



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 607 PM. 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
- **Prospective New Members:** Fred Krantz
- **Prospective Transferee's:** None
- **Special Guests:** None

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

- **Birthdays:** Randy Purser
- **Anniversaries:** Doc and Bette Stuckey (16th)
Ruelle Kemp and Don Chavez (8th)

GENERAL BUSINESS

December Christmas Meal: Service Officer Don Levans presented Post 143 with an invitation from Desiree Miller of **Kindred at Home** in Villa Rica to cater, free of charge, a meal for the December Combined Membership meeting. A motion was made to accept, and the unanimous vote confirmed both scheduling the CM meeting on December 20, 2018 and to accept the generous offer from Ms. Miller.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**

SAL: The SAL provided the meat for the November Combined Membership Meeting meal, with the Auxiliary and members' wives providing the accompanying sides. Thank you to everyone who prepared the meal and to those who helped arrange the food on the tables and the individuals who cleared and "tidied up" after.

SICK CALL: Debra Robinson needs your prayers. Joey Martin. Ruelle Kemp, Homa Archer, Charlene Harrod and Ruth Fuller were also thought of. Bill Schadl is still in the hospital.

CONDOLENCES: JoAnn McWhorter was remembered.

STAND and UNCOVER 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 left tables facing the podium will be next
- Exit into halfway thru door nearest podium and fall in line
- Please uncover while eating
- Those at left tables please help with cleanup after meeting.

BEGIN REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The regular Post meeting began at 7:10 PM. With one rap of the gavel, Past Commander Ronnie Pate 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 (Past Commander Ronnie Pate) was remembered
6. Pledge of Allegiance. By Adjutant Steve Fuller
7. RECOVER. The Preamble to the Legion Constitution was recited in unison. (Adjutant Steve Fuller)
(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 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 October General Meeting were accepted.
- A vote was taken and the minutes of October EC Meeting were accepted.
- 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.
 - Dept. 100th year anniversary coins will be picked up at the District meeting on November 18th. They are \$20 each. Four (4) extra coins will also be available for sale.
 - *Wreaths Across America* donation from Post 143 has been designated for Marietta Cemetery this year.
11. Finance Officer/Finance Committee Chair: Chuck Feaselman
 - The Financial Report for the Month of October, 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
 - Membership is currently at 79%
 - *Wreaths Across America* are accepting personal donations.
 - Post 70 is hosting the Commanders Ball. Information is available from Adjutant Fuller upon request.
 - Wartime Veterans Tax-free Monetary Benefit information is available for members from Steve Fuller.
 - Milledgeville Cemetery expansion information is also available from the Adjutant.
13. Sr. Vice Dale Robinson **(ABSENT)**
14. JV/Americanism Chair: Tim Bass **(ABSENT)**
15. JV /Legislative & Protocol Chair: Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**
16. JV/Children & Youth Chair: Charles (Doc) Stuckey
 - **Toys for Tots** collections have started. Post 143 has always been an active participant in this effort. Monetary donations are being accepted as well as toys. The **TOYS for TOTS** drop box is in the post building, and additional locations are at Trinka Davis Center and Walmart. Donations will be accepted until December 4, 2018 at the Executive Committee meeting and at Trinka Davis Center.
17. Judge Advocate: Richard Guynn **(ABSENT)**
18. Service Officer: Don Levans **NO REPORT**
19. Service Committee Chair: Bill Maddox **NO REPORT**
20. Cyber Chair: Randy Purser **NO REPORT**
21. Public Relations Committee Chair: Bill Hearnburg **(ABSENT)**
22. Jr Shooting Sports Chair: Frank Joswick **(ABSENT)**

23. SAL Committee Chair: Wayne Driver **(ABSENT)**

24. Historian: Bob Hilliard **(ABSENT)**

- 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 and included in the post history, please contact Bob Hilliard.

25. Chaplain: Ronnie Martin **NO REPORT**

26. Any committee reports missed? NONE

27. Unfinished Business: NONE

28. Any New Business: NONE

29. Dates to remember:

- November 18th _____ 5th District Meeting
- December 4th _____ Executive Committee Meeting
- December 20th _____ Combined Membership Meeting

30. BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: NONE

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 November 15, 2018 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at 7:20 PM with one gavel rap.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen