



American Legion-Department of Georgia  
Carroll Post 143  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday September 1, 2020

Commander:

- Please Silence All Electronic Devices
- Salute, Pledge and Prayer: SAA Thomas Underwood, Chaplain Larry Boswell
- Roll Call of Elected Officers to Determine Quorum: Adjutant Kathy Katen **YES**
- Call to Order (3 raps of gavel by Commander Ronnie Pate) at 5:09 pm.
- Draft Minutes: The August 20, 2020 Membership Meeting was cancelled.
- Sick Call: Ruth Fuller is currently a resident of The Oaks in Carrollton.  
John Bassett is now home from inpatient care at Tanner Hospital.
- TAPS:  
Hugh W. Barrow, Henry L. Bedford, Beryl L. Chadwick, Charles H. Feaselman, Frank Fox  
and George F. Woodruff

COMMANDER:

Proposed Goals

A. Virtual Meetings

After a discussion by members of the Executive Committee to consider the practicality of offering virtual meetings to the general membership, a motion was made by JV Cowart to research the resources available and the cost. The motion was seconded by JV Tim Bass. The vote was unanimous to go forward with the inquiries. Commander Pate requested that Frank Joswick look into the various virtual meeting companies (primarily those being fee free) and present the pros and cons found with each at the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

B. Buddy Checks

Concern for the welfare of our post members who may need assistance has initiated a project to hopefully remedy this situation. A PHONE TREE will be created and implemented by volunteers to contact these members and check on their situations. At this time, Service Chairman Bill Maddox and post member Allen Katen have agreed to set up the PHONE TREE.

C. Amend C, BLs & SOPs

Cmdr. Pate has requested that members think about possible amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws & Standard Operating Procedures and submit your thoughts to our Judge Advocate Richard Guynn (at <http://www.gapost143.org>). This will be an extended project, as it will be some time next year (2021) before any decisions will be made.

Other:

A. Post Directory

The 2020-2021 Post 143 Officers and Committees Directory was reviewed and a motion was made by JV Sam Pyle to accept the directory as printed. The motion was seconded by Chaplain Larry Boswell. The vote was unanimous to accept the document(s) and was so recorded. The list of the 2020-2021 Post Officers is now available for download on the post website.

B. Reaching Carroll County Veterans in Need

As a direct result of the Covid-19 Virus, the Trinka Davis facility is *still* not available to needy Carroll County veterans to access. If you know of a veteran in the county that could use some help, please pass that information on to Service Officer Don Levans or Service Chairman Bill Maddox.

JV Don Cowart volunteered to research a separate project to assist veterans who are living on a limited income, and report his results to the Executive Committee.

C. EC Meeting Date Change

Commander Ronnie Pate proposed changing the Executive Committee meetings to the first Thursday of each month. The motion to this proposed change was submitted by Finance Officer Joe Harrod and seconded by SV Randy Purser. A vote was taken with a unanimous vote of "Yes".

D. Future Meetings

For the foreseeable future, no decision has been made for any scheduled General Membership meetings. Therefore, Post 143 will utilize the Phone Tree, the Newsletter and USPS to keep all members informed. **Please update your address, email and telephone contact information** on the post website or with a post officer or committee member.

(Governor Brian Kemp has extended the Covid-19 restrictions until October 10, 2020.)

Junior Vice Commander Tim Bass made a motion to cancel the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 General Membership Meeting. It was seconded by JV Don Cowart. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was cancelled.

## REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE OFFICER, Joe Harrod**  
FO Harrod presented the CARROLL POST 143 BUDGET YEAR Beginning 08-01-2020, Ending 07-31-2021. Also included was the July 31, 2020 and August 31, 2020 Financial Reports. All three (3) documents are attached to this month's Executive Meeting Minutes. The Finance Committee is looking at possible fund-raising projects for the future, and would welcome your suggestions.
2. **JUDGE ADVOCATE, Richard Guynn**  
JA Guynn will need volunteers for the Audit Committee. The Spring Audit is usually in February, and the End of Year Audit in August. Please let him know if you can assist with either or both of these projects.  
The Judge Advocate will establish a committee to work with recommendations submitted for changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or the Standard Operating Procedures for Post 143. Volunteers are needed for this committee, too.
3. **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, Randy Purser**  
Membership Goals are required and are expected to be met by December 2020.
4. **JUNIOR VICE I: VA & Rehabilitation, Sam Pyle**
  - A. Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**
  - B. Don Levans, Service Officer **ABSENT**
  - C. Bill Maddox, Chairman **NO REPORT**
  - D. Dale Robinson, Honor Guard **ABSENT**
  - E. Larry Boswell, Chaplain: Several memorial services have been completed, with many still pending.
  - F. Jeanette Henson, Volunteering **NO REPORT**
5. **JUNIOR VICE II: National Security, Don Cowart**
  - A. POW/MIA Accounting  
JV Cowart reported that the accounting of our POW/MIA is ongoing.
  - B. Operation Comfort Warrior  
*Fishing for Freedom* has been cancelled for 2020, but individuals can still make a charitable donation to the fund.
6. **JUNIOR VICE III: Americanism, Tim Bass **NO REPORT****
  - A. Steve Fuller, Boys State Committee **ABSENT**
  - B. Frank Joswick, JSSP Committee  
Background Checks are a new American Legion National requirement. JSSP Committee member Frank Joswick expanded on this subject with information he has received concerning the required courses that must be completed in order to volunteer with various organizations that participate in area youth programs.  
A motion was made and seconded that Frank go forward with the required background check and he will be reimbursed for his expenses.  
Sign up for the JSSP program began on 1 Sep 2020.

- C. Frank Joswick, JROTC Committee  
The JROTC Committee is fully staffed and working with Carrollton City and Central High Schools again this year.
  - D. Dale Robinson, Honor Guard **ABSENT**  
Heritage Days have been cancelled this year, but a virtual Flag Retirement Ceremony has been prepared and will be available to the Carroll County School System Faculty for presentation to their students.
7. JUNIOR VICE IV: Children & Youth, Doc Stuckey **NO REPORT**
8. CYBER CHAIR: Randy Purser
- A. Any members who wish to post items on our Facebook Page relevant to Post 143 activities, please contact Randy and he will discuss your article(s) with you.
9. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bill Hearnburg **ABSENT**
- A. Frank Joswick produces the Newsletter and manages the Post 143 Website. Please contact Frank with information or questions relating to either source of Post 143 communication.
10. HISTORIAN: **Vacant**
11. SAA UNDERWOOD **NO REPORT**
12. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Jeanette Henson
- A. AP Henson reported that the veterans at the Trinka Davis Residents' facility are visited on Fridays by the CHEER CART. There are books, candy, snacks and various other items. The Auxiliary will also be providing U. S. Flags for the students participating in the Heritage Days program.
13. SAL COMMANDER: George Wheelless
- A. Commander Wheelless presented the Executive Committee with a very sobering report. The Sons of the American Legion are on the verge of disbanding. Low membership and attendance have contributed to this situation. If anyone is thinking about attending or joining **NOW IS THE TIME!** Please save our SAL!
  - B. SAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Wayne Driver **ABSENT**
14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **NONE**
15. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Post 143 has received an email from John C. Garner, M. Ed at Temple High School. He teaches US History and Human Geography there. Mr. Garner will be starting a National History Club this year and would like to get his students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) involved with the American Legion and work with veterans. After presenting this request to the Executive Committee, SAL Commander George Wheelless volunteered to contact Mr. Garner and discuss the possibilities of working with our post veterans and his students in the National History Club. Thank you, George, for generously offering to follow up on this request.

**B. REMINDERS & EVENTS**

The Ag Center has put Post 143 on their September 2021 calendar of events. The Annual Barbeque Fund Raiser is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer. It always turns out to be a productive and fun day for everyone.

With no further business to bring before this assembly, retire the Colors by SAA and prayer by Chaplain Larry Boswell. This day, 1 September 2020, the Executive Committee Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia is adjourned at 6:50 pm. (1 rap of the gavel)