



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of March 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 Joe Pepin from Post 115 FL and his wife

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: None

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown is at the Hebrew home permanently now, Raquel Santiago started physical therapy, Gene Botteron 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 210 members that have renewed for the 2023 year, and 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 February meeting, we have 1 new client for SS&M Fund, we did Service Officers at the Community Center on March 2nd we spoke with 3 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports. None

Committee Reports: -

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

We visited 5 facilities since the February meeting.

Veterans 19 Residents 12 by 31 Post member hours.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. They are doing try outs right now, remember the Golf Tournament on May 21st

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. 3 are coming up for Eagle, 1 from the Girls Troop.

- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. One Girl coming up for the Gold Award in April 16th

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. July 9-14 cost \$125.

Roger Pete and Tom spoke to the classes at the high school about this and Boys and Girls State.

- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, new charge for 2023 \$17 per wreath

- Blue Star Families. Contact Art with any one we should honor.
- Graduation cords. Art, The High School took care of the cords for 2022. The High School will take care of this for 2023.
- 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. A dumpster will be placed at the house to clean up after the vandalism. Art had a structural engineer come and look at the house, he said it is sound.
- 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, the State contest was held on March 4th, Dhanya placed 3rd.
- 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, Roger and Tom talked to 9 Jr classes about these programs and SPYW.
- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. Report on St. Patrick's Day parade, low turn out but we made it work with Art, Lehman, Gene Billy Carrol and Tom. The Guard will have a training on Saturday March 25th. Joe presented Lehman Mann with Captain of the Guard bars and Sgt of the guard chevrons for his Sgt.
- 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. We need help the day of the show with the raffle tables
- 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. 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 – none
- Unfinished Business. None

A short recess was called for raffle sales

- Initiation of candidates;
- New Business.
 1. Motion was made by Leigh second by Tom to donate to Shelia Strong, \$500, for her \$2500 goal in the Relay For life breast cancer fund raiser, the motion passed.
 2. Motion to give Ron Zeala \$100 gift card, in recognition of doing the structural inspection of the building at 59 Sullivan Ave. He is a structural engineer.
 3. Carter has a representative for Take a Vet Fishing coming to next month's meeting.
- Correspondence
 - The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.
 - Carter Cares is one of the charities that American Eagle have listed to vote for, everybody please vote for Carter.
 - The Navy Sea Cadets sent a thank you note for our tee sign sponsorship

- 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. VJ Day Parade Golf Classic April 17, 2023 \$140.00 per player at Lake of Isles South. Proceeds to go to Team Connecticut for Jim LaCoursiere's National Commander campaign.
5. American Legion Family Bowling Tournament, April 30, 2023 1:00pm, Bowl-O-Rama Newington 4-man teams \$25.00 per person, includes shoe rental, 3 games and pizza.
6. Carter has coats to distribute tonight
7. District 1 and 6 Kids walk at Rockwell Park in Bristol April 22, 2023 9:00am
8. Art brought up the Lions Club pancake breakfast, April 2nd 9:00am
9. Jim Brought up that the State came out on December 22nd to honor the SW Vietnam vets
10. Joe Pepin talked about his FL Post lollypop fundraisers and how you need to get in front of the public to have this work, it's up to all members to fund raise.

- Distinguished Quests:

Asst Department Treasurer Roger Anderson – remember the upcoming Department Bowling tournament we still have openings for teams. The Applications for SPYW are on line now.

- Next Post meeting April 18th 7:00 pm, Community Center, in room 205-207.

- Next District meeting, March 22, 2023, Post133 South Windsor, Carter will be doing a meatloaf dinner at 6:30pm meeting to follow. Dress will be Legion Casual.

The Meeting was adjourned with the proper ceremony by Commander Joe Haney

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant