

Third District meeting minutes held at 20 Dec 17 at Post 74 in Fairfield

Called to order at 1900, by Commander Mike Kellett

Officer Roll Call P = Present, A = Absent V=Vacant E=Excused

Commander	P	Chaplain	P		
Senior Vice	P	Service Officer	V		
Junior Vice	P	Sergeant at Arms	P		
Adjutant	P	Historian	V		
Finance Officer	P	Assistant Sergeant at Arms	P		

Post 3	A	Post 30	A	Post 78	A
Post 11	A	Post 42	A	Post 86	A
Post 12	P	Post 60	P	Post 100	A
Post 16	P	Post 63	A	Post 134	A
Post 29	A	Post 74	P	Post 140	A

Post 141	P	Post 202	P		
Post 143	A	Post 207	A		
Post 160	A	Post 208	A		
Post 176	P				
Post 177	P				

Opening Prayer offered by: Chaplain Walt Bills

Post 12: Membership stood at 269. The Post held a very successful Ladies Night. The Post also held their monthly flag of the month ceremony. The Post tree lighting ceremony was held on the last Sunday of November. The Post is planning a holiday get together. The Sons of the Legion are doing ok.

Post 16: Membership stood at 375. The Post held their annual oratorical contest on 12 Dec 17 with the winner being Deloshene Krishaestittambalam. There was an excellent turn out for the Post Annual Christmas Party. The Post also held a Christmas Party for the Children of

Post. ***There will be a Dinner/Magic Show to support Fisher House CT on 29 Jan 18 starting at 1800 with the Magic Show starting at 1900. The cost will be \$15.00.

Post 60: Membership stood at 162. The Post held a very successful toy drive to help the Women's Center of Danbury .The Post will hold a Homeless Dinner on Christmas Day. The Post will also hold a New Year's Eve party at the post on 31 Dec 17.

Post 74: Membership stood at 138. The Post held its annual Christmas Party at the Blue Goose in Stratford. The post gave a donation to the Fairfield Police Department who gave toys to patients at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport.

Post 141: Membership stood at 114. The Post gave donations to the Bridgeport PAL and the Trumbull Police Department. The annual Christmas Party went very well. The post is taking with Ray Baldwin to find a new post home.

Post 176: Membership stood at 66. The post annual Christmas Party held at Roberto's was a huge success. The Constitutional Quill is slowly getting started in Monroe.

Post 177: Membership stood at 98. The post participated in Wreaths Across America. There were Honor Guards from the 10th Mountain Division, the Police Department, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Post202: Membership stood at 21. District Commander Mike Kellett stated that at the present time the Post does not have any Officers. The Post will soon elect the officer. At the last meeting the post has 3 new members.

Minutes of preceding meeting: Minutes from the 15 Nov 17 were emailed and mailed. Motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

Status of Post who have submitted their Officer's chosen for 2016-2017.

Y=Yes N=No

Post 3	Y	Post 30	N	Post 78	Y
Post 11	N	Post 42	N	Post 86	Y
Post 12	Y	Post 60	N	Post 100	Y
Post 16	Y	Post 63	Y	Post 134	Y
Post 29	N	Post 74	Y	Post 140	Y

Post 141	Y	Post 202	N		
Post 143	Y	Post 207	Y		
Post 160	Y	Post 208	Y		
Post 176	Y				
Post 177	Y				

Introduction of Guests: Past District Commander and DEC Rich Olson, Past Department Commander and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bob Murray, Department Sergeant at Arms Dennis Beauregard, Department Commander Ed Degumbia.

Finance Officer Report: Opening Balance for November 2017 was \$2087.61, Income was \$213.00, and Expenses were \$49.00 with a closing balance of \$2,251.61. A motion was made to accept the Finance Report, Seconded and approved unanimously. The 50/50 raffle raised \$37.00, and the post commander was given \$40.00 for the cost of refreshments.

Status of Posts in regards to District Dues. P=Paid, N=have not paid for the current year, N+ (number) for Posts that are in arrears

Post 3	N	Post 30	P	Post 78	N
Post 11	N	Post 42	P	Post 86	P
Post 12	P	Post 60	P	Post 100	P
Post 16	P	Post 63	N	Post 134	N+1
Post 29	N	Post 74	N	Post 140	N

Post 141	P	Post 202	N		
Post 143	P	Post 207	N		

Post 160	P	Post 208	N+1		
Post 176	P				
Post 177	P				

Committee Report:

Membership: Membership for the Department stood at 75.84%.

Americanism:

- Baseball-The District is presently looking for a representative. If you enjoy Baseball and are willing to assist please contact District Commander Mike Kellett.
- Boy's State-The cost for this year will be the same as last year which is \$350.00. The event will be held again at Eastern Connecticut State University in June. Dates will be our shortly.
- Oratorical-The District Oratorical Contest tentatively scheduled for 10 Feb 18 at the Fairfield Public Library Memorial Room at 1080 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT 06825. Candidates are to arrive no later than 12:30 with the contest starting at 1:00. POC is Roger Moscatel (203) 814-7040.

National Security: No Report

Children and Youth: The Kid's Walk will be held in Monroe this year on 28 Apr 18. The District is planning with the 2nd District to have a caregiver Child seat program in the near future. More details to follow.

Awards: Awards packages will be given out at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Department Membership Task Force: Is up and running. All you have to do is ask and they are more than willing to assist your post.

DEC: The Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching. It will be held at the Trumbull Marriott this year. Plan on sending a good delegation to the

event since there will be great break out sessions. There will also be a vendor fair at the conference. Rich Olson has Centennial calendars for sale. The Cost is \$10.00 per calendars. Your post may be in the calendar. The Department Gala is scheduled for November of 2018.

Sick call and relief: Al Sabetta-long time Adjutant for Post 16 in Shelton and Alternate DEC Tom Reed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A question was raised regarding member's who have not paid their dues for several years. The best way to solve this problem and get a straight answer is to contact the Department.

Commander's Report: Oratorical Contest. It's not too late for Posts to have a contest. Please express the importance of getting involved in this program and that the Department will assist anyone who would like to hold a contest. 1st place in the Department contest will be \$1,000.00, 2nd through 7th place will be \$500.00. Also mention the possibility of earning \$17,000.00 in scholarship money at the National Level. As of 1 Jan 18 the Department Bulletin will no longer be mailed out. If a post absolutely needs a copy please contact the Department. All post must send in their Officer's list to the District Adjutant as well as the Department Adjutant.

Communications: None

Good of the Legion: None

Alternate NEC Bob Murray-The Washington DC conference will be coming up shortly. Any Legion member can attend this conference. It is a good way to see how the Legion interacts with our representatives in Washington. All Posts have Charters. In order to keep the Charter they must do several things. Send in the Office's list in a timely manner, submit the CPR in a timely manner, send in the Post Data forms in a timely manner, as well as submit the IRS 990 form in a timely manner to keep the tax

exempt status. Keep your Post legal with the State of Connecticut, this has to be done on a yearly basis.

Department Sergeant at Arms-Dennis Beauregard- There was a membership task force meeting held on 18 Nov 17. There will be break out sessions at the Mid-Winter conference that will help the posts in their reporting process. The Liquor Commission will speak at the Conference on Friday night. Dennis hopes to keep the round tables available for the coming year.

Department Commander-Ed Degumbia-The Boy's and Girl's state foundation has been raising funds to help send young men and women to the respective programs. The Department Gala will be held in November of 2018. The cost for legion, auxiliary, sons of the legion and riders will be \$25.00 and \$47.50 for guests who are not part of the legion family. Currently we are 22nd in the nation in recruiting and retention. Ed wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Closing Prayer offered by: Chaplain Walt Bills

Meeting adjourned at 2008

Next meeting to be held on 17 Jan 18 at Post 143 in Fairfield.

Adjutant: C. Luba