



The American Legion Post 143 Executive Committee Meeting November 14, 2017

Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included: Commander Ted Merriss, Joe Harrod, Chuck Feaselman, Tim Bass, Steve Fuller, Ron Knowles, Jeanette Henson, and Frank Joswick

GUESTS: No Guests were in attendance

BY THE COMMANDER

SICK CALL:

Frank Scott & wife Edna Scott, Wayne Driver, John Bassett, Nancy Montalto, and Mary Nelson

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: None

TAPS: No one

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 October 19, 2017 Combined Regular Membership Meeting minutes will be presented to the membership at the next Regular Membership meeting scheduled for November 16, 2017

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Merriss discussed the following:

- Asked Frank Joswick to publish the Quarterly Newsletter. He will contact those requiring inputs.
- Post 143 and the Color Guard will participate in the Council-on Aging Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 16, 2017
- Will Hold an Abbreviated Combined Membership meeting Thursday, November 16, 2016 where Sheriff Langley will be presented with a plaque. Thanksgiving Dinner will follow. Music will be provided by Holly Gotferdson.
- Cmdr Merriss will get Thanksgiving table coverings and center pieces for 20 tables

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman
 - The Post budget summary will be available at the November 16, 2017 combined membership meeting
2. **JR. VICE / LEGISLATIVE / RAFFLE TICKETS:** by Joe Harrod
 - Collected \$4,200 from the sale of tickets for the M1 Garand and \$2,790 for the AR-15. Total collected to date is \$6990.00
 - Scheduled to sell more tickets at the Barnes store on Friday, November 17th. and at the Shot-Spot store on Saturday, November 18th
 - Drawings will be held on December 12th or 21st depending on the cancellation of the combined membership meeting.
 - Will sell raffle tickets at the Council-on-Aging Thanksgiving Event on Thursday, Nov 16, 2017 at 0900 hrs.

3. **HONOR GUARD:** by Chair Dale Robinson
- Honor Guard participated in Veterans Day Events at two schools, one church and the Vet Park Program
 - Conducted three Veteran Honors funerals
 - Sardis Baptist Church donated \$500 to the Honor Guard to help pay clothing expenses and travel costs
 - Chuck Bass and a Color Guard team will participate in the Council-on-Aging Thanksgiving Fest Nov 16th

4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Bob Hilliard

Halloween:

Thank you for all who participated in Halloween activities (Frank Joswick, Bill Hearnburg, Larry Boswell)... Thank you to all who donated candy. You were very generous.

Veterans Day:

Thank you to Post 143 Honor Guard for posting colors at Bowdon Middle and to Bill Hearnburg who was the main speaker at the Veterans Day ceremony. Thank you also to Steve Fuller who spoke to Villa Rica High School on Veterans Day.

Toys-for-tots:

We've requested a collection box and a lock-box for money collection for the November and December meetings. Volunteers are still needed for Saturdays and Sundays. If you volunteered at our last meeting, I was unable to share that information with Lisa Graham as all volunteer sheets were tossed before I could see them. To check the latest November slots go to carrollcountytoysfortots@gmail.com or call Lori Graham at 404-831-5066.

Oratorical Competition:

At this point we have made contacts attempting to encourage students to compete, but may still be too early to know of specific interest. I would suggest Saturday, January 20th as a date to set for our competition if we have any competitors.

Boy Scouts:

We still need to hear from at least two persons interested in serving on the Boy Scout Committee. We're attempting to make contact with the scout whose Eagle Scout project was at the Veterans Park.

Rifle Competition:

I've spoken with Kirk Ware in Cobb County who is in charge of the air-rifle teams in the local schools. As Frank knows, Carrollton High School has an air-rifle team. We can sponsor them at no cost by simply filling out a Legion form. If, at some point, we wish to help we can budget for targets.

Essays:

I have contacted schools to see if there would be any interest in students writing essays of interviews with Veterans. Still no response. Will try again next year.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

5. **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT:** by Commander George Wheeless (Not Present)

- The SAL Meeting minutes and budget will be submitted during the Combined Membership meeting scheduled for November 16, 2017
- SAL has ordered and will pick up the Hams for the Thanksgiving dinner slated for the Nov 16th Combined Membership meeting.
- Donated \$150.00 toward the "Wreath Across America" program

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT: by Jeanette Henson

- Donated \$150.00 toward the "Wreath Across America" program
- Cmdr Merriss will email the Thanksgiving dinner food request list to the membership.
- Will coordinate the Thanksgiving Day Dinner with SAL Cdr George Wheeless
- Joe Morgan will provide ice for the dinner.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Special Committee update required concerning the review of the current Post Constitution, Bylaws and SOP's
- Select Post members continue to make revitalization phone calls to Post 400 members
- Still need volunteers for the Toys-4-Tots program. See item 2 for more information

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Air Rifle Competition Sponsorship

- Commander Merriss expressed an interest in sponsoring the Carrollton High School Air Rifle Team so they can compete in the Legion's 2017-18 Nation Air Rifle Championship. Frank Joswick presented handouts that explained the program, its cost (\$75) and the willingness of the CHS Air Rifle Team to compete.
- Finance Committee Chair, Chuck Feaselman along with committee members Ron Knowles and Frank Joswick voted to approve the transfer of \$75 from the 9-11 budget.
- The Executive committee voted to approve the sponsorship of the CHS Rifle Team and the \$75 cost to purchase 6 target sets associated with the Legion's 2017-18 Nation Air Rifle Championship.
- Frank Joswick will represent the Post and coordinate with CHS all matters relating to the Legion's Air Rifle program.

b. Donation to the Wreath-Across-America Program

- Commander Merriss asked the Finance Committee to approve the transfer of \$150 from the 9-11 Budget so the Post can donate to the Wreath-Across-America program. (SAL & AUX have already donated their \$150).
- The Finance Committee voted to approve the transfer of \$150 from the 9-11 Budget.
- The Executive committee voted to approve the donation of \$150 toward the Wreath-Across-America Program.

c. Cancellation of the December Combined Membership Meeting

- After a brief discussion, the Executive committee voted to approve the cancellation of the December 21, 2017 Combined Membership meeting because of the closeness to the Christmas weekend. A normal meeting schedule will resume in January, 2018.

8. **DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER :**

- 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_____ 5th District Caravan Audit will be held at Post 264, Mableton. Time: 08:30 sign-in
- Nov 27_____ Donations to the Wreath Across American due
- Dec 01_____ Carrollton High School Air Rifle Match in Anniston Al. Time TBD
- Dec 04_____ Qrtly Newsletter inputs due (Select Officers & Committee Chairs)
- Dec 12_____ EC Meeting and Raffle ticket drawing if the Dec 21st meeting is cancelled.
- Dec 21_____ Combined Membership meeting and raffle ticket drawing (If not cancelled)

With no other business to bring before the body, all saluted the Flag and the November 14, 2017 Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at: 6:45 PM

Approval Date:_____.

Original to be signed
Commander Ted Merriss

Recorder, Frank Joswick (Adjutant position unfilled)