



**The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

Post Commander Joe Harrod opened the meeting at 5:03 PM. Those attending included JV Tim Bass, JV Sam Pyle, JV Charles Stuckey, Finance Officer Ronnie Martin, Service Officer Don Levans, Service Committee Chairman Bill Maddox, Public Relations Committee Chairman Bill Hearnburg, Jr. Shooting Sports Chairman Frank Joswick, Auxiliary President Jeanette Henson, Auxiliary Vice President Wanda Maddox, Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen, James Hill, Warren Henson and Allen Katen.

BY THE COMMANDER

GUESTS: None

SICK CALL: Chuck Feaselman

TAPS: *(Moment of Silent Prayer)* Chaplain Larry Boswell

ROLL CALL: It was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cmdr Harrod

- The SAL and the Post Auxiliary are sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner for the Combined Membership Meeting on March 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Members are asked to bring their favorite Irish dish to share with our American Legion Family members. Music will be provided.
- The nomination committee (for the 2020 – 2021 slate of candidates) will be finalized at the April 16th Combined Membership Meeting. It will consist of five (5) past commanders and two (2) nominations from the floor. Ron Knowles, Ronnie Pate, Don Levans, Wayne Driver, and Cecil Davis will fulfill the past commanders required on the committee.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Steve Fuller **ABSENT**

- At the present time there are three (3) new applications for membership to the American Legion pending.

PLEASE NOTE

- Office Hours at the post building.
First Tuesday monthly, 4-5 PM (prior to the EC meeting)
Second Thursday monthly, 6-7 PM (prior to the SAL meeting)
Third Thursday monthly, 5-6 PM (prior to the general membership meeting)
Every Wednesday afternoon, 4-5 PM

If you need assistance from the Adjutant call 770-301-3221

(This posting may be changing in the future, but the Post answering machine may be a valuable alternative.)

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Ronnie Martin
 - The budget report for Post 143 (2020) was given by Finance Officer Ronnie Martin and copies were distributed to the attending members of the Executive Committee meeting. The complete financial report will be given at the March 19, 2020 Combined Membership Meeting.
 - Public Relations Committee Chair Bill Hearnburg asked if a motion could be made to transfer the funds from the Oratorical Budget to the Publicity Budget. A motion by Ronnie Martin of the Finance Committee was made and a vote was taken. The motion was approved.

- **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Ron Knowles **ABSENT**
 - The present updated membership is 188 which is 98.95% for Post 143. The 5th District is at 88.69% with 6 posts over 100%.

- **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by Tim Bass
 - Cmdr. Harrod asked JV Tim Bass if there were any Eagle Scout nominees for the 2019-2020 American Legion Scholarship Award. At the present time Junior Vice Bass was not aware of any eligible candidates.

- **JUNIOR VICE/LEGISLATIVE & PROTOCOL:** by Sam Pyle
 - Due to some noticeable confusion at recent membership meetings, JV Pyle will address the proper protocol before, during and after these occasions as well as addressing the U. S. Flag at the March 19th, 2020 meeting.

- **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Charles Stuckey
 - **Special Olympics** are scheduled for April 21st, 2020 at the Carrollton High School. At the present time seven (7) members have signed up, but anyone can volunteer on the day of the event. More details will be forwarded to the membership by email.

- **JUDGE ADVOCATE/AUDIT CHAIR:** by Richard Guynn **ABSENT**

- **SERVICE OFFICER:** by Don Levans
 - Tickets for Sheriff Terry Langley's 18th Annual "Soup Tasting" were distributed by Don Levans. The event will take place on March 26th, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. at the Carroll County Agriculture Center. These tickets are free, but donations will be accepted at the door. Anyone interested in acquiring tickets should contact Service Officer Don Levans.
 - Also, of note, a retirement breakfast for Sissy Price (from the Carroll County Office) is being held at the historic Court House Library on March 31st, 2020 from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM.

- **SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Bill Maddox **NO REPORT**
- **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson **ABSENT**
- **CYBER CMTE CHAIR:** by Randy Purser **ABSENT**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** by Bill Hearnburg **NO REPORT**
- **JR. SHOOTING SPORTS CHAIR:** by Frank Joswick
 - Coach Mike Lewis (Carrollton High School) was contacted to coordinate a date for the CHS Rifle Team to attend one of our membership meetings for an awards night. The team members will receive American Legion certificates, and the three (3) graduating seniors will also be highlighted.
 - CHS Principal David Brooks recognized the Rifle Team members and graduating seniors Ben Bradley, Morgan Frank and Thomas Harris with the **3A's Award** for their achievements in Academics, Arts and Athletics.
 - The American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program for our post is going to coordinate with The Sheriff's Youth Camp. A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be presented and certificates awarded at the end of the week-long camp. Sgt. Corey Allen was in agreement.
 - Georgia seniors* meeting the requirements as outlined on the application instructions can submit until June 15th for one of six (6) annual American Legion Department of GA \$1000 scholarships.

***NOTE: Applicant must be a senior and a child or grandchild of a parent who served in the military and is a member of the American Legion in the Department of Georgia to apply.**
 - Cmdr. Harrod and Ronnie Martin will be attending the upcoming Spring Conference Meeting in Duluth. They will inquire about the status of the Centennial Post History Webpage...active or dissolved.
 - Frank read about an American Legion post in N.Y. that conducts their monthly meetings through online video conferencing. It's a huge benefit to homebound members (weather, mobility or location). It's a free service, but does require a laptop, speakers, and a microphone. More information is available at **FREECONFERENCECALL.COM**.
 - The Newsletter is available on the post website.
- **HISTORIAN:** **VACANT**
- **CHAPLIAN:** by Larry Boswell **ABSENT**
 - There were five (5) funerals with military honors last month, and two (2) Honor Guard team service ceremonies thus far this month.
 - Members need to report or request any appropriate needs or services for themselves or other Legion post members to the Chaplain and/or the Service Committee members. This includes visiting them when they are patients in the hospital.

ANCILLARY REPORTS

- **SAL COMMANDER:** by Cmdr George Wheeless **ABSENT**

- **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson **NO REPORT**

- **TRINKA DAVIS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson
 - Jeanette Henson, Wanda Maddox and Jean Withner attended the 5th Dist. Leadership Meeting. There are 50/50 tickets available from Jeanette for the drawing at the Spring Conference. Two (2) winners will be picked.

- **Were any committee reports missed?**

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Applications are available for the National American Legion College in Indianapolis IN on November 5th & 6th.
 - Flag etiquette and Sgt. at Arms duties will be addressed at the next membership meeting.
 - Sandra Morris at the Carrollton Club and post member Fred Kranz have offered a framed military print as a Donation to Post 143.
 - Cmdr. Harrod and Finance Officer Martin will be attending the Spring Conference Meeting on March 21st and 22nd At that time Robert Hilliard, Past Historian for Post 143, will be presented with the 1st Place National History Book Award 2018-2019.

- **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mar 19 _____ Combined Membership Meeting at 6:00 PM.

- **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**
 - James Hill, a USN veteran and recent member, presented the committee with his version of a "Welcome Aboard" orientation package. The folder included numerous printed materials (Constitution and By Laws, American Legion catalog, etc.). He suggested that any new members be offered this information on a quarterly basis following a membership meeting. Cmdr. Harrod agreed to meet with James to discuss further, how the post could incorporate this program into its regular agenda.

- **REMINDER:** Blyne Olivieri, at the West Georgia University Library, will offer a **BUCKET FOR VETS** that will be available for former military personnel who wish to preserve their military experience in a safe space. It will be cataloged for the convenience of the individual as well as the staff at the Library. If a sufficient number of the post membership is interested in this effort; we could invite a representative from the department at the local college to speak at a Combined Membership Meeting. Please make your wishes known to Don or any of the Executive Committee.

WERE THERE ANY OTHER REPORTS MISSED?

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THE BODY

Salute to the Flag and a prayer by Ronnie Martin

On this day Tuesday, March 3, 2020 the Executive Committee meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia was adjourned at 5:55 PM. (with 1 rap of the gavel by the SV Commander).

Date Approved: _____

Commander Joe Harrod

Recorder Kathy Katen