



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of November 20, 2018 Meeting

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

Introduction of Guests Guest Jack Sammsel a junior at South Windsor High School is looking to get in to one of the Military Academies and will be going to Boys State this year and would like to participate in Legion Functions.

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 who would like a copy please see the Commander.

Deceased members: Roger Plourde and Donald Chapman.

Sick Call: Dave Papp, Walter Dull, still home bound, Lincoln Streeter, and Skip Fisher is home from the hospital after knee surgery.

Prospective new members: New members, Bob Edicon Navy, Frank Air Force.

Membership: Goal for 2019 = 180 Actual 162, our Post goal is 200.

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

Service Officers report: Held Service Officers at the Community Center November 1st, 4 SS&M Fund client, and 2 VA intakes. The Tri Town Cruzers sent a check for \$1000 for the VRF; also the Manchester Road Race sent a \$300 donation for the VRF.

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

Committee Reports: Bill reported on the Post & Unit Social and reminded everyone of the breakfast for January being moved to January 8th

Legion Baseball, Jim Anastasio. No report.

Boy Scouts, Jim Anastasio & Skip Hammond. We are still looking for someone to step up and take this committee on. Troop 880 Eagle Scout project is to install the fire pit at VMP for our flag retirement ceremonies. The Troops in town have 16 life scouts beginning to work on Eagle.

Girl Scouts, Jim Anastasio, No report, we are still looking for someone to step up and take this committee on.

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. The High School Interact Club will be at the Ceremony in town to help. We have 1293 Wreaths this year.

Oratorical, Roger Anderson, We will be working to get in to TEM to promote this program. We need someone to take this over and promote it. The District Contest will be in South Windsor this year on February 2nd.

Boys State and Girls State, Roger Anderson. The Boys State Commission will meet on December 7th, they will set the dates for the 2019 program and the cost we will have more for you at next month's meeting. Also we will be having the delegates for the 2018 programs coming back to talk to the 2019 delegates about the program.

State Police Youth Week, Tom Field. We had 3 Cadets go to SPYW this year, one cadet from SW won a \$1000 grant. Tom Field will be working with our new police chief Scott Custer.

Military Commitment Certificates, Frank Simao. We are working with the High School to get the names of any students going in the Military so we can have Certificates for them

Blue Star Families, Art Sladyk. Looking to do the ceremony in February here at the Community Center on a non Post meeting night, we have the list of students that went in the military this year and we will contact the parents to make sure they are still in and invite them to the Blue Star ceremony.

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. The group visited with 35 Veterans, 38 residents, by 19 Post members at the 4 assisted living facilities in Town. The Residence at South Windsor Farms put on a really nice Veterans Day program for the Vets. Skip and Buzz visited with Jim Lane and took him out to lunch. Ken also visited the Veterans at the Ivy in Ellington for a veteran's breakfast on November 12th; we received the invitation from their new event planer Carrie who we know from the village at Buckland court.

Car Show, Leigh Lovering. Next year's show will be on Sunday September 8, 2019. If anyone has any leads for a corporate sponsor for the car show please let Leigh know.

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:

- Mid Winter Conference January 25-26-27 at the Trumbull Marriott. Again we will have training classes all day Saturday.

The Hall of Fame dinner will be Saturday the 26th, the Marriott will sponsor a 100th Anniversary reception 5:30-6:30 before the dinner this is free and open to all.

New Business.

Post members attended the First Congregational Church serviced and received 100 quilts from the Sewn4servicemembers group.

The Patriotic Commission wants the Town to recognize the American Legion on its 100th anniversary next year.

Dayton asked for a donation for his Hospice group to give holiday baskets to the clients, a motion was made to donate \$100, and seconded, the motion passed.

The March District meeting will be here in South Windsor; this is an opportunity for members to come out to a meeting to see what the district does.

Good Of the Legion.

-Post honor guard at funerals. Help us provide honors. Skip Hammond made a plea for more members for the honor guard.

Ken reported on the Gala \$5500 was raised to support the American Legion Relief Fund.

The Manchester Road Race committee has asked us to bring our service flags and the M-37 to Veteran's row for this year's race.

-Senior Vice- Leigh made a presentation to Gene Botteron, Leigh presented him with a shirt for his serviced helping kids in and out of the M-37, "Coach Man".

- Next Post meeting December 18th, 7:00 pm, Community Center, Rm 207.

- Next District meeting, January 23th, Post 68, Berlin, food 6:30pm, meeting to follow, dress Legion Casual.

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

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis