



**The American Legion Post143
Combined Regular Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

Commander Harrod called the combined membership meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Junior Vice Sam Pyle served as SAA in the absence of Thomas Underwood. All stood for a salute to the Colors and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was declared regularly convened.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: by Commander Harrod

- **Guests: NONE**
- **5th District: NONE**
- **Prospective New Members: Scott Jackson, Commander, USN Retired**
 - Ronnie Edwards**
 - Robert Langley, US Army**
 - Jaramie King, US Army Recruiter (Active Duty)**
 - Jose' Marti, US Coast Guard**
- **Prospective Transferee's: NONE**

RECOGNITION:

- **Birthdays: Randy Purser**
- **Anniversaries: Doc & Bette Stuckey**

GENERAL BUSINESS

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeanette Henson

- **REMINDER:** The Unit 143 membership is continually accepting new members in order to maintain our Dept. goal. Please contact family members and encourage them to consider joining the women's group and to help support the organization. Eligibility includes wives, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, great granddaughters, sisters and also those women who are eligible for Legion membership in their own right. The Auxiliary dues are \$25 annually.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**

- **REMINDER:** Please contact Jeanette if you are interested in volunteering at the Trink Davis Veterans Village. Jeanette can give you the information for training and the available days and times that still need coverage at the facility. Consider helping our veterans in a very rewarding way.

SICK CALL:

Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Debra Robinson is still in cancer recovery.

Peggy Riley is convalescing at the Brookdale facility in Carrollton following her stroke.

Mary Nelson's will be seeing a plastic surgeon following her nose surgery (cancer), and also has a liver cyst.

Bobby Murrow had knee replacement surgery recently.

Jeanette Henson is scheduled for back surgery soon.

Runette Kemp is under the weather.
Bob Merrill is ill.
Justin Bell is dealing with bladder cancer.
Jeff Liggett has had foot surgery and will be having his stitches removed.

CONDOLENCES:

Richard Ridson has passed away.

RECOGNITION: Commander Harrod read a letter from James (“Jim”) A. Mariner, American Legion National Historian, to Post 143 Historian Robert Hilliard for placing first in the 2018-2019 competition for our post history that was awarded at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN earlier this year. Robert was presented with the First Place Plaque recently.

POST 143 BUSINESS

- The Adjutant took a roll call of officers and it was determined that enough members in good standing were present to declare quorum.
- The next EC Meeting is December 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm. **Wreaths Across America** will be discussed.
- A vote on adoption of Minutes of October 1, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting was taken and unanimously accepted.
- A vote on adoption of Minutes of October 17, 2019 Combined Membership Meeting was taken and unanimously accepted.
- Membership & Guest attendance rosters are attached to the minutes of each meeting.
- **The Financial Report (Ronnie Martin)** for the Month of October 2019 was read to the membership by Finance Officer Ronnie Martin and a copy was presented to the Commander. A second copy will be filed and become a permanent record of the post.
- **Adjutant Report (Steve Fuller)** currently the membership is at 85.9%.
- A motion was made to **cancel** the **December 19, 2019 Combined Membership Meeting**. It was unanimously accepted
- **Service Officer/Legion Centennial Committee Chair: Don Levans**

U. S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Hewlett A. Thompson,23, of Haralson County was once listed as a WWII MIA, but has recently been identified as a KIA, and will be reinterred on November 30th at the Clem United Methodist Church Cemetery with full military honors provided by the U. S. Army from Ft. Benning GA. Chaplain Boswell and Past Commander Levans have been in contact with Martin & Hightower Funeral Home as well as several surviving members of Pvt. Thompson’s family concerning his final arrangements.

The remains of Pvt. Thompson will be escorted by the U. S. Army Honor Guard from the airport in Atlanta to Martin & Hightower Funeral Home in Carrollton where the viewing and funeral will be at 12:00 pm. November 30th, 2019. The interment will follow at the Clem Cemetery. The American Legion Post 143 Honor Guard will be Honorary Pallbearers. Post 143 members are encouraged to attend this extraordinary recognition of a fellow veteran.

In Veteran Thompson’s honor, the CCVMP has installed a wall plaque with the pertinent information detailing his wartime service and sacrifice.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** A note was received from 5th District Cmdr. Walt Cusick expressing his pride and how Impressed he was with Post 143 after attending our September 19th, 2019 Combined Membership Meeting. He hopes to be invited to come back again!
- **CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS AND PREAMBLE:** Judge Advocate Richard Gynn will be in charge of revising our Post 143 Constitution to be in agreement with the new veteran eligibility guidelines put in place recently by legislation from Washington, DC.

- **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

SV Ron Knowles emphasized the importance of **"CALL A BUDDY!"** Recently a veteran passed away, but his remains were not discovered for 2 weeks. **If ANYONE** has knowledge of a veteran (or who might be a veteran) living alone, please contact Ron Knowles or Ronnie Pate to include these military members on the list to be contacted each day.

A motion to suspend all further business and adjourn for our Thanksgiving Meal was made and unanimously accepted.

- There was no further business to come before this meeting.
- **STAND AND UNCOVER**
- Chaplain Larry Boswell led us in a closing prayer.
- **RECOVER**
- The Commander declared the November 21st, 2019 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 6:28 PM with one gavel rap.

STAND and UNCOVER for prayer by Chaplain Larry Boswell

INSTRUCTIONS for MEAL

- *Thanks to everyone who helped set up the meal.
- *Those needing help with their meal and guests will be first in line
- *Members at left tables facing podium will be next
- *Exit into hallway thru door nearest podium and back in by food line
- *Please uncover while eating
- *Please help with cleanup after meeting.

Approval Date:

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen