



The American Legion, Post 22
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
 February 16th, 2022 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): 28 present.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery) | | X | X (lost fight with 150# dog) |
| g. Historian (C. Douglas) | | X | X |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. 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:
 - o Guests:
 - Tom Vallette (Pennington County Veteran Service Officer), talked about the 4th Annual Tee It Up For The Troops (seeking volunteers for 2022)
 - ½ of the proceeds come back to Post 22
 - March 18th hockey game with the Rush...chuck a puck salespeople needed. ½ goes to Post 22. We will meet up at 5 P.M. on the 18th at the Monument to sell the pucks.
 - The tournament happens on July 18th at the Arrowhead country club in Rapid City.
 - Josh Elder (Commander Tolsma’s grandson) for Post 22 Baseball. Thanked the members for supporting Post 22 baseball and their service. Announced that the following season passes were available for the 2022 season: Adult pass \$65 (1 person), Senior pass \$80 (2 people), family pass \$95 (up to 6 people). There will

be 139 homefield games this season (that's with 4 teams/and 4 junior teams this year). He can be reached at 605-381-8227.

- Dave Forsythe for SD Congressman Dusty Johnson's Office.
 - Military representative and a member of Post 22. Dusty will be in Hot Springs on the 22nd of February...he will be meeting the new director of the VA for the entire Black Hills area.
 - Dusty doing a big push to pin Vietnam Vets, so if you know someone, let Dave know.
 - Dave does oversight on the VA claims (another set of eyes).
 - He stays away from the political portion and just works with the Veterans.
- Presentation of \$500 check to Veteran Scholarship winner (Cody Marshall). He thanked the members for the scholarship and for bringing in some of the SD Mines Veterans into the Post.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 2/16/2022**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$ (2,000 given in Veteran Scholarships; 134.22 spent on SDNG SRP training day coffee and donuts)
 - Americanism: \$ (533.86 spent on school medals for this school year)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (pd 1,388 to the business account to pay for 3 raffle guns; deposited 1,000 back in for the last raffle drawn)
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 509 = **87% of goal**
 - Presentation of Membership Longevity Pins
 - Lowell Dethlefs – 45 yrs (delivered to his home)
 - Larry Davis – 45 yrs (delivered to his home)
 - Presentation of Department Commander Cap Pins for the following categories.

Membership:

1. Lyle Tolsma
2. Chris Van Delist
3. Doug Harris
4. Georgeann Van Delist
5. Bill Jeffery
6. John Rankin
7. Don Fuller
8. Lisa Jendry
9. Ryan Skjoldal
10. Donald Dosch
11. Rickey Jendry
12. Paul Rodriguez
13. Ray Andrews

14. John Schneider

High School Oratorical:

1. Ernie Sanford
2. Paul Douglas
3. Cynthia Douglas

Boys State/Youth Trooper

1. Anson Juelfs
2. Joe Aldentaler

Presentation of Military Rites at a veteran's funeral

1. Mike Ball
2. John Fleming

American Legion Baseball

1. Tom Weaver
2. Beau Garcia
3. Colin Hofer (SAL)
4. Steve Richey (SAL)

- AL Riders Report (M. Ball)
 - Not a lot going on. The Rider who lost a leg last fall now has a prosthetic. John Fleming is still sickly.
 - John Fleming and Mike Ball went to St Francis, SD to the Eugene Iron Shell Sr. funeral with a lot of other Legionnaires.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (Toni Fuller):
 - Still doing bingo every Tuesday at 630 P. We are hosting the District 2 Girls State orientation on the 1st of May at Post 22.
- Americanism (C. Van Delist/Harris):
 - Recruitment for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy is in full swing. If you have a son/grandson/other you think would be a good candidate for Post 22 to send, please get with Chris Van Delist or Doug Harris ASAP. Send an email to post22rc@gmail.com or doughinut@gmail.com and we will get back with you ASAP.
 - Post 22 will be represented at the SDAL Oratorical competition this weekend by Thomas Haar.
 - Also, his Court of Honor for Eagle Scout will be next month...this will make him Post 22's first Eagle Scout in decades. We are also planning to enter him into the Eagle Scout of the Year for SDAL next month and hopefully on to the National Competition. Basically, he is an amazing young man!!
 - The District 2 Boys and Girls State orientation is scheduled for May 1st at Post 22; tentative time of 12:00 P.M. so we can make it a pizza party.

- Post 22 has submitted nominations for **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year for 2022**. The winners will be announced on Saturday at the Midwinter Conference.
 - Boys and Girls State Day at the Capitol in Pierre on the 22nd of February. The SDAL Legislative Committee also meets on the 22nd and holds a Legislative Reception at the Pierre Post 8. D. Harris and C. Van Delist plan to attend for Post 22.
 - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
 - As reported earlier, Post 22 players are currently selling season passes for the 2022 season. Pick your favorite player and give till it hurts. Total of 8 teams this year. 4 of those are prep teams for the younger members.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - Recently deceased member: Jim Kolkman
 - Sick/injured: Lowell Dethlefs (stroke), but he is doing well. Our Chaplain, Bill Jeffery had a run in with a 150# dog and recovering.
 - Post Everlasting Ceremony scheduled for March 27th this year at 1 P.M. The ceremony will take place at the Post in the large meeting room.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - 2 or 3 referrals to the VSO.
 - There are two Post 22 members volunteering to do taxes on EAFB for free...for EASY returns.
 - Chris Van Delist, Lisa Jendry, Bill Jeffery and Don Dosch handed out donuts and coffee to the Guard (see our FB post for pics). Jake Vissia (the Commander of the Guard Unit and new member of Post 22) attended to thank the Post.
 - Jerry's Cakes and donuts donated 4 dozen donuts. Dark Canyon coffee donated tasty coffee. Beau Lambert from Beau's Kickstand loaned us 4 other carafes to help brew more coffee.
 - Dark Canyon also donated 24 lbs. of coffee to deployed National Guard troops at Guantanamo Bay. Dakota Style foods donated pretzels and sunflower seeds (see our FB post for more info). Other companies have also agreed to send items. DOT pretzels, Wall meats, etc. This is Post 22 and local/state vendors providing a "Taste of Home" for our deployed troops.
 - We will be handing out coffee and donuts again in April.
- Correspondence (Harris)
 - Thank You letters
 - Grace Goehring (\$1,000 Vet Scholarship winner)
 - Family of Marland H. Richard
 - Heart of Milbank (Baseball Fields)
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist/Harris).
 - Recent update of the Large/small meeting rooms
 - Removal of Commander Pics/40 & 8 Pics. We are still finalizing our plan to replace them with either collages or a TV that will cycle them through.
 - Van fixed the wall damage; Harris painted the walls and replaced the old sconce lights with new ones; replaced some of the stage lights/switches.
 - Painted part of the bar area (Harris)
 - Other project bids/dates (Van Delist)

- Replacement of HVAC units on old building. We are awaiting a bid from Climate control to replace the old HVAC units when the roof is redone (either this year or next).
 - Replacement of cooling units for the beer fridge in the new building. This will replace the old units that use an outdated coolant. Scheduled for March 1st.
 - Other: Discussed plans to either remove or upgrade the ugly duckling stage in the large meeting room. Nothing final yet.
- New Business
- Post 22 Endorsement vote to support Adjutant Harris for SDAL Vice CC (west river). Nomination by C. Van Delist, seconded by Mike Ball. Motion carries. Harris will compete against at least one other person for this office.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
- SDAL Midwinter is being held in Oacoma starting this Friday. Adjutant Harris will be attending for the Post and 1st Vice Van Delist will be attending as Boys State Director. Any other members? Mike Ball will be going.
 - District 2 Spring Meeting will be held in Mission SD on the 2nd of April. There will be an election for District 2 Commander and Vice Commander (2 year term). Also, the delegates will be selected for the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 26 – September 1, 2022.
 - Tee It Up For The Troops 2022 is looking for volunteers for a couple of upcoming events. They gave us approximately \$5,700 from last year's event to award in Veteran Scholarships. We have since awarded 4 scholarships (see our FB page for details and pics) and plan another round of 3 more for next semester.
 - Post 22 member Ed Manzano: War Memorial fund raiser information. Ed discussed the latest information concerning the new War Memorial for Memorial Park in Rapid City. There is a big fundraiser taking place currently with a **local businessman offering to match all donations up to \$30K during the month of February. Adjutant Harris started things off by presenting a personal check for \$100 to Ed Manzano. The Post 22 Executive Committee followed that up with another check for \$1,000 following their meeting.** If you would like to give, go to www.BHWMA.org and give online. Or, send a check in care of BHACF/BHWMA, to 1601 Mt. Rushmore Rd., STE 3-103, Rapid City SD 57701. THANK YOU!
 - Lisa Jendry read the bio for a POW. This was the first in a series of 16 that will be read at our meetings.
 - Norman Thornton (new member in November of 2021) attended his first meeting and introduced himself to the group. A Navy Veteran with 4 years.
 - Lisa Jendry announced that Post 22 will be hosting a **Women's Veterans Day event** on the 12th of June, 2022. All are invited to help and attend. More details to follow as they become available.
 - **1st Vice Ryan Skjoldal reported that we now have enough members to take on Honor Guard missions. Their next meeting will be next Wednesday at 6 P.M. in the large meeting room. They are still accepting new members.**
 - Cody Marshall talked about SD Mines Veterans Club. They do an **outhouse race** every year up in Nemo Guest Ranch. This year's event will take place on the 26th of Feb at approximately 10 A.M. proceeds go to the Shriners.

- John Rankin introduced his guest: John Cooper. John is a retired USA veteran who served in the U.S. and Europe. Started out in the Coast Guard doing Medic training and spent many years in Electronic Warfare.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.