



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of April 16, 2019 Meeting

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

Introduction of Guests None

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 March 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, Peter Anthony, 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 April 4th, 3 clients, and SS&M Fund 1 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.

Knights of Columbus made another \$1000 donation to the Veterans relief fund.

Officers Reports: No report

Committee Reports:

Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. Golf Tournament May 19th at Topstone Golf Course, \$125 per person we need one more player.

Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. No Eagle awards coming up. We will ask the Boy Scouts to help put out the flags for Memorial Day at the Cemeteries and to assist with the Flag Day retirement.

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.

Gold award for Athena Savvides, April 26th, 7:00 pm, South Windsor Community center, banquet room.

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. We have 5 applications for Boys State and 5 for Girls State.

State Police Youth Week. Tom Field.

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

Channel 8 news has been airing a public service announcement about SPYW, with no mention of the American Legion.

Blue Star Families.

Graduation cords.

Art will talk to the Secretary at the High School to make sure they have the cords for this year's class

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 37 veterans, 44 residents by 10 volunteers.

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 has picked up the flyer.
- 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 up about 3 weeks before the show.
- The date has been confirmed
- Leigh & Ron have collected over \$2000 in Car show Sponsors.

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 budget set for this year.

- Correspondence

- The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site.

- 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.

- Letter from Bob Murray, announcing he will be running for reelection as Alternate NEC, and Jim LaCoursiere is also running for Alternate NEC.

Invitation to the CT Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the Aqua Turf on ay 17th 11:00am, cost \$30 per person.

New Business.

-Anyone interested in running for office for the 2019-2020 year please let us know, Art has the officers duties for anyone interested.

-The Patriotic Commission will be asking the Mayor for Proclamation from the Town announcing the 100th anniversary of the American Legion to be presented at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

- Memorial Day Parade May 27th, the Town will be recognizing the American Legions 100th Anniversary at the ceremony.

Good of the Legion.

-Post honor guard at funerals. Help us provide honors.

- 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.

-SW American Legion Baseball Golf Tournament fundraiser, May 19th, Topstone Golf Course. We will be asking if they will have dinner only tickets also.

- Challenge the Manchester Post to see who has the most members at this year's Legion baseball games between South Windsor and Manchester.

-Auxiliary Comedy Fundraiser April 26th, Ellington Road Fire House they still have tickets for sale

-We are looking for help with the Service Officer Program.

- Next Post meeting May 21st, 7:00 pm, Community Center, Rm 207.

- Next District meeting, April 24th, Post 36, Windsor Locks, Past Commanders night, food at 6:30pm, 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