



"For God and Country"



"The Unaccounted"

Carroll Post 143 Family
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NEWSLETTER

Cmdr. Ronnie Pate:



Commander's Report:

Senior Vice Commander Randy Purser and Commander Ronnie Pate attended a called 5th District Meeting on 19 September at Post 294, Powder Springs, to discuss the following:

- A. The proposed 2020-2021 budget for the 5th District was approved.
- B. The proposed 5th District amendment to the Constitution, and Bylaws were scheduled for a vote on November 15, but due to the COVID-19 virus, that meeting was canceled. A draft copy was sent to our Post and the Executive committee for comments.

Welcome New Post Members and Transferees:

Thomas Cochran, Michael Cowan, Jack Etrass, Charles Galate, Timothy Hardy, Steven Holder, Carlton Jackson, Charles Johnson, David Lewis, Billy Payne, Paul Rice, Jose Marti, and Barry Thompson.

Adjutant Kathy Katen



- A. The September, October and November Department Monthly Post Reports have been submitted
- B. The Annual Caravan (The health of the Post) Report is ready for submission.
- C. A Thank You card was received from Pioneer Ford, Bremen for our participation in their 13th Annual Trunk or Treat event hosted in October.
- D. If interested, an Amateur Radio Licensing Class will be held at American Legion Post 294, 3282 Florence Rd., Powder Springs GA 30127, on Jan. 9, 16 & 23, 2021 from 8am to 3pm all three days. Must also purchase the Technician Manual from www.hamradio.com. For more information, contact Elden Morris at 770-713-4403

or email at nimn@att.net



Sr Vice Cmdr. Randy Purser

- A. Our Post membership has increased by 6 new legionnaires and 6 transfers for a total of 12
- B. The 2021 renewal goal is presently at 84.5% as of Dec 3rd.
- C. Post 143 is ranked 6th of 20 in the 5th District
- D. Our Post had 11 Legionnaires' that have passed from January 2020 to present.
- E. Our Post Revitalization workshop resulted in 6 veterans that transferred from Post 400 to Post 143.



Honor Guard Chairman: Dale Robinson

- A. A process to coordinate communications between the Post 143 Honor Guard, the local Funeral Homes, and the families of the deceased will soon be implemented.
- B. HG Chair Dale Robinson announced that an alternate location at the CCVMP can be used for families to attend a "Fold & Taps" service for their deceased veteran. For arrangements, contact any member of the Post.
- C. The Honor Guard has performed 19 Honor Ceremonies since August.
- D. Heritage Days have been cancelled this year, but a virtual Flag Retirement Ceremony has been prepared and will be available to the Carroll County School System Faculty for presentation to their students. (Video posted on Post website & facebook)
- E. The post Color Guard performed at the Bowdon Middle School on Veterans Day.

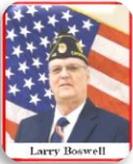


Finance Officer Joe Harrod
American Legion Post 143 Finance Report ending 11/30/2020

Beginning Balance.....	\$23,477.73
Income.....	45.00
Sub-Total.....	\$23,522.73
Expenses.....	569.78
Balance.....	\$22,952.95
Reserve Funds.....	\$5,5975.80 (Trinka Davis....\$1,572.80 + Honor Guard.....\$4,025.00)
Available for Post Operations.....	\$17,355.15

Post 143 Investment Fund:

January 1st 2020 Balance: \$185,160.65
 March 31st, 1st Qtr. Bal.....\$144,337.42
 June 30th, 2nd Qtr. Bal.....\$168,226.20
 August 31st, 3rd Qtr. Bal...\$175,470.72



Chaplain Larry Boswell

Our beloved comrade, Chaplain Larry Boswell, has gone to be with the Lord on Friday December 4, 2020. More information regarding the funeral arrangements will be shared once received.



Service Officer: Don Levans

- A. The Service Committee served 15 veterans, some multiple times
- B. \$1,225 in financial support to veterans in need.
- C. Throughout the month of October, The Service Committee was flooded with requests and complaints from Veterans having difficulties with medical needs with the VA. S/O Don Levans also stated that our best advice for veterans who are lucky enough to have Medicare is to shift their medical needs to Doctors and facilities that accept Medicare.

Service Committee Chair: William Maddox

- A. October Buddy Check Results:
 1. Attempted contacts-----164
 2. Confirmed contacts-----74
 3. Covid-19 cases-----0
 4. Cmdr. Pate requested his name be added to the volunteer Buddy Check call list



Jr. SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM: Frank Joswick

Carrollton high school Riflery coach Mike Lewis has completed his background check and training as required by a new policy enacted by the American Legion National JSSP Committee. Coach Lewis is now waiting for the Target sets to arrive so he can schedule a date & time for his team to shoot in the 1st round postal match competition.

WEBMASTER/NEWSLETTER/DAYBOOK:

As a reminder, copies of the Post Constitution, By-Laws, Standard Operating Procedures, meeting minutes, e-newsletter, and calendar are all available to view online at the post website at: www.gapost143.org

*If you subscribe to the local newspaper, you will find relevant Post meeting information at least one week prior to any scheduled regular membership meeting in the "Daybook" section of the Times-Georgian

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT:

A huge thank you to the post family for providing 31 lbs. of candy that was handed out by Tim Bass and Frank Joswick during the 13th Annual Trunk & Treat Event held at Pioneer Ford, Bremen, on Friday October 30th.

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION:

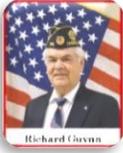
Volunteers are needed to help collect toys at Wal-Mart again this year on Friday, Dec 4th and Saturday, Dec 5th from 7am -7pm
 Volunteers are asked to cover a two-hour period both days. Text/call Frank Joswick at 770-883-9741 for more info.

Volunteers committed: Cmdr. Ronnie Pate, Randy & Dyane Purser, Tim Bass, and Frank Joswick



JVC Sam Pyle

JVC Sam Pyle reported on the updated information involving the Blue Water Navy veterans who served in Vietnam. He encouraged those that think they may qualify, to investigate the details by contacting the VA



JA Richard Guynn

Any suggested changes to the 5th District Constitution and Bylaws should be directed to The Judge Advocate. One proposal was to revise the documents to be "Gender Neutral"

SAL COMMANDER: George Wheelless



American legion Post 143 Squadron is separately chartered; however, supervisory oversight is provided by Wayne Driver on behalf of the Post Executive Committee. The members of this Organization is composed of all male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of the American Legion and to any veteran's male family member that do not belong to the American Legion that was honorably discharged. In addition, Legion members are eligible to join the SAL as a dual member with a significant reduced annual membership fee. Therefore, we are asking Post 143 Members to share this information with relatives and acquaintances as appropriate to help us revitalize this important Committee for non-veterans. For more information, please see the Post 143 website, gapost143.org and/or call 770.830.5979. In closing, it is the traditional time of year that we normally recognize our blessings. However, given this china virus situation it is easy to forget those important things that we should be Thankful for. i.e. Health, Freedom won by our Patriots, Family, Friends, Veterans, etc. So, to my Post 143 brothers and sisters, I am thankful for each of you and proud to serve as your Commander. We shall overcome together.

For God and Country,

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Jeanette Henson



- A. Volunteers at the Veterans Service Center are not allowed to assist patients
- B. Bingo is available (with prizes) for the residents at the Veterans Village Facility.
- C. The ALA contributed to the Trunk or Treat event held at pioneer Ford, Bremen
- D. The ALA contributed to the Toys for Tots program again this year.
- E. Christmas donations/gifts for residents at Trinka Davis will be accepted until the first week of December

NEW BUSINESS

A-SVC Randy Purser presented to the Exec. Committee the names of veterans that applied to join Post 143. A vote was taken to accept their applications for membership. The vote was unanimous to accept their membership. This vote was taken due to COVID-19 that has prevented the General Membership to meet.

B-F/O Joe Harrod made a motion to temporarily permit the EC officers to maintain and keep Post records/files at home. The motion was seconded by SVC Randy Purser, and the vote was unanimous.

C-Commander Ronnie Pate proposed cancelling the remaining 2020 Post meetings for the months of Nov. & Dec. Tim Bass seconded the motion, and the vote to approve was unanimous. It was noted that if needed, an emergency meeting could be called.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Past Cmdr. Joe Harrod updated the Exec. Committee on the status of Sgt 1st Class Delma Shumaker, who passed in 2014 and was laid to rest at the Roopville Road Church cemetery with only a funeral home marker at his gravesite. Hightower Funeral Home has set the wheels in motion to request a military marker, and along with Hearn Monuments, will give Veteran Shumaker a fitting memorial. American Legion Post 143 Honor Guard will furnish the military honors. Anyone wanting to attend this significant event should contact any member of the Exec. Committee. More information to follow.

SICK CALL:

Kathy Katen, Bob Hilliard, Judson Bell, Jimmy Sanders, Debra Robinson, Carlos & Ruth Fuller, William & Dee Sammon, Harvey & Teresa Bowen, Tim Hardy, Billy Payne, Hubert Carol, Horace Geter, and Randall & Maryellen Wilson, Steve McEwen, Steve Fuller, Stuart Yahm & David Farmer.

GET OUT THE VOTE: (Special Federal Election Jan 5, 2021)



Early In-Person Voting in Carroll County will take place at the Elections Office located at 423 College Street, in downtown Carrollton.

Date/Time schedule:

December 14-18 Mon-Fri between 8am-5pm
December 21-23 Mon-Wed between 8am-5pm
December 28-30 Mon-Wed between 8am-5pm
December 31 Thursday between 8am-1pm

For those who want to request their Absentee Ballots an alternative way, they can fill out, print, and sign the request form found on the Carroll County Government website at: www.carrollcountyga.com. Then they can either email it to elections@carrollcountyga.com or mail it to: Carroll Elections, 423 College St., Carrollton, GA 30117.



Around the Legion (www.legion.org)



2020-2021 National Cmdr. James W. Oxford

Dear American Legion Family,

There has been good news recently on research into vaccines for the coronavirus. Moreover, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced this week that more than 50 VA medical centers are participating in trials to test vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. You do not need to be a veteran to participate.

“Volunteering for our trials is a way people can help our country more quickly find vaccines and treatments to end the pandemic and get life back to normal,” VA Secretary Robert Willkie said in a news release. The American Legion never offers medical advice. But we do offer information provided by VA. You can learn more about VA’s research

and how to volunteer.



2020-2021 Dept. of GA Cmdr. Eddie Asberry (www.galegion.org)

Congress has passed several laws and bills to combat the COVID-19 virus and stimulate the economy. But I also want to remind you of your job during these uncertain times. And that is taking care of veterans, their families, and the community. To make sure you can do this you must make sure to follow the guidance of the CDC and the Governor’s directives.

Buddy checks are also important, so please be in contact with your post family to ensure they are well and thank them for serving the American Legion.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Post will not be having any family socials or conducting any Post meetings through the remainder of the Holiday Season. Therefore, Commander Ronnie Pate and members of the Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Passed on by Cmdr. Ronnie Pate:

“T’was a month before Christmas, and all through the town, people wore masks, that covered their frown. The frown had begun way back in the Spring when a global pandemic changed everything. They call it corona, but unlike the beer, it didn’t bring good times, it didn’t bring cheer. Contagious and deadly, this virus spread fast, like wildfire fueled by gas. Airplanes are grounded, travel is banned. Borders are closed across air, sea, and land. As the world entered lockdown to flatten the curve, the economy halted, and folks lost their nerve. From March to July people stayed home, they tried to behave. When summer emerged, the lockdown was lifted. But away from caution, many folks drifted. Now it is November and cases are spiking much to our disliking. And just around the corner tis the Holiday Season. But why be merry? Is there even one reason? To decorate the house and put up the tree, when no one will see it, no-one but me. But outside my window the snow gently falls, and I think to myself, lets deck the halls! So, I gather the ribbon, the garland, and bows, as I play those old carols, my happiness grows. Christmas ain’t cancelled and neither is hope. If we lean on each other, I know we can Cope.”



January 2020 - December 2020

Resolution

*Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander,
to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrades*

*Whereas we humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing
in our hearts their memory of distinguished service to our country
and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship,
now, therefore,*

*be it Resolved that Carroll Post No. 143,
The American Legion,
does mourn the passing of our comrades*

*That we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further
Resolved, that in token of our common grief, this resolution is hereby transferring*

*To the American Legion Post Everlasting, and will now join
all departed comrades who have gone before them*

*Hugh W. Barrow
Hubert E. Carroll
James Doyle
Homer W. Green
Dudley V. Robinson*

*Henry L. Bedford
Beryl L. Chadwick
Charles H. Feaselman
Linda S. Harris
Robert E. Wilson*

*Larry D. Boswell
Wylie A. Copeland
Frank Fox
Gregory A. Henson
George F. Woodruff*

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV 19.....	Combined Membership meeting is cancelled
DEC 03.....	Exec. Cmte meeting is cancelled
DEC 04.....	Toy Collection at Walmart
DEC 05.....	Toy Collection at Walmart
DEC 17.....	Combined Membership meeting is cancelled

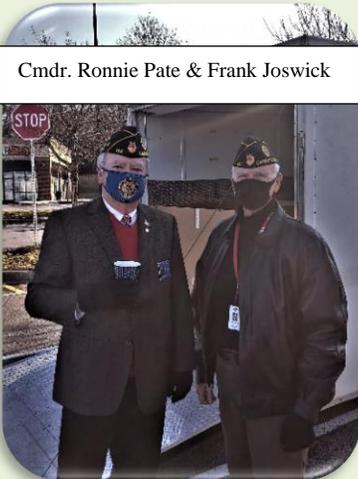
Member Profile Update

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:			
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Phone:	Email:	Member is Deceased: <input type="checkbox"/>	

***NOTE:** Please give this CORRECTION FORM to the Adjutant during the next Regular Membership meeting or call 770-830-5979 & leave a message

TOYS FOR TOTS VOLUNTEERS

Post members Cmdr. Ronnie Pate, Frank Joswick, Tim Bass, Randy & Diane Purser and Rose & Jessica Miller took part in collecting toys at Wal-Mart Friday, Dec 4 & Saturday, Dec 5. The next big event will be sorting all the collected toys by age group & gender from Dec 7th through Dec 14th. Toy Distribution starts on Dec. 15th and ends on Dec. 20th. Hours vary so if anyone is interested in volunteering, Text Frank Joswick at 770-883-9741 or email at frankjosw@gapost143.org



Cmdr. Ronnie Pate & Frank Joswick



Cmdr. Ronnie Pate & Joe Harrod



Rose & Jessica Miller & Cmdr. Pate



Randy & Diane Purser



Tim Bass



92.1 radio interview with Cmdr. Pate

POST COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the Executive Committee has implemented several changes for conducting future Post meetings when deemed safe to return:

1. The social hour with Dinner meal is canceled until further notice.
2. The Regular Legion Business meetings will begin at 7pm
3. *Attending members must wear some type of facial covering (see below)
4. Attending members will be seated in chairs only and spaced 6 feet apart.
5. Social distancing when interacting with other members will apply when possible.

Additionally, a deep cleaning of the restrooms, hallway, office, and main meeting room will be accomplished before each meeting to ensure the safety and well-being of attending members.

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➤ If you want either of the above masks, they can be ordered at www.emblem.legion.org



Thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times. If some members still feel uncomfortable attending meetings right now it is understandable, considering us "old folk" are more susceptible to contracting this virus than others, so stay home and stay healthy. But I hope to see you before too long.