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“The Unaccounted”

## Carroll Post 143 Newsletter

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1. The Post Family held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Building after a short business meeting. The SAL provided the main entree while the Auxiliary, along with other family members provided the side dishes and desserts. The meal was great and so was the fellowship.

2. This year, the “Wreaths Across America” donation from the Post has been designated for the Marietta Cemetery.

3. Toys-4-Tots collections have started. A drop-box has been placed in the Veterans Building. Additional locations are at the Trinka Davis Clinic and at Wal-Mart. Toys or monetary donations will be accepted until Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.



1. Commander Harrod distributed the 100 year Centennial Coins purchased by members. 3 coins are still available at \$20 per coin.

2. A committee of post family volunteers will be formed to plan events to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Legion. The nationwide event will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Post will hold its event at the CCVMP.

3. The Officer Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 will be formed in January 2019. The committee will consist of 2 members at large elected from the floor and active past commanders.

4. Adjutant Steve Fuller stated that to avoid the Georgia 4% sales tax when ordering items from the Flag & emblem catalog, place your orders through post 143.

5. Desiree Miller along with Lisa Copeland of “Kindred at Home” of Villa Rica presented the post family with a free Christmas dinner during the post’s December Combined Membership meeting. Accompanying them was Hanna Turner of Benton House in Douglasville. They expressed their appreciation and thanked all present for his or her service.

6. Cmdr Joe Horrod and JSSP Chair Frank Joswick observed the Carroll County 4H Air Rifle Team participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Legion’s air rifle tournament target shoot. The target sets have been sent to CMP for scoring.



Commander Joe Harrod

This year the post family will be celebrating the Legion’s 100 Year Anniversary by holding several events that are planned here at the post and within our community. Please review the event dates and come celebrate this special occasion with your fellow veterans.

As a reminder, any member who have not paid their 2018-19 dues, please do so either in person, by mail or online.



Adjutant Steve Fuller

3. The Dept. Adjutant has requested a list of any post veterans who have been awarded a PURPLE HEART or above, including the MEDAL OF HONOR. You must present a DD214 in order to verify the award(s), and present it to the Adjutant or Commander.

4. Drake Pauley, whose Eagle Scout project was the POW/MIA TABLE at CCVMP, is in competition for the Georgia American Legion Scout of the Year

5. GA Dept. of Veterans Services has a program for qualifying veterans in need of assistance with necessary home repairs. The Habitat for Humanity has money available to work with this need. Please contact Legion member Paul Scheufler and he will give you the necessary contact information to point you in the right direction.

6. With 5<sup>th</sup> District convention approaching, the nominees for officers is being discussed. Our own past commander, Ronnie Pate has agreed to run for 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander.

7. 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. Is at 87% of their goal, and are presently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state of GA. G. D. Hendricks, a past Post 57 SAL Chaplain, was honored for his longtime service.



1. The 100 year Legion Anniversary Chair, Don Levans said that much discussion with many suggestions and opinions were presented at the last meeting on how the Post family will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Legion scheduled for May 25.<sup>th</sup> It will be held at the CCVMP. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event date.

2. Lori Graham, TOYS for TOTS program manager, reported that over 4,000 children were recipients of toys this Christmas. She thanked all for the donations and is looking forward to the challenge again in 2019.

3. The Service Committee has assisted 17 veterans in December; monetary funds were given to 8 individuals. In January 2019, two veterans have been helped with financial assistance from the Trinka Davis Grant.

4. Service Officer Don Levans gave a brief history of the American Legion's origins. After a number of WWI American veterans returned to the United States in 1919 and found themselves with no job, no benefits and starving, a group of their fellow veterans that remained behind in Paris, France organized what we now recognize as the American Legion. An Act of Congress made it official on March 19, 1919.

5. JSSP Chair Frank Joswick presented the results of the American Legion's 1<sup>st</sup> round of competition in the National Junior Air Rifle Tournament:

**Team Category:**

The 4H Rifle team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at the state level and will not advance to round 2

**Individual Category:**

4H team member Morgan Frank came in 1<sup>st</sup> at the state level and will advance to round-2 of competition nationally.

6. Chairman Stuckey has a signup sheet for anyone planning to volunteer at the Special Olympics this year. Your name and shirt size are required. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ Central High School from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



1. Past Commander Ronnie Pate briefed the membership that the American Legion, Dept of GA, 5<sup>th</sup> District will be hosting a Fishing For Freedom event at the Park at Georgia Power Plant Wansley, Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 7AM – 4:30PM. Additional information and a request for Volunteers from the post family will be announced at the March Combined Membership meeting. A motion was made by JV Tim Bass to donate \$250 from Post 143 (Fishing for Freedom Budget) to the program. It was seconded by Past Cmdr. Ronnie Pate. The Finance Officer will mail a check for the above amount to the 5<sup>th</sup> District

2. The Sons of the American Legion Sq 143 held a Four Chaplains Ceremony at the Post's main meeting hall on Sunday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. On Feb 3, 1943, the SS Dorchester with 902 American officers, servicemen and civilians aboard was attacked by a German U-boat. While everyone was scrambling to get to lifeboats, Army Chaplains Father John P. Washington (Catholic), Reverend Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed), Rabbi Alex D. Goode and Reverend George L Fox (Methodist) guided the disoriented to safety and distributed life jackets, including their own. The boat sunk in less than 20 minutes, taking with her the Four Chaplains and 667 others. Only 235 survived.



**Sr Vice Cmdr Dale Robinson**

**New Members:**

John Thomas, Daniel & Martha McFadden, Jim Leak, Don Cowart, Brian Labor, and Don Tower

**Membership Renewals:**

As of February 2019, 98.4 % of our Post members have renewed their 2019 Membership

**Honor Guard/Color Guard**

Firing Team took part in the Veterans Days Event on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at the CCVMP.

1. The Color Guard observed Veterans Day at Bowdon Middle School, participated in the Valentine's Ball held by the Council on Aging and the Four Chaplains Ceremony hosted by the Sons of the American Legion.

2. The Honor Guard performed 17 Military Funeral Honors during the Nov-Feb timeframe



**Finance Officer Chuck Feaselman**

General Funds as of 31January 2019:	\$23,966.83
The Investment Fund:	\$175,064.55

1. An audit of the financial records for Post 143 has been completed. All expenditures and revenues were properly accounted for and properly reported.



**Chaplain Ronnie Martin**

As Post Chaplain, the American Legion states that my primary mission is twofold: Help Legionnaires grow in their relationship with God and others, and minister to those in need. This is where I need your help, please notify me whenever you know of someone who is ill, becomes disabled or is bereaved so I can visit, make calls and send cards. You may contact me at [rmartinsr1980@gmail.com](mailto:rmartinsr1980@gmail.com) or call: 770-500-6575



**Departed Comrades**

Dick Stephens - Vietnam  
John Sorbet - WWII

**FEBRUARY** - Cont

3. As the Legion celebrates its 100 year anniversary, the post will also be holding several events both at the post and within the county.

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- May 25<sup>th</sup>.....Memorial Day Event @ CCVMP
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- Jul 4<sup>th</sup>.....Peoples Parade in downtown Carrollton
  - .....Sounds of Liberty concert + fireworks
- Date TBD.....Post family "OPEN HOUSE"

4. Chuck Feaselman threw out the ceremonial "First Pitch" before the Carrollton High School baseball team's game against Hillgrove in honor of "Wounded Warrior" night, Tuesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Chuck retired from the Marine Corps with 21 years of service, including a tour in Korea (1953-54) and two tours in Vietnam (1967-68 and 1970-71) where he earned the Bronze Star. Other Post members participating in the event were Ron Knowles (Iraq), Chuck Bass and Tim Bass (Vietnam), and Don Levans (Korea)

5. The nomination committee for the 2019-2020 Post 143 officers was selected. It will consist of Past Commanders Don Levans, Wayne Driver, Ronnie Pate, Cecil Davis, and Roger Knowles. The two nominations from the floor were JV Sam Pyle and E. W. Talbot. Past Cmdr. Roger Knowles was selected as chairman for the committee. The SLATE OF OFFICERS will be announced at the May 2019 Combined Membership Meeting. Voting will be by a written ballot.

6. Bob Hilliard is requesting any members or their families that have photographs of the 30 Charter Members of Post 143 to please submit them to him. Included with that request are any WWI veterans' photographs. Any significant items that would apply to the 100<sup>th</sup> American Legion Anniversary would be more than welcome. could include discharge papers, equipment, uniforms, newspaper articles, correspondence, telegrams, etc

7. Member Joe Morgan informed the attendees that the Dept. of Revenue will be presenting The American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coins in celebration of a century of service. The coins will be available March 14, 2019. The United States Mint has contact information: [www.catalog.usmint.gov](http://www.catalog.usmint.gov) or 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

8. Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen noticed a recent full-page article in the Fleet Reserve Association magazine that featured a Navy recipient of the "Quilt of Honor." It was suggested by Assistant Adjutant Kathy Katen that possibly Post 143 could submit the names of our recipients (Carlos Fuller and Chuck Feaselman) to the American Legion publication for recognition. Post 160 Legion Riders announced their disbandment.

9. JV Sam Pyle proposed that Post 143 think about adding a marker to the headstone of James Casper Holland to signify the first casualty from Carroll County killed in action during WWI. The publicity would add to the importance of the local WWI anniversary events; available for MIA Recovery is continuing; Six Remains from North and South Korea, Laos/Viet Nam, Germany, and Pearl Harbor have been returned to the United States government.

Georgia Senate voted on two (2) bills: Bill 77 would strengthen veteran's monument protection laws; Bill 51 would give local government the ability to move veterans' monuments by majority resolution



**Sons of the American Legion Sq 143**

Cmdr. George Wheelless expressed a very gracious thank you to the post for all its cooperation and assistance that helped make the Four Chaplains Ceremony so successful. There were approximately 100 attendees, including 5<sup>th</sup> District and State dignitaries. The Times-Georgian's *Faith and Values* section included an article promoting the event. EXCELLENT JOB!

The annual **St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner** will be held at Post 143 on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.



**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143**

President Henson made a specific point of recognizing the SAL, American Legion members and the Unit 143 Auxiliary for all of the assistance and participation in the *Four Chaplains* program and display on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary Room was tastefully decorated and the members served refreshments and cookies after the program for all attendees. Great job, Ladies!

Pres. Henson also made note of the extensive facelift that our American Legion meeting room had received, thanks to Carroll County and their talented craftsmen. Impressive! The Unit 143 membership is presently in need of 12-15 new members in order to meet our Dept. goal. Please contact family members and encourage them to consider joining the women's group and to help support the organization. The Auxiliary dues are \$25 annually.

The volunteer crew at the T. D. Veterans Village is now providing at least one volunteer per day to assist our veterans at the facility. President Henson also reported that the Trinkka Davis Veterans Village is working on legal and consistent transportation for volunteers to travel to and from Decatur in order to obtain their certification in a timely manner.



Don Levans, Ruth Fuller, Jeffrey Liggett



Brenda Knowles, Merlin Caldwell, Ronald Ray, Carl Brack, Hubert Guynn, Mary Nelson's great grandson, and Debra Robinson.

\*E. W. Talbot was welcomed back after almost a year of health issues preventing him from attending

# Miscellaneous

Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depressant pill, you need a proper prescription...Simply showing your marriage certificate & wife's picture is not enough...



Ans: Candle



## NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.....4-5PM  
 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.....6-7PM  
 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.....4-5PM  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.....4-5PM



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.....EC Meeting at 5PM  
 Mar 14<sup>th</sup>.....St Patrick's Day Dinner at the Post beginning at 6:00PM (Bring dish to share)  
 Apr 15<sup>th</sup>.....Military Enlistee Ceremony at the Carroll County Arts Center @ 7PM  
 Mar 21<sup>st</sup>.....Regular Meeting at 6PM (Post Birthday party with Cake & Ice cream)  
 Mar 22-24.....Dept Spring Conference  
 Mar 27<sup>th</sup>.....Special Olympics at Central High School between 9AM – 1PM  
 Apr 18<sup>th</sup>.....Regular Meeting at 6PM (Auxiliary Birthday celebration)  
 Apr 27<sup>th</sup>.....Fishing for Freedom at Plant Wansley Rec Park between 7AM – 4:30PM  
 May 21-Jun 1<sup>st</sup>.....Boys State Camp

## Solve the Riddle:

**You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.**

**Find the Answer to this riddle somewhere on this page.**

**NOTE:** Please visit the post website where more information can be found along with links to other websites that you may find useful. Visit: [www.gapost143.org](http://www.gapost143.org)



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# IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

## TAPS



**"WAR DEATHS"**

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

## "Empty Chair Set for One"



**"THE UNACCOUNTED"**

<b>WWII</b>	<b>72,790</b>
<b>KOREAN WAR</b>	<b>7,677</b>
<b>VIETNAM WAR</b>	<b>1,592</b>
<b>COLD WAR</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>1991 GULF WAR</b>	<b>5</b>

*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



**NOV-FEB**

## **DEPARTED COMRADES**

Dick Stephens - Vietnam  
John Sorbet - WWII



### Member Profile Update

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

**\*NOTE: Please give this Correction Form to Adjutant Steve Fuller during the next Regular Membership meeting. You can also change your profile using the FORM provided on the Post website at: [www.aapost143.org/contactus](http://www.aapost143.org/contactus)**



Carlos Fuller's Quilt of Honor



Chuck Feaselman Throws "1<sup>st</sup> Baseball Pitch" at CHS



Post Family Christmas Dinner



Post Family Holds Bingo Event at Trinka Davis



SAL/Auxiliary Host "Four Chaplain Ceremony"

