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“The Unaccounted”

Carroll Post 143 Newsletter

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2017-18 Post Officers

A. American Legion Carroll Post 143

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Jr. Vice Cdr. Joe Harrod
Jr. Vice Cdr. Robert Hilliard
Jr. Vice Cdr. Tim Bass
Adjutant: TBD
Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman
Service Officer Angie Hale-Smith
Judge Advocate Richard Guynn
Chaplain Billy Bryant
Sgt-At-Arms Joe Morgan

B. Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 143

Commander George Wheelless
Sr. Vice Cdr. Jeff Liggett
Jr. Vice Cdr. Jeff Wyman
Adjutant Evan
Finance Officer Warren Hendrix
Judge Advocate Paul Scheufler
Chaplain: TBD
Sgt-At-Arms Kaleb Chambers

C. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143

President Jeanette Henson
Vice President Wanda Maddox
Secretary Jennifer Merriss
Treasurer Jean Withner

Commander's Corner



Ted Merriss
Greetings Post Family

The primary purpose of this Newsletter is to keep members without internet access informed of the major events that have taken place at the Post over the past several months.

If you have any questions concerning this newsletter or any other matter you would like to discuss with me, please call 770-830-5979 and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

If your personal contact information has changed, please fill out the “Profile Update Form” on page 5 and mail or bring to the post.

“Thanks again for your continued membership and support”



Budget Summary

By Chuck Feaseleman

- General Funds from 1- 31 March 2018: \$30,396.51
- The Investment Fund: \$169,877.66
- The 2018-19 Budget will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review during the May 1, 2018 meeting.



Welcome New Members

January: Cecil Cook, Anthony Hardy & Thomas McDuffie

February: Herbert Childs, Ira Chandler & Merlin Caldwell

April: James Doyle, Eugene Manley & Ronnie Parson



TOYS 4 TOTS:

Toys for Tots was another great success last month. Ronnie Pate, representing Post 143, presented T4T coordinator Lori Graham a monetary donation while members of the Carrollton JROTC helped box up toys.

CARROLLTON RIFLERY TEAM UPDATE:

The four member air rifle team from Carrollton High School shot their first round of target sets as they compete in the Legions National 3-position Air Rifle Championship. Now they wait anxiously to see if their score is good enough to advance to the next level of competition.

MLK DAY PARADE:

Cmdr Ted Merriss, the Color Guard and other members from the Post participated in the Jan 15 2018 MLK Day Parade

RECOGNITION:

Commander Merriss recognized Past Post Chaplain, Larry Boswell for his efforts in working with local funeral homes and keeping the Honor Guard Team Leaders assigned and informed in a timely manner. He also arranged for the Martin & Hightower Funeral Home to donate a \$530 Ceremonial Bugle to the Post. A Thank-You card was sent.

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:

Doug Robbins from Douglasville was the lucky winner of the AR-15 And Mike Hemrock was the lucky winner of the 1944 M1 Garand.



GUEST SPEAKER:

Guest speaker Jerry Culver related to the post family how his dad was killed in battle during WWII. He was only 11 months old at the time but as fate would have it, he traveled to Belgium on a business trip where he found out that his father was buried in Holland, a mere 45 minute drive from where he was staying. After 55 Years, he said He finally felt that he got to know his dad that day as he visited the gravesite where he was laid to rest. A Thank-You note was sent.

CARROLLTON HS RIFLERY TEAM UPDATE:

The Carrollton High School Air Rifle team came in second place in the great State of Georgia but missed advancing to the semi-finals by a mere 20 points. Overall, they came in 11th in the nation out of the 30 states that participated in this Year's Legion air rifle championship.

VALENTINES BALL:

The Color Guard participated in the Valentine Ball sponsored by the Council on Aging. This is a free event and is open to all seniors. It includes a free meal, live entertainment and door Prizes. Mark your calendar for the next scheduled event.

Membership

As a reminder, there are several ways you can renew your 2018 Membership:

- At the Post
- By mail
- On-line.

As of April 2018, 94.4% of our Post members have renewed their 2018 Membership.

Fundraiser

Raffles:

- Sold all 500 Raffle tickets for the M1 Garand and 326 tickets were sold for the AR-15

Vacancies to Be Filled

- Adjutant
- Public Relations
- Historian
- Service Committee Chair

Honor/Color Guard

January

- Color Guard marched in the MLK Day Parade.
- Honor Guard performed seven Military Funeral Honors for deceased veterans.

February

- Honor Guard performed six Military Funeral Honors for deceased veterans
- Color Guard participated in one indoor event

March

- The Color Guard marched in the Veterans Day parade and performed one indoor event at the Council-on-Aging Thanksgiving Day luncheon.
- The Honor Guard performed four Military Funeral Honors for deceased veterans.

April

- The Honor Guard performed one Military Funeral Honors with Fire Squad for a Post Legionnaire.



GUEST SPEAKER:

Guest speaker Jwyanda Norman, from the “Need it Most” Household Management Services, spoke about the various non-medical services they provide. They include grocery shopping, family outings, medicine reminders and housekeeping. Cost ranges from \$16 to \$20 hr. A Thank-You note was sent.

RECOGNITION:

Bryant Hightower, of Martin-Hightower Funeral Home, donated a check to the Honor Guard Chairman, Dale Robinson in the amount of \$530 toward the purchase of a Ceremonial Bugle that will be used for Military funeral services. A Thank-You note was sent

SOCIAL:

Sons of the American Legion Commander George Wheelless with the help of the American Legion Auxiliary treated the Post Family to an Irish pot luck dinner where good food, live entertainment and great fellowship were enjoyed by all. Thank you SAL & AUX.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

This year the Special Olympics event was held at Carrollton, High School on March 27th. The weather was cold and breezy but this did not stop the young participants or the “not-so-young” members of the Post family as they helped with various events such as the relay race, broad jump and 40 yard dash. A special thanks to all who participated.



2018-19 OFFICER SELECTION:

The Nominating committee recommended the following legionnaires for the positions indicated:

Joe Harrod for Commander; Dale Robinson for Sr. Vice Commander; Tim Bass, Charles Stuckey and Sam Pyle for Jr. Vice Commanders; Richard Guynn for Judge Advocate and Chuck Feaselman for Finance Officer. An additional member, Ron Price, was nominated from the floor also for the position of Finance Officer. Members in good standing will vote for the 2018-19 Officers at the Regular Membership meeting scheduled on May 17, 2018

POST CONSTITUTION REVISED (2018):

On April 19th, the general membership voted to approve the Special Committee’s recommended changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, and SOP’s. The changes will now be submitted to the Legion Department for final approval before the revised Constitution can go into effect.

RECOGNITION:

On April 26th, Post 143 Cmdr Ted Merriss attended a combined Dining Out and Awards Ceremony where Carrollton High School AF-JROTC Commander David Conley was presented with a monetary gift while AF-JROTC Cadet Cooper Head was presented with a Scholastic Achievement medal and Cadet Joshua Thomas received a Military Achievement medal.



Sons of the American Legion Sq 143

Comments by Commander George Wheelless:

We continue to support the Post and its many programs that provide help to veterans and their families throughout the community. During the past several months SAL has participated in Post events such as fundraisers, Special Olympics Confederate Veterans Day, Toys for Tots, volunteering at the Trinka Davis Clinic and hosting the Pot Luck Irish dinner. Again, we look forward to doing whatever is necessary to serve the veterans and their families throughout the community. We are also planning a “Four Chaplain Sunday” ceremony to be held next February. If you can volunteer your services, please call me.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143

Comments by President Jeanette Henson:

The Auxiliary continues to support the Post and its many programs and services helping veterans and families in need. During the past several months we have participated in Post events such as Bingo at the Trinka Davis Veterans Village, handing out Poppies during special events such as the Council-on-Aging Luncheons and Carroll County Veterans memorial Park. We also provide side dishes & desserts for the Post family’s monthly dinner. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help out at the Trinka Davis VA clinic and are researching names of Gold Star Mothers throughout Carroll County.



Senior Citizens.....

Three residents at an Assisted Living Facility were overheard complaining about their aches and pains. The first resident said she was so shaky she could hardly drink her coffee. The second resident said his cataracts were so bad he could barely see his cup of coffee. The third resident said her arthritis was so bad in her neck she couldn’t turn her head. Finally, one of them said, look on the bright side, at least all of us can still drive.

A staffer who overheard them said to her co-worker, sounds like they are the accident waiting for a place to happen!



IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

TAPS



"WAR DEATHS"

WWI	116,708
WW II	408,399
KOREAN WAR	36,345
VIETNAM WAR	58,209
1991 GULF WAR	363
AFGHANISTAN	2,409
IRAQ	4,492

"Empty Chair Set for One"



"THE UNACCOUNTED"

WWII	78,000
KOREAN WAR	8,100
VIETNAM WAR	1,800
COLD WAR	126
1991 GULF WAR	3



Strengthen and comfort O Lord, all who mourn for the loss of loved ones now departed this life. Some have died in the service of Our Country; and some, having served this Nation both in war and in peace, are now at rest. Be with those who mourn in their sorrow. Grant that they may know that nothing in life, not even death, can separate them from Your love declared so eloquently in Christ Jesus our Lord.

.....Anonymous

**FRANK SCOTT – USMC – WWII
 CAMP CH GILLEY – USMC – KOREA
 ROBERT BILLINGSLEY – ARMY - VIETNAM**



Miscellaneous

OIL CHANGE DISCOUNT

Post member Howard Scarboro wants to remind the post family that when getting an Express oil Change at either store location (By Home Depot or across the street from the Long Horn Restaurant) you will receive a \$10.00 discount merely by showing your Legion membership ID card.



Thank you for your support
Howard Scarboro
www.swaExpressOil.com



DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 17 _____ Next Combined Membership meeting @ 6pm
May 19 _____ 5th District Convention at Smyrna Post 160
May 25 _____ National Poppy Day
May 28 _____ Memorial Day Event at CCVMP
May 27-Jun 2 _____ Boys State, Gainesville, GA
Jun 22-24 _____ Department Convention, Duluth, GA



You know you are getting old if you can relate to this comment made at a Doctor's office.
"I have a built in alarm clock Doc, it's called a bladder, and it has no snooze button I can push."



Member Profile Update

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:		
Email:		

***NOTE:** Please give this Correction Form to Steve Fuller during the next Regular Membership meeting. And for those of you that have internet, you can change your profile on the Post website at: www.gapost143.org/contactus



Photo Gallery



Post Sponsors Carrollton HS Riflery Team



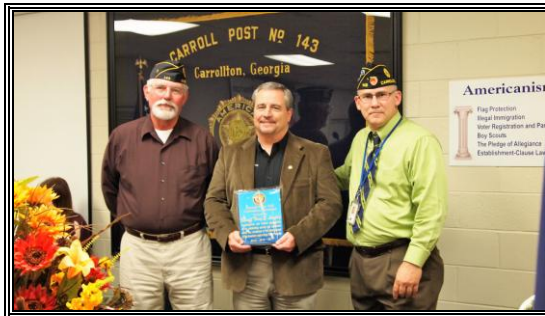
Eagle Scout Ceremony



MLK Day Parade



Special Olympics Torch Bearer



Sheriff Langley receives Outstanding Service Plaque



M1 Grand & AR15 Ticket Sales



Boys State students receive Awards



Color Guard marches in a local Parade



Cmdr Merriss presents a monetary gift to CHS JROTC Cmdr. Conley and presented Medals to Cadets Cooper Head and Joshua Thomas



Trunk or Treat at 1st Baptist Ch, Temple



Cmdr Merriss attends local Job Fair