



The American Legion Post 143
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 1st, 2021

- All Electronic Devices Silenced-SAA Tommy Underwood secured the meeting room (1 gavel rap)
- Post Colors & Pledge-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 Corp	11/27/2020
Samuel Simon	U. S. Navy	12/30/2020

- TAPS were played
- **HONORING POW/MIAs:** SAA Tommy Underwood
- **A PRAYER WAS OFFERED:** Chaplain Cecil Davis
- **PREAMBLE:** SVC Purser led the committee members and guests.
- **ATTENDEES LIST** attached
- **QUORUM** was confirmed.
- **COMMANDER PATE** called the Executive Committee Meeting of Carroll Post 143, Department of Georgia, to order at 1711 hours on 01 April 2021. (3 gavel raps)
- **EC MINUTES:** The 01 November 2020 EC Meeting Minutes were approved by email.
- **SICK CALL:** Bob Merrell needs our prayers.
Ruth Fuller has returned to Stewart House.
Wayne Driver broke a bone in his foot from a fall, and injured his back.
CHAPLAIN DAVIS would like to be informed of any member that is ill or Injured. He will give them a call to check on their progress.

- **COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Cmdr. Pate welcomed the Executive Committee membership, and our guest, 5th District SVC Al Jackson. He also pointed out how pleased he was with the progress that has been made by keeping the Post together in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular, the BUDDY CHECK success, meeting and exceeding our 2020-2021 goal for membership, and our Honor Guard's dedication and skill when performing Military Honors at so many of our veterans' gravesites.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **FINANCE OFFICER-Joe Harrod**

- A. Budget Status Report: A copy of the Post 143 Budget with the 30 March 2021 balance was submitted by FO Harrod, and is attached to the 01 April 2021 EC meeting minutes.
- B. The "Profit & Loss Statement" was presented by the Finance Officer to the Executive Committee.
- C. "Community Foundation of W GA Investment" (31 March 2020 thru 31 December 2020) was reviewed by FO Harrod with the committee.
- D. The Post 143 Finance Report for March 2021 is also attached to the 01 April 2021 EC meeting minutes.
- E. The Post 143 Boys State budgeted money is still in place for 2021.
- F. Finance Officer Harrod stated that Post 143 could operate, if necessary, for one more year, but the Executive Committee should also anticipate planning a fund raiser in the near future.

2. **JUDGE ADVOCATE-Richard Guynn**

- A. Suggestions for the 5th District Constitution and Bylaws were emailed recently to Judge Advocate Guynn.
 - (1.) It has been suggested that the Bylaws include the Finance Officer as the Chair for the Finance Committee.
 - (2.) Additionally, to add a proposal that if a situation occurs beyond the control of the Post Commander,
- B. Before the change of Officers in 2021, a new audit must be completed and approved.

3. MEMBERSHIP-SVC Randy Purse

- A. Number of New Members since 01 July 2020
5
- B. Number of Post 400 Members Transferred since 02 July 2020
10
- 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
- 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

Commander Pate praised SVC Purser and the Membership Committee for doing a fantastic job and meeting our goal for 2020-2021

4. VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION, PILLAR I-JVC Sam Pyle **NO REPORT**

- A. Service Officer Don Levans' reported as follows:
 - (1.) The Service Committee served 19 Veterans
 - (2.) The Service Committee provided \$1,689 in financial support.
 - (3.) Interfacing with VSO totaled 10 veterans.

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

The best way to contact them is by email requesting an in-person meeting by appointment.

- Nikita Hall (www.Nikita,hall@vs.state.ga.us) is the contact for the VSO.

B. Service Committee Chair- Bill Maddox

(1.) BUDDY CHECKS (Welfare & Assistance)

Committee Chair Bill Maddox thanked all the volunteers for all their work.

The Post exceeded the Commander's expectations and Cmdr. Pate stated how proud he was of the results.

(2.) Volunteer Chair-Jeanette Henson

- a. Volunteers at the Veterans Service Center are still not allowed to assist patients.
- b. BINGO (with prizes) is available for the residents at the Veterans Village facility.

(3.) Honor Guard Chair-Dale Robinson

- a. **NOTICE:** With the backlog 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.
- b. The Honor Guard Chair announced that 5 (five) Military Honors had been rendered during the month of March.
- c. Military Honors for Hugh Barrow (postponed due to Covid-19) will be rendered on 15 May 2021 at Bowdon Cemetery by the Post 143 Honor Guard.
- d. 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 1045

(4.) Honor Guard/Funeral Coordinator-Steve Holder **ABSENT**

(5.) Chaplain Davis **NO REPORT**

5. NATIONAL SECURITY, PILLAR II-JVC Cowart **VACANT**

6. AMERICANISM, PILLAR III-JVC Bass

A. LEGISLATIVE-JVC Pyle **NO REPORT**

(1.) VIETNAM VETERANS DAY was observed

B. CCVMP-JVC Tim Bass

(1.) The Memorial Day Program at CCVMP is scheduled for Saturday, 29 May 2021, beginning at 1030. The Honor Guard Rifle Team will perform during the ceremony. Please bring your own chairs (BYOC).

C. AL NATIONAL JSSP TOURNAMENT-Frank Joswick

(1.) The Carrollton HS Air Rifle Team came in 3rd place in the State, and 3rd place in the Individual Category. After a conference with the team coach, and students, the Post will be notified if an Awards Night will be held at the Post Hall.

D. JROTC-Frank Joswick

(Each school will have two [2] Cadets receiving medals/Certificates for military & scholastic achievements.)

- (1.) Carrollton HS will hold their Awards Night on Thursday April 22nd, at the School Cafeteria. Commander Pate and Frank Joswick plan to attend.
- (2.) Central HS will hold their Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 3rd at the CCPAC. Frank Joswick and Tim Bass will attend.
- (3.) A monetary gift will be given to the JROTC program.

E. Boys State-Steve Fuller **ABSENT**

(1.) Plans are going forward to conduct Boys State this June. Information will be updated as the planning progresses.

7. CHILDREN & YOUTH, PILLAR IV-JVC Stuckey **NO REPORT**

8. CYBER CHAIR-JVC Purser

- A. SVC Purser submitted a report for the Post 143 FaceBook page to compete for the TALMA awards (THE AMERICAN LEGION MEDIA ALLIANCE).

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Relations-Bill Hearnburg **ABSENT**

B. Newsletters-Frank Joswick

(1.) The final quarterly Newsletter will be published sometime in May.

C. Bulletins- Frank Joswick

(1.) Post news bulletin will go out in April.

D. Web Master-Frank Joswick

(1.) The November EC Minutes and News Bulletin have been inserted into the Post website as well as an updated calendar.

E. Times-Georgian News Paper-Frank Joswick

(1.) A news article with photo regarding Harvey Wright's Meritorious Service Citation was submitted by Frank Joswick to the Times-Georgian.

F. Other

(1.) Frank, our post webmaster, entered American Legion Media Alliance (TALMA) Contest for the first time this year. The Post Website, Newsletter, and 2 Video's were submitted. (GA Department's GALPA dissolved last year.)

(2.) Commander Pate complimented Frank for the outstanding job he's done.

10. HISTORIAN-Jeff Rooks

Our new Historian, Jeff Rooks, is a 2015 U. S. Marine Corps retiree. We are so pleased that Jeff has stepped up and taken this position for the Post. He will be submitting a report in July for review. But, if anyone has "something to share" with the Historian, submit it.

11. AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT-Jeanette Henson

A. Girls State has been cancelled for this year.

B. VP Wanda Maddox reported that Margaret Miller, U. S. Marine Corp, has joined the ALA, and has been assisting with the BUDDY CHECK program.

C. Wanda also reported the passing of ALA member Debra Robinson.

12. SAL COMMANDER REPORT-George Wheeless **ABSENT**

*SAL Supervisory CMTE-Wayne Driver **ABSENT**

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ALL

A. Virtual Meeting Capability Status-Frank Joswick

(1.) Frank Joswick conducted the 1st video Conference Call with select Committee Members. Overall, it was a success. FreeConferenceCall.com (will not remain free after 02 April 2021) was the test platform used.

(2.) Of 165 post members surveyed, they were asked if they would participate in video conferencing if it was offered. Twelve (12) members responded YES and zero (0) responded NO.

(3.) The wi-fi in the building must be repaired before any video conferencing can take place. No further discussion can be had until the repairs are completed.

14. NEW BUSINESS-ALL

A. Frank Joswick was nominated to replace Don Cowart as the JVC National Security officer. A motion was made by SO Don Levans to vote on the nomination and was seconded by SAA Tommy Underwood. Frank was unanimously elected and he gladly accepted the new position, thanking the members.

B. Vote on New Post Members-SVC Purser

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| (1.) Andrew J. Fuller | 02/09/2021 | U. S. Navy |
| (2.) David J. Smith | 01/20/2021 | U. S. Marine Corps |
| (3.) Michael J. Bostic | 12/13/2020 | U. S. Army |
| (4.) Jerry H. Shadinger | 04/01/2021 | U. S. Army |
| (5.) | | |

A motion was made by Sam Pyle and was seconded by Tim Bass to accept the above candidates for membership by a vote of the members of the Executive Committee present. It was a unanimous vote and was carried.

C. Nomination Committee 2021-2022

- (1.) The Nomination Committee must be established and elections conducted no more than 6 days before the State Convention or later than 15 days after. The 2021-2022 Nomination Committee members will be selected from past commanders, unless running for office, and two (2) elected from the general membership floor. A chairman will also be chosen from that group. PC Don Levans has volunteered to take this position.

D. Recruitment Business Cards

- (1.) John Bassett suggested that the membership have business cards to carry and use for recruitment. Cmdr. Pate assigned SVC Purser to work on this project.

E. Post Meetings-CMDR.

- (1.) GM Meeting.....15 Apr 2021 @ 1800 hrs.
(2.) EC Meeting.....06 May 2021 @ 1700 hrs.

SO Don Levans made a motion to accept the above dates for in person meetings as listed. No meal or social hour will be hosted. It will be strictly a business meeting for both dates.

FO Joe Harrod seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to convene on the dates listed for the specified meetings.

F. Correspondence-Adjutant Katen

- (1.) There were 2 (two) Thank You notes, 19 (nineteen) Get Well cards, and 20 (twenty) Sympathy cards sent from the Post to members and/or their families.
(2.) Larry Boswell's sister, Lynn Chapman sent the Post a Thank You note. Bob Hilliard sent an email to update the membership on his activities in Augusta. Rose Miller's Family sent a Christmas Card to the Post. The staff from the UGA Ag Center also sent a Christmas Card to the membership. (All this correspondence is available at the Post.)
(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.

G. Guest Speaker: 5th District SVC Al Jackson

- (1.) Our guest, SVC Al Jackson, from the 5th District announced that the 5th District Convention will take place this year at the Post 294 in Powder Springs, GA on 16 May 2021. Sign in will begin at 0800 hrs. and the meeting will commence at 0830 hrs. Two (2) representatives from Post 143 will attend and vote for the 2021-2022 District Officers at that time.
- (2.) The Department Convention will take place June 24-27, 2021 in Duluth, GA. At this time the logistics are being worked out for that event.
- (3.) The VA facility in Atlanta will host a Drive Thru Covid-19 vaccination site on 10 April 2021 & 08 May 2021. Contact Dr. Cooper in Atlanta for information. No appointment is needed and there are no age restrictions or requirements. There is also a need for volunteers to assist with this event and/or you can donate snacks as well.
- (4.) SVC Jackson stated that he is “always impressed” with Post 143, and that we are doing a “fantastic job”!

H. Announcements

- (1.) Memorial Day Celebration at CCVMP 29 May 2021 @ 1045
- (2.) D5 Meeting 16 May 2021 @ Post 294
- (3.) DOG Convention 24-27 June 2021

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

A. Past Commander Joe Harrod updated the committee on the status of Sgt. 1st Class Delma Shumake, who passed away in 2014 and was laid to rest at the Ropville Road Church Cemetery with only a funeral home marker at his gravesite. Hightower Funeral Home (along with Hearn Monuments) received the military marker, and the Deacons from the Church installed it.

B. It was also reported that Donald Allen and his wife are not doing well and are in need of our prayers at this time.

16. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BRING BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY

A. SAA retired the Colors (Hand salute)

B. Chaplain Cecil Davis offered a closing prayer. (Uncover)

(Recover)

- (3.) This day of 1 April 2021, the Executive Committee meeting of Post 143, Dept. of GA stands adjourned at 1830 PM (1 rap of gavel by the Commander).

Approval Date _____

Commander Ronnie Pate

Adjutant Kathy Katen