



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

February 20, 2024

- Opening ceremony.
- Officers roll call
- Deceased Members. Joseph Halloran, Peter Halowesko and Lionel McDonald
- 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 December 2023 meeting
- Sick Call. Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Sid Rabin, Peter Anthony, Bob Moeller and Richard Smith.
- 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 187 members renewed, transferred or new so far. We have 215 members that have renewed for the 2023 year. Ken has New Member Kits for our new post members.
- Service Officers Report. Since the December meeting, we have 3 new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on January 4th we had 3 people come in for help
- Officers reports; Jr Vice – Carter Sutherland, report on the Post Social
- Committee Reports (See page two).
- Balloting on applications –
- Un Finished Business. Post Constitution and By Laws
- Initiation of candidates;

- New Business.

1. Post dues to increase to \$40.00 for the 2024-2025 year, Department went up \$5 & National went up \$5.
2. Sponsor tee sign for the Department Golf Tournament for \$100.
3. Discussion of donation to the Clap House Preservation inc. 501C3
4. Donation to the American Legion Bowling tournament raffle

- Correspondence

- The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the memberships

- Good of the Legion.

1. Check out the post's website. 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.

Distinguished Guests:

Asst Department Treasurer – Roger Anderson
1st District Department Vice Commander Joe Haney

- Next Post meeting March 19, 7:00 pm, Community Center, in room 205-207.

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Next District meeting, is February 28, 2024, Post 142 Hartford, Americanism ceremony at 6:30pm, food and meeting to follow.



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January 16, 2024
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin

We visited 5 facilities and 2 home since the December meeting.

We met with 21 Veterans and Residents by 19 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.

Registration for teams has started, background checks and the sexual harassment training video are available now.

- 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. We raise \$6600.00 this year in round numbers. The State Ceremony went well and the Town ceremony was well attended.

- Blue Star Families. Contact Art with any one we should honor.

- Graduation cords. Art, 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. Art will meet will the group on January 10th

- 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. The District contest will be February 3, 2024

- 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. The Color Guard did an outstanding job at both the State and Town WAA ceremonies.

- 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 Field, Bruce Botti, Skip Fisher, and Phil Medeiros. We have completed the Constitution & By Laws, and now the Executive committee is working on setting up the necessary meeting to vote on expectance by the Post membership.

- 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

February 20, 2024

February 22, 2024, 2:00pm, Visit with vets at Brookdale, group meeting 3-5 vet

February 28, 2024, 6:30pm, First District meeting and Americanism ceremony, Post 142 Hartford. Ceremony at 6:30pm food and meeting to follow, dress Blue and Grays.

March 5, 2024, 8:30am Post family breakfast at Emerald's

March 7, 2024, 10:30am – 12:00 noon Service officers at the Community Center

March 12, 2023, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, Post night out at Oscar'

March 19, 2024, 7:00pm Post monthly meeting South Windsor Community Center.

March 21, 2024, 9:00am, Veterans coffee hour, South Windsor Community Center, teen center room.

March 27, 2024, First District, tentative Post 102 Manchester. 6:30pm food and meeting to follow, dress Legion casual.

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

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

April 9, 2024, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, Post night out at Oscar's.

April 16, 2024, 7:00pm Post monthly meeting South Windsor Community Center.

April 18, 2024, 9:00am, Veterans coffee hour, South Windsor Community Center, teen center room.

April 22, 2024, registration 10:00am Shotgun start 12:00pm, Department Golf Tournament, Lake of Isles North golf course.

April 28, 2024, 1:00pm, American Legion Family Bowling Tournament, Fund raiser for the CT Childrens Medical Center, Bowl-a-Rama Newington