American Legion Post 133
Minutes of March 19, 2019 Meeting

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

Introduction of Guests Jack Samsel

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

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

Deceased members: None

Sick Call: Dave Papp, Jim Throwe up and out with good days and bad, and Bob Coffey, First District Commander is out of rehab and recuperating at home.

Prospective new members: None

Membership: Goal for 2019 = 180 Actual 179, our Post goal is 200.

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

Service Officers report: Service Officers at the Community Center March 7th, 3 clients, and SS&M Fund 4 ongoing clients. Bill and I spoke with Andrea at the Community center and she asked if we would be willing to start a Veterans coffee hour at the center Bill and I said yes, we will be holding them at 9:00am on the third Thursday of each month, Andrea will make the coffee and if we pick up donuts from Gerry's she will pay for them, our first one will be April 18th, hope we can get some Post members to come out. We as the Legion need to promote this so I may need help with that.

Officers Reports: April 10th 5:00pm, Post night out at Connecticut Valley Brewery with Makin Bacon food truck.

Committee Reports:

Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. Golf Tournament May 19th at Topstone Golf Course

Boy Scouts. Randy Olson.

Girl Scouts. Jim Anastasio.

We are still looking for someone to step up and take this committee on and become the liaison between our Post and the Troops to better coordinate events with the Legion and Troop around town.

Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk.

Geisseler's fund raiser Saturday October 19, 2019, Stop & Shop Sunday October 27, 2019.

We are looking into working with Samsel and Carmon in Windsor on their WAA project for the Veterans Cemetery in Windsor to that end Art is looking into us doing a Fund Raisers at the Windsor Stop & Shop to raise funds for the Windsor Cemetery sometime in October. Our Post will receive the $5 per wreath give back from WAA.

Oratorical. Roger Anderson. We will be working to get in to TEM to promote this program. The District and Department contest were last month.

Boys State and Girls State. Roger Anderson/Pete Bortolan, The Boys State Commission set the dates Saturday June 22, 2019 to Thursday June 27th 2019; the cost was set at $350 per delegate. Boys State Commission meeting March 26th.

Girls State will be Sunday June 23rd, 2019 to Friday June 28th 2019, at Post University; the cost was set at $350 per delegate.

Both applications are on line now.

State Police Youth Week. Tom Field,

The Applications are out now. Tom talked to Bob Larochel about the program,

Blue Star Families. We will continue this program.

Graduation cords.

Visits With Veterans. Skip Fisher. Sid Rabin

- Looking for ideas for new things to do with the veterans.
- Do you know a homebound veteran in town? Let us know.
- Church quilts wants to expand to surrounding towns.
-The Lap Quits distribution will begin in April

Total visits 41 veterans, 13 residents by 15 volunteers and 2 therapy dogs

Car Show. Leigh Lovering.

- This year's show will be on Sunday September 8, 2019
- Leigh and Ron will be working on this year's show.
- Leigh and Bill have finished the Flyer for this year; it has gone to the printer, and they will be ready this week.
- We also will be getting 4 new large signs to put in the Route 5 area and in town to promote the show; they will go out about 3 weeks before the show.
- The date has been confirmed

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 the ordinance is working well.

3. Set up Finance Committee, made up of the Finance Officer (nonvoting), Bob Starr, John Blondin Tom Field and Art Querido. The Committee has meet and have a preliminary budget set for this year.

- Correspondence

- The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site.
-VJ Day Parade Golf Tournament, Monday April 29th, Lake of Iles North course, $135 per golfer.
- American Legion VFW Bowling Tournament, Saturday April 27th, 1:00pm, Bowl-O-Rama, 2143 Berlin Turnpike, Newington.
- VJ Day Parade, the 58th annual Parade will be Sunday August 11th 2019 in Moosup.

-We received a letter from James LaCoursiere declaring that he is running for Alt. NEC.

-We received a letter from Jeff DeClerck declaring that he is running for Department Sr. Vice Commander for the 2019 – 2020 year.

New Business.

-Donation for banner for the SW American Legion Baseball, a motion was made to donate $200 for the banner; the motion was seconded and passed.

-SW Patriotic Commission is working on recognition at the Memorial Day Parade of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

Good of the Legion.

-Post honor guard at funerals. Help us provide honors. Skip Hammond brought up that we still need more members for the Honor Guard.

- Roger has baseball caps and the garrison cap protector bags

- Friday April 26th Auxiliary Comedy Fund Raiser, South Windsor Fire Station Ellington Rd.

-New, Veterans Coffee Hour at the SW Community Center, the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9:00am, come over for coffee and Gerry's donuts and tall tales with other Vets.

-April 13th, Greater Middletown Military Museum Grand Opening, 200 Walnut Grove Rd., Middletown, 2:00pm

-SW American Legion Baseball Golf Tournament fundraiser, May 19th, Topstone Golf Course.

-Members of the Post Funeral Honor Guard rendered Honors to a WWII Navy Veteran at the Middletown Veterans Cemetery; the request came from the CT Veterans Department cemetery administrator via the Seymour Police Department that had the Cremation urn.

-At the last Funeral Honors practice we refolded 2 burial flags and went through the ceremony, a WWII and Korean War veterans.

- Fisher House 1 year anniversary on May 14th.

- March 29th, 1:00pm welcome home Vietnam Veterans ceremony at the State Capitol.

-Bob Venti shared the news article about the Fisher House fundraiser Kevin Creed being arrested for misappropriation of $1.2 million dollars.

- Armed Forces Day Shad Derby Parade in Windsor.

-Post 102 is still having issues need more rentals to meet their monthly costs.

-The 102nd National Guard unit out of CT, known as the Yankee Division will be honored by the Legion when the WWI trenches in France are cleaned up by American High School Students. The 102nd was the unit of Abe E. Miller the soldier our Post is names after.

-The US Mint has the Legion coins for sale.

- Next Post meeting April 16h, 7:00 pm, Community Center, Rm 207.

- Next District meeting, March 27th, Post 133, South Windsor, Food at 6:30pm, food and meeting to follow, dress code class "A" Blue & Grays.

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

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis