



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of October 16, 2018 Meeting

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

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the meeting for the purpose of installation of Officers by Past First District Commander Richard Linnon.

The meeting was re convened.

Introduction of Guests: Richard Linnon Past First District Commander

Minutes: The minutes are posted on our web site and copies are available here, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted.

Finance Report: Finance report on file, anyone how would like a copy please see the Commander.

This fall we will be setting up a Finance Committee, Bob Starr Kent, Art, and John.

Deceased members: Roy Powers, members of the Post attended the wake and in mass rendered honors.

Sick Call: Dave Papp, Walter Dull, still home bound, Dave Papp doing better, Julio Henriques home now and Bob Hornish is home.

Prospective new members: None

Membership: Goal for 2018 = 165 Actual = 194, goal for 2019 = 180 Actual 132

Roger has Legion Lapel Pins for any new members that have never received one.

Service Officers: Ken Held Service Officers at the Community Center October 4th, 2 SS&M Fund client, and 2 Veterans relief clients. , and 2 VA intakes. Since last VRF has distributed \$600, our Auxiliary Unit donated \$100 of that money, thank you to our unit. Art and I meet with the Tri Town Cruzers and they let us know our VRF will be receiving a donation of \$800 - \$1000.

Officers Reports: Jr vice Bill reported he will be on vacation for the next 3 weeks so talk to Ken or Leigh.

Committee Reports:

Legion Baseball, Jim Anastasio. No report.

Boy Scouts, Jim Anastasio & Skip Hammond. The 3 troops in town have 18 Life scouts so we look forward to many new Eagle scouts in the future. A troop 880 scout has taken on the fire pit project at VMP for his Eagle project. Jim works nights and can no longer take on this committee so we need someone to step up to be the committee chair for the Boy Scouts.

Girl Scouts, Jim Anastasio, No report, Jim works nights and can no longer take on this committee so we need someone to step up to be the committee chair for the Girl Scouts.

Wreaths Across America, Art Sladyk, For 2018 the ceremony at the State

Capitol will be held on December 10th and at Veterans Memorial Park on December 15th. Fund raisers Geisseler's Saturday October 20th, Stop & Shop Saturday October 27th, as of today we have about two thirds of the donations we need.

Oratorical, Roger Anderson, We will be working to get in to TEM to promote this program; we've talked to Nancy Larson to put this program together at TEM. The District Oratorical contest will be in South Windsor this year at the Community Center on Saturday February 2nd snow date Saturday February 15th at 9:00am.

Boys State and Girls State, Roger Anderson. Roger is going to the High School to promote Boys and Girls State and SPYW programs.

State Police Youth Week, Tom Field. Nothing new, Roger has the names of the 3 students from this year for the photo op with the police department.

Military Commitment Certificates, Frank Simao. We have the list of students that are going in the military this year and will work on list of their parents to add to the Blue Star banner ceremony.

Blue Star Families, Art Sladyk. Looking to do the ceremony this winter, after the holidays and not on a Post meeting night.

Graduation cords, Art Sladyk. The High School is on board for this next year, will order the cords for 2019.

Visits with Veterans, Skip Fisher. Visited with 30 veterans, residents 19 by 20 post volunteers, at the three homes in town, and 3 home bound veterans. We have begun to start our visits with the Pledge of Allegiance, the activities this month were large group visits, one on one visits, bingo, DVD's. We will be giving out Veterans Day cards at the 3 facilities in Town again this year.

The Ivy in Ellington has invited us to go to a breakfast for local Veterans on Monday November 12th at 9:00am, please let Skip know if you can go to help out.

The DAR will be honoring Judy from the Sewn4service members group at First Congregational Church for her work with the Lap Quilt program.

Car Show, Leigh Lovering. This year's show was a great success, 158 registered cars. Chinese Raffle raised \$1130.00 and our half of the gate raised \$790.00. Thank you to Leigh and Ron and

everyone that came to help. The estimated profit from the show is \$5100.00. Next year's show is on September 8, 2019, hold the date.

Old Business.

1. Check out the Web Site www.swlegion133.org
2. Town ordinance for Veterans Fund raisers, we are now registered with the Town. We are working with the State to add a minimum that a registered Veteran fund raiser must donate to the Veterans.
3. Set up Finance Committee, made up of the Finance Officer (nonvoting), Bob Starr, John Belondin Tom Field and Art Querido.
4. Bob Starr is working on registering us with the State of CT Consumer Protection department.

- Correspondence

- Department bulletin is on post's website. Check out the information on:
- Centennial Celebration, Aqua Turf, (11/10) we now have 550 plus registered for the dinner.
- Letter from SW Chamber of Commerce about the awards banquet.
- Invitation from Philip R. Smith to come to their Veterans Day Ceremony on November 12th at 9:00am, this will be at the old Orchard Hill Elementary School. We need to let them know how many will attend and their names and service, you can also submit a picture of yourself in uniform from your service.
- SW Historical Society has invited our Post to participate in diary of a WWI Doctor discussion and let them know about Abe E. Miller whom our Post is named for. This is at Wood Memorial Library on Thursday October 25th at 7:00pm.
- Thank you note from The Historical Society for our \$200 donation.

New Business.

-Donation to Irish October Fest October 21st to raise money for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, last year we donated \$150. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$150, the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the meeting for the purpose of a special presentation, the motion passed.

Art made a presentation to thank Visalia and Caroline Brandolie for their work on supplying Lap Blankets to our Veterans in South Windsor; we also made a donation of \$200 to them to help offset the cost of the yarn for their lap blankets

Good Of the Legion.

- . -Post honor guard at funerals. Help us provide honors.
- The SW Police will again run the Haunted Torch walk in October.

- Centennial Celebration, Aqua Turf, (11/10), we have a table of 10 going; if anyone else would like to attend you can send in a registration from the Bulletin.

-Sandy, Ken and Bob attended the Medal of Honor Ceremony for Master Sergeant John A. Chapman in Windsor Locks on Sunday September 30th, Ken carried our Post Colors.

November 22nd our Post has been asked to provide the service flags and our Post truck for the Veterans area at the Manchester Turkey Day race, the race is dedicated to Veterans this year.

The Lions Club Spaghetti dinner fund raiser will be Saturday November 10th, 4:00pm - 7:00pm at the Ellington road Fire House, if you can come out to support them they support us.

Our Post will be hosting the March 27th, 2019 First District meeting at the community center.

It was brought up that we should ask Sammsel and Carmon funeral home in town to let Veterans families know they can get a Marker or medallion for the cemetery.

Veterans in the class room South Windsor High School Friday November 9th, arrive at 7:15 for 7:30 opening ceremony, then proceed to Class room, we need volunteers.

Saturday November 10th, re dedication of the Major Donnelly preserve, 2:00pm about 20 minutes, again we need volunteers for the color guard. Rain date Sunday the 11th 2:00 pm.

Sunday November 11th, Veterans Day ceremony at VMP, 11, 11, 11, need members for the color guard.

This is the 100th anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

Monday November 12th, PR Smith and Eli Terry Veterans Assembly, if you can come let Art know.

Bob Venti brought up;

Goodwin College Student Veteran appreciation day November 8th 9:00-11:00 lunch to follow at noon, they still need a Legion representative to man a table.

Rocky Hill High School Veterans day ceremony November 15th, 7:30am to 9:00am.

Vets Rock Mohegan Sun November 2nd, 9:00am till 5:00pm

Fallen Star fund raiser November 17th 5:00pm at the Pratt Hanger, \$25 donation is recommended.

- Next Post meeting November 20th, 7:00 pm, Community Center, Rm 207.

- Next District meeting, October 24th, Post 2, Bristol, food 6:30pm, meeting to follow, dress Legion Casual.

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The Meeting was adjourned with the proper ceremony by Commander Art Sladyk.

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis