



American Legion Post 143

Carrollton, Georgia

Regular Membership Dinner / Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM

Dinner Precedes Regular Membership Meeting

Presentation of Colors – Junior Vice Commander Sam Pyle

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Randy Knight

Pledge of Allegiance – Junior Vice Commander Sam Pyle

Commander's Welcome – Commander Ronnie Pate welcomed Ralph Fenner from Post 12 (DOG) who has requested a transfer to Post 143. Bill Maddox introduced new member Les Hubl.

Sick Call – Brenda Davis, Josh Fuller, Robert Merrill, Dee Sammon and Joseph Schadl - Deceased. Gene Yearty, Bill Sammon, Donnie Smith, Sharon Hearnberg, Roger Knowles, Richard Guynn, John Fuller, Dale Huckabee, Steve Holder, Brenda Knowles, James Bone, Sandy Pate – Health Issues.

Birthdays – Linda Pyle, Doug Lovell, and several others.

Anniversaries – Bill Hearnburg, Rose Miller, and several others.

Guests – Central High School Shotgun Team

Coach Ben Skipper addressed the membership and detailed the Shotgun Team's organization. JVC Joswick presented awards to Emma Cook, Andrew Maxwell, Chase Skipper, Rick Carnes, and Brooks Wilson of the Shotgun Team. Commander Ronnie Pate presented a donation to Coach Skipper for the Shotgun Team.

Benediction – Randy Knight

Retire the Colors – Sergeant-At-Arms Ron Knowles

Break and Adjourn to Separate Meeting Rooms

Reconvene American Legion Regular Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM

Presentation of Colors – SAA Ron Knowles

Post Everlasting – Robert Merrell and Joseph Schadl have been transferred to Post Everlasting.

POW/ MIA – Commander Ronnie Pate and SAA Ron Knowles.

Preamble – Senior Vice Commander Rose Miller

Meeting called to order

Officer Role Call:

Commander: Ronnie Pate – Present

Senior Vice Commander: Rose Miller – Present

Junior Vice Commander: Steve Fuller – Excused

Junior Vice Commander: Steve Holder – Absent

Junior Vice Commander: Sam Pyle – Present

Junior Vice Commander: Frank Joswick – Present

Quorum – 8 members in good standing present

Approval of Minutes – A motion to accept the Executive Committee minutes from July 7, 2022, was seconded and passed unanimously. No minutes from previous membership meeting to approve – July 21, 2022, Installation Ceremony.

Commander's Opening Comments – Commander Ronnie Pate indicated that he and Adjutant Ben Sinclair attended a membership workshop in Indianapolis, IN, this past month representing the 5th District. Commander Pate advised that he will be attending the National Convention at the end of this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Officer's Report

FO Joe Harrod presented the financial report for July (attached to minutes). FO Harrod advised additional liability insurance has been secured to cover vehicles used in parades and ceremonies.

- A. Budget Status Report – Attached
- B. Profit / Loss – Attached
- C. Fundraising – The Fundraising Committee Chair position has been vacated due to Ben Sinclair's appointment to Adjutant.

2. Judge Advocate Report – JA Bill Hearnburg: Nothing to report.

3. Membership – SVC Rose Miller

- A. Post Goal: 216 paid members
- B. Current Post Percent of Goal: 51.9%; 112 paid members
- C. Transfers since July 1, 2022: 4
- D. New Members since July 1, 2022: 1
- E. Membership LY 2023 Renewal & Cards Available: Membership renewal is underway and prompt renewal is encouraged. Renewed members should check with the Adjutant. Adjutant Sinclair advised that over 75 cards have been mailed out.
- F. Post Deceased Members since July 1, 2022: 2
- G. Recruitment Cards are Available

4. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Pillar 1 – JVC Steve Holder

- A. Service Officer Don Levans – Absent / Excused – No Report
- B. Service Committee Chair Bill Maddox thanked all volunteers doing Buddy Checks and has asked for more individuals to assist.
- C. Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson advised that the HG provided honors for 3 Veterans in July.
- D. Chaplain Randy Knight indicated nothing to report.

5. National Security Pillar 2 – JVC Sam Pyle

- A. POW/MIA Accounting by War
 - a. PVT. Felix M. Yazyzy Korean War – Identified July 30, 2022. Report Attached
 - b. WWII / North Africa 22,309
 - South America 230
 - Europe 21,145
 - Middle East 30
 - Africa 955
 - Indo Pacific 46,599
 - Korean War 7,531
 - Cold War 108
 - Vietnam 1,584
 - Gulf War 5
 - Eldorado Canyon 1

6. Americanism Pillar 3 – JVC Steve Fuller

- A. Legislative – JVC Sam Pyle advised that the Federal Commission has made recommendations to change the names of military bases named after Civil War participants. Report Attached.
- B. Boys State – Nothing to Report

7. Children and Youth Pillar 4 – JVC Frank Joswick

- A. Heritage Days – JVC Joswick asked for more volunteers to assist with the 2-day event. It was indicated that any volunteers would need to attend a walk-through of the event on September 30, 2022.

8. Cyber Chair – Randy Purser: Nothing to Report

9. Communications – JVC Frank Joswick

- A. Scholarship Committee will begin visiting schools, public and private, to discuss the Bob Hilliard Scholarship Fund. JVC Joswick advised that he has visited Central and Bowden High Schools already. March 31, 2022 is the deadline for graduating students to turn in their scholarship

10. Historian – Vacant

11. SAL Commander's Report – JVC Steve Fuller – Absent

12. Unfinished Business – ALL

- A. BBQ Fundraiser September 30, 2022. JVC Joswick advised that a Day Post article detailing the BBQ will run all month. During the second week in September, JVC Joswick will place an ad in the local papers.
- B. JVC Joswick requested more volunteers for the BBQ Fundraiser and advised that tickets are available for purchase / sale. Commander Pate indicated an all-hands call for volunteers.
- C. BBQ Committee Meeting will be held on September 1, 2022, at 5:00 PM.
- D. MIA Project – JVC Sam Pyle advised that 3 MIA/POWs are related to members of the Post and Auxiliary. The individuals are displayed with the Post MIA/POW Table.

13. New Business - ALL

- A. Correspondence – Adjutant Ben Sinclair read a thank you letter from the Women's Shelter for food donations after the July regular membership meeting.
- B. Vote on New Members/Transfers – SVC Miller indicated Randy Knight, Derek Warren, Dennis Reed, John A. Volk, Les G. Hubl are new members for July. A motion to accept the members was seconded. Approved Unanimously.
- C. Grant Writer – Commander Pate has asked for someone to fill the Grant Writer position.
- D. Ice Machine – It has been indicated that Carroll County is willing to provide an ice machine at the Veteran's Building.

14. Business for the Good of the Legion – All

- A. JVC Sam Pyle asked for assistance with the Carroll County Historical Society's identification of 2,100 photo proofs from the Smith's Studio that include past events and Veterans.
- B. Chaplain Cecil Davis expressed his appreciation to the Post, the Auxiliary, and the Honor Guard for their support following the passing of his wife, Brenda.
- C. Commander Pate presented Chaplain Cecil Davis with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to Post 143.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. 5TH District Quarterly Meeting to be held at Post 143 on August 21, 2022, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM and the regular meeting starting at 9:30 AM.
- B. Next EC Meeting will be September 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM
- C. Next Regular Meeting will be September 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM

Closing Prayer – Chaplain Randy Knight

Commander's Charge – Commander Ronnie Pate

Retire the Colors – SAA Knowles

This day of August 18, 2022, the General Membership meeting of Post 143, Department of Georgia, stands adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Signed:

Commander Ronnie Pate

Date

Adjutant Ben Sinclair

Date