



American Legion Post 133
Minutes of April 18, 2023 Meeting

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

A motion was made by Carter second by Roger to suspend the meeting for the Take a Vet fishing group and Lt Col. Cheryl Mead came to talk about the 103rd Air National Guard 100th anniversary celebrations, and our participation in the Family picnic. We presented the Lt. Col. With a donation from the Post for their events of \$500.

A motion was made to return to regular business,

Introduction of Distinguished Quests

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

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Dan Rezende

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Tom Brown is at the Hebrew home permanently now, Raquel Santiago started physical therapy, Sandy Warshavsky 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 211 members that have renewed for the 2023 year, and we have set a goal of 275.

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, Bruce did Service Officers at the Community Center on April 6th he spoke with 2 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports.

Commander Joe Haney – Spoke about the National Commanders visit.

Girl Scout Gold Award, I will look into medal to give to both the Girls Scout Gold Award and Boy Scout Eagles

Jr Vice Commander Carter Sutherland – We had no winner last month for the 50/50 raffle so it will roll over to tonight's raffle.

Committee Reports: -

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

We visited 6 facilities since the March meeting.

Veterans 20 Residents 11 by 27 Post member hours.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. The South Windsor Legion Baseball golf tournament is May 21, 1:00pm at Topstone. The 13U are playing now.
- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. Eagle court of honor on Saturday Troop 880.
- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. Post members attended the Girl Scout Gold Award for Aditi Maloure of Troop 10901 on Sunday April 16th.
- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. July 9-14 cost \$125. Only one application so far from last year.
- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, new charge for 2023 \$17 per wreath. This year we plan to double up on the fund raiser days at both Geissler's and Stop & Shop.
- 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 went to the High School to talk to students about Boys and Girls State and SPYW.
- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann.
- 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. We have 5 Corporate Sponsors and expect to receive 4 more with-in the next few weeks. The printing is all done, working on raffle items now.
- 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

- Un Finished Business. None

A short recess was called for raffle sales

Initiation of candidates;

- New Business.

A motion was made by Ken second by Carter to match Roger, Donna, Ken and Laurie's donation to the First District Kids Walk of \$100, also match any Post members donations at this meeting. All donations go to the Connecticut Childrens Hospital. We collected \$155 from Post members added to previous donations the Post matched the \$255, a donation of \$510 will be made to the 1st District kids walk.

- Correspondence

The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.

Letter on intent to run for Department Chaplain for Tom Honyatski

- Good of the Legion.

1. Check out the post's website. www.swlegion133.org. All of the 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. 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.
5. District 1 and 6 Kids walk at Rockwell Park in Bristol April 22, 2023 9:00am
6. Lap Quilt distributions will be starting soon. First distribution will be May 1st at Evergreen Crossing.
7. May 20th Armed Forces Day at Nevers Road Park
8. Honor Flight CT may 6th
9. Roger has baseball hats \$25
10. Elliot asked about the Armed Forces Day luncheon, Aqua Turf May 19th
11. May 29th Memorial Day Parade & ceremony at VMP, Post members will match and ride.

Distinguished Quets:

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

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant