



**The American Legion Post 143
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 15th, 2021**

- All Electronic Devices Silenced-SAA Tommy Underwood secured the meeting room (1 gavel rap)
- Colors Posted & Pledge Recited-SAA Tommy Underwood (3 gavel raps)
- **Post Everlasting-** Commander Pate reported that the following Comrades have been called from our midst, and have gone to report to the Great Commander of all. A moment of silence in memory of our brothers was conducted. Chaplain Cecil Davis read the following names, while SAA Tommy Underwood accompanied the Chaplain by *Tolling the Bell*.

Gary Barnes	U. S. Navy	01/28/2021
Judson Bell	U. S. Army	01/05/2021
Larry Boswell	U. S. Army	12/07/2020
Hubert Carroll	U. S. Army	12/28/2020
James Doyle	U. S. Army	12/14/2020
Danny Hart	U. S. Navy	02/02/2021
Dudley Robinson	U. S. Marine Corps	11/27/2020
Samuel Simon	U. S. Navy	12/30/2020

- TAPS was played by Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson
- **HONORING POW/MIAs:** SAA Tommy Underwood
- **A PRAYER WAS OFFERED:** Chaplain Cecil Davis
- **PREAMBLE:** SVC Randy Purser led the membership.
- **OFFICER ROLL CALL:** Adjutant Kathy Katzen confirmed that a minimum of eight (8) officers were present.
- **ATTENDEES LIST:** The ATTENDEES LIST is recorded and attached.
- **QUORUM:** A quorum was confirmed.
- **COMMANDER PATE** called the General Membership Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, to order at 1810 hours on 15 April 2021. (3 gavel raps)
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the 01 April 2021 EC Minutes as read. A unanimous show of hands voted approval.
- **SICK CALL:** Bob Merrell needs our prayers.

Ruth Fuller, wife of Carlos Fuller, is receiving Hospice Care since she returned to the Stewart House. NO VISITORS (at Stewart House) are allowed until further notice.

Wayne Driver is recovering from a fall that injured his back and broke a bone in his foot.

*NOTICE: CHAPLAIN DAVIS would like to be informed of any member of the Post 143 Family that is ill, injured or in distress. He will give them a call to check on their progress.

• COMMANDER'S REPORT

A warm welcome back was extended to the sizable number of returning members as well as three (3) first time attendees: Thomas Cochran, Jose A. Marti, and Robert Thogmartin, in addition to our guest, Ronald Sutherland, from the U. S. Marine Corps League in Carrollton.

Commander Pate suggested that all members attending the General Membership meetings bring their copy of the AGENDA with them each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. FINANCE OFFICER-Joe Harrod

- A. Financial Report: Finance Officer Joe Harrod reviewed the Post 143 Finance Report ending on 30 March 2021 with the membership. A copy is attached to the 15 April 2021 Minutes.
- B. A copy of the 30 March 2021 Budget Status Report was also submitted and is attached to the same 15 April 2021 Minutes.
- C. The Budget for 2021-2022 needs to be looked at while keeping in mind what restrictions may still be in place at that time. The finalized version of the new budget must be in place before the next administration takes office.
- D. FO Harrod also announced that an audit must be conducted in June.

2. MEMBERSHIP-SVC Randy Purser

- A. Number of New Members since 01 July 2020
6
- B. Number of Post 400 Members Transferred since 02 July 2020
11
- C. Number of other Post Transferees since 02 July 2020
2
- D. 2021 Goal Status
100%
- E. District 5 Post 143 Ranking
4th in D5 out of 20
- F. Department of Georgia Ranking
D5 is 6th out of 12
- G. Deceased Members
 - (1.) Total for 2020-2021
23
 - (2.) Total since 01 July 2020
17
 - (3.) Number since the 01 November EC Meeting
8
- H. Other new members voted in at the 1 April 2021 EC Meeting included:

Andrew J. Fuller	U. S. Navy	12/13/2020
David J. Smith	U. S. Marine Corps	01/20/2021
Michael J. Bostic	U. S. Army	02/13/2021
Jerry Shadinger	U. S. Army	04/01/2021

Commander Pate commented that American Legion Post 143 has an outstanding and noticeable relationship with the Carrollton community and its veterans.

3. VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION, Pillar I-JVC Sam Pyle NO REPORT

- A. Service Officer Don Levans reported as follows:
 - (1.) Veterans served Jan 1, 2021 through April 15, 2021: 23
 - (2.) Financial Assistance given to 6 in the amount of \$1,687
 - (3.) Interfaces with the VSO at Trinkka-Davis Clinic: 12

The VSO continues to be restricted by Covid-19 regulations.

B. Service Committee Chair-Bill Maddox

- (1.) Chairman Bill Maddox extended a huge thank you to the "BUDDY CHECK" volunteer members. Cmdr. Pate commented on the exceptional job the committee has done. Please consider volunteering for this committee.

C. Volunteer Chair-Jeanette Henson ABSENT

D. Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson

Chair Dale Robinson expressed how proud he was of the Honor Guard Team. "They all play!"

- (1.) From 01 January 2021 to 14 April 2021, the Honor Guard has conducted 24 military services for veterans (January-11, February-8 and March-5).
- (2.) Military Honors for Hugh Barrow (postponed due to Covid-19) will be rendered on 15 May 2021 at Bowdon Cemetery by Post 143. A Flag Folding Team and Rifle Firing Team will participate at that ceremony.
- (3.) The Post Honor Guard Rifle Team will participate in the Memorial Day Program at CCVMP on 29 May 2021. The music program will begin at approximately 1030.
- (4.) The Roopville Festival will be held on 18 September 2021. The Honor Guard has been invited to participate this year, and will also have a booth at the event.
- (5.) **NOTICE:** With the backup of funerals, HG Chair Robinson announced that an alternate location for families to attend a Fold & Taps service for their deceased veteran is the CCVMP. If this choice is made, please notify a member of Post 143.

E. Honor Guard/Funeral Coordinator-Steve Holder ABSENT

- F. Chaplain Davis reported that there will be no Special Olympics for 2021. In place of the event, Chaplain Davis requested that volunteers purchase *CHICK-FIL-A* sandwiches for the children that will be distributed at a location and date to be determined. Cmdr. Pate made a request for a motion to donate \$250 toward this project. The motion was made by JVC Sam Pyle and 2nd by JVC Frank Joswick. The vote was unanimous to make the donation.

**4. NATIONAL SECURITY, Pillar II-JVC Frank Joswick
POW/MIA: (Unaccounted For)**

<u>Conflict</u>	<u>Georgia</u>
WWII-----72,719-----	1,053
Korean War-----7,661-----	38
Vietnam War-----1,584-----	48
Cold War-----126-----	01
Desert Storm-----03-----	00
Iraqi Freedom-----02-----	00

NOTE: As of 4/14/2021, an additional 44 service members have been "accounted for". In January this year, 46 recoveries included WWII: 1 from GA and Korea: 0 from GA

ALSO: The WWI National Memorial in Washington, D.C. inaugural flag raising can be virtually viewed at www.FIRSTCOLORS.WWICENTENNIAL.org on 16 April 2021, 1000 hrs. EST.

5. AMERICANISM, PILLAR III-JVC Tim Bass

A. LEGISLATIVE-JVC Pyle

Any members, but especially new members, would find MyLegion.org a valuable resource to become familiar with. The website gives you a broader view of what is going on nationally in the American Legion.

B. CCVMP-JVC Tim Bass

The annual Memorial Day Program will be held at CCVMP on 29 May 2021 beginning with the musical portion at 1030 hrs. and the program at 1100 hrs. The theme is "Honoring Those Who Honor Veterans". This year's guest speaker is scheduled to be Carroll County Commission Chairperson Michelle Morgan.

JVC Tim Bass is requesting volunteers to assist at the CCVMP Memorial Day ceremony. Contact a member of the Executive Committee if you are interested.

- C. **AL NATIONAL JSSP TOURNAMENT-JVC Frank Joswick**
Carrollton High School Air Rifle Team placed 3rd in the State and 3rd in the individual category. Neither the team nor any individuals will be proceeding further this year.
- D. **JROTC-JVC Frank Joswick**
The Awards Ceremony for the Carrollton High School Air Force JROTC is scheduled for 22 April 2021. Commander Ronnie Pate and JVC Frank Joswick are planning to attend.
The Central High School Awards Program is scheduled for 3 May 2021 at the CCPAC, with Americanism Chair Tim Bass and JVC Frank Joswick attending.
- E. **Boys State-Steve Fuller**
Boys State is taking place this year at Gordon College in Barnesville, GA. There are four (4) students from Carrollton High School confirmed to attend. The membership is encouraged to make an effort to attend the graduation at the conclusion of Boys State. Details (date, time, etc.) will be made available as they are known.

6. **CHILDREN & YOUTH, PILLAR IV-JVC Donald Stuckey ABSENT**

Chaplain Cecil Davis discussed the plans for the Special Olympics in Section 4F: VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION above.

7. **CYBER CHAIR-JVC Randy Purser**

The recently revised wi-fi service at the American Legion Post is operating. The Username: **ATT8594** and Password **F4CB2QD3NS**.

MyLegion.org has been revised, but is not fully accessible at the present time. Notification will be sent to the membership when the service is fully restored.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Public Relations-Bill Hearnburg**

Public Relations Chair Bill Hearnburg expressed a very generous “Thank You” to JVC Frank Joswick and SO Don Levans for picking up his agenda while being confined during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

B. **Newsletters-Frank Joswick**

Final newsletter for the 2020-2021 Post Year will be group emailed the 2nd week of May.

C. **Bulletins-Frank Joswick**

No Bulletins this month.

D. **Web Master-Frank Joswick**

April Meetings will be available on the website with any updates and calendar changes.

E. **Times-Georgian Newspaper-Frank Joswick**

Frank had a recent article published in the Times-Georgian regarding Honor Guard member Harvey Wright.

***All of the above can be accessed on the website (www.gapost143.org) under “ABOUT”.**

****ANYONE that is NOT receiving the above information (by email or USPS), please notify Frank Joswick with your mailing address or email address.**

9. **HISTORIAN-Jeff Rooks NO REPORT**

10. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT-Jeanette Henson ABSENT**

11. SAL COMMANDER REPORT-George Wheelless ABSENT

SAL Member Steve Fuller stated that the Sons of the American Legion needs to step up their membership. Currently, there are 19 Paid Up members. Legionnaires can hold a dual membership or if you have sons, fathers, grandfathers, grandsons etc. that are interested, they are eligible to join.

12. ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ADDITIONS? NO

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ALL

A. Virtual Meeting Capability Status-Fran Joswick

A test was conducted in March for a video Conference Call with select EC members. The platform was performed as prescribed. Only 12 members (7%) responded to the Survey regarding member participation in future video conferencing for meetings. In conclusion, this project is on PAUSE for the time being.

14. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

A. Nomination Committee 2021-2022

- (1.) Commander Pate called for a nomination from the floor of two (2) members in good standing to join the nomination committee for 2021-2022. Honor Guard Chair Dale Robinson was nominated by SO Don Levans and seconded by Steve Fuller, and JVC Sam Pyle nominated SAA Tommy Underwood with a second from Frank Joswick. The vote was unanimous.

The May elections will be held at the 20 May 2021 General Membership Meeting.

- (2.) The 5th District Convention on 16 May 2021 in Powder Springs, GA also requires two (2) delegates from Post 143 to attend. SO Don Levans nominated Steve Fuller and Sam Pyle seconded the motion. Thomas Cochran was nominated by Steve Fuller and the motion was seconded.
- (3.) On June 24-25, 2021, the Department of Georgia Convention will be held. This meeting requires two (2) delegates. Steve Fuller and Thomas Cochran have agreed to attend both conventions.

B. Recruitment Business Cards-SVC Randy Purser

After contacting CC PRINTING INC., SVC Randy Purser edited an existing business card from the post and listed the meeting @ 1800 hrs. (excluding a meal). The printing cost would be \$85.00 for 1000 cards, and if in agreement, the order will be available by the next General Membership Meeting on 20 May 2021. It was so agreed.

C. Post Meetings-CMDR. Pate

- (1.) EC Meeting.....06 May 2021 @ 1700 hrs.

NOTE: PLEASE USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS!

D. Correspondence-Adjutant Katen

- (1.) Outgoing Notes & Cards: Thank You Notes (2), Get Well (19), Sympathy (20)
- (2.) Received: Thank You Notes (2), Christmas Cards (2), Email (1)
- (3.) The 5th District/Department Commander's Monthly Report (April 2021) has been submitted.
- (4.) Consolidated Post Report 2020-2021 has been completed and will submitted to the Department of Georgia.

E. Announcements

- (1.) Commander Pate complemented Adjutant Kathy Katen for her performance as Post 143 Adjutant this year. In addition, congratulations were given to Adjutant Katen and her husband, Allen, on 55 years of marriage.
- (2.) JVC Sam Pyle stated the McDaniel Curtis Camp Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at CCVMP would be held on 04/17/2021 at 1100 hrs. In case of rain, the service would be at the Post 143 Bldg.

- (3.) Carroll County Commissioner Steve Fuller announced that the designated **Purple Heart County** signs have been placed on the major highways entering Carroll County. In addition, Purple Heart parking signs are being placed at the American Legion Post Bldg. (2) as well as other locations around the Carroll County area for Purple Heart recipients. (A picture was requested of the Purple Heart American Legion members.) Commander Pate also expressed his thanks to Commissioner Fuller for his efforts to have a resolution passed by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners that designated Carroll County as a Purple Heart County in the State of Georgia.
- (4.) A special request was made by Steve Fuller to remember and pray for the three law enforcement officers that were involved in a shooting situation on April 12, 2021. They were Carroll County Deputy Jay Repetto, Carrollton Police Sgt. Rob Holloway, and Villa Rica Police Officer Chase Gordy.

F. Dates to Remember

- (1.) Fishing 4 Freedom has been canceled for 2021
- (2.) Memorial Day Celebration at CCVMP 29 May 2021 @ 1045
- (3.) D5 Meeting 16 May 2021 @ Post 294 Powder Springs, GA
- (4.) DOG Convention 24-27 June 2021 in Duluth, GA

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

The local U. S. Marine Corps League has been promoting more cooperation with American Legion Post 143. In that effort, the “bell” for our POST EVERLASTING recognition has been donated by the local organization. It was presented by Ronald Sutherland, Commandant of the Aubrey Gilbert, Det 1312, USMCL Carrollton, GA.

16. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY, THE CHAPLAIN LED US IN A CLOSING PRAYER. (3 gavel raps)

COMMANDER’S CHARGE: “Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the Community, State, and Nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and Ourselves, that nothing shall serve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.”

17. SAA Thomas Underwood Retired the Colors

- A. This 15th day of April 2021, the General Membership meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 1925 PM (1 rap of gavel by the Commander).

Approval Date _____

Commander Ronnie Pate

Adjutant Kathy Katen