

2020 Regular Meeting Minutes Compilation:

The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion (**SEE NEW ONE**)
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): 23 present

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

- a. Commander (Tolsma) X
- b. Vice Commander (Van Delist) X
- c. Adjutant (Harris) X
- d. Finance Officer (Fink) X
- e. Chaplain (Fuller) X
- f. Historian (C. Douglas) X
- g. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) X
- Minutes of previous meeting (October 2019)– Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members (Van Delist/Harris): 1. Gary Stanley, 2. Kenneth Floyd, 3. Steve Hardy, and 4. Tiffany Riner
  - o Guest(s):
    - U.S. Senator Mike Rounds Rep – Mike Bekaert: Introduced himself and spoke briefly on how Senator Rounds is helping the Veterans and Active Duty members. Spoke about the B-21 coming to EAFB. Reminded the members that they should always feel free to visit the local office at 1313 W. Main Street in Rapid City.
    - Volunteers of America Rep – Laura Scott: Briefly discussed the programs (specifically housing) offered by V of Am. to veterans. She also handed out brochures and stayed around to answer questions.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 1/22/2020**
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
    - Business Acct: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$

- Membership (Harris): Currently stand at approximately **82% of goal**. January has been brutally slow and we still have about 100 members who need to pay their 2020 dues.
  - Presentation of Longevity Pins/Patches
    - 50 Yr pin - Francis J. Keyes
    - 40 Year pin – George Tennyson (has 42 years but wasn't available to receive pin earlier).
  - **National Commander Membership Incentive Pin – requires at least 3 new members signed up.**



- Mike Ball
- Duane Fink
- Don Fuller
- Doug Harris
- John Schneider
- Lyle Tolsma
- Chris Van Delist
- Presentation of Department Commander Pins

Cap Pin Participation Award Program Certification Form for Post 22

A. For Legionnaires who recruited a new American Legion member:

| Member:                  | New Member:          | Post: |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Tolsma, Lyle          | Eileen Taylor +2     | 0022  |
| 2. Schneider, John       | Daniel Benedickt +1  | “     |
| 3. Van Delist, Georgeann | Matthew Hackett      | “     |
| 4. Andrews, Raymond      | Tim Stolicker        | “     |
| 5. Fuller, Don           | Martin Patterson +3  | “     |
| 6. Ball, Mike            | Denver Legg +2       | “     |
| 7. Dosch, Donald         | Deb Minnich-Wolff    | “     |
| 8. Fink, Duane           | James Messer +2      | “     |
| 9. Fleming, John         | Ludmilla Grounina +2 | “     |

B. For Legionnaires who participated in making the HS Oratorical Contest Successful:

1. Douglas, Cynthia
2. Douglas, Paul

C. For Legionnaires participating in Boys State interviews/Orientation:

1. Aldentaler, Joe
2. Juelfs, Anson

D. For Legionnaires who participate in Post color/Honor guard who participate in presentation of military rites at funerals:

1. Little, Dennis
2. Ball, Mary
3. Kruse, Ed
4. Button, Jerome
5. Larson, Gary
6. Klar, Doug

E. For American Legion Baseball:

1. Weaver, Tom
2. Doney, Gabe
- 3. Garcia, Beau (SAL)
  - Post 22 **Go Getters** (Pins awarded following Mid-Winter conference)
    - Mike Ball - 3
    - Duane Fink - 3
    - John Fleming - 3
    - Don Fuller - 5
    - Doug Harris - 6
    - John Schneider - 3
    - Lyle Tolsma - 4
    - Chris Van Delist - 7
  - **Americanism** (D. Fuller)
    - Oratorical Contest results
    - Recruiting for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy
  - Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia - not present): Information provided by Commander Tolsma
    - 2021 State American Legion Baseball bid
    - Bidding on the National Regional Tournament for 21 and 22
    - New Stadium unveiling on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. 6-8 PM at the Post 22 Baseball facility. Also on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): Cynthia Douglas was sick. Georgeanne had a surgery. All are doing better. Listed the recently deceased members.
  - Last Man Standing. We have a lot of inexpensive bottles of booze for sale tonight.
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist)
  - Utility support through the Vol of America.
  - Rent support as well.
  - Claims advocacy.
  - Home visit completed to see what we can help the veteran with...he's a renter though, so we have to go through that.
  - Denied one request for help with car.
  - Turned down travelers that want money for gas.

- We do a lot of vetting before we hand out money.
- **Unfinished business**
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Electrical/lighting/Roof repairs
      - LED lighting in lounge. Currently updating most other lighting in Lounge and other locations with LED lights to save electricity.
      - Upgrading multiple plugs/switches
      - Ongoing roof repairs. Attempting to stop leaks, but seems to be a nearly lost cause.
- **New Business**
  - Facility upgrade projects planned (Harris)
    - Upgrading flooring in bathrooms (problems with using ceramic tile)
    - Ceiling tile replacement in the lounge (looking for project lead and volunteers). No one volunteered to take this on at the meeting. If you know of someone who'd be willing to take this on, please contact Adjutant Harris at the Post (605-342-4930) or via our email address: post22rc@gmail.com
  - Bid for 2024 State Convention was put in by Post 22. Chaplain Fuller was the project officer for this. The Post selected will be announced at the Mid-Winter conference in Oacoma, SD in February.
  - Plan for **New member orientation ceremony** (2019 and 2020) (Fuller/Harris)
    - Date: Possibly April 18th
    - Dinner/Training/Certificates etc.
  - Plan for Post Everlasting Ceremony (Chaplain Fuller)
    - Date: March 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Fuller requested volunteers to help with planning, etc.
  - Chase the Queen fundraiser (**Tolsma**). We will be starting this game following the Super Bowl. Anyone can buy tickets from the bartenders/Post Officers. The pot will start at \$500 and build over time. The money raised will be used to support our Veteran programs and help with badly needed roof repairs. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 13 for \$10. More details to follow as we figure out all of the logistic.
  - Gun Board Fundraiser (**Schneider**). We will also be starting this fundraiser immediately. Please contact the Post or any of the Post leaders to purchase tickets.
- **The good of the American Legion (Any member)**
  - Cynthia Douglas: Reminded everyone we have the MidWinter conference coming up on 21-23 Feb. District mtg on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Will be held in Hermosa SD...details to follow as they become available.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb at Zymurcracy Brewer, Bunker Labs is having a meeting. For those who would like to start their own business.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 707PM

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 February 26, 2020 at 6 P.M.

## Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

- h. Commander (Tolsma) X
- i. Vice Commander (Van Delist) X
- j. Adjutant (Harris) X
- k. Finance Officer (Fink) X
- l. Chaplain (Fuller) X
- m. Historian (C. Douglas) X
- n. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) X

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members (Van Delist/Harris): None.
  - o Guest(s): None
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 2/26/2020**
    - **Business: \$**
    - **Membership: \$**
    - **Benevolence: \$** – Checks written in Feb 2020 to 1) \$250.00 to Dept of SD VAVS (popcorn fund), 2) \$300.00 to Dept of SD Children and Youth, 3) \$100.00 to Midwest Honor Flight.
    - **Americanism: \$** – Check written for School medals in Dec 2019 = \$503.48. Will need to begin fund raising soon to cover costs for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy. Please consider covering at least 1 Boy this year for approximately \$300.
    - **SAL: \$**
    - **Capital Improvement Savings: \$**
  - o Department Midwinter Conference (21-23 Feb 2020) report (Harris).
    - We didn't win any of the membership trophies because our renewals trickled to nothing in Feb.
    - Members Harris and Fuller provided training to members who attended. Harris in Americanism (specifically how to recruit students for our programs) and Fuller in "How to hold a meeting".
    - Member Van Delist held Boys State planning meetings over the 2 days to get materials ready for 2020 Boys State.
    - Harris planned and orchestrated the 2020 Oratorical competition. He made a couple of faux pas during announcements, but as yet has not been fired. Fuller filled in as chaplain during the event.

- Post 22 bid on the 2024 Summer convention but was beat out by Post 8 from Pierre. The DEC asked that those who weren't selected consider bidding on the 2025 Convention.
  - Membership (Harris): Currently at **88%** of goal (**559 pd/goal of 638**).
    - **79 members from making goal.**
    - Presentation of Go-Getter Pins
      - L. Tolsma, D. Harris, C. Van Delist, D. Fuller, D. Fink, J. Fleming, M. Ball and J. Schneider.
  - Americanism (D. Fuller)
    - Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy Recruiting – school visits
      - Visits to STM (2), RC Christian (1), and Central HS (2) where we addressed a class of JROTC Junior Boys. One visit to Stevens where we were only allowed to sit in the cafeteria.
      - Van Delist talked about Boys State. What it is and how it works. Why everyone should be helping us recruit boys.
      - Currently have one application from a Stevens HS boy.
  - Athletic Officer (Tolsma stood in): Talked about the fact that so far 70 players have signed up. Also, we have bid on the 2021 and 22 National Regional tournament and they are coming here to do a site visit on 23-24 March 2020. Asked for information on when we started our team – possibly in 1926.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): Our member Cynthia Douglas announced that she has Lymphoma and is currently receiving treatment. Melvin Lehman, James Trenary, Delmar Sorenson, Norbert Johnson have died during the month of Feb. Post Everlasting coming up...asked for volunteers for Riflemen and Brazier carrier. Last Man Standing is going well...lots of new bottles.
- **Post Service Officer report** (Van Delist)
  - In the last month we provided money to the Dept...see amounts shown above.
  - Provided a run down on what we have done over the last year.
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Status of Gun Raffle (Tolsma): First round was completed on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb. One of our members, Gary Stanley won the machine gun. Harris reminded everyone that the reason for this raffle is to raise money to repair our VERY leaky roof(s).
    - We have now started selling \$10 tickets for the remaining guns (8).
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Electrical upgrades: New **LED lighting** installed - This is an upgrade in both ascetics and energy savings.
      - **In Bar** (Multi color rope lights - Harris/Tolsma/Van Delist)
      - **Can lights** above bar (Tom Smith)
      - **Dart room** Troffer Lights (Harris/Tom Smith).
        - WHY? The new LED lights in all areas **use less than 20%** of what the old T-12 florescent bulbs used in the same space.
      - THE GOAL: replace all T-12 and T-8 lights in the meeting rooms with LED lights (with the ability to dim) by this summer...significant savings on power and may earn us a rebate from BHE.
    - **Motion sensors** installed in bathrooms to control lighting (Tom Smith). This will further limit energy use, as the lights will go out after 15 minutes if no one is in the room, as well as turning them off at night.

- **Ceiling tiles replaced** in down ramp area leading to kitchen (Harris and Smith). Freshens up that area.
    - **Old unused furnace removed** from the utility/storage area near kitchen (Van Delist). Allows more room to store cleaning equipment.
  - Post Everlasting Ceremony (Fuller)
    - Date/Time: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Practice on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 Pm.
  - Plan for New Member Orientation ceremony (Fuller)
    - Date/Time: April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM at the Post. New members (over the last 2 years, will receive an invitation to the event and will need to RSVP. A meal will be served.
- **New Business**
  - Review proposed changes to Post 22 Constitution and By Laws (Harris). Harris showed the very minor changes to our Constitution (Header and change to “All Wars” in the Preamble).
    - Motion by Don Fuller to approve changes to the constitution, second by Mike Ball. Motion carries.
    - By Laws changes included 1) change to the start time of the monthly Executive Committee meeting from 0930 to 0900, and 2) change to Section V, para. 3 to include when the addition took place. There was a motion by D. Fink to approve changes, second by M. Ball. Motion carries.
    - Adjutant Harris will complete the approved changes and forward the documents to Department ASAP.
  - Legionnaire of the Year for Post 22.
    - Executive Committee nominated Christopher Van Delist. Submission was reviewed by the members.
    - Other nominations? No other nominations were submitted.
    - Vote on submission (s). Unanimous voice vote to approve the submission of C. Van Delist to District 2 Commander/Vice for the competition. (Harris)
  - District 2 Spring Meeting – March 29<sup>th</sup> at Post 303 in Hermosa. 11 A.M. social; 12 P.M. lunch of Sloppy joe and potato salad; 1 P.M. meeting.
    - New District Commander and Vice will be elected. Cynthia Douglas (Post 22 member/officer and current Dist 2 Vice Commander) is running for Commander.
    - Competition for District 2 **Legionnaire of the year**. Motion by Fuller to put this nomination forward. Second by Paul Douglas. Motion carries.
    - Would like to see a Large group of Post 22 members attend to support our candidates. Hermosa is only 15 miles away.
  - Facility upgrade project coming soon.
    - Bathroom tile project (Harris)
      - Starts on March 2<sup>nd</sup> following the Pool Tournament at Approx 2PM. If you would like to assist, please let Harris know.
      - Remove old flooring and replace with tile in both bathrooms. Tile wall around urinals in men’s restroom for ease of cleaning.
      - Each restroom will be closed for part of one week (Sun – Thur) while the project takes place. **The other restroom will be coed, with a lock installed.**
    - Meeting Rm partition project (Tolsma)
      - Between “dart room” and large meeting room.

- Between small meeting room and large meeting room.
- The EC voted to approve this project and a bid has been received, contractor hired. Waiting on dates for project to commence.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - o Van. Student advisor for SDSMT...Outhouse race on Nemo Lake. Fundraiser. Nemo at 10 AM this Saturday. Come and support the vets club.
  - o Newest Legion Junior Auxiliary member. John Schneider's Daughter. Showed the pic.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:20 PM adjournment.

Drawing for the Yahtzee. Winner: Duane Fink.

Due to COVID closures, there were no meetings in March or April. The Officers used this time to work on the interior of the Post.

The American Legion, Post 22  
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 May 27, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

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- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): 17 members in attendance (4 via Zoom)

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

- o. Commander (Tolsma) X
- p. Vice Commander (Van Delist) X
- q. Adjutant (Harris) X
- r. Finance Officer (Fink) X
- s. Chaplain (Fuller) X
- t. Historian (C. Douglas) X via Zoom
- u. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) X
- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: None present
  - o Guest(s): Department Commander Fred Nelson via Zoom.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of 5/27/2020
    - **Business: \$**



- **Membership: \$** (Spent \$579.00 for new 70” TV – Used for display of information and Zoom meeting attendees)
  - **Benevolence: \$** (checks to Dept of SD VAVS for \$250, Dept of SD Children and Youth \$300, Midwest Honor Flight \$100, Reimburse Mike Ball \$134 for turkeys – VA holiday recipients)
  - **Americanism: \$**
  - **SAL: \$**
  - **Capital Improvement Savings: \$** (we spent \$4,685 for bathroom remodel, \$2,160 transfer to checking for round 1 of ceiling tile project etc., \$3,000 transfer to checking to cover reopening beer inventory, \$1,790 transfer for round 2 of ceiling tile project).
  - Post 22 donations of time and money during 2019. **\$175,928**. See website. <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc>
- Membership (Harris): Current Goal Status.
  - Approximately 91% of goal
  - Renewals have slowed to less than a trickle.
- Americanism (D. Fuller - Post/D. Harris – Dept Americanism Officer/C. Van Delist – Director of SD Boys State)
  - Fuller: Boys State and Youth Trooper canceled. School medals being delivered to schools for distribution to students. 14 so far for junior and senior high.
  - Harris: National Ruling on who can attend Boys State – Basically determined it was up to individual states – Harris will be pushing to include both Juniors and Seniors for 2021.
  - Van Delist: Boys State was supposed to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Canceled. The Boys State Board will meet in August or early September. Currently leaning toward including both Juniors and Seniors next year. We are looking at moving the program back to 6 days vice 5 to allow more time for the boys to move through the program. The monies that were paid for the 2020 boys was sent back to the Posts with an encouragement to save it for next year.
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia via Zoom)
  - Baseball is back! Post 22 will start playing in early June. Hardhats have 12 playing dates and 3 tournaments scheduled. Firecracker and Black Hills Veterans tournaments are a go. There will be a state tournament (not the normal one), plus a couple of other levels. There were some other details. I will ask for an email explaining everything. The schedule of games can be found at the Post 22 Baseball team website: <http://post22baseball.com/calendar/>
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Named several members who recently passed away: 1. Maynard Aadson, 2. Richard Buckingham, 3. Dean Everson, 4. Vernon Houser, 5. Norbert Johnson, 6. Larry Marchant, 7. Stanley Miner, 8. Richard Neubert, 9. Ephriam Sieler, 10. Delmer Sorenson, 11. James Trenary. Mentioned that our Historian is still recovering from cancer treatments.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): No recent requests for money or other assistance. Helped a couple of people with claims. Linked them up with the county service officers.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)

- Tile and paint the bathrooms (**\$4,685** when you include sink replacement in women’s bathroom and replacement of “flush o meters” on both urinals.
  - Ceiling Tile project in bar/entryways/dart room/large and small meeting rooms: Approximately **\$3,900**. All labor/painting/cleaning/install was donated (at an official IRS rate of \$25/hour) by
    - **Project Officer**/gofer/painter/cleanup - Doug Harris, 157 hours = \$3,925
    - **Talent** - Chris Van Delist, 122 hours = \$3,050
    - **Tile cutter** - Don Fuller, 68 hours = \$1,700
    - **Asst Tile cutter/speaker cover designer** – Toni Fuller, 58 hours = \$1,450
    - **Finish carpenter** – Lyle Tolsma, 32 hours = \$800
    - **Painter** – Shane Lee, 21 hours = \$525
    - ***The good looking one*** - Dylan Mollman, 20 hours = \$500
    - Total Hours: **478**
    - Total Dollars in donated time: **\$11,950**
      - Our Lounge managers Jeremy and Debby donated a total of 32 hours to clean coolers, all areas of the bar = \$800
  - **THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this project!! The results are amazing!**
- New Business
  - Review proposed changes to Post 22 **Constitution and By Laws** (Harris)
    - Harris went over all the changes with the members. Turned two documents into one to mirror National and Department documents. Updated the Preamble and membership eligibility requirements to reflect recent changes at the National level; updated the current address of Post 22; and a time change for the monthly Executive Committee meeting from 0930 to 0900. Motion made by D. Fuller to approve the changes, Second by M. Ball. Motion carries. Harris will now forward a copy of this document to Department.
  - Fuller brought up a need for someone to take on getting us the State Float. He asked the State CC how long we would have to store it. Harris asked that this be tabled so we could work it out internally.
  - **Election of Officers**
    - Post Officers Positions (nominated earlier)
      - Commander (Tolsma)
      - Vice Commander (Van Delist)
      - Finance Officer (Fink)
      - Chaplain (Fuller)
      - Historian (C. Douglas)
      - Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)
        - Commander Tolsma asked for additional nominations (3 times) for each position and none were offered. A motion was made and seconded following each position to suspend nominations and ask for a unanimous acceptance of the individual listed. This motion carried each time.
    - Executive Committee Officers

- Commander and Adjutant automatic per Post 22 Bylaws
- Nominated earlier: **C. Van Delist, Duane Fink, Don Fuller, Donald Dosch, Tom Smith.**
- Additional Nominations: **John Schneider** was nominated by C. Van Delist and was added to the ballot. Each member present (and those attending via Zoom) was provided a ballot and instructed to vote for five (5) nominees. Following the first round of voting there was a tie between members Fuller and Van Delist. A runoff election resulted in Van Delist taking the 5<sup>th</sup> position. Members John Fleming Sr. and Mike Ball were appointed Election Judges and reviewed/tallied the results of the vote.
  - The vote (secret ballot) resulted in the following individuals as your Executive Committee for 2020 - 2021:
    - Lyle Tolsma (Commander)
    - Doug Harris (Adjutant)
    - Christopher Van Delist
    - Duane Fink
    - Donald Dosch
    - Tom Smith
    - John Schneider
  - **Installation of Officers** took place immediately following the vote, with Department Commander Nelson swearing in the new officers. Commander Nelson thanked the Officers for their service and complimented the Post on all the improvements they've made over the last couple of years.
    - Short Form, found on page 56 of Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies
  - A final note: the addition of Zoom as an option for members to attend the meeting remotely was a huge success and will continue to be an option at future meetings.

Adjourn (P.M.) 7:12 PM

The American Legion, Post 22

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June 24, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

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Present / Absent / Excused

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|--------------------------------|---|
| v. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |
| w. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| x. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |

- y. Finance Officer (Fink) X
- z. Chaplain (Fuller) X
- aa. Historian (C. Douglas) X X - hospitalized
- bb. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) X
- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Troy Falardeau (Xfer from Priest River, ID)
  - o Post 22 Member Christine Speirs here to address DAV being available on July 11<sup>th</sup> to help file claims or answer questions at 101 E. Madison Street, Rapid City SD. 1000 - 1200
- Committee Reports
  - o **Finance** (Harris/Fink): All as of 6/24/2020
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (June transactions: \$300 for Tee It Up For The Troops fundraiser; \$250 grant to a member in distress; deposit of \$40 donation)
    - Americanism: \$
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - o **Membership** (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020
    - Goal 638 – YTD pd up: **572 = 91%** of goal for 2020
    - 27 Members passed on to “Post Everlasting” during 2020 membership year.
    - Should be receiving our 2021 goal in the next couple of weeks. Cards have been received and are ready to issue to those who’ve paid for 2021. I will be accepting checks/cash from anyone here tonight for their dues.
  - o **Americanism** (D. Fuller): School awards X 16. No response from a couple of schools.
  - o **Athletic Officer** (B. Garcia passed info to Tolsma for report):
    - Season up and running. Firecracker tournament starts on the 28 June and goes through the 4 July. Baseball team has about 60 games scheduled.
    - City council meeting ... city voted to award 5 million to the stadium rebuilding project and picked a contractor to start tearing the facility down in mid July. Still need to raise another 300K.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Cheryl Foster, our business manager is now out of the hospital and will be back next week. Cynthia Douglas is still in the hospital...no update. Deaths: Kenneth Herman and Robert Garness. We received a thank you card from Mrs. Addison thanking us for our thoughtfulness following the death of her husband. Last man standing club...buy your bottle from the bar.
- Riders Director report (John Fleming): Lots of things happening over the next couple of days. Raising a multi ton flag on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at the Buffalo Chip. Asked to do the 100 flags at the Buffalo Chip...field of flags during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of August. Doing fun rides. Flag folding ceremony at Post 311 this coming Saturday.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Distributed funds to the groups/members mentioned earlier. Two referrals for claims and housing assistance. Helped them out. Volunteers of America and other groups are receiving a lot of money to help Vets, so we are working with them to help those in need.

- Commander Tolsma mentioned that we received a call from Mtn View Cemetery in Rapid City, asking for a gravesite for a veteran who needed the plot. Van Delist researched it and found that the individual wasn't eligible for the National Ceremony...so we are giving them a plot they can both be buried on (same plot since they were cremated). Turns out that the plot is right next to the veterans best friend (Dave Ploof of Post 22 baseball fame). We still have 37 plots left.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
    - Planned projects: 1) Install carpet (to patch hole created by removal of the brick divider) and railing at the exit door in the game room (Van Delist/Harris); 2) Try to patch leaks in our roof with a new method (Harris); 3) Install entrance "door" near the old cooler so that our tents can be stored in that area; 4) Removal of/search for new places to store, all other items in our old shed so it can be removed (Van Delist/Harris/Tolsma); 5) Paint outside of building (August/September timeframe).
    - **Please note that Post 22 no longer takes donations of Medical Equipment or most other items due to lack of storage space. We still accept donations of money.**
    - Room dividers between game room/large meeting room/small meeting rooms currently on hold until the lounge business picks up and we can afford to move forward on the project.
    - 2019/2020 Consolidated Post Report submitted.
    - Certification of Officers submitted.
    - Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants for 2020-2021 membership year has been submitted to Department.
    - **C. Van Delist was selected as District 2 nominee for Legionnaire of The Year and will be in competition for Department Legionnaire of The Year at the July DEC meeting.** No idea when the announcement will come out.
- New Business
  - Kitchen opening date proposed (Tolsma): Currently undecided, but planning on possibly early August. May change to being available only on Wednesday and Fridays for our special meal nights. Food prices have skyrocketed during the pandemic, so place us in a bind concerning our specials and the prices we would have to charge for them.
    - Karaoke is back on for Friday nights.
    - We are also planning on having food vans come in on Saturday evenings to supplement our kitchen. In the process of talking to different companies to see if they are interested.
  - Update on status of Lounge (Tolsma): Each week is a little bit better, so slowly coming back.
  - **Tee it up for the Troops golf tournament (Event Organizer and Post 22 Member Joey Franze):** All foursomes have been filled. Post 22 donated \$300 to the event and has a foursome playing. Franze gave a report on the status of the event. One of our members, Becky Flanigan, will have "Dogs for Vets" at the event.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Member Troy Falardeau will take on the Post Facebook account for us. Will work with the current editors to get the site up and running/relevant.
  - **Department Level appointments that involve Post 22 members**

- Doug Harris to one-year term as Americanism Commission Chairman
- C.P. Van Delist to five-year term on Legislative Committee
- Space Force Officially Eligible for membership in The American Legion
- Convention Sweepstakes drawing to be held at July DEC meeting...send in your entries ASAP if you want to get in on the drawing.
- Do you shop on Amazon? Please do so using <https://smile.amazon.com/> and specify “South Dakota American Legion Foundation” as your charity. It costs you nothing extra, but helps SD AL.
- The next issue of **The South Dakota Legion News** will go out to **all members** via USPS. This is an attempt to keep members informed/engaged now that we are all “socially distancing” and most meetings, events are canceled for the year.

Adjourn (P.M.) 6:51 PM

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Agenda  
 July 22, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet (16 present and 1 on Zoom).

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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|---------------------------------|---|---|--|
| cc. Commander (Tolsma)          | X | X |  |
| dd. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |   |  |
| ee. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |   |  |
| ff. Finance Officer (Fink)      | X |   |  |
| gg. Chaplain (Fuller)           | X |   |  |
| hh. Historian (C. Douglas)      | X | X |  |
| ii. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)    | X |   |  |
- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website: <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - New members: John Fleming Jr (Xfer from Gillette).
    - Guest(s): Leo Volk, a longtime member.
  - Committee Reports
    - Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 7/22/2020**
      - Business: \$
      - Membership: \$
      - Benevolence: \$ (money spent: \$300 to support Tee It Up For The Troops fund raiser in June and \$150 to help Veteran with rent in July)
      - Americanism: \$

- SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (money spent: \$580 to repair back door in June)
  - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
    - Paid so far: 64 PUFLs + 28 online + 176 via mail in = **268 = 48% of goal**
    - Presentation of 45 yr membership cap pin to Leo Volk.
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming): The Riders have completed several escort missions in the last couple of months. There have also been several fun rides for the members. We have a fun ride coming up in August to do a ride through Montana. Mike and Mary Ball recently got rear ended while riding and are recovering.
  - Americanism (D. Fuller): Talked a little about upcoming programs.
  - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Van Delist mentioned the recently begun renovation/rebuild of Fitzgerald field.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Mentioned Cynthia Douglas still recovering from her cancer treatments. No members died in July.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): We have done 4 referrals for services. Linked up several vets with issues to different agencies. Provided \$150 check to help a veteran get into housing. Mentioned a spouse of a vet who needs assistance moving her into a new house. Will put out a call for help via email. Member Joey Franze will try to get airmen from base to help.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
    - HVAC Unit above the bar (Van Delist): A/C above the bar went out and we are working on 3 bids at this time. Requires moving the unit from where it is now to another area of the roof, redoing the venting and reattaching the unit. The bids have so far come in around \$16K. Will take 3-5 weeks to complete.
    - Moved the last remaining shed from the parking lot. Made room for all the items inside it to another area.
    - Painting the outside of the building in the September time frame.
  - Reopening Kitchen (Harris)
    - Executive Committee decided not to open until September. Most likely open on Wednesday and Friday only from 2PM to 8PM. Hoping to have food truck(s) for Saturday evening and chili dogs for Sunday game days.
- New Business
  - Request to host District 2 Fall Mtg at Post 22 (Commander Eugene Iron Shield request)
    - Date of meeting is Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would set the time etc.
    - Auxiliary President is on board with their portion of the meeting and working with us to provide a meal.
    - **Motion by Don Fuller to host the meeting here at Post 22. Second by Mike Ball. Motion carries.**
    - Harris will notify Commander Iron Shield.
  - Fuller purchased new member coins (\$3 each) and would like to be able to pass them out to new members. Fuller makes a motion to reimburse Fuller for those purchased and purchase more for new members. Second by Mike Ball. Discussion followed discussing the cost and the reasons for giving these out to new members. **Motion carried.**

- Fuller will be reimbursed for those already purchased and Membership Chairman Harris will take steps to purchase additional coins.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Tee It Up For the Troops Golf Tournament (J. Franze). Presented a coin to Post 22 for their support for the event. National non-profit that helps veterans. Member Franze gave a quick briefing on how the fundraiser went and the part Post 22 played in it.
  - EC Member Jon Schneider asked about the gun raffle. We still have quite a few tickets to sell. This is one of our big fundraisers to help pay for the multiple facility issues (leaky roof, replacement of equipment, etc.). If you would like to help, please contact one of the officers or come to the bar and ask to purchase one from the bartender.
  - Vice Van Delist recognized member Mike Ball for all of his efforts for the post. The Post has paid his membership dues for 2021.

Adjourn (P.M.) 1843

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 August 26, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet-22 members present and 1 on Zoom.

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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|---------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| jj. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |   |            |
| kk. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |   |            |
| ll. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |   |            |
| mm. Finance Officer (Fink)      |   | X |            |
| nn. Chaplain (Fuller)           | X |   |            |
| oo. Historian (C. Douglas)      |   | X | X (Health) |
| pp. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)    | X |   |            |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website: <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - New members: none
  - Guest(s) Jeff Andrews (Retired AF), son of member Donald Andrews.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 8/26/2020**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$



- Americanism: \$
  - SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
  - Paid so far according to Department is 347 = **60% of goal**
  - Please begin recruiting new members. Department Commander and National Commander have new cap pins for those who recruit at least 3 new members. Harris displayed the pins.
  - **Presentation of continuous membership pins:** Commander Tolsma presented the pins to those members present. Pictures are available on our Post 22 Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>
    - **30 Years continuous: Donald Andrews**, Korean War Veteran
    - **30 Years continuous: Raymond Lee Dennison Jr.**, Vietnam War
    - **30 Years continuous: Lyle W. Tolsma**, Gulf War Veteran
    - **45 Years+: Don G. Fuller**, Vietnam War Veteran
    - **55 Years: Paul A. Richter**, Vietnam War Veteran
    - Others delivered/being delivered to the members: **50 years, John L. Reule**, Korean War; **45 years, Howard Krueger**, WWII; **40 years, Roger Tollerud**, Vietnam War; **30 years, Donald Luden**, Vietnam War; **25 years, Russell Cochran**, Korean War; **20 years, Margaret M. Boyles**, Korean War.
- AL Riders Report (J. Fleming): Director Fleming talked about what activities the Riders have been up to this summer. This included several “fun rides”, as well as escort missions for deceased veterans. He also talked about a plaque the Riders were presenting to the Captain of USS South Dakota submarine.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): President Curry talked about what the Auxiliary has been up to over the past several months and asked the members present to talk to their spouses about joining the Auxiliary. She mentioned that the Auxiliary was no longer just for females. Any spouse of member can join (Female or Male).
  - She mentioned that Post 22 was hosting the District 2 meeting in October and asked that we consider moving up the meeting times because most of the Auxiliary members would not be willing/able to attend the later times due to an unwillingness to drive home in the dark. Adjutant Harris said we would be willing to talk about moving the meeting/dinner times up to accommodate and said that there would be a meeting next week between the AL/ALA/ALR to plan things out.
- Americanism (D. Fuller): Americanism Officer Fuller talked a bit about the upcoming Oratorical contests and getting into schools to address the students.
  - Boys State info (Van Delist): Post 22 Vice Commander and Boys State Director Van Delist talked about the dates and changes for the 2021 Boys State Session. He told the members that the dates would be from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup> of 2021. He also said that both Juniors and Seniors would be allowed to apply. This would make up for the 2020 Juniors not being able to attend due to COVID-19 cancellations this year. He asked that everyone get the word out about these changes and participate in recruiting boys for 2021.

- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Not present. Commander Tolsma talked about the ongoing construction at the field. Harris told the members that there were pictures of the construction posted on the Post 22 FB page (see address above).
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Our Historian Cynthia Douglas is still recovering from cancer treatments. Post 22 member James Brink has passed away. Talked about Last Man Standing Club.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): 4 referrals for service this month. Also, one person who wanted help moving, but didn't follow up.
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
    - Harris talked about the Post improvement projects that had taken place over the last several months and a few that were ongoing.
    - Update on replacement of HVAC Unit above the bar (**Van Delist**): Van Delist talked about the probable dates that the broken HVAC unit would be replaced (hopefully starting at the end of this month), and how the manufacturer had to build us a new unit. The installer offered us a financial break because of the misunderstanding about the availability of a replacement unit. Thank you to all of our patrons who've remained patient with the fan noise as we've waited for this to happen. Van Delist also talked about the loan we would be getting from First Interstate Bank in order to replace this unit and fix that portion of the roof while we do it. Thanks go out to member Tom Weaver (from FIB) for working with us on this project.
  - Reopening Kitchen plan (**Tolsma**): We've been closed since COVID-19 hit. The plan is to reopen after Labor Day, but we do not have a set date. New days now most likely be Wednesday through Saturday.
  - District 2 Meeting at Post 22 on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Need to set up a committee (AL/ALA/ALR/Bar manager). Mtg date/time
    - Start times: Currently 5 PM social, 6 PM dinner, and 7 PM meeting. Should we move it back by an hour or keep it as is? We have essentially agreed to move the start times back. This will be decided following the meeting between the involved parties
    - How will we do the dinner? This will be decided after we reopen the kitchen.
- **New Business**
  - Queen of Hearts winner: Don Fuller. A check for his winnings was presented to Don.
- **The Good of the American Legion** (Any member)
  - Mike Ball of the Riders talked about the National Commander's Fundraiser: 100 Miles for veterans and children. Details were provided in the most recent edition of The American Legion Magazine.
    - Sign up at [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org), and for more info go to [legion.org/100miles](http://legion.org/100miles)
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Veterans Day. Family members can walk, run, ride bicycles, for a total of 100 miles.
  - \$30 registration fee. Receive a slick tech shirt, a sign to display and a certificate of accomplishment when you finish. See the link on our FB page: [facebook.com/Post22RC](https://facebook.com/Post22RC).
  - Rapid City DAV announcements. Saturday Sept 5 from 9 to 11 at 1010 E. Madison Street. Also has medical equipment.

Adjourn (P.M.) 6:50 PM

The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
September 23rd, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): 30 members and guests were present

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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|---------------------------------|---|
| qq. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |
| rr. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| ss. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |
| tt. Finance Officer (Fink)      | X |
| uu. Chaplain (Fuller)           | X |
| vv. Historian (C. Douglas)      | X |
| ww. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)    | X |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Shari Bradstream (USA)/transfer from Box Elder Post.
  - o Guest(s): Mrs. Jacqueline Sly, joining member Burton Sly. Tom Vallette, Pennington County VSO. ALA member Toni Fuller.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 9/23/2020**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$ **(monies spent: \$284 for sound system and Webcam)**
    - Benevolence: \$ **(deposit of \$300/month from business acct. began again in August)**
    - Americanism: \$ **(EC voted to deposit \$300 monthly out of business acct. each month to support these programs – back dated to August)**
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ **(depositing \$1000/month from business acct restarted in August)**
  - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
    - Paid so far: 64 PUFLs + 53 online + 245 via mail in = 362 = **63% of goal**
      - If you have not yet renewed, please do so ASAP. **To pay online with a credit card...Go to Legion.org, then to Members, then to Renew Membership. You simply put your legion member # and last name into the boxes and pay with your credit card.**

- Presentation of membership pins:
      - 20 Years, Robert Scott, Vietnam, USA
      - 20+ Years, Burton Sly, Vietnam, USA (SDANG)
      - 30 Years, Gene Fairchild, Vietnam, USAF
      - 30 Years, Tom Grigsby, Vietnam, USMC
      - 50+ Years, Donald Stoltz, Vietnam, USA
        - Casa Grande, AZ
  - AL Riders Report (Mike Ball): Talked about what the Riders have been up to. Announced the Flag retirement ceremony taking place in our parking lot this coming Sat at 1 P.M. We will be working with a Scout troop to perform the ceremony. All are invited to attend.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry)
    - Have been working on getting the menu ready for the District 2 meeting (October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM...Post 22). Expecting about 50 people for dinner.
    - ALA Bingo will begin again on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Small meeting room at Post 22.
  - Americanism (D. Fuller):
    - Brought in the marketing boards showing the Big 3 and the scholarship money available. Talked about what schools he will be getting into.
    - Boys State (Van Delist): May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>. Both Juniors and Seniors for 2021 Session. Cost to Post is still \$200. Please help us recruit for 2021.
  - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
    - Talked about the construction on the Post 22 Field.
    - 5 of our players are currently playing for Big Sky (Fall Baseball league – travelling team).
    - Created a 12/13 yr. old local teams to get them introduced to our system.
    - Post 22 won their 43<sup>rd</sup> State tournament
    - Tolsma: The Turf subfield is being installed...the actual artificial turf will be laid starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2021 and will take 4 weeks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of June is the first home game. Games prior to this date will be “away” games.
    - 8 teams have committed for the Firecracker tournament. This is the full contingent for the first time in 2+ years.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
  - No members lost so far in November.
  - Sent a condolence card to member Tom Grigsby on the passing of his wife Pam.
  - Talked about Last Man Standing and how members can take part.
  - Raffle for this evening is at \$115 for the drawing tonight. Member Joe Aldentaler’s ticket was drawn and won \$5, but failed to roll a Yahtzee.
  - Recruited for the Wake Group. This group attends wakes for departed members and presents a final salute...paying respects to our brothers and sisters. If you would like to join this group, please contact Chaplain Fuller at: 715-425-5817.
  - Welcomed Historian Cynthia Douglas back after her cancer treatments.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Talked about how COVID-19 affected our services.
  - Inquiries for service: Gas/Hotels/Food were all denied funds, they were however counseled on many other available services and where the Vets need to go to get them.

- Feeding SD is closed currently. If we have an applicant with a bona fide need we will help them.
- Inquiries for temp lodging. We send them to Cornerstone Mission (private Vet area).
- Tom Vallette and Christine Speirs were available tonight to represent the County VSO and DAV.
- Working on finalizing the wording/verbiage for scholarship for Veteran College Students
- Working on small business grant for Vets. Utilizing TIUFTT funds.
- **14<sup>th</sup> of November at Post 22, the SDSM&T Student Veterans of America club will have their Chili Contest/Feed starting at 12 – 3 PM more or less.** Encouraged Post 22 members to attend and support this Veterans group. Post 22 member/Faculty Advisor Shane Lee was also present to explain a little about the group.
- Unfinished Business
  - **Post 22 hosting District 2 Fall Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Harris)
    - Social Hour starts at 2PM, Mtg at 3PM with dinner to follow
    - Please notify Adjutant Harris if you plan to attend. Trying to get a good number for the dinner. Send message to post22rc@gmail.com
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
    - HVAC Unit above the bar replaced. (Van Delist)
      - \$15K+ was the final cost.
    - Planned partial replacement of roof above bar in the HVAC and bathroom areas where the majority of leaks happen. (Van Delist)
      - \$20.5K+
      - Lowe Roofing Incorporated is contractor the EC selected. Scheduled for November timeframe.
    - Post 22 is obtaining a loan to pay for these two items.
    - Still working on the “dart room”. Doors have been painted. Waiting on replacement of carpet/installation of edging/installation of railing.
  - Reopening Kitchen (Tolsma)
    - Kitchen reopened on 18 September. Hours are Tues – Thursday 4-8PM, and Fri -Sat 11:30AM to 8PM. We hired two new cooks (1 is a short order cook and the other is a chef). We will once again be offering catering for groups renting our meeting rooms. Details will be posted on the website as they are finalized.
    - T. Smith and D. Harris recently fixed the exhaust fan over the grill hood. The louvre mechanism had jammed shut. Thanks to those individuals for their work.
    - Much positive feedback received on the food since reopening. **Our first steak night sold out in under an hour. We plan to double the amount of steaks offered for next week.**
- New Business
  - Planning for Veterans Day (Harris)
    - The Executive Committee voted to move forward and have the annual Turkey feed/membership dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
      - **Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup> - we will be doing our regular get together and will plan for such. Times: 4 – 6 P.M.**

- Veterans who are not members of Post 22 need only show proof they are a veteran to eat for free. Acceptable forms of ID: VA Card/SD Drivers' License with Veteran designation on the bottom/DD-214/membership card of another Veterans organization.
  - We will invite the 7<sup>th</sup> Cav band, but not sure if they will come. We have a new sound system that we can use to play service songs etc., if needed.
  - We will also offer takeout meals for those veterans who are not comfortable coming into the establishment. There will be a call-in phone number (605-415-8004) you can call between 4 and 5:30 P.M. (Veterans Day only) to order. The order can be delivered to your car.
  - Desserts (Pie) will once again be provided by Post 22's Auxiliary.
  - **Cost remains \$5 for non-Veterans and family members/guests.**
  - **If you would like to volunteer to help (cook a turkey/help serve/sell Queen of Hearts or Gun Raffle tickets) during this event, you can contact the Club manager at the bar, or send an email to post22rc@gmail.com**
- Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT):
    - Post 22 member Joey Franze gave a quick explanation of what TIUFTT is and how Post 22 takes part. 50 percent of the proceeds raised stays local.
    - Chairman Franze wants Post 22 to be the beneficiary/distributor of the local proceeds. We will be the group that receives the money and then we distribute it to other programs (Benevolence/Community support, scholarships/small business loans etc.).
    - Several members of the TIUFTT Board are already members of Post 22 (Franze/Garcia).
  - Grant Application for up to \$100K from the Cares Act Funds at state level. (Harris)
    - This money (200-400 million) is being awarded to Small Businesses who were negatively affected by COVID-19 during the months of March-May. Following the guidelines given, Post 22 would be eligible. Waiting for the State Legislature to meet in early October to discuss disbursement of funds. Once that happens, they will be taking applications. The funds must be distributed before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
      - Assuming we receive a grant, the plan is to use it toward covering business losses during that period and to partially repair our roof.
  - The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
    - C. Speirs told the members that on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 – 11 AM the local DAV chapter will be helping Veterans with claims paperwork. The local office is located at 101 E. Madison in Rapid City. If you need assistance with a claim, these are the folks to help you.

Adjourn (P.M.): 6:58 PM

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

October 28th, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet (19)

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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|---------------------------------|---|
| xx. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |
| yy. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| zz. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |
| aaa. Finance Officer (Fink)     | X |
| bbb. Chaplain (Fuller)          | X |
| ccc. Historian (C. Douglas)     | X |
| ddd. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)   | X |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members:
    - Paul Rodriguez, U.S. Army. Total of 18 years as a logistics officer in Army. He’s also our CPA for Post 22.
    - Jeri Erginkara, a 20+ year retired USAF Officer just moved here from Michigan.
  - o Guest(s) Molly Barari, Donor Recruitment Representative for Vitalant Blood Services in Rapid City – 10 minute presentation.
    - Took names and numbers and announced some changes to whom could donate blood. If you have previously been excluded from giving blood because of your time in Europe during the early 1990’s (possible exposure to Mad Cow disease) you may now be eligible to donate.
    - There will be a military blood drive taking place on Veterans Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Vitalant.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): **All as of 10/28/2020**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: **\$(+\$300 from Business Acct)**
    - Americanism: **\$(+\$300 from Business Acct)**
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: **\$(awaiting the October Xfer from Savings)**
    - Capital Improvement Loan: **In the works to pay for new HVAC and Roof repair**
  - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
    - Paid so far: 64 PUFLs + 67 online + 277 via mail in = 408 = **71% of goal**
  - o AL Riders Report (Ball): No representative was available.
  - o Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): No representative was available.
  - o Americanism (D. Fuller/Harris/Van Delist): Post 22 Oratorical contest to be held on the 5 Dec at SDSM&T. District level will be in January.

- Funds request for supplies (Fuller): Need a temp check for the contest. Need latex gloves and masks. Need to purchase these things...will be provided by SDSM&T. Some of the items are already available at SDSM&T and will be made available during the competition.
    - Foundation Funds awarded to Boys State (Harris): Department Americanism Chairman Harris requested a \$2,000 grant from the Foundation to help supplement the costs incurred by Boys State for the upcoming 2021 session.
  - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
    - Awarding of Regional National Tournaments (2022 and 2023) to Post 22. The State tournament was supposed to go to Post 22 in 2021, but it has been backed up to 2022. These are great fundraisers for the team. Garcia reported that construction is still on schedule for the new stadium.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (Fuller):
  - Recent deaths: Lost 3 members, Cecil J. Stoner, Ruben Lehr, and Benjamin D. Artichoker. These members will be honored next spring in the Post Everlasting ceremony.
  - Last man standing: Recruited for this program.
  - There will be no Wakes, because of the RONA, so no one will be getting calls for that.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - A couple of referrals to the County VSO. There is a lot of COVID money out there with other agencies, so we aren't getting too many requests.
    - There was a request from a Veteran to get money to get his car out of impound. Denied.
    - Worked with another Veteran to track down his records and time in IRAQ.
    - Working with another gentleman who needs help with his housing. This gentleman is in assisted living.
  - Proposed scholarship for a veteran attending a 4 yr college. Currently looking at \$1K scholarship...this will be discussed at the upcoming EC meeting.
  - 14<sup>th</sup> of November (10:30 to 1 P.M), the VETS club from Mines will be having a Chili cookoff contest at Post 22. \$5 to eat, \$15 to enter the contest. There will be prizes (maybe 6 to 8 hundred dollars, which they donate to a Vets Charity).
- Unfinished Business
  - Plans for Veterans Day Dinner (Harris)
    - Considering the huge increase in COVID-19 infections, do we want to move forward on this event? If so, what precautions should we take? Several members gave their opinions/advice on this topic.
    - The recommendation was to have the EC meet after the regular meeting to decide.
  - Facility repairs (Harris)
    - Carpet patch/replacement in Dart room completed. (Fink)
    - Repairs/Mnx to kitchen exhaust fans completed. (Smith)
    - Roof leak repairs to older building (Harris)
      - Need to replace a few of the ceiling tiles damaged by earlier leaks.
    - Planned partial replacement of roof over "bar" building (Van Delist)
      - Van Delist reports that our contractor plans to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of November on this replacement.



- New Business
  - o Post 22 Honor Guard presentation (Shari Bradstream). Member Bradstream addressed the members on the progress made toward reconstituting our Honor Guard. So far 8 people have signed up to take part. Minimum number will be 12, so if you are interested, please contact her. There will be a subsequent email with all the information sent out to our members (Harris).
  - o Adjutant Harris reported that he submitted a Grant request to the state for the Small Business Nonprofit COVID interruption program (grants as high as \$100K). The rules changed several times before the program went final so no idea exactly what amount we might be eligible for. Hopefully \$30K using the formula provided.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - o Historian C. Douglas encouraged members to vote next Tuesday (November 3<sup>rd</sup>).
  - o Post 22 Media specialist, Troy Falardeau mentioned our FB account and reported that he would be posting daily information in there starting November 1<sup>st</sup> on Veterans information, etc. Also a list of who will be handing out free meals to Veterans on Veterans Day. Talked a little about the VFW honor guard, who will be doing a presentation on Nov 11th at Memorial Park.
  - o Commander Tolsma reported that due to Holiday conflicts, there will be no regular meetings in November and December of 2020. Our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in January of 2021.
- Adjourned: This regular meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Following the Regular meeting, a special meeting of the Executive Committee was called. The members discussed whether to cancel the Veterans Day Dinner. After much discussion, member D. Harris made a motion to cancel this year's dinner due to a significant rise in COVID-19 cases within Pennington County and SD. Second by C. Van Delist. Motion carried. Harris will take steps to notify all members of this cancellation.

There were no meetings in November and December because meeting dates fall too close to the holidays.