



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of January 17, 2023 Meeting

Commander Joe Haney opened the meeting with the proper ceremony. All officers were present or accounted for.

Introduction of Distinguished Quests

Department Vice Commander for the 1st District Joe Haney

Asst Department Treasurer Roger Anderson

Introduction of Guests: Clare from post 59 in Windsor and Elliot Donne's Wife.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the December meeting.

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Vebert Deane

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown, Raquel Santiago, Leigh Lovering and Sal Terranova.

Prospective new members: None

Membership: We have 240 members who have renewed, transferred or joined the Post for the 2022 year our 2022 goal is 195, Art has set our goal at 250.

The 2023 membership year has started, our goal is 195, we have 202 members that have renewed for the 2023 year, we have set a goal of 275.

Gene reported on membership, and asked all members to ask any veteran's they know to join our Post,

Ken has New Members Kits for our new members.

Service Officers Report. - - Service Officers Report. Since the December meeting, we have 2 new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on January 5th we spoke with 3 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports.

Junior Vice Commander – Carter Sutherland. The Post Social is this Saturday, as of today we have 53 people attending.

Commander – Joe Haney. The CT Veterans Hall of Fame induction is this Thursday and a South Windsor resident Craig Jordan is being inducted. The ceremony is at the State Armory at 5:00pm, anyone can attend.

Committee Reports:

- Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin Report on file.

We visited 3 facilities since the December meeting.

Veterans 7 Residents 4 by 11 Post member hours.

If anyone is interested in joining us the Residence has the best turn out our next visit is February 7th at 2:00pm.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio.

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. We may have 2 Eagles coming up.

- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. One Girl coming up for the Gold Award.

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. Nothing has been announced yet,

- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, we will be picking up the wreaths on January 21st. We should be seeing about \$7800 from Wreaths Across America. Capewell manufacturing in South Windsor just donated \$1500 for next year. Clare from Post 59 will be heading up the Windsor fundraising for Post 59 in Windsor this year.

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

~~- Graduation cords.~~

- 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 will report.

We are not committed to this house yet, but we are helping the 501C3, to clean up the property.

A dumpster has been placed at the house to clean up after the vandalism. The 501c3 is going to have an engineer look at the building to see if it is up to being renovated.

This project will take a lot of fund raising mostly through Grants.

- Oratorical. Roger Anderson. We have 1 contestant for the Post 2023 contest the contest will be on January 30th at the Community Center, set up at 5:30pm. Roger will need all the officers to be available to run this program. All members that participate will need to do background check.

We have one student that may want to do it next year.

- 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. The Boys State applications will be out the beginning of February. At this time, we know that Girls State will be at a College but the date has not been confirmed.

-Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. Thank you to all that showed up for Veber Deane's Funeral

-Car Show. Leigh Lovering. Next year's date for the car show will be September 10, 2023 with a rain date of September 17, 2023.

-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. The Committee met on December 5, 2022 at 4:00pm at the Wapping Community House, with a follow up meeting on Monday January 9, 2023 at 3:00pm, going forward the committee will meet on the first Monday at 3:00pm ever month.

-Buddy Check committee, Gene Botteron is the chair, we have 7 volunteers that will be calling our Post members Balloting on applications – David Stebbins and Jenna Palisoul, motion by Tom and seconded by Carter to except these new members.

- Un Finished Business. None

- New Business.

1. Annual Post Data Report for 2024 increase by \$5 to \$35, a motion was made by Ken second by Carter to increase our dues to \$35 for the 2024 year, vote was 2 no all the rest yes the motion carries .

- 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. All of our forms and calendar of events are on the web site, the membership forms are now fillable.
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. The Post Social will be on Saturday January 21, 2023, 5:30pm – 9:30pm at the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor, cost is \$35 per person.
5. Mid-Winter Conference January 27-28 2023, many training opportunities, the Post will pay for the \$5 registration for anyone that wants to attend.
6. The Post will be taking over getting the volunteers for Veterans in the classroom going forward. We would like to come up with a list of questions to ask the students.
7. Lehman Asked for volunteers for the Post Color Guard & Honor Guard.
8. The next Honor Flight CT will be on May 6th.

Distinguished Quests:

- Next Post meeting February 21st, 7:00 pm, Community Center, in room 205-207.

Next District meeting, January 25, 2023, Post 102 Manchester, coffee & donuts 6:30pm meeting 7:00pm.

Dress is Legion casual.

The Meeting was adjourned with the proper ceremony by SR Vice Commander Gen Botteron.

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant