



Carroll Post 143 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

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September-October-November 2017

2017-18 Post Officers

A. American Legion Carroll Post 143

- Commander Ted Merriss
- Sr. Vice Cdr. Steve Fuller
- 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

It's 2018 Membership Renewal Time again. National has put out a challenge to all Districts and Posts to have 75% of its members renew their 2018 membership by December 13, 2017. Are you up to the challenge?

The Executive Committee voted to approve the Post sponsorship of the Carrollton High School's Air Rifle Team so they can compete in the American Legion's 2017-18 National Junior Air Rifle Championship.

Go to www.VIRTUALWALL.org to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and look up fallen comrades or family members or friends that died in the Vietnam War.

-----Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All-----

Budget Summary

By Chuck Feaseleman

- Total October Revenue: \$30,754.67
- The Investment Fund is currently at \$169,877.65
- Received Grants from the Community Foundation for \$5000; CEMC for \$3000; Kiwanis Club for \$1500.
- Sheriff Langley donated \$500

Welcome New Members

By Cdr Merriss

September:

Eric Merriss, Donnie Smith, Jimmy Terrell, Billy Hyatt

October:

Jack Atkins and Jimmy Davis

November:

Thomas Macduffie

September Events

BBQ EVENT:

The Post Family had another successful Fundraiser event this year thanks to Don Levans, the Committee Chair and all those that pitched in to help. Great Job everyone!
Raised \$7,985.98 for the Post Family.

HERITAGE DAYS:

The Post Family acted as Tour Guides, and parking attendants while the Color Guard performed four Flag Retirement Ceremonies during the two day event. Over 1200 fourth Grade students from surrounding counties attend this event annually.

AWARDS:

11 Eagle Scouts were presented with certificates from Commander Merriss, the Marine Corp League and the Sons of the American Revolution.

October Events

JOB FAIR:

Cdr Ted Merriss, Frank Joswick, and Earl & Jo Ann Duncan signed up 11 perspective members during the Job Fair that was held at the AG Center.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

Frank Joswick and Bob Hilliard represented Post 143 during two Halloween "Trunk or Treat" events this October, one at Pioneer Ford and one at the First Baptist Church of Temple. Past Chaplain, Larry Boswell, Chaplain Billy Bryant and Bill Hearnburg were also present at the First Baptist Church event.

November Events

TOYS 4 TOTS:

Volunteers are needed to collect "Toys for Tots" in front of the two main entrances to Wal-Mart on several weekends between November and December. Contact Bob Hilliard for a Schedule. A collection box will also be available at the Post.

BOWDON VETERANS DAY PARADE:

The Color Guard Participated in the Bowdon Middle School Veterans Day program while Bill Hearnburg was the guest Speaker

VETERANS DAY AT CCVMP:

The Honor Guard rifle team assembled at the CCVMP to fire a salute as the wreath honoring our veterans was placed at the flag pole in the center of the park by representatives of each historical and service organization in the county. This year the Cold War veterans were given special recognition during this event. A special thanks to the Rifle Team for job well done. The rifle team consisted of Ronnie Pate, Tim Bass, Richard Guynn, Bobby Laney, Steve McEwen, Ted Merriss and Randy Purser.

Membership

By Steve Fuller

There are several ways you can renew your 2018 Membership:

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

As of Nov, 2017, 58.6% of the Post members have renewed their 2018 Membership.

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Fundraiser

Raffles: By Joe Harrod

- Raffle tickets for both the M1 Garand and the AR15 sell for \$10 each. A drawing is scheduled for Dec 12, 2017 unless all 1000 tickets are **sold** before then (500 tickets per rifle)

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Vacancies To Be Filled

- Adjutant
- Public Relations
- Historian
- Service Committee Chair

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Special Committee Formed

A Special Committee was formed to review the Post's current Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. The committee will make recommendations where changes are warranted.

Committee Members:

Chair Richard Guynn; Members Ronnie Pate and Bill Hearnburg

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Honor/Color Guard

By Dale Robinson

September

Color Guard participated in Roopville's Parade Honor Guard performed four Veterans Honors funerals.

October

Honor Guard performed six Veterans Honors funerals

November

The Color Guard participated in a Veterans Day Program at Bowdon Middle school; At the CCVMP Veterans Day Ceremony and at the Council-on-Aging Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Honor Guard conducted three Veterans Honors funerals

[November Events – Continued]

CARROLLTON HIGH SCHOOL RIFLERY TEAM

Post 143 is sponsoring the Carrollton High School Riflery Team this year so they can compete in the Legion's 28th Junior 2017-18 three Position Air Rifle Tournament. Frank Joswick went to one of their matches at the CMP range in Anniston, AL They ranked 1st overall during the 2 day event. (Visit the post website: www.gapost143.org for more information)

COUNCIL ON AGING THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

The Color Guard presented the Colors while Ronnie Pate and Frank Joswick acted as recruiters for the post while Joe Harrod sold Raffle tickets for the M1-Garand and AR-15. AUX President, Jeanette Henson gave out Poppies and Wayne Driver represented the Marine Corps League.

POST FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Post held a brief November General Membership meeting where Sheriff Langley was presented a plaque by Cmdr. Merriss and Sr. Vice Steve Fuller for providing outstanding support to the Boys State program from 2014 thru 2017. In-turn, Sheriff Langley presented \$500 checks to Commander Meriss, CCVMP President Don Levans and to Wayne Driver, for the Marine Corp League. Shortly thereafter the meeting was adjourned and all sat down to a Thanksgiving Dinner while listening to background music provided by Holly Dotfredson.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 12__ Executive Committee Meeting
- December 16__ Wreath Laying Ceremony, noon @ CCVMP
- December 21__ ~~General Membership Meeting~~ **CANCELLED**
- January 09__ Executive Committee Meeting
- January 18__ General Membership Meeting



Sons of the American Legion Sq 143

Commander George Wheelless's Comments:

We continue to support the Post and its many programs that provide help to veterans and their families throughout the community. During the past three months SAL has participated in Post events such as the BBQ fundraiser, Heritage Days, Veterans Day at CCVMP, Toys For Tots, volunteering at Trinka Davis Clinic and providing the main entrée for the Thanksgiving Dinner. As the new commander, I and our entire SAL membership look forward to accomplishing even more in the months to come.

-----Merry Christmas and Happy New Year-----



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143

President Jeanette Henson's Comments:

The Auxiliary continues to support the Post and its many programs and services helping veterans and families in need. During the past three months the AUX has participated in Post events such as the BBQ fundraiser, provided 1,400 flags to students attending Heritage Days, Bingo at the Trinka Davis Village, handing out Poppies on Veterans Day at CCVMP, Toys For Tots, the Job Fair, Council-on-Aging Thanksgiving Luncheon and providing side dishes & desserts for the Thanksgiving Dinner. We are also researching names of Gold Star Mothers throughout the County.

The Auxiliary and our entire membership would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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. You may also update your profile on the Post website at: www.gapost143.org



IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

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

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

**Horry Horton
Homer Coker**