



American Legion Post 133
Minutes of July 18, 2023 Meeting

Commander Senior Vice Commander Gene Botteron opened the meeting with the proper ceremony. All officers were present or accounted for.

Deceased members: Margaret Dopirak Bill's wife, Charter member of ALA Unit 133

A motion was made to suspend the meeting for the introduction of guests.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests: Asst. Department Treasurer Roger Anderson

Introduction of Guests: Ben Galducie ALBB scholarship recipient \$500 from Post 133

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

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Julio Henriques, Joe Pepin, Carter Sutherland, Dayton Stimson, and Sal Terranova.

Prospective new members: Robert Barber transferred in from Post 14

Membership: The 2024 membership year has started, our goal has not been set yet, Joe's goal for the year is 275 we have 60 members renewed, transferred or new so far. We have 215 members that have renewed for the 2023 year. Ken has New Members Kits for our new members.

Service Officers Report. - - Service Officers Report. Since the June meeting, we have 2 new clients for SS&M Fund, Bruce did Service Officers at the Community Center on July 6th he spoke with 2 people or looking for help via phone calls.

Officer Reports. None

Committee Reports: -

Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher, and Sid Rabin We visited 3 facilities since the May meeting.

Veterans 5 Residents 0 by 5 Post member hours. We Had 2 car shows in June, The Residence at SW Farms on June 13th, and The Village at Buckland Court on June 27th both with 5 cars.

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. SWLBB received a donation from Jennifer Glann for \$420. The season has started and Craig has a coach who wants to start up Legion Soft ball in South Windsor and CT. We presented a \$500 Scholarship to Ben Galducie from ALBB.

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. We attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Aiden Karter Keegan of Troop 880 at Wapping Church.

- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. Looks like they will have 2 Gold Awards in the spring

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. July 9-14 cost \$125. Department has 23 registered for SPYW. The program completed on July 14th; we had 19 participants this year.

- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, new charge for 2023 \$17 per wreath. We have fund raisers set up at Giessler's for October 7th and Stop & Shop for October 14th.

- 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, 3 students going in to the Military received cords this year.

-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 had a meeting with the 501c3 on June 14th to discuss moving forward. Art reported on the status of the committee.

- Oratorical. Roger Anderson. The Assigned Topics for the 2024 Oratorical Contest have been released: 1 Amendment II, 2 Amendment XXII, 3 Amendment XXV, section 3, 4 Amendment V

- 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. We have 6 boys for Boys State, Pete and Roger had an orientation for them on Tuesday June 6th at the Community Center. Department has over 100 registered now. Boys State will be going up next year to \$375 - \$400.

-Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. The Honor Guard did the Military Honors at Skip Hammond's service on Wednesday June 21st.

-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. All printing is done, working on raffle items now. Jim McIntyre is soliciting donations for the car show raffle.

-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. We have completed the Constitution and are now working on the Bylaws; we only have 6 more articles to set up.

-Buddy Check committee, Gene Botteron is the chair; we have 7 volunteers that will be calling our Post members. We have completed the first set of calls and will start on the second set of calls this fall

Balloting on applications – none

- Un Finished Business. None

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A short recess was called for raffle sales

Initiation of candidates; None.

- New Business. None

- The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.
- Thank you note from Tom Browns family for our Post's honors at his funeral
- Thank you not from Skip Hammond's family for the Honor Guard doing military Honors and a note to the Post to be read at the meeting.

- Good of the Legion.

1. Check out the post's website. www.swlegion133.org. All the forms and calendar of events are on the web site, the membership forms are now fill able.
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. Free day at VMP pool for all veterans and family July 23rd

5. Report on Department Convention, two resolutions, 1. change the constitution to add term limits to the Alt. NEC and the NEC to One term each, this did not pass, 2. To raise the Department dues by \$10 per year for the 2024-2025 year then reduce them by \$5 per year for the 2025-2026 year as National ill be going up by \$5 per year in the 2025-2026 year.
6. Bricks at VMP are now \$50
7. Leigh has Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force patches and American Legion patches.
8. Roger has Pot baseball caps

Distinguished Guests:

Department Ast. Treasurer Roger Anderson - the Department Commanders testimonial will be in November.

Our next meeting will be on August 15th at the Community Center.

The next District meeting is Wednesday September 27, 2023, Post 133 South Windsor, food at 6:30pm meeting to follow.

The Meeting was adjourned with the proper ceremony by Senior Vice Commander Gene Botteron

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant