



HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 197

Zebulon, Georgia

From 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022

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Abbreviations used:

ADJ	Adjutant	AL	American Legion
ALA	American Legion Auxiliary	Cdr	Commander
Chap	Chaplain	EC	Executive Committee
FO	Finance Officer		
Jr	Junior_Post 197		
Pike County	American Legion Post 197		
POW/MIA	Prisoner of War/Missing in Action		
Sgt	Sergeant		
SAL	Sons of the American Legion		
Sqdn	Squadron		
Sr	Senior		

Chapter 1

Introduction

On 2 May 1946, The American Legion Post 197 of Pike County was officially chartered. For nearly fifty years, Pike County Post 197 remained active in the community and state; and then in 1994, it had its charter revoked. In 2008, a group of Pike County Veterans met at the Pike County Court House Square to discuss the restoration of the Veteran's Monument. Three months later, Pike County American Legion Post 197 was reestablished. On 12 June 2013, the Post became incorporated to protect individual members from liability in the event of litigation against the Post.

It is very important for Post 197 to provide information to Veterans that reside in Pike County and neighboring counties about the importance of joining a Veteran's organization that truly cares for and understands the concerns of Veterans and their families. Pike County Post 197 is proud to assist "All Veteran's and their families", regardless of American Legion affiliation. It is Post 197's mission to make sure all Veterans know about the assistance it and the American Legion can provide. Post 197 also commits itself to honoring, and conducting events and activities that help to "never forget" our Veterans.



Post 197 members manning the 2 April 2022 Williamson Fest Veteran/American Legion Information and Voter Registration Booth. Details in Chapter 6. Photo taken by Post 197 member John Ellis.

Key Post 197 Information

Commander: Paul R. Chatterton

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Adjutant: Stephen A. Golias

C: 404-790-6609; Email address: sagaocc@yahoo.com

Acting Service Officer: Paul R. Chatterton

Post Mailing Address: P.O. 781, Zebulon, Ga 30295

Post Location: 645 Meansville Street, Zebulon, Georgia

Chapter 2

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion



**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES
TOGETHER**

FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Chapter 3

2021-2022 Post Officers

Commander	Paul R. Chatterton
Adjutant	Stephen A. Golias
Finance Officer	Bryan D. Richardson
Senior Vice Commander	Samuel M. Rhodes/ Laurah A. Rhodes/ Samuel M. Rhodes
Junior Vice Commander	Howard D. Jeffreys/Vacant
Junior Vice Commander	Jeffrey A. Sheriff
Judge Advocate	Vacant/Dennis D. Tea
Chaplain	Vacant/Theodore A. Gustin
Service Officer	Paul R. Chatterton
Historian	Bryan D. Richardson
Sargent-at-Arms	Stefan R. Huckaby
Executive Committee Member	Wayne L. Germain /Timothy H. Dukes Stefan R. Huckaby Laurah A. Rhodes /Benjamin R. Maxedon

Chapter 4

2021-2022 Post Committees and Chairpersons

Americanism	Paul R. Chatterton
Children & Youth	Vacant
National Security	Stefan R. Huckaby
Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation	Paul R. Chatterton
Finance	Bryan D. Richardson
Membership	Laurah A. Rhodes/ Samuel M. Rhodes
House & Entertainment	Jeffrey A. Sheriff
Sons of American Legion (SAL)	Vacant/Stefan R. Huckaby/ Paul R. Chatterton
Public Relations	Paul R. Chatterton
Religious Emphasis	Vacant/Theodore A. Gustin

Chapter 5

One Year Post Chronicle: 1 May 2021 – 30 April 2022

May 2021

1 May: Beginning of report period.

4 May, 12:00 p.m., Legion Family conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance was AL Stephen Golias and AL Gerry Richardson, and Post Commander Bryan Richardson. Cdr Richardson provided the Prayer.

6 May, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted elections for 2021-2022 Post officers. Results of the election are as follows:

Commander	Paul Chatterton
Senior Vice Commander	Samuel Rhodes
Junior Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys
Junior Vice Commander	Jeffrey Sheriff
Adjutant	Stephen Golias
Finance Officer	Bryan Richardson
Executive Committee Member	Matt Germain
Executive Committee Member	Stefan Huckaby
Executive Committee Member	Laurah Rhodes

6 May, 12:00 p.m., Commander Bryan Richardson lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Pike County National Day of Prayer. Other Post 197 Legionnaires in attendance were Fred Caraway, Gerald Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff.

13 May, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting at the Post 197 facility present were 6 Officers, 6 members, and 4 guests for a total of 16. Post Officers present:

Commander/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Stephen Golias	Present
Adjutant/Service Officer	Dennis Tea	Excused
Finance Officer	Peggi Payton	Present
EC Member	Billy Payton	Excused
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member	Steven Yerkes	Present
Chaplain	Darryl Segraves	Absent
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present

A quorum was obtained.

Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$1,444.99.

27 May, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting. Post Officers present:

Commander/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Paul Chatterton	Excused

Jr. Vice Commander	Stephen Golias	Present
Adjutant/Service Officer	Dennis Tea	Present
Finance Officer	Peggi Payton	Excused
EC Member	Billy Payton	Excused
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member	Steven Yerkes	Present
Chaplain	Darryl Segraves	Absent
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present

A quorum was obtained.

Guests were members Jeff Sheriff and Danny Jeffreys

28 May, 3 – 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its annual Memorial Day Weekend Fundraiser on the Square. Volunteer fundraising team consisted of Tim Dukes, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Garrett Pourron, Bryan Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff. Finance Officer Peggi Payton lead the counting of the monies collected along with ALA Melissa Patten and ALA Willa Payton. The team collected just over \$1,583 for the general fund.

31 May, 10:00 a.m., Post 197 co-hosted with the Legion Auxiliary, Unit 197 and Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 197, Pike County Memorial Day Observance Parade and Program.

June 2021

1 Jun, 12:00 p.m., Legion Family conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance was AL members Stephen Golias, Bryan Richardson, Gerald Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff; SAL Chaplain Bart Brock who provided the Prayer; and guest Barbara Richardson.

6 Jun, 6:00 pm, Post 197 as part of the Legion Family conducted the annual Legion Family Memorial Service and Post Everlasting Ceremony at Moody Daniel Funeral Home. Post 197 honored and conducted Post Everlasting Ceremony for deceased Post members James Lawrence, Douglas Rounds, Harold Jennings, Douglas Jones, Wendell Golias.

10 Jun, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting at the Post 197 facility. Present were 6 Officers, 3 members, and 2 guests for a total of 11. Post Officers present:

Commander/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Paul Chatterton	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Stephen Golias	Present
Adjutant/Service Officer	Dennis Tea	Excused
Finance Officer	Peggi Payton	Present
EC Member	Billy Payton	Excused
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member	Steven Yerkes	Present
Chaplain	Darryl Segraves	Absent
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present

A quorum was obtained.

Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$4,667.54.

14 Jun, 6:00 p.m., The Legion Family hosted its annual Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post pavilion area. Boy Scout Troops 37 and 465 participated along with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station. Ultimately, honored 506 retired U.S. Flags which was a record number in a short amount of time.

19 Jun, 7:30-10:00 a.m., Post 197 hosted the Meansville 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser. Post 197 Volunteers consisted of Bryan Richardson, Stefan Huckaby, Stephen Golias, Jeff Sheriff and SAL member Bart Brock.

July 2021

1 Jul, 6:00 p.m., The Post 197 Honor Guard participated in the Molena Ice Cream Social and Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the City of Malena Pavilion.

Stephen Golias and Stefan Huckaby conducted the Posting of the Colors, Flag Folding Ceremony, and Flag Retirement Ceremony. Cdr Richardson narrated the Honor Guard involvement in the Flag related activities.

6 Jul, 12:00 p.m., Legion Family did not meet for Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial.

7 Jul, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its annual Awards Ceremony at the Post Facility. Those in attendance receiving awards were:

- Paul Chatterton: 5-Year Continuous Membership
- John Ellis: 10-Year Continuous Membership
- Patrick Patten and Bill Tallant: 15-Year Continuous Membership
- Moody-Daniel Funeral Home (Sherri Moody) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Georgia Department of Transportation (Doug Morris) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station (SFC Stephen Ponce) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- John Ellis, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Millie Smith, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- The Narrow Path Ministries (Bart Brock), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Village Photography (Nicole Tillery), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Honorable Mentioned Volunteer of the Year (Paul Chatterton, Melissa Patten and Jason Patten) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Runner-up Volunteer of the Year (Jeff Sheriff and Stephen Golias) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Volunteer of the Year (Stefan Huckaby) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation (Coin)
- Post 197 Legion Family of the Year – Patten Family (AL Patrick, ALA Melissa, and SAL Jason) Post 197 Certificate
- Post 197 Legionnaire of the Year Certificate (Coin) – Paul Chatterton and Jeffery Sheriff

Not in attendance receiving awards:

- 5 Year Continuous Membership: Ewell Bell, Kenneth Noble Darryl Segraves, Chris Wheeler, and James Wilson

- 10 Year Continuous Membership: James Gaulding
- 15 Year Continuous Membership: George Andrews, Arthur French, and Walter Maxwell
- Pike County Times (Becky Watts) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Mount Gilead Baptist Church (Fred Thompson), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Brenda Runyon, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Matt Germain, Post 197 Honorable Mentioned Volunteer of the Year

8 Jul, 6:00 p.m.. Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting and 2021-2022 Post Officer Installation Ceremony at the Post 197 facility. Meeting started with the old officers present. Total meeting present were 6 Officers, 6 members, and 3 guests for a total of 14. Post Officers present:

Commander/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Stephen Golias	Present
Adjutant/Service Officer	Dennis Tea	Excused
Finance Officer	Peggi Payton	Present
EC Member	Billy Payton	Excused
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member	Steven Yerkes	Absent
Chaplain	Darryl Segraves	Absent
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present

A quorum was obtained.

Current Commander Richardson installed new Commander Paul Chatterton.

Commander Chatterton then installed new 2021-2022 Post Officers.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Excused
EC Member	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Laurah Rhodes	Present

Total meeting present were 7 Officers, 4 members, and 3 guests for a total of 14.

Finance Report provided and approved. General Fund currently at \$5,247.03.

20 Jul, Samuel Rhodes resigned as Senior Vice Commander. Commander Chatterton appointed Laurah Rhodes as Senior Vice Commander.

29 Jul, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting. Post Officers present:

Commander/Service Officer	Paul Chatterton	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Laurah Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present

Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	
Chaplain	Vacant	

A quorum was obtained.

One guest present: Veteran Ted Gustin.

August 2021

3 Aug, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance was Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, Dennis Tea, and Veteran guest Ted Gustin. Ted Gustin is an ordain minster and provided the Prayer.

12 Aug, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Laurah Rhodes	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Absent
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Chaplain	Vacant	
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

Total meeting present were 7 Officers, 4 members, and 3 guests for a total of 14.

Finance Report provided and approved. General Fund currently at \$5,355.97.

26 Aug, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Laurah Rhodes	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Excused
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Chaplain	Vacant	
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

6 Officers present. A quorum was obtained.

General Fund Status: \$4,905.88

September 2021

7 Sep, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance was Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, Dennis Tea, and Veteran guest Ted Gustin. Ted Gustin is an ordain minister and provided the Prayer.

9 Sep, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Laurah Rhodes	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Excused
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

New member, Ted Gustin sworn in as the new Post 197 Chaplain.

Total meeting present were 8 Officers, 3 members, and 2 guests for a total of 13. Finance Report provided. General Funds currently at \$4,807.44.

11 Sep, 10:00 a.m., Post 197 hosted the Pike County Patriot Day Observance Program at the at the Pike County Courthouse Square. This was the 20th Anniversary of 9-11. Post 197 Honor Guard participated in the Posting of the Colors. Guest speaker was Post 197 Adjutant Stephen Golias who provided his unique 9-11 story. Event Legion Family volunteers were Paul Chatterton, John Ellis, Stephen Golias, Ted Gustin, Stefan Huckaby, Danny Jeffreys, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, Jim Totten, and Bill Walker; and Bart Brock and Jason Patten from the Squadron 197.

16 Sep, 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Post 197 disassembled an aluminum ramp of a deceased Veteran donated by his widow Barbara Jones for future “Veteran in need” use. Project Volunteers were Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff.

17 Sep, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Post 197 provided a POW/MIA Memorial Display during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day in the old Pike County Journal Reporter Office located next to the Courthouse Square in Zebulon, GA. The POW/MIA Table and Chair set up script describing the significance of each piece was read, and the Post 197 Honor Guard augmented with ALA, Unit 197, and U.S. Army Recruiting Command Griffin Station set up the table setting and chair item by item. Post 197 also provided a voter registration and an America Legion / Veteran information table. Post 197 Volunteers consisted of Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff. SAL 197 Jason Patten and ALA unit 197 Melissa Patten and Brenda Runyon.

25 Sep, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Post 197 participated in the 2021 Meansville Music Festival with a Legion/Veteran information booth. Volunteers manning the booth

were Commander Paul Chatterton, AL Bryan Richardson, AL Laura Rhodes, and AL Ted Gustin.

30 Sep, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Laura Rhodes	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander	Danny Jeffreys	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Excused
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Chaplain	Present	
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

7 Officers present. A quorum was obtained.

General Fund Status: \$4,846.58

October 2021

5 Oct, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance was Steve Golias, Bryan Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff. B. Richardson provided the Prayer.

9 Oct, Post 197 Commander Chatterton notified the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 197 that they were officially closed for reorganization, and all officers were relieved of duty.

13 Oct, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 hosted the 2nd Annual Pike County First Responder of the Year Award Ceremony at the Post.

14 Oct, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted a donation dinner followed by a General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Laura Rhodes	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Excused
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Vacant	
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

New transfer member, Benjamin Maxedon accepted

Total meeting present were 7 Officers, 5 members, and 4 guests for a total of 16.

Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$6,71.57.

16-17 Oct, Post 197 provided a Veteran, American Legion, and Voter Registration Booth at the Concord Jubilee as well as conducted a membership drive and

Inflatable kid's activity for donations. Funds obtained was \$1,304.05.

20-21 Oct, Post 197 assisted Veteran in packing transport vehicles for movement out of state. Team consisted of Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Bryan Richardson, and Jeff Sheriff.

22 Oct, Post 197 Senior Vice Commander Laurah Rhodes resigned. Resignation accepted, and on same day, Commander Chatterton appointed Samuel Rhodes as Senior Vice Commander.

28 Oct, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Excused
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

7 Officers present. A quorum was obtained.

Commander Chatterton appointed Benjamin Maxedon as Executive Committee Member making the final number of Post officers a total of seven.

General Fund Status: \$8,546.56

November 2021

2 Nov, 12:00 p.m., Legion Family conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance were AL members Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Chaplain Ted Gustin, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Dennis Tea. Chaplain Gustin provided an Opening Prayer, scripture reading, message and Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

6 Nov, 12:55 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Post 197 participated in the Peach State Aerodrome Veterans Day Program by providing the Color Guard to Post the Colors, POW/MIA full tribute providing detailed explanation of POW/MIA Table setting and empty chair, Color Guard presenting each branch service flag during the Armed Forces Medley, and Honor Guard conducting a Flag Folding Ceremony. Honor/Color Guard consisted of Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, and Sergeant First Class Eric Loving from the US Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station. Paul Chatterton provided a Post 197 Inflatable Obstacle Course for children during the event outside activities.

11 Nov, 11:00 a.m., Post 197 hosted the 2021 Pike County Veteran's Day Observance Program at the Courthouse Square in Zebulon Georgia.

11 Nov, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted a donation dinner followed by a General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
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Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Excused
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	

Total meeting present were 7 Officers, 5 members, and 2 guests for a total of 14. Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$8,380.01.

12 Nov, 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Post 197 participated in the Pike County Elementary School Veterans Day Program.

12 Nov, 3 – 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its annual Veterans Weekend Fundraiser on the Square. Volunteer fundraising team consisted of Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Dennis Tea. Coincidentally, Fundraising Team saw many of the students from the elementary school drive by with their parents. The team collected just over \$1,700 for the general fund.

16 Nov, Post 197 Legionnaire Dennis Tea was appointed as the Post Judge Advocate.

18 Nov, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Excused
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Excused

7 Officers present. A quorum was obtained. One guest present. SAL Squadron 197 Bart Brock was invited as a guest and was appointed as Squadron Commander. Squadron 197 was placed on probation status. Post 197 general fund: \$10,344.42.

December 2021

4 Dec, 4:00 p.m., Post 197 hosted the Pike County Memorial Annex Induction Ceremony at the Pike County Board of Education Meeting Room at the Memorial Annex.

7 Dec, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance were AL members Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Chaplain Ted Gustin, Ben Maxedon, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Dennis

Tea. Chaplain Gustin provided an Opening Prayer, scripture reading, message and Prayer, and a Closing Prayer

7 Dec, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted a donation dinner followed by a 7:00 General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Matt Germain	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

Total meeting present were 10 Officers, 5 members, and 5 guests for a total of 20. Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$8,950.17.

7 Dec, After the conclusion of the General Membership Meeting, a closed door Special Executive Committee was to go over allegations of Conduct Unbecoming of two Post 197 officers. Quorum was obtained. Committee members evaluated the allegations and voted to dismiss the allegations due to lack of substantial evidence.

7 Dec, Matt Germain resigned as Executive Committee Member and Commander Chatterton appointed Timothy Dukes as Executive Committee Member.

11 Dec, Post 197 hosted the Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

16 Dec, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
Sr. EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
Sr. EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Excused
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

8 Officers present. A quorum was obtained. General Fund currently at \$6,937.87.

January 2022

4 Jan, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance were AL members Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Stephen Golias, Chaplain Ted Gustin, Stefan Huckaby, Ben Maxedon, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Dennis Tea. Chaplain Gustin provided Scripture Readings and Prayer.

4 Jan, 6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted a donation dinner followed by a 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

Total meeting attendees present were 9 Officers, 4 members, and 2 guests for total of 15. Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$7,235.56.

4 Jan, Upon conclusion of the General Membership monthly meeting, guests were excused from the building, and the trial for Post 197 ensued on the Charges against Legionnaire Howard (Danny) Jeffreys. Presiding over the trial was Post Judge Advocate Dennis Tea. The jury consisted of the General Membership present: Chatterton, Sheriff, Golias, Richardson, Dukes, Huckaby, Maxedon, Gustin, Ron Griffin, Garrett Pourron, and Bill Weekley. Totally aware of the trial, Legionnaire Jeffreys choose not to attend nor did he provide anyone to defend him, and he did not provide any statements on his behalf. All charge related statements were review by the jury. There were two charges: Conduct unbecoming of a Legionnaire and Disloyalty towards the American Legion. Adjutant Golias read each specification under each charge. Each specification was openly discussed and voted on either guilty or not, and then the charge. Except for one specification in which there was one not guilty, all specifications and charges were unanimously voted guilty. After much discussion, the penalty was determined to be: 180 days suspension from the Post and Post activities, completion of anger management counseling, and formal apologies to those persons present at the incident with the stipulation that if any of the requirements were not met after the 180 day suspension, Legionnaire Jeffreys would be expelled from the Post. Since the Post's recharter in 2008, this is the first trial by jury event.

8 Jan, 1:00 p.m., Post 197 hosted along with the staff and residence of Pike Manor, a birthday party for Robert Walther, a 97-year-old WWII Veteran. Post 197 provided a birthday cake, Post 197 birthday card, and a Post 197 cap. "Mr. Robert" was made an honorary member of Post 197.

27 Jan, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Present by phone
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
Sr. EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
Sr. EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Excused
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Excused

8 Officers present. A quorum was obtained. General Fund currently at \$6,946.37.

February 2022

1 Feb, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance were AL members Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Stephen Golias, Ron Griffin, Chaplain Ted Gustin, Stefan Huckaby, Ben Maxedon, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley. Guest attendance was Michael Powell. Chaplain Gustin provided scripture readings and a Prayer.

1 Feb, 6:00 p.m. Post 197 conducted a donation dinner followed by a 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Departed early
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Excused
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Excused

Total meeting attendees present were 8 Officers, 5 members, and 2 guests for a total of 15. Finance Report provided. General Fund currently at \$6975.87.

2 Feb: On 1 February, Legionnaire Danny Jeffreys entered the post prior to the start of the 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting. This was in violation of the specifications of his suspension directive. The following day, after confirming receipt of certified mail and evidence of suspension knowledge, Commander Chatterton expelled Legionnaire Jeffreys from Post 197.

5 Feb, 0900-1500, Cdr Paul Chatterton and Sgt-at-Arms Stefan Huckaby participated in 4th District, Department of Georgia Revitalization Meeting at the American Legion Post 3 in Macon, GA. They called the expired list as well as the GA 400

list. Their efforts produced at least 5 transfers from Post 400 into Post 197.

6 Feb, 2:00 p.m., Post 197 hosted the American Legion Four Chaplains Program at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Griffin in Pike County.

18 Feb 3:00-6:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its annual President's Day Weekend Fundraiser on the Square. Volunteer fundraising team consisted of Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Dennis Tea, and Bill Weekley. The Team manned the two intersections of highways US 19 and GA 18. Miniature flags were passed out to children and Legion brochures to adults in vehicles as they stopped at the traffic lights. Finance Officer Bryan Richardson lead the counting of the monies collected. The team collected \$1,562.93 for the Post general fund.

24 Feb, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
Sr. EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
Sr. EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

9 Officers present. A quorum was obtained. General Fund currently at \$4,986.76.

Following the Executive Committee Meeting there was a special session to discuss allegations on a Post 197 Legionnaire. From those present above, Ben Maxedon had to depart prior to the meeting.

March 2022

1 Mar, 12:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted Prayer on the Square at the Veterans Memorial. In attendance were AL members Tim Dukes, Stephen Golias, Ron Griffin, Chaplain Ted Gustin, Stefan Huckaby, Ben Maxedon, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley. Guest attendance was Carol Griffen. Chaplain Gustin provided a scripture reading and a Prayer.

1 Mar, 7:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present

Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

Total meeting attendees present were 8 Officers, 5 members, and 5 guests for a total of 18. Finance Report provided. General fund currently at \$3113.59.

19 Mar, 9:00 – 1200 a.m., Post 197 conducts work detail to clean up old railroad bed in support of the 2 April 2022 Williamson 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser. Post Volunteers were Laurie Ammon, Lawrence Ammon, Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley. Guest was Marcus Holt.

24 Mar, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
Sr. EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
Sr. EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Excused

8 Officers present. A quorum was obtained. General Fund currently at \$4,520.14.

April 2022

2 Apr, Post 197 hosted the Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser at the Williamson Wisteria Festival from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Post 197 Volunteers for the entire fundraiser and preparations were Lawrence and Laurie Ammon, Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley. After the Run/Walk fundraiser, Post 197 manned a Veteran/Legion Information and Voter Registration booth at the festival until 5:00 p.m.

5 Apr, Due to severe inclement weather, the Legion Family hosted Prayer on the Square was cancelled.

5 Apr, 7:00 p.m., Post 197 conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
EC Member	Tim Dukes	Present
EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Excused

Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present

Total meeting attendees present were 6 Officers, 3 members, and 2 guests for a total of 11. Finance Report provided. General fund currently at \$3113.59.

Post officer nominations for 2022-2023 were conducted. Nominations:

Commander: Paul Chatterton

Senior Vice Commander: Damian Bryan

Junior Vice Commander: George Richardson

Adjutant: Stephen Golias

Finance Officer: Bryan Richardson

Three Executive Committee Members: Tim Dukes, Stefan Huckaby, and Ben Maxedon

15 Apr, 1200-1600., Post 197 participated the family visitation and memorial service for Post 197 Legionnaire Patrick Patten. The Post 197 Honor Guard provided casket guard (Matt Germain, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson) at the family visitation, and the reading of Pat Patten's military biography (Richardson), and the folding of the flag (Golias and Huckaby). Commander Paul Chatterton along with Pat's son, Jason presented the folded U.S. flag to his sister Melissa Patten. Post 197 Ted Gustin provided the closing Prayer.

16 Apr, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Post 197 participated in the Red Clay Ministries Auto Show by setting up a Veteran/American Legion Information Booth and Membership Drive while at the same time conducting a children's bounce houses as a Post fundraising event. Post 197 Volunteers were: Cdr Paul Chatterton, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson.

23 Apr, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Post 197 conducted a Post clean-up work detail. Volunteers present were Legionnaires Paul Chatterton, Nikke Ellard, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Ben Maxedon, Bryan Richardson, and Bill Weekly. AL Melissa Patten, Autumn Chatterton, and three scouts from Troop 465.

28 Apr, 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting.

Commander	Paul Chatterton	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Sam Rhodes	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Vacant	
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Sheriff	Present
Adjutant	Stephen Golias	Present
Finance Officer/Historian	Bryan Richardson	Present
Sr. EC Member	Tim Dukes	Excused
Sr. EC Member/Sgt-at-Arms	Stefan Huckaby	Present
Sr. EC Member	Ben Maxedon	Present
Chaplain	Ted Gustin	Present
Service Officer	Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Dennis Tea	Present
Scouts	Darryll Kipp	Present

8 Officers present and one guest. A quorum was obtained. General Fund currently at \$3,323.58.

30 Apr: End of report period

Chapter 6

Post Activities: May 2021-April 2022

Monthly Prayer on the Square:



Each month on the first Tuesday at 12 noon, Post 197 hosts a community wide public Prayer on the Square. The objective is to determine who in the Post, community, state, nation, Veteran and military and their families, and national, state, and local leadership need Prayer. The program is led by the Post 197 Chaplain Ted Gustin. During Prayer on the Square sessions, Chaplain Gusting generally provides relative scripture readings and a Prayer. The photo is taken by AL Bryan Richardson. From left to right attendees for the 1 February 2022 Prayer on the Square are AL members Ben Maxedon, Chaplain Ted Gustin, guest Michael Powell, Ron Griffin, Commander Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Bill Weekley, Stefan Huckaby, and Tim Dukes.

Memorial Day: On Monday, 31 May 2021, the Pike County American Legion Family hosted the Pike County annual Memorial Day Observance Parade and Program at the south side of the Pike County Courthouse Square in Zebulon, Georgia. The public was invited to attend these special events. The Parade commenced at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Program. The Memorial Day Program provided the community the opportunity to reflect on those service members who died defending our great American freedoms, as well as recognizing those Veterans associated with Pike County who have died since the previous Memorial Day 2020. The theme of the Program was “The History and Meaning of Memorial Day.” Highlights of the program included opening Prayer, the posting of the Colors by the Multi-organizational Color Guard, National Anthem, POW/MIA recognition, Memorial Day remarks, tribute to pike county Veterans who passed away since last Memorial Day, posting of the wreath at the Pike County Veterans Memorial by State Representative Beth Camp and Pike County Chairman Briar Johnson escorted by the Multi-organizational Honor Guard, moment of silence, Taps, and closing Prayer. Post 197 Volunteers were Commander Bryan Richardson as Master of Ceremonies and providing Memorial Day remarks; Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Matt Germain as Color/Honor Guard members of the Multi-organizational Team; Billy Payton, Sr. providing the POW/MIA recognition; SAL Squadron 197 Chaplain Bart Brock providing the opening Prayer; and ALA Unit 197 Peggi Payton and Willa Payton reading the deceased Veteran’s names and ringing the bell, and Barbara Jeffreys providing the closing Prayer. All photos provided by John Ellis.



Top photo: Post 197 Float.

2nd Photo: Beginning of the Parade.

3rd Photo: Float driven by ALA Brenda Runyon

Bottom photo: Post 197 “Deuce” driven by owner AL Stephan Huckaby with AL Billy Payton riding shotgun.



Top left photo: End of the parade.

Top right photo: Attendee crowd for the parade and the start of the Program.

Center left photo: Multi-organizational Color Guard posting the colors. From left to right: SSG Jonathon Hansen, AL Stephen Golias, AL Stefan Huckaby, Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce, Sergeant First Class Eric Loving, ALA Melissa Patten, SAL Jason Patten, and AL Matt Germain.

Center right photo: Millie Smith singing the National Anthem.

Bottom left photo: AL/ALA Peggi Payton (center) reading Pike County list of those who died since Memorial Day 2020, on the left ALA Willa Payton ringing the bell for each name announced, and on the right, AL Bryan Richardson assisting due to the wind.

Bottom right photo: AL Billy Payton reading the POW/MIA Recognition



Top left photo: Honor Guard assisting Captain Herbert Cyrus and State Representative Beth Camp as they post the wreath at the Pike County Veterans Memorial.

Top right photo: ALA Chaplain Barbara Jeffreys provides the Program Closing Prayer

Bottom left photo: Attendees and distinguished guest from left to right (AL Pat Patten, ALA Melissa Patten, Millie Smith, State Rep Beth Camp, Captain Herbert Cyrus, Barbara Richardson, AL Gerald Richardson, ALA Barbara Jeffreys, and AL Danny Jeffreys).

Bottom right photo from left to right: State Rep Beth Camp, Captain Herbert Cyrus – Commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company Peachtree City, and Post 197 Commander Bryan Richardson

Legion Family Memorial Service and Post Everlasting: Post 197 as part of the Legion Family conducted the annual Legion Family Memorial Service and Post Everlasting Ceremony at the Moody Daniel Funeral Home. Service started at 6:00 pm. Post 197 honored and conducted Post Everlasting Ceremony for deceased Post 197 members James Lawrence, Douglas Rounds, Harold Jennings, Douglas Jones, and Wendell Golias.



Photos provided by Steve Golias.

Top photo: Post 197 Honor Guard member, Steve Golias standing behind his father's photo, Wendell Golias.

Bottom photo: Ceremony displays.



Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony: On 14 June at 6:00 p.m., the Legion Family hosted its annual Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post pavilion area. Boy Scouts Troops 37 and 465 participated along with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station. The program included Multi-



organizational Color Guard posting the colors, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the poem "Ragged Old Flag", Flag Retirement Ceremony, and reading of the US Flag Code. Ultimately, 506 retired U.S. Flags were honored which was a record number in a short amount of time.

All photos provide by John Ellis
Top left photo: Commander Bryan Richardson acting as the master of ceremonies providing the welcoming remarks.



Top right photo: Sergeant First Class Eric Loving and Staff Sergeant Jonathan Hansen from the U.S. Recruiting Command, Griffin Station.



Center left photo: Record number of Color Guard Members from left to right: Sergeant First Class Eric Loving, Scout Elijah Mobley for Troop 37, Gracye Paslie from Troop 465, AL Stefan Huckaby, AL Stephen Golias, ALA Melissa Patten, SAL Jason Patten, and Staff Sergeant Jonathon Hansen.

Center right photo: Color Guard raising the US flag.

Bottom photo: Color Guard presenting honors to the US Flag.

Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: Attendees honoring the US Flag during the playing of the National Anthem.

Top right photo: Attendees honoring the US Flag.

Center left photo: AL Laura Rhodes and Troop 465 adult leader keeping the official count of retired flags.

Center right photo: AL Stefan Huckaby (left) and AL Stephen Golias (right), both members of the Post 197 Honor Guard Team retiring US Flags in the fire pit. Scouts from Troops 37 and 465 assisting and providing honors to each flag retired. Commander Richardson assisting scouts as they read sections from the US Flag Code.

Bottom photo: AL Stefan Huckaby (left) and AL Stephen Golias manning the fire pit as US flags were officially and ceremoniously retired.

Meansville 5K/10K Run/Walk: On Saturday, 19 June 2021 from 7:30 to 10:00 am, Post 197 hosted the Meansville 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser, and provided a healthy entertaining event for the community. This event was Post 197's third Run/Walk in Meansville and its twelfth overall in Pike County. Participants had a choice between a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) course. Everyone who participated received an event T-shirt. The Run/Walk was a charity event to benefit Post 197 Veteran and Community programs while at the same time providing a healthy event for the community. The registration, refreshments, and start were at the Meansville Volunteer Fire Department Station. Profits after expenses for the fundraiser totaled \$2,149.81. Legion Family Volunteers consisted of Bryan Richardson (AL) Event Director, AL

members Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Jeff Sheriff; SAL member Bart Brock, and ALA member Brenda Runyon.

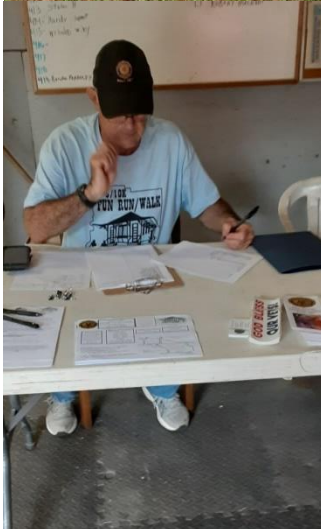
All photos were provided by Brenda Runyon.



Top left photo: AL Stefan Huckaby manning the 10K Rest Area.



Top right photo: Elders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints manning the 5K/10K Rest Area.



Center left photo: AL Bryan Richardson, event director manning the Registration Table.



Center right photo: SAL Bart Brock – Roving medical support, AL Stefan Huckaby – 10K rest area manage, and AL Stephen Golias – roving course manager.



Bottom photo: Meansville Run/Walk Sponsor Board

Meansville 5K/10K Run/Walk (Cont):



Top left photo: Elders Zachary Pace and Chris Guntersen

Top center photo: Rebecca Milby and Janet Minter:

Top right photo: Karen Lacey and Chris Curry

Bottom left photo: Richard and Tiffany Moen

Bottom right photo: Cole, Copper, and Amanda McLaughlin, and Pam Livingston

Molena Ice Cream Social and Flag Retirement Ceremony: On 1 July at 6:00 p.m., the Post 197 Honor Guard participated in the Molena Ice Cream Social and Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the City of Molena Pavilion. Stephen Golias and Stefan Huckaby conducted the Posting of the Colors, Flag Folding Ceremony, and Flag Retirement Ceremony. Commander Richardson narrated the Honor Guard involvement in the Flag related activities.

Photos taken by Wayne Richardson

Top photo: State Representative Beth Camp providing remarks.

Center photo: Commander Richardson providing remarks and introducing the Post 197 Honor Guard.

Bottom photo: Richardson reading the Flag Folding Ceremony script as Post Honor Guard Team members Stephen Golias on the right and Stefan Huckaby on the left.



Post 197 Annual Awards Ceremony: On 7 July at 6:00 p.m., Commander Bryan Richardson hosted the annual Post 197 Awards Ceremony at the Post Facility. Those in attendance receiving awards were:

- Paul Chatterton: 5-Year Continuous Membership
- John Ellis: 10-Year Continuous Membership
- Patrick Patten and Bill Tallant: 15-Year Continuous Membership
- Moody-Daniel Funeral Home (Sherri Moody) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Georgia Department of Transportation Doug Morris) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station (SFC Stephen Ponce) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- John Ellis, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Millie Smith, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- The Narrow Path Ministries (Bart Brock), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Village Photography (Nicole Tillery), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Honorable Mentioned Volunteer of the Year (Paul Chatterton, Melissa Patten and Jason Patten) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Runner-up Volunteer of the Year (Jeff Sheriff and Stephen Golias) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Volunteer of the Year (Stefan Huckaby) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation and Legion Coin
- Post 197 Legion Family of the Year – Patten Family (Patrick, Melissa, and Jason) Post 197 Certificate
- Post 197 Legionnaire of the Year Award and Legion Coin (Paul Chatterton and Jeffery Sheriff)

Not in attendance receiving awards:

- 5 Year Continuous Membership: Ewell Bell, Kenneth Noble, Darryl Segraves, Chris Wheeler, and James Wilson
- 10 Year Continuous Membership: James Gaulding
- 15 Year Continuous Membership: George Andrews, Arthur French, and Walter Maxwell
- Pike County Times (Becky Watts) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Mount Gilead Baptist Church (Fred Thompson), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
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- Brenda Runyon, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Matt Germain, Post 197 Honorable Mentioned Volunteer of the Year

Post 197 Annual Awards Ceremony (Cont):



All photos provided by John Ellis unless specifically named.

Top left photo: AL Paul Chatterton receiving his 5-year Continuous membership award.

Top right photo: John Ellis receiving his 10-year continuous membership award.



Center left photo: Bill Tallant receiving his 15-years continuous membership award.

Bottom left photo (From Jeff Sheriff): Matt Germain receiving his Honorable mentioned Runner-up Volunteer of the Year award.

Bottom right photo: Pat Patten receiving his 15-year continuous membership award.

Post 197 Annual Awards Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: Sherri Moody on behalf of the Moody-Daniel Funeral Home receiving Special Award.

Top right photo: Doug Morris representing the Georgia Department of Transportation receiving special award.

Center left photo: US Army Recruiting Command – Griffen Station receiving a special award. From left to right are Captain Herbert Cyrus and First Sergeant Maze from the Peachtree City Recruiting Company, Commander Bryan Richardson, and Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce and Staff Sergeant Jonathon Hansen from the Griffin Station.

Center right photo: AL John Ellis representing the Pike County Journal receiving special award.

Bottom left photo: Millie Smith receiving special award.

Bottom right photo: SAL and CEO/Senior Bishop Bart Brock representing the Narrow Path Ministries receiving special award for 11 continuous Run/Walk sponsorships.

Post 197 Annual Awards Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: Nicole Tillery representing Village Photography receiving special awards for numerous in-kind donations supporting the 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk fundraisers.

Top right photo from left to right: Volunteer of the Year awardees Paul Chatterton for honorable mentioned, Stephen Golias and Jeff Sheriff runner up, Stefan Huckaby Volunteer of the Year, and Melissa and Jason Patten for honorable mentioned.

Bottom left photo: the Patten Family consisting of from left to right AL Patrick, ALA Melissa and SAL Jason Patten receiving the Post 197 Family of the Year Award.

Bottom right photo: Melissa Patten providing the Closing Prayer.

2021-2022 Post Officer Installation Ceremony: On 8 July at 6:00 p.m., Post officers conducted its monthly General Membership Meeting and at the Post 197 facility. The current Commander Richardson installed new Commander Paul Chatterton. Commander Chatterton then install the new 2021-2022 Post Officers. Present for the installation ceremony were Junior Vice Commander Danny Jeffreys, Junior Vice Commander Jeff Sheriff, Finance Officer Bryan Richardson, Executive Committee Member Stefan Huckaby, and Executive Committee Member Laurah Rhodes. Not present were Adjutant Stephen Golias, Senior Vice Commander Samuel Rhodes and Executive Committee Member Matt Germain.



All photos provided by Jeff Sheriff.

Top photo: Outgoing Commander Bryan Richardson installing and swearing in new Commander Paul Chatterton.

Center photo: Bryan Richardson congratulating new Commander Paul Chatterton.

Bottom Photo: Commander Chatterton installing new officers present. From left to right: Junior Vice Commander Danny Jeffreys, Executive Committee Member Laurah Rhodes, Finance Officer Bryan Richardson, Junior Vice Commander Jeff Sheriff, and Executive Committee Member Stefan Huckaby.

Legion Family Street Sign: On 28 August, Post 197 Volunteers reinforce an existing street sign in front of Post 197. Reinforcement consisting of adding a 4 x 8 foot plywood, painting the plywood, reinstalling the existing sign, and adding a weather proof top to the sign. Volunteers consisted of Commander Paul Chatterton and AL Jeff Sheriff. All photos provided by Jeff Sheriff.



Top left photo: 8 x 4 plywood mounted on three new posts.

Top right photo: Commander Paul Chatterton painting the plywood.

Bottom left photo: Final painted plywood and posts.

Bottom right photo: Final American Legion Family street sign.

Pike County Patriot Day Observance Program: On 11 September 2021, the Pike County American Legion Family hosted the annual Pike County Patriot Day Observance Program at the south side of the Pike County Courthouse Square in Zebulon, Georgia. This year was a more than special occasion in that it was the 20th anniversary of 9-11. As with many communities across this nation, Pike County observed and remembered the events of 9-11. The public was invited to attend this event commencing at 10:00 a.m. The Patriot Day Observance Program honored the 20th anniversary of those who perished that fateful morning of 11 September 2001. Highlights of the Program were the Multi-organizational (Meansville Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Medical Service, Military, and American Legion) Color Guard posting of the Colors; special music; posting of a wreath at an erected 9-11 Memorial, Last Call tribute to the FDNY, NYPD, and EMS by the Meansville Volunteer Fire Department and Taps for the military service members as well as all the 2,977 victims who perished that tragic day; and guest speaker, Veteran and Legionnaire Stephen Golias who shared his amazing story relating to his interaction with the events of 9-11. The public was invited to visit the 9-11 Memorial static display on the Square. Legion Family volunteers for the program were AL Paul Chatterton, John Ellis, Stephen Golias, Ted Gustin, Stefan



Huckaby,
Danny
Jeffreys,
Bryan
Richardson,
Jeff Sheriff,
Jim Totten,
Bill Walker
and SAL
Bart Brock

and Jason Patten.
Photos taken by John
Ellis.

Top left photo:
Emergency Medical
Service Crew waiting
for the program to
begin. Far right
person is Jason
Sneed, a member of

the Multi-Organizational Color Guard and Wreath Posting Honor Guard Team.

Top right photo: Color Guard Team members consisting of from left to right Sergeant Joe Fritz for the Pike County Sheriff's Office, Jason Sneed from the Veterans Emergency Medical Services, Tim Lane from the Meansville Volunteer Fire Department, Staff Sergeant Jonathon Hansen from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Griffin Station, and Stefan Huckaby from the Pike County American Legion Post 197.

Bottom left photo: Color Guard presenting arms during the National Anthem.

Bottom right photo: Post 197 Commander Paul Chatterton providing remarks.

Patriot Day Observance Program (Cont)



Top left photo: Program master of Ceremonies AL Bryan Richardson providing remarks.

Top right photo: SAL Chaplain Bart Brock providing the Opening Prayer.

Center left photo: County Board of Commissioners Chairman Briar Johnson providing remarks.

Center right photo: AL Stephen Golias, guest speaker, providing remarks.

Bottom left photo: 9-11 Memorial Static Display.

Bottom right photo: Multi-organizational Honor Guard having posted the wreath is providing honors during Last Call and "Taps".

Ramp Project: On 16 September from 8:15 to 12:00 p.m., Post 197 disassembled and transported to the Post an aluminum ramp which had been used to a Veteran who recently passed away. His widow, Barbara Jones donated the ramp to be used for another Veteran in need.



Photos provided by Jeff Sheriff.

Left photo: Ramp prior to disassembly and movement for storage and future use. Commander Chatterton in the background.

Right photo (from left to right): Post 197 task volunteers Jeff Sheriff, Stephen Golias, Paul Chatterton, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson. Loaded trailer in the background.

Pike County National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance: On Friday, 17 September 2021, Post 197 conducted the Pike County National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance. The National Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day Observance Program honors our current MIAs, and past and current POWs around the Nation. Currently, Pike County has four known MIAs: Seaman 2nd Class David E. Ledford, Staff Sergeant Joel M. Matthews, and Private Marion B. Smoot from WWII, and Chief Petty Officer Willie L. King from the Vietnam War. Pike County has four known former POWs. Now deceased from WWII are Major Marvin H. Campbell from the Meansville area and Corporal John N. Scott and Private Marion B. Smoot from the Molena area; and former POW Specialist Sixth Class Lenard E. Daugherty from the Vietnam War who at the time resided in Williamson, Pike County. Starting at 10:00 a.m., a static POW/MIA table and chair memorial was on display, as well as a POW/MIA fact sheet and the military biographies of the Pike County former POWs and current MIAs. The POW/MIA Memorial was on display until 3:00 p.m. for the public to view. Starting at 10:45 a.m. and on the hour until 2:45 p.m., the Post 197 Honor Guard physically set up the POW/MIA Table setting with an explanation of the significance of each item on the table. Post 197 also manned an American Legion/Veteran information table, and the U.S. Concurrently, Post 197 conducted an American Legion membership drive and voter registration. The public was invited to stop by the memorial and observe the setting of the formal POW/MIA table and chair.



Photos provided by AL John Ellis

Left photo: AL and Honor Guard Team member manning the Legion and Veteran Information and voter registration table.

Right photo: Post 197 Commander Paul Chatterton advertising to the general public vehicle traffic the significance of the day.

Pike County National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance (Cont):



Top left photo: Members of the POW/MIA Full Tribute Honor Guard Team consisting from left to right: Staff Sergeant Jonathon Hansen, Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce, Sergeant First Class Eric Loving from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Griffin Station; AL Stefan Huckaby and Bryan Richardson; and ALA Brenda Runion.

Top right photo: AL Richardson on the left and AL Huckaby on the left laying the POW/MIA Flag over the chair.

Bottom left photo: Sergeant First Class Ponce adding the U.S. Flag to the POW/MIA table setting.

Bottom right photo: Staff Sergeant Hansen adding the Bible to the POW/MIA table setting.

Pike County First Responder of the Year Award Ceremony: The Pike County American Legion Post 197 sponsored the annual Pike County First Responder of the Year Award Ceremony at the Post. Nominations were requested for a Law Enforcement, a Firefighter, and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/Paramedic of the Year candidates. To be eligible for the award, a person must be currently serving in law enforcement organization (Sheriff's Office, City Police Department, GA Dept of Public Safety, GA Bureau of Investigations, or GA Dept of Corrections), firefighting organization (County or City Fire Department or Volunteer Fire Department), or Emergency Medical Service or Fire Dept Paramedic organization/team. Candidates must either reside or serve in Pike County. This year's awardees were: 2021 Pike Country Law Enforcement of the Year – Sergeant James C. Tillery of the Zebulon Police Department, 2021 Pike County Firefighter of the Year – Lieutenant Quinton P. Rousseau from the Pike County Fire Department, and 2021 Pike County Emergency Technician of the Year – Paramedic Brittany D. Hammond from the Veterans Emergency Medical Service. Post 197 volunteers during the program were Commander Paul Chatterton, Master of Ceremonies Bryan Richardson, and event set up Stephen Golias and Jeff Sheriff, refreshments ALA Brenda Runyon, Opening and

closing prayers – Chaplain Ted Gustin, and photographer John Ellis.

All photos taken by John Ellis.



Top photo: Award ceremony attendees.



representing the County and providing remarks. Commander Chatterton standing to Roger's right.



Bottom photo: Representing Law Enforcement of the Year Clay Tillery are from left to right, County Commissioner James Jenkins, County Manager Brandon Rogers, Awardee Clay Tillery, City of Zebulon Police Chief Jonathan Hemphill, and Commander Chatterton

Pike County First Responder of the Year Award Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: City of Williamson Mayor and Volunteer firefighter Steven Fry.

Top right photo: Representing Firefighter of the Year Quinton Rouseau are from left to right, County Manager Brandon Rogers, behind AL Bryan Richardson, City of Griffin Fire Department Chief Hampton, County Commissioner James Jenkins, Pike County Volunteer Department Fire Chief John Wilkerson, Awardee Quinton Rouseau, and Commander Chatterton.

Bottom left photo: Representing Emergency Technician of the Year Brittony Hammond are from left to right, County Commissioner James Jenkins, County Manager Brandon Rogers, Awardee Brittony Hammond, Veterans Emergency Medical Services Team Lead Jessica Williams, and Commander Chatterton.

Bottom right photo: Post 197 Chaplain Ted Gustin providing the closing Prayer.

Concord Jubilee: During the period 16 to 17 October, Post 197 provided a Veteran, American Legion and Voter Registration Booth at the Concord Jubilee as well as conducted a membership drive and inflatable kid's activity for donations. Funds obtained were \$1,304.05. Activity proceeds after set-up was \$1,116. Volunteers supporting event were: AL Paul Chatterton, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley, and SAL Jason Patten working the inflatable; and Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson at the info table.



Photo provided by John Ellis.

Photo from left to right: AL Pat Patton, SAL Jason Patten, AL Stephen Golias, AL Stefan Huckaby, AL Bryan Richardson, and AL Dave Porter

Peach State Aerodrome Veterans Day Program: On 6 November from 12:55 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Post 197 participated in the annual Peach State Aerodrome Veterans Day Program by providing the Color Guard to Post the Colors, POW/MIA full tribute providing detailed explanation of POW/MIA Table setting and empty chair, Color Guard presenting each branch service flag during the Armed Forces Medley, and Honor Guard conducting a Flag Folding Ceremony. The event was inside the Barnstormer's Grill and Event Center airplane hangar located in Williamson, GA. Honor/Color Guard consisted of Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, and Sergeant First Class Eric Loving from the US Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station. Paul Chatterton provided a Post 197 inflatable outside for visiting children to the event.



Photos provided by John Ellis.

Top photo: Honor Guard Team members from left to right conducting the Flag Folding Ceremony are Stephen Golias, Sergeant First Class Eric Loving, and Stefan Huckaby. Reading script behind is Bryan Richardson.



Bottom photo: Honor Guard Team with service flags during the playing of the Armed Forces Medley. From left to right: Sergeant First Class Loving, Bryan Richardson, Stefan Huckaby, Stephen Golias, and Honor Guard guest Jim Hoak.

Pike County Veterans Day Observance Program: On Thursday, 11 November 2021, the Pike County American Legion Post 197 hosted the annual Pike County Veterans Day Observance Program at the south side of the Pike County Courthouse Square in Zebulon, Georgia. The public was invited to attend this special event commencing at 11:00 a.m. The Veterans Day Program recognized and honored America's military Veterans, extended our Nation's appreciation, and paid tribute to all deceased Veterans. The theme of the program was "Veteran Opportunities to Continue Serving America". Highlights of the Program were remarks by US Congressman Drew Ferguson, the Pike County Middle School 8th Grade Band playing our National Anthem, Armed Forces Medley, and Stars and Stripes Forever; Multi-organizational Color Guard and the posting of the colors, guest speaker Sergeant Major (Retired) Carl Johnson, the posting of a memorial wreath at the base of the Pike County Veterans Memorial, and honoring our deceased Veterans with the playing of "Taps". Volunteer supporting this event were AL members Paul Chatterton, Matt Germain, Stephen Golias, Ted Gustin, Stefan Huckaby, John Ellis, Eric Loving (also member of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Griffin Station), Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley; and SAL Jason Patten.



All photo provided by John Ellis unless specified.

Top left photo: Post 197 Legion/Veteran Information Table manned by Jeff Sheriff on the left and Bill Weekley on the right. SAL Jason Patten in the center.

Top right photo provided by Jeff Sheriff: US Congressman Drew Furgeson providing remarks to attendees.

Bottom photo: Post 197 Commander Paul Chatterton providing Welcome and VIP introductions.

Pike County Veterans Day Observance Program (Cont):



Top left photo: Multi-organizational Color Guard consisting of from left to right Sergeant First Class and AL member Eric Loving, Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce, AL members Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Matt Germain; and hidden SAL Jason Patten.

Top right photo: Multi-organizational Color Guard consisting of from left to right Sergeant First Class and AL member Eric Loving, Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce, AL members Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Matt Germain; and SAL Jason Patten. Master of Ceremonies AL Bryan Richardson providing honors to the US Flag.

Center left photo: Pike County Middle School 8th Grade Band, directed by Mr. Stacy Brown, Director of Bands of the Pike County Middle School.

Bottom right photo: US Congressman Drew Ferguson providing remarks.

Bottom left photo: From left to right AL and Master of Ceremonies Bryan Richardson, Guest speaker and Legionnaire Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Carl Johnson, and US Congressman Drew Ferguson.

Pike County Veterans Day Observance Program (Cont):



Top left photo: Guest speaker Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Carl Johnson providing remarks.

Top right photo: SAL Jason Patten leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bottom left photo: Post 197 Chaplain Ted Gusting providing the special Veterans Day Prayer.

Bottom right photo: Having posted the memorial wreath from left to right Honor Guard member Sergeant First Class Stephen Ponce, US Congressman Drew Ferguson, Post 197 Commander Paul Chatterton, Guest Speaker Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Carl Johnson, and Honor Guard member Sergeant First Class Eric Loving.

Pike County Elementary School Veterans Day Program: On 12 November starting at 8:00 a.m., Post 197 participated in the Pike County Elementary School Veterans Day Program by providing six participants: Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Talena Smith. There was probably a total of 10-12 Veterans total that participated throughout the day. The Veterans entertained sections of 3rd graders, 5th graders, and 4th graders that came into the library. The Veterans opened up with introducing themselves with their name, when they joined, how many years served, where they had been, and what motivated them to serve. Then, it was opened up to the students to ask any questions. The Veterans fielded just about every question imaginable. Teachers also asked questions. The school provided a Chick-fil-a lunch for the Veterans. Then a small group of Post 197 Veterans were asked to judge and determine the best door/bulletin board Veteran display within each grade: 3rd, 4th, and 5th and then determine the overall winner. Then, the Veterans went back to the library to be with the 4th grade sections. The program ended at 2:45.



Photo provided by
Jeff Sheriff

Photo from left to right: Bryan Richardson, Stefan Huckaby, Paul Chatterton, Stephen Golias, Jeff Sheriff, and Veteran Hayes Mabry who works at the school.

Pike County Memorial Annex Induction Ceremony: On Saturday, 4 December 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pike County Board of Education Meeting Room within the Pike County Memorial Annex on U.S. Route 19, Zebulon, the Pike County American Legion Family consisting of Post 197, Legion Auxiliary Unit 197, and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 197 hosted the 2021 Pike County Memorial Annex Induction Ceremony. The 2021 inductees are Navy Petty Officer Third Class Marvin R. Adkerson, Navy Seaman Second Class David E. Ledford, Army Air Corps Private Marion B. Smoot, and Marine Corps Private Perry R. Story. Besides honoring these Pike County natives, the theme of this year's program was the Evolution of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Highlights of the Program were the POW/MIA tribute since there was an inductee who was a prisoner of war and two were MIAs to this day, a brief history of the Memorial Annex, introduction and biography readings of the four inductees and the unveiling of each inductee's shadow box, special PTSD presentation since one of the inductees died as a result of PTSD, and Taps in honor of the four inductees. The Pike County community was invited to attend this ceremony in honor of these four heroes, and increase their knowledge of Pike County history, the Second World War, our military services, and the evolution of PTSD.



All photos provided by Jeff Sheriff

Top left photo: Event Director and master of Ceremonies AL Bryan Richardson.

Top right photo: Legion Family Color Guard consisting of from left to right AL Stephen Golias, ALA Melissa Patten, AL Stefan Huckaby, AL Matt Germain, ALA Brenda Runyon, and SAL Jason Patten.

Bottom photo: Commander Paul Chatterton

providing the POW/MIA recognition.

Pike County Memorial Annex Induction Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: Veteran Adam Earls reading the biography of Adkerson.

Top right photo: AL Stephen Golias reading the biography of Ledford.

Center left photo: AL Stefan Huckaby reading the biography of Private Smoot.

Center right photo: AL Bryan Richardson and Adam Earls unveiling the final Shadow box of Private Story.

Bottom photo: Post 197 Honor Guard consisting of (from left to right) Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Matt Germain providing honors during Taps in honor of the four inductees.

Pike County Memorial Annex Induction Ceremony (Cont):



Top left photo: Post 197 Chaplain Ted Gustin.

Top right photo: The four shadow boxes with memorial wreath.



Bottom photo: Ceremony participants and attendees from left to right: Chaplain Gustin, ALA Melissa Patten, Tommy and Penny Steele, Veteran Adam Earles, Veteran Harry Earls, AL Bryan Richardson, Amber Earls, Veteran Larry and Gina Earls, Veteran Paul Bunch, ALA Brenda Runyon, SAL Jason Patten, Commander Paul Chatterton, AL Matt Germain, AL Stephen Golias, and AL Stefan Huckaby.

Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser: On Saturday, 11 December, Post 197 hosted the Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. There was a choice between a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) course. Everyone who registered received an event T-shirt. The start of the event was on the Richardson property and courses went into and through the City of Concord. This event was Post 197's third Run/Walk in Concord and its 13th overall in Pike County. The Run/Walk is a fundraising event to benefit our American Legion Veteran and Community programs while at the same time providing a healthy event for the community. The events rotate among the five cities of Pike County. By participating in each of the city events, one can conduct the Tour de Pike through traveling to and participating in the scenic courses. Photos taken by Rachel McDaniel (RM) and Stephen Golias (SG).



Top photo (RM) from left to right: two unknown participants, AL Paul Chatterton, AL Tim Dukes, Andria Sheriff, AL Jeff Sheriff, AL Bryan Richardson, Chance the dog, Nicole Tillery, unknown and unknown participants, and Sarah Ellington



Bottom photo (RM) from left to right: Beth Callaway, Chrystal Smith, and Amanda Smith

Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser (Cont):



Top left photo (SG): AL Jeff Sheriff running the course

Top right photo (SG): The 5K/10K rest area manned by The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. Elder Chandler on the left and Elder Beckstrom on the right.

Bottom right photo (SG): Carol Griffin, Jennah Kimsey, and Morgan Vinson in Concord

Bottom left photo (RM): Nicole Tillery, Sarah Ellington, and Chance finishing the course.

Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser (Cont):



Top left and right photos (SG): Participants walking the old railroad bed/Concord Fitness Trail.

Bottom left photo (SG): Participants walking the Richardson property fenceline maintenance trail

Bottom right photo: Myrna and AL Tim Dukes, and Stuart Brentlinger packing up the 5K/10K rest area.

WWII Veteran 97th Birthday Party: The Pike County American Legion Post 197 along with staff and residence of Pike Manor helped celebrate WWII Veteran Robert Walther's 97th birthday. Post 197 through Facebook heard that Robert Walther was a WWII veteran at Pike Manor who did not have a family. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, members of Post 197 formed up at 1:00 on 8 January, and marched around to the patio doors of the Pike Manor Cafeteria where the residence were just finishing up lunch. The Post Honor Guard presented birthday cake, Post 197 Birthday Card, and a Post 197 baseball cap. "Mr. Robert" was made a member of the American Legion and a Legionnaire of Post 197. Mr. Robert now has Post 197 as part of his family.

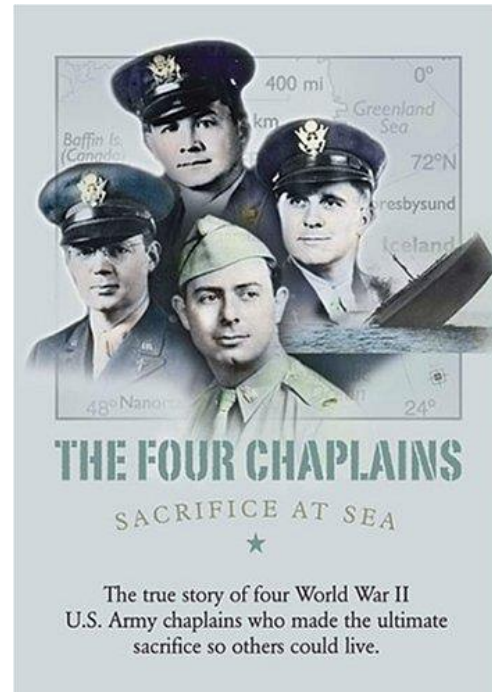


Top left Photo (Provided by Jeff Sheriff): Honor Guard (Matt Germain, Stephen Golias, and Bryan Richardson) presenting the birthday cake. Legionnaires Ted Gustin and Ronnie Griffin in the background.

Top right Photo (Provided by Jeff Sheriff): Bryan Richardson reading the Post 197 birthday card. Assisting from Pike Manor is Shanna Kraatz.

Bottom left photo (Provided by Steve Golias): Robert Walthers with from left to right Post 197 Legionnaires Jeff Sheriff, Dennis Tea, Matt Germain, Bill Weekley, Stephen Golias, Tim Dukes, Ron Griffin, and Bryan Richardson.

Four Chaplain's Program: One of the major programs that the Legion Family 197 conducts every year in Pike County is the Four Chaplains Program which honors the four Army Chaplains of different faiths who gave the ultimate sacrifice in aiding and comforting fellow shipmates during the German sinking of the United States Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester during WWII. This is an important historical event in our nation's history. This program honors the selfless sacrifices of these four Chaplains as well as provides an example of man's love for God. It also helps educate the community with the stories of these four chaplains. The four Army Chaplains honored were Reverend George Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling, and Father John Washington. This year's Program was held Sunday, 6 February 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the



on

Mount Gilead Baptist Church on US Route 19. The program consisted of a Welcome by Post 197 Commander Paul Chatterton; Invocation by Post 197 Chaplain Ted Gustin, Posting of the Colors by the Legion Family Color Guard (AL Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Matt Germain, and Bryan Richardson, ALA Melissa Patten, and SAL Jason Patten); program music consisted of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, National Anthem, Ballad of the Four Chaplains, Amazing Grace, and America, The Beautiful; Pledge of Allegiance lead by SAL Jason Patten; Introduction by AL Jeff Sheriff, historical readings by AL Stefan Huckaby – The USAT Dorchester, ALA Melissa Patten – The Attack, and ALA Brenda Runyon – The Actions Taken, the four chaplain's stories read by AL Timothy Dukes, AL Matt Germain, and AL Ron Griffin; AL Bryan Richardson - Chaplains Medal of Honor; the Posting of the Wreath by Post 197 Honor Guard Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Matt Germain; the playing of Taps in honor of the four Chaplains; the Summation provided by Chaplain Ted Gustin; the Benediction by Senior Pastor Fred Thompson from the Mount Gilead Baptist Church; and closing remarks by Commander Paul Chatterton. Photos were taken by AL Steve Golias (SG) and AL Jeff Sheriff (JS).

Four Chaplains Program (Cont)



Top left photo (SG): Commander Chatterton providing the Programs Welcome and introduction of guest. AL Ron Griffin in the background

Top right photo (SG): Chaplain Ted Gustin providing the Program Summation

Center photo (JS): SAL Jason Patten leading attendees in the Pledge of Alligence



Bottom Photo (JS): Legion Family Color Guard posting the Colors. From left to right: AL Stephen Golias, AL Bryan Richardson, AL Matt Germain, AL Stefan Huckaby, ALA Melissa Patten, and SAL Jason Patten



Four Chaplains Program (Cont)



Top right photo (JS): AL Stefan Huckaby reading "The Dorchester"



Top right photo (SG): AL Jeff Sheriff providing the "Introduction". Background participants from left to right: AL Ron Griffin, AL Matt Germain, Cdr Paul Chatterton, ALA Brenda Runyon, Chaplain Ted Gustin, AL Stefan Huckaby, and ALA Melissa Patten



Center photo (JS): ALA Melissa Patton reading "The Actions Taken"

Bottom Photo (JS): ALA Brenda Runyon reading "The Attack"

Four Chaplains Program (Cont)



Top left photo (JS): AL Tim Dukes reading Rabbi Goode's Story

Top right photo (SG): (AL Ron Griffin and AL Matt Germain waiting to read their Chaplain's stories



Center left Photo (SG): AL Bryan Richardson reading the POW/MIA Recognition

Center right photo (JS): Post 197 Honor posting the wreath. From left to right: AL Matt Germain, AL Stefan Huckaby, and AL Stephen Golias



Bottom photo (JS): Pastor Fred Thompson providing the Program's Benediction. In the background from left to right: AL Tim Dukes, AL Ron Griffin, Chaplain Gustin, and AL Bryan Richardson

Williamson 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser & Williamson Wisteria Festival: On 2 April, Post 197 hosted the Williamson 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser at the Williamson Wisteria Festival from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. This was the 14th Run/Walk, starting back in April of 2016, and the third in the City of Williamson. Post 197 Volunteers for the entire fundraiser and preparations were Lawrence and Laurie Ammon, Paul Chatterton, Tim Dukes, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Jeff Sheriff, and Bill Weekley. After the Run/Walk fundraiser, Post 197 manned a Veteran/Legion Information and Voter Registration booth at the festival until 5:00 p.m. ALA Unit 197 member Brenda Runyon helped initially at the registration, then became a course rover providing participant locations and water if needed. She also took photos of the event. Post 197 talked to a few interested in joining the Post as well as obtained one new voter for Pike County. The City of Williamson was a gracious host providing their public restrooms, fitness track, and streets. The weather was perfect. The Pike County Times and Pike County Journal Reporter continued to help promote this event. Village Photography produced another unique T-shirt incorporating the American Legion, and Wisteria Festival and the Pike County Bicentennial logos. The event had a total of 31 local sponsors to include In-kind sponsors. Their business names were listed on the back of the T-shirt. Honored on the back of the T-shirts were Veterans Lawrence E. Brock, Douglas E. Jones, Sr., Thomas M. Lacey, Sr., Gerald A. Richardson, Franklin D. Thrift, Sr.



Left Photo taken by Brenda Runyon: Post 197 Booth

Right photo taken by John Ellis: (From left to right) Steven Golias, new member Damian Bryan, Commander Paul Chatterton, Bryan Richardson, Bill Weekly in the background, Stefan Huckaby, and Tim Dukes.



The remaining photos taken by Brenda Runyon.

Top left photo: (From left to right) AL Bryan Richardson, Cdr Paul Chatterton, AL Steve Golias.

Top right photo: (From left to right) AL Steve Golias, AL Stefan Huckaby, and AL Bryan Richardson.



Center left photo: Rhonda Thacker Volunteer from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and AL Stefan Huckaby at the 5K/10K rest area.

Center right photo: Run/Walk participants Bonnie Dials, Jenny Klemm, and Elaine Mangham.



Bottom left photo: Run/Walk participants Linda Carlisle, Kimberly Carlisle, and Gavin Buford.

Bottom right photo: Run/Walk participant Stuart Brentlinger.

Funeral for Legionnaire Patrick Patten: On 15 April, Post 197 participated in the family visitation and memorial service for Post 197 Legionnaire Patrick Patten. The Post 197 Honor Guard consisting of Matt Germain, Stephen Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson provided casket guard and door guard at the family visitation and casket escort from the visitation room to the Chapel of the Moody-Daniel Funeral Home. Historian Bryan Richardson provided a reading of Pat Patten's military biography. Legionnaire Steve Golias and Stefan Huckaby folded the casket flag, and Commander Paul Chatterton along with Pat's son, Jason presented the folded U.S. flag to his sister Melissa Patten. Honor Guard Matt Germain assisted. Post 197 Ted Gustin provided the closing Prayer. SAL Jason Patten provided Casket Guard at his father's casket. Legionnaire Ben Maxedon also represented Post 197. All photos provided by AL Bryan Richardson.



Top left photo: Honor Guard Stefan Huckaby guarding the funeral home entry door.

Top right photo: Honor Guard Matt Germain guarding the entrance to the Funeral Home Chapel.

Bottom left photo: Son of Pat Patten and member of the Sons of the American Legion Family Honor Guard Team.

Bottom right photo: AL Ben Maxedon talking to Pike County Times CEO/Editor/Reporter Becky Watts.

Funeral for Legionnaire Patrick Patten (Cont):



Top left photo: Visitation room with Past Commander and Post member Joe Harmon talking to Post Casket Guard Steve Golias.

Top right photo: Pastor Brian Simon presiding over the Memorial Service.

Bottom left photo: SAL Jason Patten presenting his father's casket flag to his sister, Melissa Patten. Behind Jason is Cdr Chatterton assisting Jason. Post Honor Guard Team members are Steve Golias and Stefan Huckaby who had just folded the flag.

Bottom right photo: Cdr Chatterton having just given Melissa Patten a condolence card from Post 197 and verbally extending the Post's condolences. SAL Jason Patten and Golias and Huckaby standing by.

Post 197 Veteran and Legion Information Booth / Fundraiser: On 16 April, Post 197 participated in the Red Clay Ministries Auto Show by setting up a Veteran/American Legion Information Booth and Membership Drive while at the same time conducting a children's bounce houses as a Post fundraising event. Post 197 Volunteers were: Cdr Paul Chatterton, Steve Golias, Stefan Huckaby, and Bryan Richardson. Rain delayed the event opening. One the bills were paid, Post 197 obtained \$86 for the Post general fund.



Photo provided by Becky Watts (From left to right): AL members Stefan Huckaby, Bryan Richardson, Cdr Paul Chatterton, and Steve Golias

Chapter 7

Post Awards and Citations Received

No awards were presented to Post 197 during the 2021-2022 Legion year.

Chapter 8

Post Awards and Citations Presented

7 Jul 2021, 6:00 p.m. Post 197 conducted its annual Awards Ceremony at the Post Facility. Receiving awards were:

- Paul Chatterton, Ewell Bell, Kenneth Noble Darryl Segraves, Chris Wheeler, and James Wilson: 5-Year Continuous Membership
- John Ellis and James Gaulding: 10-Year Continuous Membership
- George Andrews, Arthur French, and Walter Maxwell, Patrick Patten and Bill Tallant: 15-Year Continuous Membership
- Moody-Daniel Funeral Home (Sherri Moody) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Georgia Department of Transportation (Doug Morris) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Griffin Station (SFC Stephen Ponce) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Pike County Journal Reporter (John Ellis), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Pike County Times (Becky Watts) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Millie Smith, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- The Narrow Path Ministries (Bart Brock), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Mount Gilead Baptist Church (Fred Thompson), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Goggan's Florist (Steven Yerkes), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Brenda Runyon, Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Village Photography (Nicole Tillery), Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Honorable Mentioned Volunteer of the Year (Paul Chatterton, Matt Germain, Melissa Patten and Jason Patten) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Runner-up Volunteer of the Year (Jeff Sheriff and Stephen Golias) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Volunteer of the Year (Stefan Huckaby) Post 197 Certificate of Appreciation
- Post 197 Legion Family of the Year – Patten Family (AL Patrick, ALA Melissa, and SAL Jason) Post 197 Certificate
- Post 197 Legionnaire of the Year -

American Legion Military Commitment Certificate awarded to: None this year.

American Legion Blue Star Certificate presented to: None this year.

Good Citizen Citation awarded to: None this year.

In addition to above, throughout the year 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022, the Commander and Event Directors awarded 1 Legion Coin and 266 Letters of Appreciation for community service, volunteerism, donations, and sponsorship.

Major Post Awardees since 2009

Year	Legionnaire of the Year	Legion Family of the Year
2009-10	Billy J. Payton	
2010-11	Benjamin R Maxedon	
2011-12	Daniel A. Kiser	
2012-13	Stefan R. Huckaby	
2013-14	Peggi J. Payton	
2014-15	Bryan D. Richardson	Payton Family (First awarded)
2015-16	Robert L. Huckaby	Dials Family
2016-17	Paul Harris	Jeffreys Family
2017-18	Steven T. Yerkes	Dayhuff Family
2018-19	Steven T. Yerkes	Payton Family
2019-20	Dennis D. Tea	Harmon Family
2020-21	Paul R. Chatterton	Patten Family
	Jeffery A. Sheriff	

Year	Volunteer of the Year	Runner-up	Honorable Mentioned
2019-2021	Stefan Huckaby	Jeff Sheriff	Dennis D. Tea Melissa Payton Peggi Payton Willa Payton
2020-2021	Stefan Huckaby	Stephen Golias Jeffrey Sheriff	Paul Chatterton Matt Germain Melissa Patten Jason Patten

Chapter 9

Post Roster of Members: May 2021-April 2022

At the start of the history year, 1 May 2021, the post membership was 80 members. Between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022, the post lost 7 members of which 5 passed away and 2 dropped off the rolls. During this time period, the Post gained 25 members which included new members and transfers. By the end of the history year, 30 April 2022, the post membership was at 98.

Name	Member	New Member	Deceased Member	Dropped Member
Ammon, Lawrence		1		
Ammon, Laurie		1		
Andrews, George H.	1			
Artinger, Steven	1			
Bell, Ewell T.	1			
Bond, Daniel S.	1			
Boronkas, Edward A.	1			
Brannon, John	1			
Brown, Richard A..	1			
Bruce, Samuel		1		
Brue, Daniel		1		
Brunson, Jordan		1		
Bryan, Damian		1		
Callaway, Brian T.	1			
Caraway, Fred O.	1			
Carlyle, Parish		1		
Carter, Pete		1		
Chancey, Hulon		1		
Chatterton, Paul R.	1			
Childree, John	1			
Clark, Robert D.			1	
Collins, Estelle		1		
Dart, Charlie		1		
Dukes, Timothy H.	1			
Dykes, James	1			
	13	11	1	0

Name	Member	New Member	Deceased Member	Dropped Member
Ellard, Nikki		1		
Ellis, John R.	1			
Farr, Harry E.	1			
Faulds, Paul	1			
<i>French, Arthur N.</i>			1	
Gaulding, James R.	1			
Germain, Wayne L.	1			
Golias, Stephen A.	1			
Griffin, Ronald		1		
Guevara-Rios, Cynthia		1		
Gustin, Theodore		1		
Hammock, Merrill G.	1			
Hammond, Doug	1			
Hansen, Jonathan		1		
Harmon, Joseph R.				1
Harris, Paul	1			
Hicks, Michael S.	1			
Huckaby, Stefan R.	1			
Huckaby, William L. Jr	1			
Hughley, Roy	1			
Jeffreys, Howard D.				1
King, April	1			
King, Timothy	1			
Kipp, Darryll	1			
Kulwici, Steven		1		
Kuprian, Michael		1		
Lee, Jacob		1		
Loving, Eric		1		
Lowery, Julian	1			
Manley, Jeremiah	1			
Marshburn, Donald K.	1			
Martin, Albert R.	1			
	20	9	1	2

Name	Member	New Member	Deceased Member	Dropped Member
Maxedon, Benjamin		1		
Maxwell, Walter, J.	1			
McClanahan, Billy L.	1			
McClelland, Charles W.	1			
Morton, Thomas			1	
Noble, Kenneth C.	1			
Patten, Patrick A.			1	
Payton, Billy J. Sr.	1			
Payton, Peggi J.	1			
Pearson, Larry D.	1			
Pietrefesa, Pasquale L.	1			
Pitts, Jimmy	1			
Porter, John D.	1			
Pourron, Garrett	1			
Rarrick, A. Woody	1			
Ray, Kenneth E.	1			
Rhodes, Laurah	1			
Rhodes, Samuel	1			
Richard, Michael		1		
Richardson, Bryan D.	1			
Richardson, George		1		
Richardson, Gerald A.			1	
Riley, Kenneth E. II	1			
Rogers, Grady T.	1			
Sawyer, Harold	1			
Scott George L.	1			
Segraves, Darryl	1			
Sheriff, Jeffrey A.	1			
Sherliza, Robert	1			
Singletary, Paul W.	1			
Smith, Talena	1			
Story, Charles M Sr	1			
	26	3	3	0

Name	Member	New Member	Deceased Member	Dropped Member
Tallant, Lewis W. Sr	1			
Tea, Christopher	1			
Tea, Dennis D.	1			
Totten, James M.	1			
Walker, William B	1			
Walker, William H	1			
Walther, Robert		1		
Watts, James A.	1			
Weekley, William		1		
Weldon, David E.	1			
Westbrook, Matthew	1			
Wheeler, Chris	1			
Williams, Harold C. III	1			
Williams, Ralph C.	1			
Wilson, James E.	1			
Yerkes, Steven T.	1			
	14	2	0	0
Totals	73	25	5	2

Total Members

98

Dropped

7

Chapter 10

Roster of Delegates, Officers, Appointees to Outside Post American Legion Activities: May 2021-April 2022

Roster of Post 197 Delegates:

Paul R. Chatterton, Commander
Stephen A. Golias, Adjutant
Bryan D. Richardson, Finance Officer/Historian
Samuel M. Rhodes, Sr. Vice Cdr
Laura A. Rhodes, former EC Member and Sr. Vice Cdr
Jeffrey A. Sheriff, Jr. Vice Cdr
Wayne L. Germain, former Executive Committee Member
Timothy H. Dukes, Executive Committee Member
Stefan R. Huckaby, Executive Committee Member/Sgt-at-Arms
Benjamin R. Maxedon, Executive Committee Member
Theodore A. Gusting, Chaplain
Dennis D. Tea, Judge Advocate

Officers/Appointees to Outside Post American Legion Activities:

Bill J. Payton, Sr. installed as Department of Georgia, 4th District
Junior Vice Commander

Paul R. Chatterton appointed as Department of Georgia, 4th District
Judge Advocate.

Chapter 11

Past Post Officers: 2008-2022

Below is a roster of past Post officers by year since the Post's established charter.

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Commander	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.
Adjutant	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.
Finance Officer	Bill J. Payton, Sr.	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson
Senior Vice	Paul Faulds	Paul Faulds	Billy J. Payton, Sr.
Junior Vice	Robert E. Adams, Jr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Benjamin R. Maxedon
Junior Vice			
Judge Advocate	Thomas H. Morton	Thomas H. Morton	Thomas H. Morton
Chaplain	Paul Faulds	Paul Faulds	Benjamin R. Maxedon
Service Officer	Robert E. Adams, Jr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.
Historian	Douglas T. Rounds	Douglas T. Rounds	Glenn R. Abbott
Sargent at Arms	Bobbie Colquitt	Robert L. Huckaby	Robert L. Huckaby
Executive Council Members	Howard Rawlins Gerald Spinks Bryan D. Richardson	Howard Rawlins Gerald Spinks	Howard Rawlins Gerald Spinks
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Commander	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.
Adjutant	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	James M. Totten	William B. Walker
Finance Officer	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	William B. Walker	James M. Totten/ William B. Walker
Senior Vice	Benjamin R. Maxedon	Daniel A. Kiser	Stefan Huckaby
Junior Vice	Les Bragg	Paul Harris	William C. Dials, II
Junior Vice		Stefan Huckaby	Wayne L. Germain
Judge Advocate	Thomas H. Morton	Robert E. Adams, Jr.	Daniel A. Kiser
Chaplain	Benjamin R. Maxedon	Benjamin R. Maxedon	Benjamin R. Maxedon
Service Officer	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Lawrence E. Brock	Paul Faulds/ Lawrence E. Brock
Historian	Glenn R. Abbott	Donald L. Bailey, Jr.	Glenn R. Abbott/ Bryan D. Richardson
Sargent at Arms	Robert L. Huckaby	Robert L. Huckaby	Robert L. Huckaby
Executive Committee Members	None	None	None

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Commander	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson
Adjutant	Stefan R. Huckaby	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.
Finance Officer	William B. Walker	Stefan R. Huckaby	William B. Walker
Senior Vice	Wayne L. Germain	Wayne L. Germain	Wayne L. Germain
Junior Vice	William C. Dials, II	William B. Walker	Stefan Huckaby
Junior Vice	Russel Wilson	Curtis Booth	Steven T. Yerkes
Judge Advocate	Robert E. Adams, Jr. Bryan D. Richardson	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Paul Faulds
Chaplain	Paul Harris	Paul Harris	Paul Harris
Service Officer	James M. Totten	James M. Totten	James M. Totten
Historian	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson/ Peggi Payton	Peggi Payton
Sargent at Arms	Robert L. Huckaby	Robert L. Huckaby	Robert L. Huckaby
Executive Committee Members	None	None	Benjamin R. Maxedon
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Commander	Bryan D. Richardson	Joseph R. Harmon	Bryan D. Richardson
Adjutant	Steven T. Yerkes	Steven T. Yerkes	Dennis D. Tea
Finance Officer	Peggi J. Payton	Peggi J. Payton	Peggi J. Payton
Senior Vice	William B. Walker	William B. Walker	William B. Walker
Junior Vice	Stefan R. Huckaby	Stefan R. Huckaby	Paul R. Chatterton
Junior Vice	Matthew Westbrook	Howard D. Jeffreys	Stephen A. Golias
Judge Advocate	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Vacant
Chaplain	Paul Harris	Paul Faulds	Darryl B. Segraves/Billy J. Payton, Sr.
Service Officer	James M. Totten	Dennis D. Tea	Dennis D. Tea
Historian	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson
Sargent at Arms	Robert L. Huckaby	Stefan R. Huckaby	Stefan R. Huckaby
Executive Committee Members	Billy J. Payton, Sr. Wayne L. Germain Paul Faulds	Billy J. Payton, Sr. Wayne L. Germain Paul Faulds	Billy J. Payton, Sr. Wayne L. Germain Steven T. Yerkes

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Commander	Bryan D. Richardson	Paul R. Chatterton	
Adjutant	Dennis D. Tea	Steven A. Golias	
Finance Officer	Peggi J. Payton	Bryan D. Richardson	
Senior Vice	William B. Walker/Vacant	Samuel M. Rhodes / Laurah A. Rhodes / Samuel M. Rhodes	
Junior Vice	Paul R. Chatterton	Jeffery A. Sheriff	
Junior Vice	Stephen A. Golias	Howard J. Jeffreys / Vacant	
Judge Advocate	Vacant	Vacant / Dennis D. Tea	
Chaplain	Darryl B. Segraves & Billy J. Payton, Sr.	Vacant / Theodore A. Gustin	
Service Officer	Dennis D. Tea	Paul R. Chatterton	
Historian	Bryan D. Richardson	Bryan D. Richardson	
Sargent at Arms	Stefan R. Huckaby	Stefan R. Huckaby	
Executive Committee Members	Billy J. Payton, Sr. Wayne L. Germain Steven T. Yerkes	Wayne L. Germain / Timothy H. Dukes Stefan R. Huckaby Laurah Rhodes / Benjamin R. Maxedon	

Chapter 12

Newspaper Articles: 1 May 2021 – 30 April 2022

Pike County Journal Reporter		
Post 197 Activity	Publication Date	Article Title
Memorial Day	19-May-21	Memorial Day parade, program are 31 May
Memorial Day	26-May-21	Memorial Day Parade, program is 31 May
Memorial Day	26-May-21	Post 197 honors National Poppy Day on May 28
Memorial Day	9-Jun-21	Post 197's Memorial Day parade, program draw
Meansville 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	9-Jun-21	Post 197 Run/Walk in Meansville planned for Saturday, June 19
Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony	23-Jun-21	Flag Day program, retirement ceremony retires record 506 flags
Meansville 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	7-Jul-21	American Legion Post 197 thanks event supporters for helping local veterans
Post 197 Change of Command	28-Jul-21	American Legion Post 197 changes command
Flag Day Observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony	4-Aug-21	Cub Scouts from Pack 103 help honorably retire flags
Pike County Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT/Paramedic of the Year Awards	11-Aug-21	Nominations sought for officer, firefighter and EMT of the year
Post 197 Annual Awards Ceremony	11-Aug-21	American Legion Post 197 presents annual awards
Pike County Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT/Paramedic of the Year Awards	25-Aug-21	Nominations needed for Post Awards
Patriot Day	1-Sep-21	Patriot Day program is Sept. 11
Patriot Day	8-Sep-21	Patriot Day 20th anniversary program on Sept. 11
Voter Registration	15-Sep-21	Register to vote at upcoming events
National POW/MIA Recognition Day	15-Sep-21	POW/MIA program is Friday, Sept. 17
Patriot Day	22-Sep-21	Post 197's Stephen Golias shares Patriot Day story
Membership Drive	6-Oct-21	Pike County American Legion Post 197 Membership Drive
National POW/MIA Recognition Day	6-Oct-21	Post 197 honors POW/MIA during special event
Pike County Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT/Paramedic of the Year Awards	13-Oct-21	Nominations needed by Oct. 13 for Pike's officer, firefighter, paramedic of the year
Voter Registration	13-Oct-21	Voter Registration Booth at the Jubilee
Pike County Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT/Paramedic of the Year Awards	27-Oct-21	Top first responders honored
Concord Jubilee - Post 197 Information and Voter Registration Booth	27-Oct-21	Joys of the Jubilee
Veterans Day	3-Nov-21	Post 197 plans program at 11a.m. Nov. 11

Veterans Day	10-Nov-21	Veterans Honored in Pike - Post 197's program set for 11 a.m. Nov. 11
Veterans Day	17-Nov-21	Veterans honored on the courthouse square Nov 11
Veterans Day	24-Nov-21	Pike County schools celebrate Veterans Day
Post 197 Tree Removal Donation	24-Nov-21	American Legion Post 197 thankful for help
Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	1-Dec-21	Post 197to host 5K10K Fun Run/Walk Dec. 11 in Concord
Pike County Memorial Annex	1-Dec-21	Post 197 to honor four local heors Saturday, Dec. 4
Concord 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	8-Dec-21	5K10K Fun Run/Walk in Concord to help local Veterans
Pike County Bicentennial	19-Jan-22	Bicentennial Beginnings
Post 197 Honors Veteran's Birthday	26-Jan-22	WWII veteran celebrated on 97th birthday by special family
Four Chaplains Program	2-Feb-22	Four Chaplains program set for Feb. 6
Molena Flag Folding Ceremony	23-Feb-22	Molena hears bicentennial plans
Four Chaplains Program	2-Mar-22	Post 197 presents annual Four Chaplains program
Voter Registration	23-Mar-22	Register to vote April 2
Boys / Girls State	23-Mar-22	2022 Georgia Boys State / Girls State students sought
Williamson 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	23-Mar-22	Bicentennial event, run/walk to be held at Williamson Wisteria Festival
Williamson 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser	20-Apr-22	Thanks to community for Post 197 support
Articles Total	40	

Chapter 13

Post 197 History

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France during World War I is credited with founding The American Legion. AEF Headquarters asked the officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt Col Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, the group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

About 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended the Paris Caucus in March 1919. They adopted a temporary constitution and the name, "The American Legion". The group also elected an executive committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each soldier of the AEF a member of the Legion. The executive committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the United States.

Two months later, in May 1919, the Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization, setting up a temporary headquarters in New York City and beginning its relief, employment and Americanism programs.

Congress granted The American Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first national convention convened in Minneapolis, adopting a permanent constitution and electing officers to head the organization.

Twenty-seven years after the founding of The American Legion, the first meeting of the American Legion Post 197 of Pike County was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Girtman on May 2, 1946. It was attended by a large number of veterans of both World Wars. Mr. Girtman was the primary force behind the organization of The American Legion Post. The following officers were elected:

- Commander, S.G. Holmes
- Senior Vice-Commander, W.E. Girtman
- Junior Vice-Commander, Jack Sharpe
- Sgt-at-Arms, Gordon Young
- Adjutant, Albert Presley.

The Building Committee was composed of W.E. Girtman, C. Richter Smith Jr., Pete Lee, Lanier Johnson, and Pete Bankston. Those named on the Publicity Committee were Roger Strickland Jr., Nathan Harrison, Hugh White, and Hope White.

On October 7, 1948, it was reported in the Pike County Journal Reporter that the Veteran Training Class, led by the instructor, Sam Lifsey started the campaign for funds to erect a memorial on the courthouse square in Zebulon for the veterans who lost their lives in World Wars I and II. The following resolution had been submitted to the people of Pike County: "Resolved that a memorial for the veterans of both World Wars I and II, who lost their lives in the service of their country, Be subscribed to and erected on the

court house square in Zebulon. It will take the concentrated efforts of all religious and civic organizations, as well as each individual. This resolution is submitted this 23rd day of September, 1948 by the 3rd Veterans Agriculture Class of Pike County. W.S Lifsey Jr., Instructor”

As recorded in the Pike County Journal Reporter, the Pike County Veteran’s Monument commemorating the men who lost their lives in both World Wars I and II was dedicated at an impressive exercise on Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1949. The public was invited, and approximately 300 persons including families of the departed heroes, friends and Legionnaires from Griffin and surrounding communities attended. The program began at 2:30 p.m. with a concert by the 326th Army Band. American Legion Post Commander, Warren E. Girtman introduced Hon. John Goddard of Griffin, who in turn introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Marshall Ellis, Rector of St George’s Church, Griffin and a former Navy Chaplain. Rev. Ellis, in his dedicatory address, paid worthy tribute to those who gave their lives in World Wars I and II. He said, “They laid down their lives and were ushered into Eternal life. They now live with God.” Following the address, the Army Band played Onward Christian Soldiers. Rev. S.A. Dailey pronounced the benediction, after which Taps was sounded. The monument bears the inscription “Dedicated to The Everlasting memory of those from Pike County who gave their lives in the service of their country in World Wars I and II. Names on the monument include:

World War I: A.R Ballard, H.K. Davis, L.R. Davis, L.M. Hooten, J.G. McLendon, H.A. O’Neal, S.S. Self, L.G. Sullivan, and P.M Sullivan.

World War II: C.L. Adams, M.R. Adkerson, R.E. Bishop, G.H. Blankenship, M.R. Carter, J.E. Corley, F.T. Davis, T.C. Gooden, J.C. Hackney, W.F. Harrison Jr., C. Johnson, C.M. Lane, D.E. Ledford, L.T. Marshall, A.L. Marshall, J.M. Matthews, P.L. McLendon, V.L. Middlebrooks, R.E. Oxford, E.E. Presley, W.T. Presley, H.L. Pike, T.J. Sandefur, M.B. Smoot, P.R. Storey, C.H. Tidwell. Colored: E.R. Parks.

Since WWII, E. Coggin and J.C. Alexander were added Killed in Action from the Korean War; and J.T. Harris, G.R. McQuaig (correct spelling is McCuaig), and L.L. Silver were added Killed in Action from the Vietnam War. The line Korea and Vietnam Wars were added to the Monument Dedication.

Charter members of the Post as of June 21, 1950, were: Emory F. Alexander, Pope Banks, James Hartford Bankston, Abram S. Burton, P.W. Carter, R.C. Crawford, Thomas E. Crawford, Owen Caldwell, Roger Dunn, Lamar Dunn, Byron Dunn, Marvin E. Eppinger, Sam D. English, W.E. Girtman, Dr. M.M. Head, J.N. Howard, Clarence Hawkins, Charles F. Harden, Robert Holmes, Shi Holmes, R.C. Johnson, Walt Joyner, Spencer Lifsey, J.M. Means, Hulon A. McKinley, James E. Manoe, Charles J. Minter, Hubert Marshall, John A. Osbolt, John R. Oden, Albert D. Presley, A.W. Quattlebaum, W.S. Rogers, Leland B. Reaves, C.R. Smith, Sr., Paul Scoggins, Cecil Thornton, Aaron Terrell, Robert A. Trawick, Earl Williams, High White, Aurelius F. Woolsey, Gordon Young, Harry A. Hammock, and Marvin E. Gibson.

The Post was one of the most active in the State for a community of Pike County’s size, having 159 members. Commanders and Adjutants have been: C.F. Harden and

J.N. Howard, 1950-51; Clarence Hawkins and J.N. Howard, 1951-52; A.P. Dunn and Lamar Dunn, 1952-53; Emory Alexander and W.T. Baxter, 1953-54; Frank Yeager and Howard Rawlins, 1954-55; James Murphy and Howard Rawlins, 1955-56; Roger Dunn, 1956-57; W.T. Baxter, 1957-58; W.T. Baxter and Harry Rawlins, 1958-59; --- Harry Rawlins and Johnny Knight, 1964-65; Harry Rawlins and Marvin Littleton, 1965-66; Harry Rawlins and Milton Ross, 1966-67; Johnny Knight and Milton Ross, 1967-68; Harry Rawlins and Milton Ross, 1968-69; W.T. Baxter and Milton Ross (Lamar Dunn – Senior Vice Cdr), 1969-70; Terrell Williams and Marvin Littleton, 1970-71; and William TI Baxter and K.N. Lupo, 1971-72.

On 3 March 1966 the American Legion, Post 197 hosted the annual 6th District Oratorical Contest at the Pike County High School. All essays were prepared from the Articles of the Constitution.

On 26 March 1969, the Pike County American Legion Post 197 met in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the organization. Special guests included the 6th District Commander and Vice Commander as well as members from other local posts.

The 1972 members of Post 197 were:

Harold Adkerson	Emory F. Alexander	Glenn H. Allen
John B. Armstead	James L. Ballard	M.D. Ballard
Cadesman P. Banks	Harry L. Banks	J.H. Bankston
William G. Barker	Marcus G. Barnett	William T. Baxter
Johnnie V. Barnett	Larry C. Berry	Charles E. Booker
Wayne O. Brasiel	Russell Brazier	Vernon H. Birchman
Horance Bond	Lawrence E. Brock	Virgil L. Brown
James M. Burden	Wilson W. Bush	Charles Calewell
Jack C. Clark	Clayton A. Coker	Robert R. Collins
Dennis H. Connell	Gloyd C. Cooper	R.D. Crawford
James G. Crayton	Douglas F. Culbreth	Elwood L. Culbreth
Clinton B. Davis	Marion W. Dumas	A.P. Dunn
Lamar E. Dunn	Joseph E. Edwards	William J. Edwards
James R. Elliott	Wilbur C. Elliott	John E. English
Samuel D. English	Glenn A. Eppinger	Olin Garner
Roosevelt T. Gayton	Jack M. Goldman	William R. Goldman
Marion Gooden	David K. Greene	Harry A. Hammond
Merrill G. Hammock	Adron Harden	Charles F. Harden
Winton H. Harden	R.C. Hawkins	Robert Holmes, Jr.
Shi G. Holmes	P.G. Horne	Dexter T. Huckaby
Bobby L. Hudgen	Hollis J. Hutchinson	Howard M. Jennings
W.D. Jimerson	James F. Johnson	Lanier F. Johnson
Jack F. Jones	William K. Jones	Frank M. King
George E. King	Charlie J. Knight	Charles R. Lamb
Paul W. Landers	Jim B. Lawrence	James M. Littleton
Marvin Littleton	John D. Lowe	Kendall H. Lupo
Howard H. Maddox	Douglas Mangham	Walton E. Mangham

Byron W. Marshall	William D. Martin	Donald McCollough
Ralph C. McDonald	Elijah F. McKinley	Robert F. McKinley
Eddie G. Messer	Roger M. Middlebrooks	Alvin L. Milby
Grant B. Montrose	William A. Morris	James C. Murphy
Michael Nahrebeck	Dewey Nicholson	Willie C. Nixon
Virgil M. Oliver	John A. Osbolt	John M. Parks
James A. Parks	Pete Peterman	D.L. Pitts
Merril G. Pitts	Ronald C. Presley	Randall J. Pryor
Ralph Purvis	Warren W. Quigley	D.B. Rawlins
Howard M. Rawlins	Harry B. Rawlins	James P. Rawlins
Robert H. Rawlins, Jr.	Robert H. Rawlins	Grady Reeves
J.M. Reeves	Joe C. Reid	Robert M. Reid
J. Astor Riggins	William M. Riggins	W.S. Rodgers
Jerry O. Rogers	Milton E. Ross	J.B. Sandifur
Albert L. Sanvidge	Victor C. Sanvidge	Paul Scroggins
David M. Smith	J.B. Smith	T.R. Smith
W.L. Smith	Gerald D. Spinks	Wilburn R. Statham
Alvin F. Stratham	J.M. Sullivan	Wilbur O. Tapley
William Taunton	James M. Towery	William H. Trawick
B.F. Turner	Wendell F. Turner	A.J. Vickers
Jack L. Walker	Garris Wall	Kenneth Q. Ward
Lawrence R. Webb, Sr.	Donald C. Wells	Charles C. Whatley
Charles D. Whatley	Hoyt H. Williams	James F. Williams
James T. Williams	Ralph C. Williams	T.H. Williams
Terrell J. Williams	Robert H. Wright	Frank Al Yeager

In 1974, there was a fire that burnt down the Post facility. In 1975, a new structure was built by the Rawlin's family for Post 197 use. The Post 197 Charter was revoked in 1994, and the facility was granted back to the Rawlin's family.

On 10 May 2008, a group of veterans met on the Court House Square led by Don Bailey and Howard Rawlins with the objective of refurbishing the Veteran's Monument that was structurally cracking due to the heavy traffic moving south on Highway US19/GA3. On 19 July 2008, a second meeting of a group of veterans met on the Courthouse Square led again by Don Bailey with the objective of continued discussion on the refurbishment of the Veteran's Monument and the reestablishment of the old American Legion Post 197. On 13 September 2008, the Veterans met as The American Legion at the Joel Edwards Library in Zebulon. The objectives of the meeting were selecting officers (see Appendix C), reestablishing the charter, discussing the refurbishment of the Veterans Monument, and increasing membership. The Post was allowed to regain its former number of 197. The Post received its Dispensation/Temporary Charter on 9 March 2009 and its Permanent Charter on 28 July 2009.

The official temporary charter members; those that were national at large American Legion members or from some other post members were:

Emory F. Alexander	Donald Bailey, Jr.	George E Bottoms, Jr.
Russell Brazier	John B. Halcomb, Jr.	Robert L. Huckaby
Billy L. McClanahan	Oscar Purvis	Howard M. Rawlins, Sr.
W. Shelor Rodgers	Gerald L. Spinks	William W. Thomas
Steven T. Yerkes		

On 11 March 2009, American Legion Post 197 Senior Executive Committee Member, Bryan Richardson appeared before the Pike County Board of Commissioners to address the plan to refurbish the Monument and to obtain the Board's approval. In addition to the structural refurbishment of the monument, permanent lighting was to be added for night illumination of the National, State, and POW/MIA flags, lamp post for illumination of the memorial at night, and landscaping around the monument. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the restoration. The restoration project was under the direction of Post 197 Veterans Howard Rawlins and Gerald Spinks. The monument restoration sponsors were Clark Memorials, Country Corbin's, Moody's Funeral Home, Southern Rivers Energy, and the Zebulon Public Works Department. Work to refurbish the Veteran's Memorial began early November 2010 and was completed in January 2011. As part of the restoration, the name J.D. Walker who was killed-in-action in Iraq was added to the monument. The Pike County Veteran's Memorial was rededicated as part of the Pike County Memorial Day Observance Program on 28 May 2011. During this program, J.D. Walker was honored as the newest addition.



After three years of hard work by many people in the Post and community, The American Legion Post 197 officially returned on 5 October 2011 as renter of the Rawlin's family to the facility it had occupied back in 1994 at 645 Meansville Street, Zebulon, Georgia. The Post members had been meeting at the Joel Edwards Library in Zebulon since September 2008. The grand opening was sponsored by the Pike County Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Post Commander Billy Payton, Sr. welcomed visitors and members to the facility for the first time. 4th District Commander, Jim O'Brien was the guest speaker. The facility belonged to Howard M. Rawlins, Sr. a long standing American Legion Post 197 member. During a 12 November 2012 ceremony that included the Rawlins family, the facility was named the Howard M. Rawlins Sr. Memorial Hall in honor of Mr. Rawlins's passing on 14 August 2012.

On 12 June 2013, The American Legion Post 197 received approval to become incorporated for the purpose of protecting individual members from liability in the event of litigation against the Post and received its Supplemental Charter. The decree was

signed by the National Commander, James E. Koutz and the Georgia Department Commander, William H. Lienhop, Jr.

On 28 September 2013, the Pike County School Board officially dedicated the Memorial Annex Building of the old middle school to be used as the Pike County Memorial Annex Building to be used as a general memorial for all those in Pike County who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving the community. This includes military, first responders, and sheriff/police departments. The intent is for the building to house memorials for all of the community's fallen heroes. Since this date, the Pike County American Legion has inducted:

- LCPL Jeffery D. Walker - Iraq Killed in Action (28 Sep 2013)
- 1LT Robert E. Oxford - WWII Missing in Action (6 Dec 2014)
- Charles H. Tidwell - WWII Killed in Action, James T. Harris - Vietnam Killed in Action, Glenn R. McCuaig - Vietnam Killed in Action, and Lonnie L. Silver - Vietnam Killed in Action (7 Nov 2015)
- Ralph E. Bishop - WWII Killed in Action, Tilton C. Gooden - WWII Killed in Action, and Joel M. Matthews - WWII Missing in Action (3 Dec 2016)
- Malcom R. Carter - WWII Killed in Action, Virgil L. Middlebrooks - Killed in Action, Willie L. King - Missing in Action / Lost at Sea (2 Dec 2017)
- Arthur R. Ballard - Killed in Action, Herman K. Davis - Killed in Action Leon R. Davis - Died of Decease, Roswell D. Hooten - Died of Decease, Henry A. O'Neal - Killed in Action, Solon S. Self - Killed in Action, Vernon E. Slade - Died of Decease, Pierre M. Sullivan - Died of Decease, Lawrence G. Sullivan - Died of Decease (1 Dec 2018) – All from WWI as part of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI.
- Johnnie C. Alexander and Earl Coggin – Both Killed in Action in the Korean War, and William O. Gwyn and Thomas J. Slade – Both Pike County Sheriffs killed in the line of duty (7 Dec 2019)
- William Bankston – Killed in Action, and Green Blackman, John G. McLendon, and Ben L. Scott Died of Desease. All died during WWI. (4 Dec 2020)

On 21 November 2015, Post 197 Commander Bryan Richardson submitted a letter to Ms. Brenda Turner, daughter of the late Howard Rawlins requesting the use of the larger section still in use for family storage within the building including the Post 197 portion of the building. At a follow-on meeting at the Post between Ms. Brenda Turner and Commander Richardson, Ms. Turner unofficially approved use of the remaining portion of the building.

On 16 April 2016, Ms. Brenda Turner allowed American Legion Auxiliary President Peggi Payton to dispose of the family contents during a yard sale. By the end of the day, the American Legion obtained complete possession of all contents (minus a few major items) within the main building to further dispose. By 30 July 2016, most items have been removed, and the Post conducted its first major function within the entire facility which was the 4th District Installation Ceremony. At a 30 August 2016 meeting between Ms. Brenda Turner and Commander Richardson, a ten-year lease was signed for the use of the building.

As part of the Memorial Day program, on 30 May 2016, Post 197 officially unveiled the name of Chief Petty Officer Willie Lee King (King, W.L.) who died in the sinking of the USS Frank E. Evans during the Vietnam War to the Pike County Veterans Memorial. At the 11 November 2018 Veterans Day Program, Post 197 officially unveil the name of Wagoner Vernon E. Slade (Slade, V.E.) who died from decease in France in WWI. At the 11 November 2019 Veterans Day Program, Post 197 officially unveil the names of Private William E. Bankson (Bankston, W.E.), Private Green Blackman (Blackman, G.), and Private Ben L. Scott (Scott, B.L.) all died while on orders during WWI.