



The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 December 15th, 2021 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): There were approximately 30 members and guests at the meeting.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma)                        | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Van Delist)  | X |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |   |   |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                        | X |   |   |
| 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: Joanna Danielson is a Chemical Officer with the SDNG, Jared Dupont is a Chaplain with the SDNG; David Forsythe was an infantry member with USA and currently works as a local constituent liaison for SD Congressman Dusty Johnson. See our Facebook page for pictures and bios: facebook.com/Post22RC
    - o Guest(s):
      - Scout Troop 72 Leader – Jim Haar presentation: Jim briefed the members on what the Scouts were all about and talked about how Troop 72 can work with Post 22.
        - Harris also told the members that we are now a co-sponsor of Troop 72.
        - This is an opportunity for them to volunteer to assist this Scout Troop
        - And gives them a Troop for their children to join.
        - We also have our first Eagle Scout (Thomas Haar) in many years and will be submitting him for Eagle Scout of the Year to the SD American

Legion. If he wins at the State Level, he will then compete at the National Level for a \$10K scholarship.

- 2021 Post 22 Oratorical Contest Winner (Thomas Haar) presentation: Thomas gave his Oratorical Prepared Speech to the members. He will next compete at the District 2 contest on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January at SDSM&T (10:00 A.M.)
- U.S. Congressman's Dusty Johnson's Veterans Affairs representative: David Forsythe talked to the members about how he can help those members who are having trouble with VA claims, etc. He also encouraged members and other Veterans to utilize Post Veterans Service Officers/County VSO's first because they are the experts. Come to him if there is a problem/delay that Congressman Johnson can help with.
- Presentation: Our 2<sup>nd</sup> (40 & 8) Nursing Scholarship (\$1,000) was presented to Joanna Danielson. Van Delist told the members that we will be giving away another 2 scholarships in 2022.

- Committee Reports

- Finance (P. Rodriguez): All **as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - Business: \$
  - Membership: \$
  - Benevolence: \$ (pd out \$186 for SDNG deployment event)
  - Americanism: \$ (pd \$300 to SDAL Educator of The Year – Audra West of Black Hawk Elementary School). See our FB site for more on this story.
  - SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: \$()...will be paid off this month.
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
  - Paid so far 464 = **80% of goal**
  - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:
    - Doug Harris: 7
    - C. Van Delist: 6
    - L. Tolsma: 4
    - Don Fuller: 3
    - John Rankin: 2
    - G. Van Delist: 2
    - Paul Rodriguez: 2
    - Lisa Jendry: 1
    - Ryan Skjoldal: 1
    - Bill Jeffery: 1
    - Don Dosch: 1
    - Rickey Jendry: 1
    - John Schneider: 1
    - Ray Andrews: 1
- AL Riders Report (J. Fleming/M. Ball):
  - Fundraiser for Ron in October...good turnout. Stood a Flag line 2 days ago for a deceased Veteran.
  - Next Riders mtg on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pizza Ranch near Sams Club.

- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller):
  - Presented a check (\$25) to cover 5 vets from the Veteran dinner.
  - Will be holding their Christmas dinner next Tuesday at the Colonial House.
  - Potluck Christmas party at bingo next Tuesday (21 December at 6:30 P.M.) at the Post (small mtg room).
  - Please support the Auxiliary's Bingo on Tuesday nights. Either as a player or a volunteer.
- Americanism (J. Aldentaler/D. Fuller/D. Harris):
  - Oratorical Contest (District 2) takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022 at 10 A.M. I still need a few more volunteers that day, so let me know if you'd like to help.
  - 2022 Boys State Plan: Start visiting schools next semester for Boys State and Youth Trooper.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
  - Not much going on with Baseball right now. The boys are working out inside and will likely be selling season passes after the first of the year.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Chaplain B. Jeffery):
  - Donald Tidwell
  - Daniel Oliver
  - Historian Cynthia Douglas is currently recuperating from a recent illness.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Made several referrals to county VSO's.
  - Sent out a notification for the upcoming Veteran scholarships for next semester. A total of \$2,000 will be up for competition...a \$1,000 and two \$500.
  - Post 22 Finance Officer Paul Rodriguez is working on a program to help local veterans with Christmas gifts etc.
    - 3 Local businesses and Post 22 are taking part in this program (Run Wild, Dakota Bank and RnR Accounting); toy drive drop off (at Run Wild Indoor and Outdoor Playland located at 7089 Infinity Dr., in Summerset SD) you will receive a day pass for Run Wild. You may also drop off toys at Post 22.
      - Go to our Facebook page for the list of needed toys:  
[facebook.com/Post22RC](https://facebook.com/Post22RC)
    - Post 22 is giving the food baskets for the families and an additional amount of cash...members at the meeting donated over \$220 in cash.
    - Our families were recommended by the Family readiness Office at SDNG.
    - Any money left over will be donated to the families.
    - Any additional toys/gifts will be given to the Rapid City Police Department to give out to the community.
  - Future: soliciting local businesses for donations for an upcoming Deployment of the SDNG 235<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company...same group we helped with the deployment planning event in November.
  - State Level: Legislative Lobbyist (Van Delist) reported that the focus for the upcoming session will be Milcon construction. We are also working with them on State Level tuition assistance for current serving National Guard troops...we are trying to get them to up the amount from 50% to 100% tuition assistance.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Received bids for the following projects

- Replacement of the main beer cooler compressors/cooling units. What we currently have is very old and uses an outdated coolant that is increasingly hard to find and very expensive.
        - The bids we've had so far are for 7K+ and 9K+
      - Repair/painting of the exterior of Post 22?
        - Met with 2 contractors with a 3<sup>rd</sup> bid coming up.
    - New Business
      - 2022 Post 22 donations spreadsheet in the works. Harris asked for volunteer hours from the attendees and any other Post 22 members so we can get credit for them.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris: A new Post 22 member (Anita Hartl) won the latest gun raffle last Sunday.
    - Tickets for the next raffle are now on sale. We have 2 pistols left.
    - This raffle helps Post 22 raise money to repair its leaky roof.
  - Harris talked about an upcoming Vitalant blood drive hosted by the Rapid City Masons, Shriners and Optimists. Will be held this Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> of December) from 10 A.M. till 2 P.M. at the Naja Shrine Temple (4091 Sturgis Rd).
    - He also showed a plaque expressing thanks from Vitalant for the many events Post 22 and its members have taken part in over the last year.
  - John Schneider talked about the gun raffle and how much money it raises. The purpose was to explain this program to our new members and encourage those present to help sell the tickets.
  - Ed Manzano reported that on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> the City Council approved the changes to the Rapid City War monument in Memorial Park. There will be several new sections installed and the names of those from the local area who gave their lives in all wars will be added. For more details and how you can help, go to this website: [www.BHWMA.org](http://www.BHWMA.org)
  - Harris covered correspondence.
- Adjournment at 7:09 P.M. Social hour followed.