



The American Legion Post 143 Executive Committee Meeting September 12, 2017

Commander Ted Merriss opened the meeting at 5:00PM with a salute to the Colors, the Pledge and a Prayer by Don Levans. Those attending included: Commander Ted Merriss, Steve Fuller, Joe Harrod, Bob Hilliard, Chuck Feaselman, Richard Guynn, Dale Robinson, Randy Purser, Don Levans, John Bassett, George Wheelless, Jeanette Henson, Warren Henson and Frank Joswick

GUESTS: UWG Student Veterans President Matthew Holland and Student Adviser Dr. Dylan Mclean

COMMANDER

SICK CALL:

Ronald Ray is back in the Hospital. More info to follow
Tim Bass had open heart surgery
W. A. Copeland is recovering from surgery and is able to drive again
Wayne Driver is still having blackout issues and is unable to drive.

SPECIAL REQUEST: From Ron Price

Guys I wish I could be there. I am having my thyroid removed at the VA in Atlanta on the 21st of Sept. I have thyroid cancer and some other cancer they have found to remove, so say a little prayer for me.

TAPS:

Trinka Davis Veteran Horry Horton

CHAPLAIN:

Prayer Offered by: Don Levans

ROLL CALL: Steve Fuller conducted roll call and it was determined enough members in good standing were present to declare a Quorum

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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: The August 17, 2017 Regular Membership Meeting and the September 12, 2017 EC meeting minutes will be presented at the next Regular Membership meeting scheduled for September 21, 2017

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Merriss discussed the following:

- Received a Thank-You card from the family of Dr. Mac Martin. They responded to our note of condolences (which as a reminder was signed by EC members) and also wanted to thank Dale Robinson and the team for honors rendered to their dad.
- A draft website for the post (www.gapost143.org) has been created and will be available to view until October 6, 2017. Yearly cost for the site is \$104.00. Commander Merriss will meet with the Cyber Chair and all elected officers on Sept 21, 2017 at 5:30PM in the Veterans Building to discuss further. (All to view the website prior to the meeting)
- Matt Holland UWG Student Veterans President and Student Adviser Dr. Dylan McLean briefed the Exec. Committee on their programs offered to the veteran students at UWG, and how they can partner with various organizations within the community. They continued to say that if their schedule permits, they would like to help out at the BBQ Event.

- Discussed the possibility of the Post joining the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$200 yearly. The Exec committee decided to table the discussion for the time being.
- Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner during the Regular Membership meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017. The AUX will coordinate the event. SAL will provide the main course.
- Sep 18th Georgia Department of Labor with support of AL #143, will be holding a Job Fair 2-5pm CC Ag Center, needing 3-4 helpers. Contact Commander Merriss if you are interested.
- Plan for some type of Activity and Entertainment during the month of October. Need an Event Coordinator.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Vacant

OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **SR. VICE/MEMBERSHIP:** by Steve Fuller
 - Post Renewal Membership is at 50.2 %. Need to call members that are behind in paying their dues..
 - Starting to compile documents for the upcoming Caravan inspection which will be held at 5th District this year.
 - Sheriff Langley asked the Post if they would consider sponsoring the Kiwanis Bowl League this year. The Post Family voted unanimously to approve sponsoring the Kiwanis Bowl League by donating \$250. The Legion will donate \$100, the Legion Auxiliary will donate \$100 and the Sons of the Legion will donate \$50.
 - Received a Thank-You Letter from the Carrollton ROTC Commander
 - Commander Merriss will sign and mail a Certificate-of-Appreciation to the Antique Auto Club for their past donations.
2. **FINANCE OFFICER / FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Chuck Feaselman
 - The Post was \$23.98 Short from donations given for the dinner meal served at the August 17, 2017 GM meeting.
 - All BBQ receipts need to be turned in by Friday, Sept. 15, 2017
 - Budget balance to date:
 - Americanism - \$4,300
 - Children & Youth - \$850
 - Office Admn. & Travel - \$5,325.42
 - Dinner Meals - \$3187.02
 - Trinkka Davis Veterans Fund - \$3,964.21
3. **JR. VICE / AMERICANISM CHAIR:** by John Bassett for Tim Bass
 - Need folks to bring in worn cotton flags for flag retirement ceremony
 - Will be participating in the Heritage Day Event at the AG Center
4. **JR. VICE / CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR:** by Bob Hilliard
 - Heritage Days walk-thru for volunteers at the AG Center at 1700hrs on Tuesday, Sep 26th
 - Heritage Days event, Sept 28-29, 2017. Post Family volunteers are to report at 0730hrs at the AG Center
 - Post 143 members will be assisting Larry Boswell, Past Chaplain of Post 143 with the Halloween Trunk or Treat events this year. I encourage other Post members to join the church of their choice in Trunk or Treat events this Halloween.
 - Certificate awards will be presented on September 24th to eleven scouts from Troop 179 who has earned Eagle Scout recognition. Commander Ted Merriss, Chuck Feaselman from the Marine Corps League and Son's of the American Revolution George Wheelless will represent their respective organizations.
 - I will meet with troop leaders September 18th to assist with planning the ceremony.
5. **JR. VICE / LEGISLATIVE / RAFFLE TICKETS:** by Joe Harrod
 - Collected \$2,760 from the sale of tickets for the M1 Garand and \$1,940 for the AR-15. Total collected to date is \$4,700.
 - Scheduled to sell more tickets at the Shop-Spot Shooting Range and Barnes Hunting store.
 - Drawings will be held in December or sooner if all the tickets are sold before then.

6. **SERVICE OFFICER / SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** by Angie Hale-Smith
 - No Report
7. **HONOR GUARD:** by Dale Robinson
 - The Color Guard will be participating in a Roopville Founders Day Parade on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017
 - The next Memorial Service for a Navy sailor is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2017
8. **PUBLIC RELATIONS / CYBER CHAIR:** by Randy Purser
 - No updates regarding Facebook
9. **JUDGE ADVOCATE:** by Richard Guynn
 - End of Post Year audit was conducted on August 16, 2017 with one minor error noted which was corrected at the time of the finding.
 - A three member Audit Committee has been formed. Richard Guynn is the Chair, with member Randy Purser. A third member is TBD.
 - A three member committee will be formed to review the current Post Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures.
10. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS / WELCOMING:** by Joe Morgan
No Report
11. **HISTORIAN: Vacant**
 - Frank Joswick will be updating The Post History on the Legion's 100 yr, Anniversary Celebration Website
12. **CHAPLAIN:** by Billy Bryant
No Report
13. **BBQ Committee Report:** by Don Levans
 - Only a few minor issues along the way as the committee plan their final preparations to serve 1400 folks a BBQ meal. All Team Leaders are to report to the AG Center at 10:00AM, Thursday, Sept 14th to set up their respective work stations, move condiments from the Veterans Building to the Ag Center, put the Stew, tea and slaw into the refrigerator, and smoke the hams. Plus a lot of little miscellaneous items that still need to be accomplished.
 - Everyone that will be working on event day (Friday, Sept 15th) will report to the Ag Center at 0915hrs for prayer, a final briefing, then on to set up their respective work stations.

14. BBQ Ticket Sales update:

	<u>September 12, 2017</u>	<u>September 13, 2016 (Last Year)</u>
1. # Tickets distributed:	1,348	1,436
2. # Tickets remaining:	652	564
3. Ticket value distributed:	\$12,132	\$ 12,924
4. Ticket money collected:	\$ 6,462 (53%)	\$ 7,308 (57%)
5. Ticket money out:	\$ 5,670 (47%)	\$ 5,616 (43%)
6. Donations:	\$ 206	\$ 223
7. Tickets donated to VETS:	7	5
8. Deposit for Bank:	\$ 505	
9. Deposit for Bank:	\$ 1,710	
10. Deposit for Bank:	\$ 2,029	

15. Committee members voted unanimously to distribute BBQ Funds generated from the sale of tickets as follows:
 - 50% to the Legion
 - 40% to the Auxiliary
 - 10% to the Sons of the Legion

ANCILLARY REPORTS

16. **SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT:** by Commander George Wheelless
 - The SAL Meeting minutes and budget will be submitted during the Regular Membership meeting scheduled for Sept 21st
17. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT:** by Jeanette Henson
 - Need help finding prospective members to join the Auxiliary
18. **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:** by AUX Pres. Jeanette Henson
 - Only 10 volunteers are actively supporting the Trinkka Davis Clinic
19. **CCVMP Update:** by President Don Levans
 - The CCVMP will soon be getting a marble MIA table with Chairs and Plaque. The Concept and design was the idea of an Eagle Scout candidate, Drake Pauley. So far \$550 has been donated for this project.
 - Another project at the park will include an area that will honor the 330 Carroll County soldiers killed in action (KIA)

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

20. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- NONE

21. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ADJUTANT

- List any new members and/or transfers will be provided at the Sept. 21st regular membership meeting

OTHER

- The Post will order 65 chicken meals for the next regular membership meeting (Notify SAA Joe Morgan)

22. **DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:**

- Tuesday, Sept 12th....Next EC meeting
- Thursday, Sept 14th....BBQ Prep day at AG Center 1000hrs until
- Friday, Sept 15th....BBQ Event at the AG Center from 0900hrs until
- Thursday, Sept 21th....Next GM meeting
- Tuesday, Sept 26th....Heritage Days walk-thru at 1700hrs
- Thursday and Friday, Sept 28 – 29....Heritage Days at the AG Center. Report at 0730hrs.

With no other business to bring before the body, a Salute to the Flag followed by a prayer from Don Levans was given.

The September 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA was adjourned at: 6:30 PM

Approved Date: Sept 21, 2017

Commander Ted Merriss

Adjutant (Vacant)