



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of February 21, 2023 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: Clare and Frank from post 59 in Windsor and Elliot Donne's Wife.

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Joseph Kizis

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown is at the Hebrew home permanently now, Raquel Santiago, Leigh Lovering, Sandy 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 206 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 January meeting, we have 3 new clients for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on February 2nd we spoke with 3 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports.

Junior Vice Commander – Carter Sutherland. We have a 50/50 raffle tonight proceeds go to fund social activities for the post.

Committee Reports:

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

We visited 5 facilities since the January meeting.

Veterans 18 Residents 12 by 23 Post member hours.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. The 31st SW Legion Baseball Golf tournament will be Sunday May 21, 2023 at Topstone Golf Course the cost is \$150 per player.

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. There are 2 Eagles coming up.

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

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: State Police youth week is on for 2023, it will run July 9th to July 14th. The cost is \$125

- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, we will be picking up the wreaths on January 21st. We received a check from WAA for \$6600.00 we still have more to come. The Wreaths for the 2023 year are going up to \$17, our payback is still \$5.

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

-Graduation cords. Art, The High School took care of the cords for 2022, and will take care of this year also.

-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.

He Post and community members did the cleanup and filled the dumpster last Saturday, 25 people showed up to help. We still need to get another dumpster to clean out the attic and basement plus the garage. We are having a structural engineer come to look at the building.

We have another meeting with the 501C3 on Wednesday 2/15/2023.

- Oratorical. Roger Anderson. We held the Post 2023 on January 30th at the Community Center, with only one student Dhanya Chasmawala moved on to the 1st District contest on February 4th at the Community center, we had two student, Dhanya from Post 133 and Amanda Thompson from post 72, Dhanya won the First District Contest and will be moving on to the Department contest on March 4th at the State Police Academy in Meriden. Workers and contestants should arrive by 8:15am contest will start at 9:30.

- 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 and Roger will be going into classes at the High School on March 20th.

-Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. We will have a training on Saturday February 25th. Thank you to all that showed up for Joseph Kizis 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. The Flyers and trophies have been ordered. Trophy sponsorship will be \$75 and Corporate Sponsorship is \$275 all Corporate sponsors will be on a banner to fly at Nomads.

-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. 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

Bruce and Elliot have been added to the committee. The group has made contact with 50 Post members

Balloting on applications – none

- Unfinished Business. None

A short recess was called for raffle sales

- New Business.

1. A motion was made by Ken second by Tom to sponsor a tee sign for the SW Legion Golf Tournament for \$100 the motion passed.

2. A motion was made by Ken second by Tom to make a donation to SW Legion Baseball program for a banner for \$200 the motion passed.

3. A motion was made Jim second by Elliot to make a Donation of \$300 to Carter Care. 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 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 Guests:

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

- Next District meeting, Jan 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