER. The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was recited in unison. (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 SV Dale Robinson 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 September General Meeting were accepted.
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- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

POST REPORTS

10. COMMANDER: 2018-2019 Post 143 Committee Chairs and Member
 - Any members who have not paid their 2018-2019 dues please do so in person, by mail or online.
 - 5th District training is scheduled for Oct 20th, 2018 at Post 160 in Smyrna at 10:00 AM.
 - The Fall Conference is in Duluth GA on October 26-28, 2018. Cmdr Harrod and Adjutant Steve Fuller are planning to attend. Anyone else that is interested is invited also. There is a \$5.00 registration fee which can be paid after check-in at the hotel.
 - Fishing for Freedom is being revived for April 2019 and Post 143 has appropriated money to participate. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering for that event can attend an organizational meeting on Oct. 20th, 2018 at Post 294 in Powder Springs at 2:00 PM. Fishing for Freedom is a family event and all membership and their families are welcome to participate. It will be held at the Georgia Power Lake.
 - Bowden Middle School is still looking for a speaker for their Veterans Day observance on Nov. 12th, 2018.
11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman
 - The Financial Report for the Month of August, 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 (**ABSENT**) (Cmdr. Harrod reported in his absence.)
 - A letter of thanks was received from Paula Burke at the UGA Extension Carroll County for our generous donation of \$250 to the 2018 Heritage Days and the volunteers from Post 143 that participated. Enclosed were pictures from that event.
 - Commissioner Mike Roby from the Dept. of Veterans Service in Atlanta extended an invitation to Post 143 to attend the annual Veterans Day Proclamation Signing Ceremony at the State Capital on Nov 6th, 2018 at 11:00 AM. Gov. Deal will be in attendance. To R.S.V.P. contact Ava Ingram at aingram@vs.state.ga.us or (404) 656-2305.
13. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson
 - Membership Report: SV Robinson reported membership is at 78.5%, which is above goal at this date.

Prospective members: Martin McFadden, John Thomas, Don Tower and Brian Labor were recognized. A motion was made to accept them as new members to Post 143. The motion was seconded and carried. Congratulations to each of you.

- Honor Guard Report: The Honor Guard provided services 3 times in September.
A Flag raising and folding ceremony as well as a rifle firing was performed at the Roopville Elementary School as part of the Roopville Homecoming events. SV Robinson also was asked to speak to the 3rd and 4th grade classes also.
- Upcoming events include
Flag Folding ceremony at Bremen Academy on Oct. 19th
Firing Team at the Veterans Day Observance on Nov 11th at Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park
Color Guard for Veterans Day observance at Bowden Middle School on Nov. 12th
Toys for Tots during the Christmas shopping season

14. JV/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass

- JV Tim Bass and Historian Bob Hilliard represented Post 143 at the Eagle Scout Ceremony on October 7th honoring Drake Pauley for his MIA/POW Table located at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park. He was given a medal and a certificate for his design and project.

15. JV /Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle

- JV Sam Pyle related information concerning 260,000 Filipino & Filipino-American troops that served in WWII, but went unrecognized for decades. With the passing of the Congressional Gold Metal Act of 2015, later signed by former President Obama, many surviving veterans and family members of deceased members were recently present to accept the award.
- An update on the Flag Amendment Bill . AZ Representative Steve Womack has introduced a flag for protection constitutional amendment. The American Legion is continuing it's efforts to protect the American flag.
- A comprehensive review is being done by a group of college students and professors of the military records of WWI African-American veterans who may have been victims of racism in regard to advancements and/or awards during their years of service. In the future other ethnicities will also be looked at.

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

- JV Stuckey reported that the Heritage Days at the Carroll County Ag Center was a very successful event, as the letter from Paula Burke indicated. Over 1800 students, teachers and parents participated this year. The Flag Retirement Ceremony by the Post Honor Guard was especially noted.
- Toys for Tots will be starting in November. Post 143 has always been an active participant in this effort. A sign-up sheet is available for the Wal-Mart donation schedule with the following dates open. November 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, & 25 and December 1, 2, 8, & 9.

17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn

- Any additions or changes to the American Legion Post143 Amendments to the Constitution or By-laws should be forwarded to JA Richard Guynn.

18. Service Officer: Don Levans

- Presently the Service Committee consists of Don Levans, Joe Harrod and Ronnie Martin.
- Recently the committee has had eight requests from veterans in need of assistance. Three (3) were furnished with grant money from the Trinka Davis fund; two (2) were given guidance to other sources for help and three (3) could not be assisted.
- Bells of Peace sponsored by the WWI Centennial Commission has requested that this year being the 100th anniversary of WWI, that we observe Veterans Day on November 11th with a ceremonial bell ringing in all churches and fire stations at 11:11 AM. The bells will be rung 21 consecutive times. This year the CCVMP program (and church service) will be on Sunday the 11th at the park. You can check further at CCVMP.org.

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

20. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser

- Chair Randy Purser reminded the members that the post has a Facebook page, and if anyone needs assistance accessing it to contact him.

21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg **NO REPORT**

22. Jr Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick

- This year the five (5) member team will be competing on the Carroll County 4-H Riflery Club. The team will consist of Taylor Perry, Morgan Frank, Colin Grubbs, Thomas Harris and Ben Bradly. Schedules for observing practices and/or

matches will be furnished when it becomes available. Registration will begin in November and the sponsorship for the team will be \$62.50.

23. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver (ABSENT)

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
- Any members or family members who have photographs, memorabilia or stories of Carroll County veterans that they would like to have recognized in the post history, please contact Bob Hilliard.

25. Chaplain: Ronnie Martin NO REPORT

- Please take advantage of the opportunity to find a group of fellow veterans who want to share their issues with someone and have the assistance of Chaplain Pierce, too.

26. Any committee reports missed?

- Cmdr. Harrod pointed out that Post 143 will not be participating in the Oratorical Contest this year due to a lack of interest.
- Frank Joswick pointed out what a satisfying experience you could have by attending the Trunk or Treat at Pioneer Ford on Oct. 25th, or the Halloween event in Temple on Oct. 31st.
- Bob Hilliard pointed out the satisfaction when you donate to Toys for Tots.

27. Unfinished Business:

- The Wreaths Across America is scheduled for December 15th by the American Legion Riders. The wreaths will be placed in several State and National cemeteries in Georgia (and one in AL). They need volunteers and donations. This subject will be discussed at the November Executive Committee Meeting on November 6th.
- SAL President George Wheeless stated that the membership has gained 5 or 6 new members. Dues are \$10 per year. Progress is being made on the "Four Chaplain Sunday" that will be held on Feb 10, 2019 at the AG Center Building. The speakers are confirmed as well as the Honor Guard participation. Anyone interested in helping with the program (or becoming a member) can come to a SAL meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A request was made for four (4) identical jackets that can be borrowed to use during the ceremony on Feb. 10th. Please contact the SAL if you can assist with any of these requests.

28. Any New Business: NONE

29. Dates to remember

5th District Training Oct 20 Post 160 Smyrna 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
Fall Dept. Conference Oct 26th – 28th in Duluth
Veterans Day Ceremony at CCVMP in November

30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- Marine Corp League still have 12-15 tickets left for the gun raffle after this meeting in the Marine Corp meeting room.
- Ron Knowles reported that O'Charley's in Villa Rica has a POW/MIA Table. It was also mentioned that the Georgia Aquarium also has one.

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 October 18, 2018 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at 7:54PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen