



## The American Legion Post 143 Executive Committee Meeting December 12, 2017

Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM. Those attending included: Commander Ted Merriss, Joe Harrod, Tim Bass, Bob Hilliard, Richard Guynn, Dale Robinson, Randy Purser, Jeanette Henson, and Frank Joswick

**GUESTS:** No Guests were in attendance

### **BY THE COMMANDER**

#### **SICK CALL:**

Frank Scott

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** Sandra Jackson passed this week. She was the wife of Carl Jackson, a Trink Davis resident,

**TAPS:** No one

**ROLL CALL:** Frank Joswick conducted roll call and it was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum. The EC Sign-In Sheet will be attached to the EC minutes.

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

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:** The November 14, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes and the November 16, 2017 Combined Regular Membership Meeting minutes have been uploaded to the post website for review. ([www.gapost143.org](http://www.gapost143.org))

### **COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Commander Merriss discussed the following:

- The Post's Caravan Audit was submitted to 5<sup>th</sup> District and accepted as written
- The Department asked all Post Commanders to have 75% of its members renew by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Quarterly Newsletter has been mailed to members without an email account
- **The Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Combined Membership meeting has been cancelled**
- Applications for the Veterans ID Card have again been postponed.
- Asked Bob Hilliard to send out Christmas Cards to WWII members of the post. Will provide names and addresses.

### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Steve Fuller  
Membership Renewal is at 68.7%. Dept wants everyone at 75% by this time
  - White house hotline for VA: 855-948-2311
  - VA Mortgage hotline: 855-411-2372
  - Wreath Across America: On Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 0800 sharp, Post 145 will be escorted by the GSP to The National Cemetery at Canton**New Members:** Thomas Macduffie and Anthony Hardy **Transfers:** Cecil Cook

2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman
  - The Post Financial Report was provided and will be attached to the minutes of this meeting
  
3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass
 

**Sub Committees:**

  - **Junior Shooting Sport:** by Frank Joswick  
 Provided a handout to EC members covering the timeline for the upcoming 2017-2018 National Junior Shooting Sports Championship. This timeline must be followed by the Precision Air Rifle Team from Carrollton High School in order to compete in the Tournament. (Frank Joswick will coordinate)
  
4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Bob Hilliard
  - **Toys-for-Tots:**  
 We've requested a collection box and a lock-box for money collection for the November and December meetings. However, no boxes have been delivered. Need to find out the number of volunteer hours worked in November collecting toys at Wal-Mart. Because no one collected toys at the November General Membership meeting and the December meeting is cancelled, need to take toys to Wal-Mart Sat and Sun, December 16-17, 2017 (Would also like to do a Photo op at the same time of someone who will be bringing toys. (Let Bob know)  
 Commander Merriss also stated that toys can be dropped off at the Trinka Davis Veterans Clinic. Will do a group email stating such.  
 The Post will donate \$100 from the Toys-4-Tots Budget.
  - **Oratorical Competition:**  
 Still no luck in finding students willing to participate in the Post Oratorical Contest. Commander Merriss recommended that the Oratorical Contest be cancelled for this year and that the Post needs to start earlier next year in getting our high schools involved in the program.
  - **Legion Scholarship Program:**  
 Most Advanced Learning High School students graduate in December. Does anyone have a grandchild of a veteran that is interested in applying for the Legion's Scholarship? Let me know.  
 Jeanette Henson has a granddaughter that would be interested in applying for the Scholarship. Will contact Bob Hilliard
  - **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.
  - **Special Olympics:**  
 Need to start thinking about volunteers for the Special Olympics, usually it is held in March. However, the County Representative has not set a date yet.
  
5. **JR. VICE / LEGISLATIVE / RAFFLE TICKETS:** by Joe Harrod
  - **The final ticket sale tabulation is as follows:**
  - Collected \$5,000 from the sale of tickets for the M1 Garand and \$2,704 (Net) for the AR-15. A total of \$8,260 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets and donations compared to \$5000 raised in 2016.
  - \$2,704 will go to purchase new uniforms for the Honor Guard.
  - Next year, the Post may want to consider raffling off items of historical value like the M1-Carbine and 45 cal. 1911 pistol.
  - **Drawing Results:** (Jeanette Henson took part in the ticket draw)
    - **Doug Robbins from Temple, GA won the AR-15 Rifle** (Was notified and arrangements were made for pickup)
    - **Mike Hemrock from Villa Rica, GA won the M1-Garand** (Called but no answer, will try again Wednesday)
  
6. **HONOR GUARD:** by Chair Dale Robinson
  - Honor Guard will participate in the MLK Day parade scheduled for January 15, 2018 at 11:00am
  - Conducted three Veteran Honors funerals
  - Thanked Joe Harrod for taking the lead once again in overseeing the Raffle ticket program for the Post.

7. **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Angie Hale-Smith
  - Requested that the Honor Guard participate in the MLK Day parade scheduled for January 15, 2018 at 11:00am. Dale Robinson said the Honor Guard will gladly accept the invitation.
  
8. **PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vacant**
  - **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:** by Frank Joswick  
The Quarterly Post Newsletter has been mailed out to members without email addresses
  
  - **POST WEBSITE:** by Frank Joswick  
The November meeting minutes and the Quarterly newsletter are now available to view on the Post's website  
\*\*Recommend that the above also apply when group emailing the meeting minutes to membership (Ref. website only)  
Will conduct a Show & Tell during the January General Membership meeting on how to navigate the Website.
  
  - **LEGION'S 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL WEBSITE:** by Frank Joswick  
Will continue to monitor and publish post events to the webpage located on the legion's 100 Years Centennial website.
  
  - **CYBER CHAIR:** by Randy Purser  
Will provide a short demonstration of the Facebook Login using a video projector during the February General Membership meeting.
  
9. **JUDGE ADVOCATE:** by Richard Guynn
  - Briefed the EC members on the preliminary findings and recommendations by the Governance Committee regarding the post Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating procedures. Once the review is completed, formal written recommendations will be presented to the Executive Committee.
  - Commander Merriss asked what would be the best way to address the responsibilities of an individual or committee to notify the County regarding building maintenance issues both in and outside the veteran's building. Should this be part of the Rental Agreement with the County? Can this be added to the SOP's? Will provide a recommendation at the next EC meeting.
  
10. **HISTORIAN: Vacant** (JV Bob Hilliard & Jim Leak will update)
  - Bob Hilliard is providing Jim Leak with current post events and photo's that will be used in documenting this year's Post History.

### ANCILLARY REPORTS

11. **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT:** by Commander George Wheelless
  - Will provide SAL meeting minutes and budget summary report at the next January GM meeting
  
12. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson
  - The Christmas Shop was a great success this year. the Post Family provided 29 gifts to Trinka Davis Village residents
  - The Post Family and members of the Marine Corps League held Bingo for the veterans at Trinka Davis Village on Dec 12, 2017. Instead of giving cash prizes, they gave out the cash prizes in Christmas Stockings
  - Suggest that the Post Family hold a Saint Patrick's Day Social during the March Combined Membership meeting. The post family can provide Irish side dishes, and an Irish Band can provide background music. The Auxiliary and SAL will coordinate the event. Will discuss further at the next EC Meeting.
  
- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson
  - More people throughout the community are expressing an interest in becoming a volunteer at Trinka Davis. Management is considering holding a Training Session at the Trinka Davis Clinic for the new volunteers

**UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS**

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- None

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Recommend using the Ham from the Thanksgiving Dinner and serve it along with side dishes provided by the post family in lieu of ordering a meal for the January Combined Membership meeting. Commander Merriss will notify the membership via group email. (AUX & SAL will coordinate)
- Commander proposed a "Day of Honor" for veterans during a predetermined High School Football game sometime in November 2018. Each school can set their own date. Several Coaches have expressed an interest in supporting such an event. The Commander would also like to form a committee to coordinate with the High School administrators & Coaches.
- Joe Harrod informed the Commander that a Travis Morgan may be interested in joining the post and assuming the vacant Adjutant's position. Commander Merriss will call Mr Morgan.
- Bob Hilliard asked Frank Joswick, as a member of the Finance Committee, to pass on expense receipts to the Finance Officer, Chuck Feaselman, who was not present for the EC meeting.

**14. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Dec 16<sup>th</sup>-----Wreath-Across-America Ceremony, 12pm at the CCVMP
- **Dec 21<sup>st</sup>-----Combined Regular Membership meeting CANCELLED**
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>-----EC Meeting at 5pm
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>-----Combined Regular Membership meeting @ 6pm
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-----First round of completed shooting targets from CHS must be mailed to National

**WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY**

*Salute to the Flag*

*And a prayer by Bob Hilliard*

**The December 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at: 6:50 PM**

**Approval Date:\_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Commander Ted Merriss**

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

**THE CARROLL POST 143  
AMERICAN LEGION  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
1 NOVEMBER 2017-30 NOVEMBER 2017**

**General Fund as of 1 November 2017** \$30754.67

**Revenue:**

Gun Raffle:	\$800.00
Donation:	\$500.00
Donation:	\$113.00
Donation:	\$17.00
Mbr Dues	\$450.00

**Total Revenue:** \$1880.00 \$32634.17

**Expenses:**

John Bassett (Bingo):	\$200.00
Wreaths Across America:	\$150.00
Advance Auto (Penney Robinson0:	\$151.92
Mbr Dues (Dept of Ga.):	\$400.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$901.92</b>

**General Funds as of November 30. 2017** \$31732.25

**Post 143 (Community Fund Investment 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr:** \$169,877.66 + 15,3372.61

**Reserve Funds:**

Trinka Davis (Veterans):	\$2089.38
Carroll EMC (Honor Guard):	\$3000.00
Other (Honor Guard):	\$500.00
Service Officer:	\$745.00

Charles H. Feaselman  
Finance Officer