



**ABE E. MILLER POST 133 AGENDA  
At the South Windsor Community Center, 150 Nevers RD**

**December 19, 2023**

- Opening ceremony.
- Officers roll call
- Deceased Members.
- Introduction of Distinguished guests:  
Joe Haney Department Vice commander for the First District  
Roger Anderson Asst Department Treasurer
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members:
- Minutes. Accept minutes of November 2023 meeting
- Sick Call. Mario Zapata, Dave Papp and Bob Moeller.
- Finance Officers report – report on file.
- Membership Report. The 2024 membership year has started, our goal for 2024 is 200, Joe’s goal for the year is 275 we have 168 members renewed, transferred or new so far. We have 227 members that have renewed for the 2023 year. Ken has New Member Kits for our new post members.
- Service Officers Report. Since the October meeting, we have 2 new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on December 7th we had 3 people come in for help
- Officers reports; Jr Vice – Carter Sutherland, The Post Social will be Saturday January 20, 2024 at the Nutmeg in East Windsor, 6:30pm cost is \$35 per person.
- Committee Reports (See page two).
- Balloting on applications –
- Unfinished Business. None
- Initiation of candidates;

- New Business.
  
- Correspondence
  - The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.
  
- Good of the Legion.
  1. Check out the post's website. [www.swlegion133.org](http://www.swlegion133.org). All the forms and calendar of events are on the web site, the membership forms are now fill able.
  2. LIT Accident Insurance register on line one time, if you keep your membership current the coverage continues, \$1000 for accidental death coverage, if you are on Legion business, it is \$5000.
  3. All members remember the Post's project every year is the South Windsor Food and Fuel bank, if you can please bring a nonperishable food item to all meeting.
  4. Joe Haney is not running for Commander in the 2024-2025 year.
  5. The CT Legion College is back and will kick off at the Mid-Winter Conference.
  6. Anyone interested in going to the National American Legion College contact the Department for an application.
  7. Roger will talk about a possible tour of the Fisher House in West Haven
  
- Distinguished Guests:
  - Asst Department Treasurer – Roger Anderson Mid-Winter Conference
  - 1<sup>st</sup> District Department Vice Commander Joe Haney
  
- Next Post meeting January 16th, 7:00 pm, Community Center, in room 205-207.
- Next District meeting Jan. 24, 2024, Post 40 East Windsor, coffee and donuts 6:30pm, meeting 7:00pm.



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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin
  - We visited 5 facilities and 2 home since the November meeting. We met with many Veterans and Residents by 28 Post member hours and the ladies from the Sewin4Servicemen group. We have finished the local distribution of Lap Quilt and we are moving on to other areas.
  
- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio.
  - The 2023 champions are as follows: 19U West Hartford Post 96, 17U Naugatuck Pos 17, 15U West Hartford Post 96, 13U Glastonbury Post 56. This year's scholarships went to Ben Balducci and Peyton West both from South Windsor. These players are going on to play College ball; Ben Balducci U of ST Joe's, Petton West U Hart, Kiefer Culligan Dean College, Kiernam Caffrey AIC, and Hunter Pasqualini CCSU.
  
- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson.
  - Troop 880 is looking for donations of sleeping bags to donate to Hartford Bags of Love. We attended the Eagle award for Troop 186 on October 28th.
  
- Girl Scouts. Tom Field.
  - Looks like they will have 2 Gold Awards in the spring
  
- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field:
  - All members that participate will need to do background check. July 9-14 cost \$125. The program ended on July 14th with 19 cadets' participation, a video has been posted on our web site. We will be going into the High School to promote this program.
  
- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk.
  - We had 1600 wreaths this year, new charge for 2023 \$17 per wreath. The State ceremony is Monday December 11, 2023 12 noon, dress is Blue & Grays for all participating, the town ceremony is Saturday December 16th 12 noon at VMP, dress is legion casual and warm. The Wreaths arrived on Thursday December 14th.
  
- Blue Star Families. Contact Art with any one we should honor.
  
- Graduation cords. Art Sladyk:
  - The High School took care of the cords for 2022. The High School will take care of this for 2023, 3 students going in to the Military received cords this year.

- Post Home Committee - Art Sladyk:
  - The Town met with us to inspect the Clapp property on the corner of Sullivan Ave and Route 5, the building is in very good shape. We met with the 59 Sullivan Ave 501C3 committee on Wednesday September 14th Art had a meeting with the 501c3 on June 14th to discuss moving forward. The 501c3 has acquired insurance for the building. We have a meeting on Wednesday 10/11/2023. They are an official 501C3.
  
- Oratorical. Roger Anderson:
  - The Assigned Topics for the 2024 Oratorical Contest have been released: 1 Amendment II, 2 Amendment XXII, 3 Amendment XXV, section 3, 4 Amendment V. Alivia has backed out.
  
- Boys State and Girls State. Pete Bortolan /Roger Anderson:
  - Boys State will be held at the University of New Haven campus this year, June 23 – 29, cost will stay at \$350 per student. All members that participate will need to do background check. Girls State will be at the University of New Haven at the same time as Boys State.
  - Pete, Roger and Tom went to the High School to talk to students about Boys and Girls State and SPYW. We have 6 boys for Boys State, Pete and Roger had an orientation for them on Tuesday June 6th at the Community Center. Department has over 100 registered now. Next year the cost will be going up to \$375 - \$400. The UNH was pleased with the combined program this year and we are in contract negotiations for a 3 year contact.
  
- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann:
  - Our Veterans Day Speaker has invited the Honor Guard to lunch after the ceremony.
  
- Car Show. Leigh Lovering:
  - Next year's show will be on Sunday September 8th with a rain date of Sunday September 15th. The 2024 Car Show flyer picture has been taken.
  
- Constitution and By Laws committee, chair is Roger Anderson (Judge Advocate), exofficio members Joe Haney (Commander) and Ken Lewis (Adjutant), voting members Gene Botteron, Carter Sutherland, Tom Filed, Bruce Botti, Skip Fisher, and Phil Medeiros. Going forward the committee will meet on the first Monday at 3:00pm ever month. We have completed the Constitution and are now working on the Bylaws; we only have 5 more articles to set up, we are done.
  
- Buddy Check committee, Gene Botteron is the chair; we have 7 volunteers that will be calling our Post members. We have completed the first set of calls and will start on the second set of calls this fall.



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POST EVENTS CALENDAR  
December 19, 2023

December 20, 2023, 2:00pm Visit with vets at Harbor Chase, group meeting 4-6 veterans Happy Holiday cards will be delivered.

December 21, 2023, Veterans coffee hour at the SW Community Center

December 26, 2023, 2:00pm Visit with vets at The Village at Buckland Court, group meeting 1-3 veterans Happy Holiday cards will be delivered.

December 28, 2023, 2:00pm, Visit with vets at Brookdale, group meeting 3-5 veterans Happy Holiday cards will be delivered.

January 2, 2024, 8:30am Post family breakfast at Emerald's

January 4, 2024, 10:30am – 12:00 noon Service officers at the Community Center

January 9, 2024, 6:00pm till 9:00pm, Post family night out at Oscar's, everyone is on their own, Oscar's will honor the lunch menu specials pricing.

January 16, 2024, 7:00pm Post 133 meeting South Windsor Community Center

January 20, 2024, 6:00pm Post 133 Social at the Nutmeg

January 24, 2024, First District meeting Post 40 East Windsor, coffee & donuts at 6:30pm meeting at 7:00pm

February 1, 2024, 10:30am – 12:00 noon Service officers at the Community Center

February 3, 2024, 12:30pm First District Oratorical contest, at the South Windsor Community Center 150 Nevers Rd

February 6, 2024, 8:30am Post family breakfast at Emerald's

February 13, 2024, 6:00pm till 9:00pm, Post family night out at Oscar's, everyone is on their own, Oscar's will honor the lunch menu specials pricing.

February 20, 2024, 7:00pm Post 133 meeting South Windsor Community Center