



American Legion Post 133
Minutes of October 18, 2022 Meeting

SR. Vice Commander Gene Botteron opened the meeting with the proper ceremony. All officers present or accounted for.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests: Asst. Department Treasurer Roger Anderson

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Fred Edlund

Sick Call: Mario Zapata (cannot stand on his own), Dave Papp, Tom Brown (at home now), Peter Anthony fell doing better now and Sal Terranova.

Prospective new members:

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 162 members that have renewed for the 2023 year, we have set a goal of 275. Ken has New Members Kits for our new members.

Service Officers Report. - - Service Officers Report. Since the August meeting, we have 3 new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on October 6th we spoke with 5 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports:

- **Judge Advocate Roger Anderson** – The Constitution and Bylaws committee will meet on October 28, 4:00pm at the Wapping Community House.

--**Senior Vice Commander – Gene Botteron.** I have Legion Brochures and Applications. Gene reported on an article in this month's Legion magazine about Patrick Ladell from Columbus Georgia who has brought in 342 new members.

Committee Reports:

- Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin: Veteran 16 Residents 9 by 23 Post member hours. The Residence is having a veteran's lunch in on November 10th.
- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. No report.
- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. No report.
- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. He spoke to Lisa Copper said they will have one or two girls for the Gold Award in the spring.
- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. The State Ceremony will be on Monday December 12, 2022, 12:00 noon and the South Windsor Ceremony will be Saturday December 17, 2022, 12:00 noon. We will 1600 Wreaths for 2022. WAA fund raisers October 22, 2022, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Stop & Shop. We will be doing fund raisers in Windsor also.
Report on, October 8, 2022, fund raiser at Geissler', received donations for 144 Wreaths from Geissler's and the Windsor Craft fair, we have 800 Wreaths donated so far.
The Stop and Shop fund raiser will be this week end, we still need more people to sign up to help.
- 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. Nothing new to report.
- Oratorical. Roger Anderson, it looks like we will have 2 contestants for the Post 2023 contest, Roger will need all the officers to be available to run this program. All members that participate will need to do background check._
- Boys State and Girls State. Pete Bortolan /Roger Anderson, Will be held at a college campus this year. All members that participate will need to do background check._

- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. Need to change the next training from the October 22nd to 29th.
- Car Show. Leigh Lovering. After report on Car Show from Leigh Lovering, net revenue for the show was \$3292.00. The date for the 2023 car show will be September 10th 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 and Phil Medeiros we need 2 more voting members to volunteer for this committee. The Committee will meet on October 28, 2022 at 4:00pm at the Wapping Community House.
- **Un Finished Business.** We are setting up a Constitution & Bylaws committee, the chair is Roger Anderson (Judge Advocate), exofficio members Joe Haney (Commander) and Ken Lewis (Adjutant), voting members Gene Botteron, Phil Medeiros we need 2 more voting members to volunteer for this committee. We had 4 members ask to join the committee, Carter Sutherland, Tom Field, Bruce Botti and Skip Fisher.
- **New Business.**
 1. The Executive Committee has received a letter from Raquel tendering her resignation as Jr. Vice Commander
A motion was made by Ken with regrets second by Tom to except Raquel's resignation. The Post wants to thank Raquel for her time as Jr Vice and all the fund raising, she and Adam and Nev have done for our Post.
 2. We need to fill the Jr Vice Commander position; we will take nominations for this position tonight and till next month's meeting. At the November meeting we will vote for a new Jr Vice Commander, notice of this election will be sent out to all members e-mails after this meeting. Carter Sutherland has said he will run for JR Vice.
 3. Warming hands warming hearts donation, a suggestion was made that post members donate on their own to this.
 4. A motion was made and second to donate \$250 to the Silver Star 5K for Sea Scouts and Young Marines, the motion passed.
 5. A motion as made and second to donate \$250 to the SW Irish committee for the St Patrick's Day Parade, the motion passed.
- **Correspondence** - The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.
- Thank you note from the Newberry and Purcell family to the Post Honor Guard for doing the Military Honors for Warren Newberry Sr.
- letter from Navy Sea Cadets and Young Marines looking for sponsorship for their fundraiser.
- **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. Dayton is looking for members of the Honor Guard and Post to attend his turning over his uncles WWII flag and metals at the Wright Military Museum in Wolfeboro New Hampshire
 4. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be held at the South Windsor Community Center Banquet room on Sunday November 13th, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. This is put on by Carter Cares and the Knights of Columbus. Respond to Sue at 860-748-5137, this is for serving military, veterans and their families.
- **Distinguished Quets:** Asst Department Treasurer Roger Anderson The Department Testimonial for Commander Rich Linnon will be on November 19th, at the Casa Mia restaurant in Newington, 6:00pm cash bar social, Dinner at 7:00pm, cost is \$45.
- Next Post meeting November, 15th, 7:00 pm, Community Center, in room 205-207.
- Next District meeting, September 16th, Post 197 Marlborough, 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