



The American Legion Post 143  
Combined Membership Meeting & Installation Ceremony  
Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- All Electronic Devices Silenced – SAA Sam Pyle secured the meeting room (1 gavel RAP)
- Colors Posted – SAA Sam Pyle
- (Uncover)
- A PRAYER & BLESSING WERE OFFERED – CHAPLAIN Cecil Davis
- Pledge Recited – SAA Sam Pyle
- (Recover)
- PREAMBLE to the Constitution – SVC Randy Purser led the membership
- HONORING POW/MIAs – SAA Sam Pyle  
“A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all Wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.”
- ATTENDEES LIST: The ATTENDEES LIST (Membership and Guest rosters are recorded and attached
- COMMANDER PATE called the General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia to order at 1816 hrs. on 15 July 2021 (3 gavel RAPS)

- **RECOGNITION:** ALA President Jeanette Henson recognized Donna McCain from 5<sup>th</sup> District as the Installing Officer for the 2021-2022 Post 143 Auxiliary officers.
  - Commander Pate presented ALA President Henson with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Auxiliary's support with the hall setups, dessert serving, and cleanups at the Combined Membership Meeting meals. The BBQ Fundraiser, Heritage Days, and CCVMP programs on Memorial and Veterans Days would not be as successful as they continue to be without the ALA's assistance.
  - JVC Tim Bass picked up and delivered the dinner from Jones BBQ, while SVC Randy Purser and his wife Dyane, Frank Joswick and Ron Knowles assisted Jeanette Henson, Sandy Pate and Sandra Yearty with the setup for the Installation Dinner.

All thanks to the ALA members who provided the desserts.

- **BBQ FUND RAISER:** Commander Pate pointed out the importance of this event as our primary means of revenue for Post 143. With donations, various grants and a minimal portion of membership dues, we are able to help others as well as maintain our annual budget.
  - BBQ Fund Raiser Chairman William Hearnburg expressed his pleasure at being back "home" again with the membership. He reviewed the volunteer signup lists, ticket sales and the need for everyone's help (in some form) with this project.
  - The Marine Corps League is selling raffle tickets for a 1911 pistol. The tickets are \$10 each and are available from MC League members.
- **HERITAGE DAYS:** Chairman Frank Joswick met with Sherry Glover, Tour Guide Coordinator for Heritage Days. The event is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. There is a need for TOUR GUIDE OR PARKING LOT volunteers on either one or both of the dates. The program begins at 0730 each day with breakfast and lunch provided. Please notify Frank if you would like to sign up as a volunteer.  
[frankjosw@gapost143.org](mailto:frankjosw@gapost143.org) or (770) 883-9741

- Steve Hight, a new Post 143 member, and his wife, Rebecca were introduced by Commander Pate. Rebecca Hight is very involved with the CCVMP and the local SERTOMA CLUB.
- Commander Pate announced that our post has once again reached our 100% goal. Carrollton Post 143 placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 20 in District 5.
  
- Post 143 again participated in Boys' State with six (6) representatives from Carrollton and Central High Schools attending.
  
- **WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS** by Commander Pate
  - Department/5<sup>th</sup> District guests: Dept. Employment Chair Samuel Perry  
5<sup>th</sup> Dist. JVC Wade Lnenicka  
ALA Donna McCain, Installing Officer
  - Guests: Michelle Pickard, Mattie & Emmy Pickard
  
- **2021-2022 INSTALLATION CEREMONY:** Conducted by 5<sup>th</sup> District JVC Wade Lnenicka

**American Legion Post 143 Officers – Commander Selby R. Pate**  
**SVC C. Randall Purser**  
**JVC Sam Pyle**  
**JVC Frank E. Joswick**  
**JVC Steve T. Fuller**  
**JVC Steven M. Holder**  
**FO Joe D. Harrod**  
**JA William V. Hearnburg**  
**ADJ Jim Hill**

**SAL Squadron 143 – Commander Steven T. Fuller**  
**SVC Sherman W. (Wayne) Driver**  
**JVC Jeffrey A. Liggett**  
**FO Warren Henson**  
**JA Paul C. Scheufler**  
**ADJ Evan Fuller**  
**SAA John R. Bassett**

- With the membership eligibility records of the newly elected officers having been authenticated and duly checked by Adjutant Kathy Katen, the oath of office was administered to the candidates listed above.

- Many thanks were exchanged among all the participating officers and family members.
- The new roster of officers was introduced to the membership. Commander Pate “reassumed” his role and was handed the gavel.
- **(Uncover)**
- A PRAYER WAS OFFERED - CHAPLAIN Cecil Davis
- **(Recover)**
- Commander Pate declared the PROCEEDING CLOSED. **(3 gavel raps)**
- A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to 5<sup>th</sup> District JVC Wade Lnenicka for his participation by Commander Pate.
- *Team Emphasis* was Commander Pate’s message to the membership. “Step up and volunteer!” He is looking forward to another year of setting goals and doing our best to meet them.
- PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES: CERTIFICATE(S) OF APPRECIATION
  - SO Chair William Maddox for coordinating the **BUDDY CALL LIST** throughout the pandemic with his TEAM of volunteers.
  - **TEAM MEMBERS:**

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| S. Ronnie Pate   | Allen Katen     |
| Frank Joswick    | Jeff Rooks      |
| Rosemarie Miller | Margaret Miller |
| John Bassett     | Sam Pyle        |
| S. Wayne Driver  | Robert Hilliard |

Commander Pate asked everyone to please remember Service Officer Donald Levans and Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson whose wives have passed away in recent weeks. Betty Levans and Debra Robinson were very active in the American Legion Post 143 Family for many years.

- **HONOR GUARD** Chair Dale Robinson and the members of his HONOR GUARD for outstanding

and enduring dedication to our veterans and their families.

The certificates were distributed after the meeting was adjourned to the twenty (20) members that compromise the HONOR GUARD for Post 143.

- **MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY** SVC Randy Purser  
This certificate is for having a membership of twenty (20) years or more with the American Legion. We have an obligation to carry on the tradition set before us by these individuals.

Gordon T. Austin  
John R. Bassett  
John K. Dietz  
Cecil G. Duffee  
Harrison E. Duncan  
Wilmer C. Fuller  
Frank M. Kiblinger  
Roger E. Knowles  
David R. Lyle  
Dannie Pate  
William E. Sammon  
Paul C. Scheufler  
Dewey E. Teal  
William C. Upchurch

James V. Bailey\*  
James H. Bone  
John R. Djuck  
Michael H. Duke  
Steven T. Fuller\*\*  
Norris Garrett  
Elroy M. King  
Carey P. Lee  
R. A. Merrell  
Harold D. Richards  
Joseph E. Schadl  
Lindsey E. Smith\*\*\*  
Thomas D. Underwood  
Harvey R. Wright

\*57 years    \*\*43 years    \*\*\*74 years

**NOTE: Membership Cards are available if you have paid your 2021-2022 dues.**

- **GIFTS & AWARDS:**

- SVC Randy Purser was presented with a personalized American Legion shirt.
- JA Richard Guynn, who is stepping down from Judge Advocate, was given a bronze medal for his many years of service.
- JVC Charles (Doc) Stuckey who has filled the Children & Youth Chair as well as assisting at the Special Olympics locally for many years, was recognized for his service with a bronze medal.
- JVC Tim Bass is also stepping down from his Americanism post and also received a bronze medal.
- Adjutant Kathy Katen received a PAST ADJUTANT medal with a “2020-2021” pin.

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD:** This is a choice made solely by the Commander. This year's recipient is FO Joe Harrod for the unending dedication to Post 143, and all the various events, Post positions and/or tasks he has taken on to make our membership flourish. It is a well-deserved award!

- Department Employment Chair Samuel Perry spoke briefly, and expressed his pleasure and determination to come to Carrollton for our Installation Ceremony this year after missing the event last year.
- **(Uncover)**
- **BENEDICTION WAS GIVEN:** CHAPLAIN Cecil Davis
- **(Recover)**
- **RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS:** SAA Thomas Underwood
- **CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Commander Pate's parting words: "Better year coming up than we've had!"

The Commander declared the 15 July 2021 Regular Membership Meeting of Post 143, The American Legion, Department of GA adjourned at 2001 hrs. **(one gavel rap)**

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Commander Ronnie Pate

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Adjutant Kathy Katen