



**American Legion Post 133**  
**Minutes of December 20, 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 1<sup>st</sup> District Joe Haney  
Asst. Department Treasurer Roger Anderson

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

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

**Finance Report:** Finance report on file.

**Deceased members:** None

**Sick Call:** Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown in the Hebrew home in West Hartford, Raquel has a broken ankle, 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 190 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 November meeting, we have one new client for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on December 1st we spoke with 4 veterans or dependents looking for help.

**Officer Reports.**

**Junior Vice Commander – Carter Sutherland.** The Post Social is coming up in January please send in your reservation. We will be again doing the 50/50 raffle at all meeting to help fund social events.

**Commander – Joe Haney.** Thank you to all the post members that attended the WAA ceremony both at the State Capitol and at VMP here in South Windsor.

**Committee Reports:**

- Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin We visited all 6 facilities since the November meeting. At Evergreen Crossing the wife of a deceased veteran put on a power point presentation about her husband being a prisoner of war in WWII. Veterans 17, Residents 11, by 30 Post member hours.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio.

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. Boy Scouts to help at WAA on December 17th

- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. Girl Scouts to help with WAA on December 17<sup>th</sup>, both Girl Scouts and Daises came. We have one Girl coming up for the Gold Ward.

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. Nothing new.
- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. Art thanked everyone that worked on this project, we covered out SW graves and donated 600 wreaths to Windsor.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> Art will report. A dumpster will be 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.
- 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.
- 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 Girls State will be at a College but the date has not been confirmed, nothing new on Girls State.
- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. Thank you to all that participated in the State and Town ceremony.
- 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 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
- Un Finished Business. None
- New Business.
  1. Motion to donate \$100 for a Tee sign for the Post 91 VJ Day Parade Golf Tournament, all proceeds will go to Jim LaCoursiere run for National Commander for the 2024-2025 year. Motion by Ken second Roger, motion passed.
  2. Donation to the Flying Yankees Centennial Committee. A motion was made by Bob second by Tom to donate \$500, the motion passed
- Correspondence
  - The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.
  - Christmas card for the 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Joe Haney
  - Christmas card for Guys Electric
  - email from the Flying Yankees Centennial Committee looking for donations to support their celebrations for the 100% anniversary of the Connecticut Air National Guard.
  - we received a thank you card from Bob Shaffer's family.-We received a \$250 donation to the Veterans Relief Fund from John Zahner.

**-Good of the Legion.**

1. Check out the post's website. [www.swlegion133.org](http://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. Mid-Winter Conference, many training opportunities, the Post will pay for the \$5 registration for anyone that wants to attend.
6. Roger has baseball cap for \$25 if anyone would like one.
7. Gene received a \$100 donation for WAA at the VMP ceremony
8. Our deceased member Bob Venti was honored in the Manchester Rod Race program

- **Distinguished Quests:** Roger Anderson – Depart. Asst Treasurer – get your reservations in early for the Mid-Winter conference.

- Next Post meeting Jan, 17<sup>th</sup>, 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