



"For God and Country"



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"The Unaccounted"

**SEPT-OCT 2020**

**www.gapost143.org**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Cmdr. Ronnie Pate:**



the following is a list of projects that the Executive Committee members will be working on to ensure post members are kept informed during the COVID-19 pandemic:

**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 has been 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 Katzen have agreed to set up the PHONE TREE.

**C. Amend C, BLs & SOPs:**

I am asking members to 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.

**D. 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.

NOTE: 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.

**E. Welcome New Legionnaires:**

Because of the China Virus, Post meetings have been canceled and proper recognition of the new Legionnaires have been put on hold. New members will be recognized whenever meetings resume. Veterans that have joined the post since January 2020 are:

Marti Hose; Charles Johnson; Steven Holder; Billy Payne; Barry Thompson; Homer Barnwell; Don McEwen

**Adjutant Kathy Katzen**



**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



**Sr Vice Cmdr. Randy Purser**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Congratulations Post 143 Membership! We are already at 50% Membership Renewal for 2021 in less than 7 weeks. We do need to work to achieve 100% as soon as possible. You will find below some options for Membership renewals. Membership Goals are required and are expected to be met by December 2020.

**1. Renew Online (Preferred Methods)**

- A. Receive email from American Legion > Renew Early
- B. Post Website > [www.gapost143.org](http://www.gapost143.org) > membership application; American Legion Website > [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) > renew
- C. Post 143 Facebook > American Legion Georgia Post 143 Carrollton, Georgia > Sign Up
- D. Print your own Membership Card, and make it easier on your Post Officers

**2. In Person (Next Best)**

- A. Give your \$30 Membership to any Post 143 Officer (Cash or Check), Post 143 will process your fees through MyLegion.org/post. Post 143 will send your 2021 Membership Card at Meetings or by Mail

**3. By Mail (Snail Mail)**

- A. Receive form in mail; Send fees by mail; Wait for receipt in mail
- B. When Post 143 is notified of payment, will give your Membership card at Meetings or by Mail

**CYBER CHAIR: Randy Purser**

Any members who wishes to post items on our Facebook Page relevant about Post 143 activities, please contact Randy and he will discuss your article(s) with you.



**Honor Guard Chairman: Dale Robinson**

The Honor Guard is slowly getting back to business of providing Veterans’ Final Military Honors. There are still restrictions in place, but we can operate within those boundaries. There is another factor to consider, and that is the large number of veterans who have died between the sudden stop and the rules in place today who did not receive their proper Final Honors. Our intention is to correct this wrong-doing due to the restrictions of the shut down as soon as possible. Chaplain Boswell has been working with the local funeral homes, and hopefully they have kept records of those who wanted a proper service so that we can provide when conditions allow. Our service is only a several minutes long, but it means everything to honor a veteran for his or her service at the end of their life. The Flag that is presented in honor of the veteran is our Nation’s “Thank you for your service” to the veterans and their families.

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.



**Finance Officer Joe Harrod**

Post financial position is sufficient to carry us thru until next year, mostly due to greatly reduced expenses and reduced events in the community. The Post will need to look at fund raising in the coming year to meet the needs of an expected return to a more normal mode of operations. If anyone wishes to make donations to the current year’s needs, feel free to do so. Carroll Post 143, P.O. Box 647, Carrollton GA. 30112. 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.



**Chaplain Larry Boswell**

Chaplain Boswell stated that working with the local humeral homes in the area and that several memorial services have been completed, with many still pending.



**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.



**AG Center Heritage Days Coordinator: Don Levans**

One of the most meaningful endeavors is participating in the annual Heritage Days Event. By doing so, we interface with approximately 1,400 grammar school children each year. Our Children and Youth Committee furnishes guides while the Honor Guard performs a wonderful Flag Retirement Service for all the attendee's. This year the event could not be held due to the China Virus. But the Ag Center Staff has chosen 10 of the usual participants to be filmed and then a digital package will be provided to the subscribing teachers, so there will be no need for the Post Family to furnish guides. The Honor Guard will also tape the service at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 and the schools will administer it along with the other 9 programs in early October. (Auxiliary Unit 143 will furnish a small US Flag for each student)

**Post 143 Service Officer: Don Leavens**

The ongoing Pandemic has placed a negative pall over all veteran's Assistance programs. We have interfaced with only 12 needy Veterans since March and provided a total of \$1,724 in financial to 5 of those veterans. I still arrange to meet with some for paperwork completions and handle many phone calls in which I can refer them for assistance.

All post members should be advised that the Georgia Department of Veterans Service is working but they are not seeing veterans in their offices. You can reach them by calling: 404-321-6111 ext. 1-202589

The have become very efficient in handling matters by phone and when necessary they meet you outside the Trinka Davis Clinic. (We are still not permitted to enter the facility except for appointments and tests scheduled by the doctor.

**NOTE: If any post member is having difficulty with FORMS or involvement with the VA please call me at 679-245-8446**



**Jr. SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM: Frank Joswick**

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 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.

**WEBMASTER/NEWSLETTER/DAYBOOK: Frank Joswick**

As a reminder, copies of the Post meeting minutes, e-newsletter, and calendar are all available to view online at [www.gapost143.org](http://www.gapost143.org)

\*If you subscribe to the local newspaper, you will find relevant Post information in the "Daybook" section of the Times-Georgian

**JROTC COMMITTEE CHAIR: Frank Joswick**

The JROTC Committee is fully staffed and will be working with Carrollton City and Central High Schools again this year.

**HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT: Frank Joswick**

The post will again participate in the Trunk-or-Treat event at Pioneer Ford scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Because the October Membership meeting is canceled, *any member that would like to donate & drop off bags of candy may do so by stopping by the post on Oct 19,20, & 21 between the hours of 10Am to 12Pm.*



**JA Richard Guynn**

JA Richard 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 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.

**SAL COMMANDER: George Wheelless**



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!

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Jeanette Henson



AP Henson reported that the veterans at the Trink 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.

### 1. 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. 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.
- C. 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. A decision has been made to cancel the scheduled General Membership meetings for September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> has also been canceled. For the foreseeable future, 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.

### GET OUT THE VOTE:



Early Voting in Carroll County will take place between October 12- 30, from Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm at the Elections Office on College Street, in downtown Carrollton. There is an additional date for Early Voting on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8am to 5pm.

For those who want to request their Absentee Ballots an alternative way, they can fill out, print, and sign the request form found on the Carroll County Government website at: [www.carrollcountyga.com](http://www.carrollcountyga.com). Then they can either email it to

[elections@carrollcountyga.com](mailto:elections@carrollcountyga.com) or mail it to: Carroll Elections, 423 College St., Carrollton, GA 30117.



*Around the Legion* ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))



#### 2020-2021 National Cmdr. James W. Oxford

Dear American Legion Family, as of 9 July 2020, the Department of veterans Affairs has treated or tested positively 26,026 COVID-19 cases. Of those cases, 5,026 are considered active and 1,735 patients have died. The VA has also paid a personal price with 40 of its own employees losing their lives to the COVID-19 virus.

When this pandemic is finally behind us, history should remember the service and sacrifice of those that serve and had served in the VA healthcare system.



#### 2019-2020 Dept. of GA Cmdr. Eddie Asberry ([www.galegion.org](http://www.galegion.org))

Congress has passed several laws and bills to combat the COVID-19 virus and stimulate the economy. But I also want to remind you of your job during these uncertain times. And that is taking care of veterans, their families, and the community. To make sure you can do this you must make sure to follow the guidance of the CDC and the Governor's directives.

Buddy checks are also important, so please be in contact with your post family.



# Trunk or Treat

On Oct 29, 2020, Frank Joswick and Tim Bass will be participating in Pioneer Fords 13<sup>th</sup> annual "Trunk or Treat" event again this year (Approved by the Exec. Cmte.). Last year, due to the overwelling generosity of our post members, we handed out a whopping 51.5 lbs. of candy to 2,000 (tickets passed out) + families that attended the event along with their little goblins and ghouls. In addition to giving out candy, other kids events included a large air slide, trampoline, train rides, hayrides, and various farm animals to pet including a camel and kangaroo. Munchies such as pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, hot coca, and boiled peanuts were also available.

CEO of Pioneer Ford, Bob Winiarczyk also provided Stick Flags for us to hand out to veterans. Thank you, Bob!



## CANDY NEEDED AGAIN THIS YEAR

Unfortunately, due to the health concerns regarding the China virus, the post has canceled both the September and October General Membership meetings. Therefore, the usual collection of candy during the October meeting will not occur.

However, there is a plan "B". I will be at the post to collect bags of Halloween candy October 19-20-21 between 10am to 12 noon. A drop-Box will be available to ensure proper distancing.

Thanks in advance for your generosity,

Frank Joswick  
770-883-9741





## *Resolution*

*Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrades*

*Whereas we humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts their memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore,*

*be it Resolved that Carroll Post No. 143,  
The American Legion, does mourn the passing of our comrades*

*That we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further Resolved, that in token of our common grief, this resolution is hereby transferring*

*To the American Legion Post Everlasting, where they will now join all departed comrades who have gone before them*



*Hugh W. Barrow  
Henry L. Bedford  
Beryl L. Chadwick  
Charles H. Feaselman  
Frank Fox  
George F. Woodruff*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

|             |                      |   |
|-------------|----------------------|---|
| SEP 17..... | <b>CANCELED</b> ---- | Regular Membership Meeting  |
| OCT 01..... | <b>CANCELED</b> ---  | EC meeting @ 5:00pm (Now meets on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month) |
| OCT 15..... | <b>CANCELED</b> --   | Regular Membership Business Meeting @ 7pm)                                    |
| OCT 29..... |                      | Trunk or Treat at Pioneer Ford, Bremen, GA 6pm to 9pm                         |

### ***Member Profile Update***

|                        |  |                   |                  |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>First Name:</b>     |  | <b>Last Name:</b> |                  |
| <b>Street Address:</b> |  |                   |                  |
| <b>City:</b>           |  | <b>State:</b>     | <b>Zip Code:</b> |
| <b>Phone:</b>          |  | <b>Email:</b>     | <b>Deceased:</b> |

**\*NOTE:** Please give this CORRECTION FORM to the Adjutant during the next Regular Membership meeting or call 770-830-5979 & leave a message

### **POST COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

Because of the China virus, the Executive Committee has implemented several changes for conducting **future** Post meetings once it is deemed safe to return:

1. The social hour with Dinner meal is canceled until further notice.
2. When the regular Post membership meetings resume:



\*All attending members must wear some type of facial covering



\*Attending members will be seated in chairs only, spaced 6 feet apart



\*Social distancing when interacting with other members will apply where possible.

\*Additionally, a deep cleaning of the restrooms, hallway, office, and main meeting room will be accomplished prior to each meeting to ensure the safety and well-being of attending members.

• For The wellbeing of fellow Legionnaires, please stay home if not feeling well or have a fever.



- **If you want to purchase either of the above masks, they can be ordered on-line at [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org)**

**Thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times.**