



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of November 15, 2022 Meeting

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

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

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

Introduction of Guests: none

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Bob Shaffer WWII Navy veteran

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown in the Hebrew home in West Hartford, Sandy Warshavsky, 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 179 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 October meeting, no new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on November 6th we spoke with 3 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports.

-Judge Advocate Roger Anderson - The Constitution and Bylaws committee is fully staffed; we have had 2 meeting.

-Historian Skip Fisher - Passed around a copy of a western union telegram from WWII, Bruce brought it to Skips attention he received it from a client, it was a telegram from a WWII soldier telling his mother he was leaving Pearl Harbor on the Battle Ship Wisconsin on his way home in 1945.

-Chaplain Lehman Mann - nothing new.

--Senior Vice Commander - Gene Botteron. I would like to set up a Buddy Check committee to make calls to our members to check and make sure they are ok each person would make 2 calls a year to his or her contacts. Anyone interested please let me know after the meeting.

Commander - Joe Haney. I had a great time at Orchard Hill Elementary School for veteran's day, I was called on to speak at the High School to be recorded for the students. I would like to thank everyone that came out for the Veteran's in the classroom and the Ceremony at VMP. I would like to thank our immediate Past Commander Art and the past leadership of the Posts for having set all this up.

Committee Reports:

- Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin - Veterans 14 Residents 10 by 29 Post member hours.
 - Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. No report.
 - Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. No report
 - Girl Scouts. Tom Field. I invited the Girls Scouts to come to the WAA ceremony and to help put out the wreaths.
 - State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check._
 - Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. The State Ceremony will be on Monday December 12, 2022, 12:00 noon as long as the State responds to me it's OK and the South Windsor Ceremony will be Saturday December 17, 2022, 12:00 noon. We will 1600 Wreaths for 2022.
- Report on WAA fund raiser October 22, 2022, 8:00am – 5:00pm, at Stop & Shop. We have 1200 wreaths so far, Rand Olson just donated \$500. We will be starting to Post on Social Media about the Town ceremony. Eli Terry donated \$853.40 from their PJ fund raiser for WAA. I will be sending out a request for help soon to pick up the flags from the cemeteries and put in the markers for the WAA.
- The signs are up around town and we will be at the SW Craft Fair on December 4th to raise money for WAA.
- Blue Star Families. Contact Art with any one we should honor.
 - Graduation cords. Art, The High School took care of the cords for 2022.
 - 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. There was a break in to the building and damage to the inside we are working with the 501c3 to secure the building.
 - 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. The Post contest will be in late January. Roger will need help for the Post contest.
 - 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. At this time, we know that the Girls State will be at a College but the date has not been confirmed.
 - Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. We are working on having a live fire practice this Saturday.
 - Car Show. Leigh Lovering. Next year's date for the car show will be September 12, 2023 with a rain date of September 19, 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 October 28, 2022 at 4:00pm at the Wapping Community House, with a follow up meeting on Monday November 14th at 3:00pm
 - Buddy Check Committee. Chair Gene Botteron

- Unfinished Business.

We need to fill the Jr Vice Commander position; Carter Sutherland has said he will run. At the November meeting we will vote for a new Jr Vice Commander, notice of this election was sent out to all members via e-mails on November 1, 2022. We will take nominations from the floor. With no nominations from the floor Pete made a motion to close nominations and have the Adjutant case one vote for Carter Ron seconded the motion hearing no discussion the Adjutant case one vote for Carter.

- New Business. Ken made a motion to donate \$250 to the South Windsor food and fuel bank Tom seconded the motion and the motion passed

- 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 12, 2023, 5:30pm – 9:30pm at the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor, cost is \$35 per person.
5. Honor Flight CT will be having another trip this spring if you know anyone that is interested let Lehman know.
6. The Manchester vet's council has requested that we come to the Manchester road race with the truck.
7. Thank you to Carter and the Knights of Columbus for putting on the Veterans appreciation dinner.
8. Bruce Botti won the 50/50 raffle at the Irish committee fund raiser and donated it back the SW Irish committee and the Post Veterans relief fund, \$280 each.

- Distinguished Quests: None

- Next Post meeting December, 20th, 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 Gene Botteron.

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant