

# American Legion Post 133, South Windsor, 2009 Newsletter

## Boys' State

For the eighth year in a row, the Post sponsored a South Windsor High School junior to the Boys' State program. Troy Wilson spent a week at Eastern Connecticut State University learning first hand about how our government and our political parties work.

## Girls' State

The Post also sponsored a South Windsor High School junior to the Girls' State program. Christina Garbarino spent a week at Eastern Connecticut State University learning first hand about how our government and our political parties work.

## Eagle Scout and Gold Citations

The Post continues the program of recognizing Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. We have attended many ceremonies and presented over a dozen American Legion Good Citizenship Citations. We also continue the program of recognizing Girl Scouts who have achieved the Gold Award. We attended one ceremony this year.

## Veterans' Activities

Post members participated in the following activities during the previous year:

- the 2008 Connecticut Veterans' Day parade in Hartford.
- the 2008 Veterans' Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.
- the Veterans' Day ceremonies at Wapping School.
- the 2009 South Windsor Memorial Day parade.
- Wapping School's 4th grade class veterans interview project.
- the following ceremonies at the State Capitol: the "POW Remembrance Day" ceremony; the "Nathan Hale Day" ceremony; and the "Independence Day" ceremony.
- food collections at our monthly meetings for the South Windsor food pantry.
- four post members provided a color guard for the opening of the South Windsor American Legion baseball Ralph Giansanti tournament.
- four post members played in the South Windsor American Legion baseball golf fund raiser. Six Legion members from Department also played.

## Membership

The Post membership increased to 104 during the past year, surpassing our goal! We had many new members join and some transfers from Post 200. A very special “thank you” goes out to all of our members for their efforts in getting their membership renewals returned promptly when they receive their renewal notices. Do you know any veterans who don’t currently belong to the American Legion? If you do, please ask them to join us so that they can enjoy the many benefits of membership in the largest veterans’ organization in the world.

## Post Everlasting

The following Post members passed away during the previous year:

- Raymond Airoidi
- Raymond Chamberland
- Pasquale Capano
- Thomas King
- Francis Carcia
- Robert Rogers
- Frank Censki

## 2008-2009 Post Officers

See the enclosed listing of officers elected for the coming year.

## Notification of Post Activities

If you would like to learn more about any of the American Legion programs and activities listed above, or if you would like to participate in any of them in the future, please contact Adjutant Roger Anderson and we will put you on our “notification” list. Also, watch the Journal Inquirer and Hartford Courant for notices of Post trips, socials, and speakers.

This newsletter was created as a way of reaching out to all of our Post’s members, especially those who cannot make the monthly meetings. We want to keep all members informed about Post activities. We will also provide current information about changes to our members’ rights and benefits as veterans. We welcome any feedback you would care to share with us.