

2019 Regular Meeting Minutes Compilation:

The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
January 23rd, 2019 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

- |                     |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| a. Commander        | X |   |
| b. Vice Commander   | X |   |
| c. Adjutant         | X |   |
| d. Finance Officer  |   | X |
| e. Chaplain         | X |   |
| f. Historian        | X |   |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms | X |   |

- Reading of the minutes of previous meeting (Adjutant) Motion R. Frantsvog to accept the minutes as presented electronically (alpost22rcsd.com), Second by M. Ball. Motion carries.
  - o All Membership meeting minutes will be posted on our website: alpost22rcsd.com. Harris demonstrated to the membership how they can access the minutes by going to our website and selecting the “meeting minutes tab”.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Michael Dover was present and introduced himself to the assembled members. Commander Tolsma welcomed him.
  - o Guest(s): Van Delist
    - **Jonathan Elm, MS, Post 9/11 VA Black Hills Transition Patient Advocate**, VA Black Hills Health Care System. Couldn’t make it to the meeting due a death in his office.
    - **SDSM&T Veterans Club**: Simonton, Tillman and Flom (3 members). Talked about what they do at the college. Their organization is there to support the veteran students; helping them learn good study habits, etc. Approximately 150 students at SDSM&T are veterans. 60 are members of the Vets Club. Member Van Delist also talked about how he interacted with the Vets Club in his role as the First Source representative.
    - **Zymurcrazy Beer Company – Robert Verry: Navy and AF Veteran** owned business brought beer for us to try and talked about his business. All three partners in the business are veterans. Open Thursday through Sunday. Check their website (zymurcrazybeer.com) for hours. We are currently trying to get

their beer on tap here at Post 22. Member Van Delist is working with our Bar Manager, Bonnie Killian to make this happen.

- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris): All **as of 1/23/19 (Members may request numbers by sending an email to post22rc@gmail.com)**
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$; \$1,000 of this money was presented to Post 22 from First Interstate Bank on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2018. The money was part of thousands FIB gives away to local charitable organizations at the end of each year. Harris reported that this money will be spent on Boys State and Post 22 Baseball.
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - Savings Acct: \$
    - Business Acct: \$
      - Legal Loan outstanding -\$
    - See 2018 Donations spreadsheet (see report on website – mtg minutes tab)
    - Motion by Frantsvog to accept the finance report, second by Ball. Motion carries.
  - o Membership (Harris)
    - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 505 for 79%
  - o Americanism (P. Douglas)
    - Reported on the Oratorical contest. Don Fuller helped recruit for Post 22, but they all wimped out on us. We held the District 2 contest here at Post 22 and Erica Houser will be our representative at the MidWinter Conference next month in Spearfish.
    - We are getting a bus for Boys State but still don't have a price yet.
  - o 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (C. Douglas)
    - 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. We will have a birthday party with cake and ice cream. There will be several presentations. Looking for a proclamation from the Mayors Office. Will be in the afternoon, but don't have an exact time yet.
    - Also asked the members to bring in their memorabilia for display.
    - Other Posts are also putting on their celebrations...see the website for details.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Chaplain Fuller mentioned several individuals who recently had surgeries and one of our members (Cherrie) who had a heart attack.
- Post Service Officer report (Ball)
  - o Talked about the money we gave via gas fill up (\$70) etc., for vets. We also gave \$200 to a person who is dealing with breast cancer. Our budget for the Benevolence Fund is \$300/month.
- Unfinished business
  - o Post 22 sign update (Tolsma): Commander Tolsma brought a picture of our new sign and passed it around the room for the members to look at. Our new sign will be LED with a cover over it to keep the hail from taking it out. Our end cost is approx. \$4,700...this is down from the original \$12K+. It should be up in the next 2 wks.
  - o Legal case of Post 22 v Pennington Co. – Final report (Tolsma): Tax exempt status of our club. Commander Tolsma gave a brief history of the case. We fought it all the

way through the SD Supreme Court...they ruled that we are 100% exempt and along with lower courts, ordered Pennington County to pay part (approximately 20K) of our legal fees (approx. 53K). Our lawyer waived his personal fees, but not his staff fees. We ended up paying about 20K. We subsequently received a tax bill from the county for about \$8K. Commander Tolsma talked to them and they said the bill will be abated down\$0. We will save about \$20K/year. Tolsma also reported that several other Posts in the state have submitted their requests for a \$0 tax bill.

- Post 22 Kitchen – Now back under Post 22 management (Tolsma): Tolsma and C. Van Delist spent a lot of time/effort getting the kitchen ready and open by 1 Jan 2019. Tolsma reported that we spent about \$8,500 to get the kitchen fully equipped and stocked with supplies. Hired Angie as the manager. So far business has been good; we are receiving a lot of positive feedback about the food.
  - Harris showed how people can access the kitchen information, including menu on our website.
  - Days/Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 1130 A.M. to 8 P.M. These were the days/times chosen based upon past experience with which days were busier as well as the desire to keep the managers hours down to 40. A plan is in place to extend the hours as needed/when needed.
- Post 320 response to invite hold their meetings at Post 22 (Harris)
  - Showed copy of Letter to group. Basically, 320 expresses a desire to work with Post 22 and utilize our facilities to host district meetings/etc. They will continue to hold their membership meetings at the VFW.
- New Business
  - Fire damage to storage shed (Tolsma)
    - Commander Tolsma reported that a couple of individuals had broken into one of our sheds and used a stack of A/C filters as “firewood” to keep warm while they enjoyed their beer. This fire apparently spread to the shed floor and other items (wheel chairs, walkers, beer coolers, filters, etc) in the shed. They then placed these items in the nearby dumpster which of course started it on fire. The shed and the items within are a total loss. The fire dept was notified and they put the fire out. Post 22 will work with our insurance company and will decide if we will replace the shed and the contents.
  - Schedule for TAL MidWinter conference (Feb 8-10): see website: [alpost22rcsd.com](http://alpost22rcsd.com)
    - Can be accessed on the Post 22 website under the Post/Dept/Newsletter tab – “Up To Now”
- The good of the American Legion (Any member): No members had anything to add.

Adjourn (703 P.M.)

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

February 27th, 2019 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: 18

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

h. Commander	X	
i. Vice Commander	X	
j. Adjutant	X	
k. Finance Officer		X (departed prior to start of meeting)
l. Chaplain	X	
m. Historian	X	
n. Sergeant-at-Arms	X	

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website (Adjutant). C Douglas moved to accept the minutes as posted. Second by Fuller. Motion passed.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Tom Smith – Long time member, but first meeting. Welcome!!
  - o Guest(s): Chris Rendan, County Commander.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris): All **as of 2/27/19**
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - Savings Acct: \$
    - Business Acct: \$
      - Legal Loan outstanding -\$ (down 2K from last month)
      - Motion to accept report by Fink and second by P. Douglas. Motion carried.
    - Motion by to accept the finance report, second by D. Fink, second by P. Douglas. Motion passed.
  - o Membership (Harris)
    - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 546+ for 85%
      - Most recent steps to increase renewals (Harris)
        - o Sent out 100+ renewal reminder post cards from the Post
    - Presentation of “Go-Getter” pins (Tolsma)
      - L. Tolsma
      - C. Van Delist
      - G. Van Delist
      - M. Ball
      - D. Harris
    - Volunteers for “Buddy Check”, a national week of calling 11-15 March. Motion to meet at 1600 on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> to organize this event. Second by Fuller. Motion approved.
  - o Americanism (P. Douglas)
    - Boys State/YTA

- Upcoming events (recruiting etc.): Central H.S. 28 Feb, and Rapid City Christian H.S. on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 0854. Continuing efforts to schedule presentations at Stevens HS and Saint Thomas Moore.
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans/updates (C. Douglas)
    - John Fleming is making the memory box where we will be putting the centennial coins and the Charter etc.
    - Will be organized as a Birthday party for the Post on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to hear from the baseball team to find out if they are in town. Will have a cake etc. Individuals can bring their memorabilia to show everyone (please contact C. Douglas to schedule). Will have a Post 22 and Post 22 Auxiliary table as well. Beau Garcia (Athletic Officer) will give Cynthia the dates/info on the baseball team.
  - Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Only one person...Fuller, who was sick. Tom Long passed away. Last man standing...bring in your favorite beverage to share.
    - Post Everlasting status: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1400. Ceremony requires 7 or 8 people for this program. We still need 4 more volunteers...play taps, carry in the rifles (3 people), a person to burn the ceremonial paper, etc. We will set up a “dry run” on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 1900 (Post 22). If you would like to volunteer to assist in this program, please contact Don Fuller (715-425-5817).
  - Post Service Officer report (Ball): Unable to make the meeting. We gave \$100 to a veteran that needed help to pay his rent.
  - Athletic Officer Report (Beau Garcia): Gave dates for upcoming events for Post 22 Baseball team. Please see the March 2019 Newsletter for details. Softball team is having a fundraiser on 3 March 4-7 PM at Post 22.
- Unfinished business
  - Status of facility projects
    - Roof repair (Harris): Negotiations between our contractor and the Insurance adjustor have been completed and Hays Roofing should start working on the roof once the weather improves. Contract signed on March 1, 2019.
    - Post 22 sign (Tolsma): Sign has been installed and it looks great. Make sure to come and check it out.
    - Post 22 Baseball facility (Tolsma): Report on the status of funds provided.
      - Background...Fitzgerald Stadium is leased through the city of RC for \$1/year. Vision funds were awarded to Post 22 Baseball in the amount of \$2.3 Million to redo the stadium. Hope to start the update after the completion of the 2019 season. Commander Tolsma brought proposed construction plans for the members to review.
    - Status of Post 22 Kitchen (Tolsma): Report on the status of our kitchen since the changeover from contractor to Post control. Business has been booming, with a lot of compliments on the food. Cost us about 9K to get it up running. Have gone a long way toward paying that back. Room rentals are also back up. They had been way down with the previous contractor.
    - Status of our shed that was burned. (Tolsma)
      - Insurance has given their input (approximately 2K to us after the \$2,500 deductible. What do we want to do with the shed? Do we want/need a replacement? This topic will be addressed at the Executive Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

- Boy Scout troupe update. C. Van Delist reported that we are not really getting any input from the local representatives of The Scouts. Chris Rendan (Past Commander of Post 320 and current County Commander, said part of the hold up is the departure of LDS Church and the bringing in of girls.
  - New Business
    - Nomination(s) for Post 22 Legionnaire of the year (Harris): Final selection must take place at this meeting so our nominee can be forwarded to District 2 for consideration there. Our nominees are:
      - G. Larson
      - C. Van Delist
      - D. Harris
        - Harris presented the written nominations to the members present so that all could review and then vote on who they wanted as our nominee to District 2. After reviewing all nominations, a motion was made by C. Van Delist to select Harris as Post 22 “Legionnaire of the Year”, second by D. Fuller. Motion carried.
    - Nominations for 2019/2020 Officer positions – Nominations will be made at the March 2019 meeting and voted on at the April 2019 meeting.
    - Fuller asked if we want to have the State Float at Veterans Day Parade? We need to reserve it now. General support for this, but no clear motion made to move forward. The decision will likely be made at the Executive Committee meeting on 9 March.
    - D. Fuller made a motion to present \$50 gift certificates, as a thank you for all the time put in by Tolsma, Harris and Van Delist. Second by Fleming. Motion carried. Member Phelps offered to donate the money to cover this expense.
    - District 2 meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Crazy Horse Monument

- **District 2 Conventions – American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary**

-			
-	11:00 am	Social Hour	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	12:00 pm	Lunch – Taco Bar	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	1:00 pm	Song of Welcome	Viewing Platform, Rosebud Boys & Girls Club Drum Team
-	1:30 pm	Legion Meeting	Mountain View Room (set up for 100)
-		Auxiliary Meeting	Large Classroom (set up for 50)
-	3:30 pm	Conclude Conventions	
-			
-			

- **Custer Post #46 American Legion Birthday Dinner**

-			
-	4:00 pm	Social Hour	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	5:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	5:45 pm	Program	Laughing Water Restaurant
-	7:00 pm	Conclude Birthday	

- The good of the American Legion (Any member): No comments were presented.

Adjourn (P.M.) 7:14P

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 March 27th, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Vice 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: 18 Members/3 guests.

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

o. Commander		X	X
p. Vice Commander	X		
q. Adjutant	X		
r. Finance Officer		X	
s. Chaplain	X		
t. Historian	X		
u. Sergeant-at-Arms	X		

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website (Adjutant)
  - o Motion to accept minutes as posted by D. Fink, second by C. Scholl. Motion passes.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New/renewing/transfer members: John Schneider (renewing): AH-64 Apache driver etc. Retired Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Talked about his business Prestige Outdoors, Dakota Optics and Gun Cleaning. All about guns and aviation. Fr. Jack La Rocca, transferring to Post 22 from 0500.
  - o Guest(s): Van Delist: 1) Clyde Elwood...Marine Corp Vet. 4H volunteer...works at Ft Meade. 2) Kirsten Gortmaker (guest of Don Fuller) w/ Army National Guard, Dental assistant.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris): All **as of 3/27/19**
    - **Membership Acct:** : Money spent in March - \$35 to Dept of SD for Pheasant Pins; \$32.36 to Don Fuller (reimburse for cupcakes for Post Everlasting ceremony)
    - **SAL Acct: \$**
    - **Americanism Acct: \$:** Money spent in March - \$556.74 (reimburse P. Douglas for school medals); Deposit of \$285 from FIB for Boys State.
    - **Benevolence Acct: \$:** Money spent in March - \$41.23 (assist Veteran); \$50 to YFS for Children’s Fair Tickets; Deposit of \$100 (donation from member); Deposit \$38 (raised by D. Fuller during last meeting).
    - **Savings Acct: \$:** Deposit \$2,062.45 (Insurance check for burned shed). Expect a \$5K expense in near future to our roofer.
    - **Business Acct: \$.** Expect more expenses to fix damage to roof and interior drywall from ice/snow/water buildup over utility room in new section.
      - Legal Loan outstanding -\$
      - Motion to accept report by M. Ball, second by D. Fink. Motion passed.
  - o Membership (Harris)
    - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 570+ for approx. **90%**
      - Most recent steps to increase renewals (Harris)

- Buddy Check (week of 11-15 March). Thank you to C. Van Delist, M. Ball, P & C Douglas, D & T Fuller and D. Littel for helping with this event.
  - Sent out another 100 renewal reminder post cards from the Post (part of the Buddy Check program).
- Americanism (P. Douglas)
  - School visits for Boys/Girls State: visited all but STM so far. Talked to a lot of students, but so far, no takers. Cutoff is 1 Apr (**changed to 1 May**).
  - Post 22 Baseball (Fitzgerald Stadium update): Msg from Commander Tolsma
    - “Just a quick update on the vision funds that were awarded to Black Hills Sports, Inc. for the renovation of Fitzgerald Stadium. Originally, we were awarded 1.65 million from the Vision Fund Committee, then the City Council bumped that number up to 2.3 million.

All members of the Black Hills Sports board have been diligently working behind the scenes, I personally met with the Mayor a few weeks ago and had a good feeling when I left that we would be getting some more monies for the project.

This past Monday evening (3/18/19) at the city council meeting they took away 1.1 million of vision funds from Black Hills Sports and gave it to the One Heart Care Campus, which then left us with 1.2 million dollars of vision funds. In turn the council suggested that we be awarded funds from the community improvement fund.

When it was all said and done, they awarded Black Hills Sports another 3.8 million which fully funded our request of 5 million. The vote was 8 to 2 in favor of us and we now are going to be building a world class stadium for Post 22 Baseball to be played on.”

- Historian (C. Douglas)
  - MidWinter convention report/District 2 mtg report
    - MidWinter (C. Douglas and D. Harris):
      - L. Tolsma, D. Harris, C. Van Delist, M. Ball, P&C Douglas, and D. Fuller attended to represent Post 22.
      - Post 22 (via Post 22 Baseball Parents) presented \$1K check to Operation Comfort Warriors.
      - D. Harris addressed the convention on his time at NALC.
      - Oratorical contest well attended. District 2 did very well. Don Fuller talked about the judges for next year...from the middle schools.
    - District 2 (C. Douglas and D. Harris):
      - Post 22 Chaplain, Don Fuller elected as Pennington Co. Commander.
      - District 2 takes second seat at Dept Convention due to outstanding results in membership. Gene Opbroek, Department Membership Officer, pointed out that this was

very significant, because the previous year we were last place and now we moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

- D. Harris chosen as Legionnaire of the Year for Dist. 2, will now compete for Department level.
- Rick MacDonald (Hermosa) will be Dist. 2 representative to National Convention. Dist. 2 CC, Eugene Iron Shell Jr., will be Alternate.
- Centennial Celebration update (C. Douglas). Invitation out to Gov. Noem (no response yet) and several other dignitaries. Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Chaplain Fuller): Nothing to report here.
  - Post Everlasting Ceremony Report: Talked about the success of the program...please see the website for pictures.
  - AL Float coming in March and then November (need to give Dept a check for \$20).
  - Judson Phelps won the bottle of wine.
- Post Service Officer report (Ball): Talked about the stranded vet who was trying to get to the eastern side of the state. We paid for his hotel room. One other called but didn't get back with the requested information, so no action taken/required.
- Unfinished business
  - Status of facility projects (Harris): Harris reported on the status of repairs to our roof. Hays Contracting will begin to fix the hail damage around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. Also discussed was the problem and consequent fix caused by the frozen drain pipe on the "new" portion of the building. Removal/replacement of the drywall in the utility room will take place in near future (Van Delist project).
  - Burnt shed will be hauled to the dump. Harris reported that almost all the medical equipment was destroyed in the fire and that we would no longer be able to make loans to members. M. Ball said we should still make loans with whatever we have and that we should still accept donations of said equipment. Harris pointed out that we wouldn't have any place to store this equipment because we do not plan to replace the shed. Fleming said we couldn't even give away some of our older equipment, because no organization would take it and it ended up at the dump.
  - C. Van Delist: Reported on changes in the Bar. Manager was let go due to differences in direction. Jeremy Snyder was hired as the Asst. Bar Manager...he is working the updates for inventory and has been very active in cleaning all areas of the bar. We have placed a listing for a new Bar Manager and 2 new bartenders.
  - M. Ball: Talked about items being removed from the bar area without EC permission. Some discussion followed until Vice Commander Fleming asked that it be discussed at the EC level and then moved the meeting on.
- New Business
  - Nominations for 2019/2020 Officer positions (Post level and Executive Committee)
    - Commander (L. Tolsma) – nominated by Harris
    - Vice Commander (Mike Ball) – nominated by Harris
    - Finance Officer (C. Van Delist) – nominated by Fuller
    - Chaplain (Don Fuller) – nominated by Van Delist
    - Historian (C. Douglas) – nominated by Harris
    - Sergeant-at-Arms (Don Dosch) – nominated by Van Delist
    - Executive Committee (5)
      - M. Ball – nominated by Harris

- C. Van Delist – nominated by Fink
- Don Fuller – nominated by Van Delist
- C. Douglas – nominated by P. Douglas
- D. Fink – nominated by Ball
- J. Fleming – nominated by Harris
- Adjutant Harris pointed out that these nominees will carry forward to the April meeting, where the nomination process will take place again (to add any additional nominees), followed by the election of officers.
- Seeking volunteers to help with outdoor cleanup/bush trimming/etc. (Harris)
  - The Spring cleanup will take place on 30 March at 10 AM. Volunteers include: D. Harris, Mike Ball, D. Stroup, D. Fuller, J. Fleming, D. Dosch, C. Van Delist and family.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member):
  - D. Stroup. Announced that EAFB will be getting the B-21 Bomber. Timeframe for beginning is approximately 2 years from now.
  - Van: Boys State Registration is extended to 1 May. Currently only at about 170 signed up.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:04 PM

The meeting was followed by a social hour where most attendees joined in.

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 24th, 2019 at 6 P.M.

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

- Post and salute the colors
- **Moment of Silence for 3 recently fallen comrades (remove cap):**
  - **William Kribell**
  - **Richard Frantsvog**
  - **Donald Achtien**
- 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 (24 Members, 2 SAL and 5 guests)

Follow with officer roll call:	Present / Absent / Excused		
v. Commander	X		
w. Vice Commander		X	X
x. Adjutant	X		
y. Finance Officer		<b>Resigned position 4/22/19</b>	
z. Chaplain	X		
aa. Historian	X		
bb. Sergeant-at-Arms	X		

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc>
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Matt Naasz.
  - o Guest(s): Bruce and Rachel Douglas visiting from Clifton Park, New York. He is a PUFL member of Post 189, Hosmer, SD. Chris Coyle and family members here to accept Dept Commander hat pin (for Bill Kribell); Guests will be escorted from the room before the election of officers takes place.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris): All as of 4/24/19
    - **Membership Acct: \$**
    - **SAL Acct: \$**
    - **Americanism Acct: \$;** Monies spent \$225 to ALA for Girls State;
    - **Benevolence Acct: \$;** Monies spent: \$34 Gas for Vet assist; \$46.65 Gas for Vet; \$75 for Naja Shrine Circus tickets (Children and Youth); \$100.13 Vet assist for utilities.
    - **Savings Acct: \$;** Monies spent \$5,000 to our roof contractor to fix hail damage.
    - **Business Acct: \$**
      - Legal Loan outstanding -\$
      - Motion to accept report by M. Ball, second by C. Douglas. Motion passed.
  - o Membership (Harris)
    - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 582+ for approx. **91%**
      - Membership renewal/recruitment has slowed to a crawl. Please don't stop recruiting new members!
  - o Americanism (P. Douglas):
    - Boys State is running really slow...only 2 boys so far from Rapid City. Approximately 7-9 girls for the ALA.
    - Department Membership Chair and Director of Boys State, Gene Opbroek reported that Northern State University will pick up the marketing for Boys State starting next year.
    - Cynthia Douglas reported that we will be handing out school medals in May.
  - o AL Post 22 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans/updates (C. Douglas): Talked about the “time capsule” box. Asked the members to bring in items that would go into the box. Party on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July at 1400. Planning to put table up for memorabilia. The history books will be out for people to peruse. Bday cake etc.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Bill Kribell passed away. Richard Frantsvog passed away. Donald Achtien passed away. Last Man Standing bottle can be purchased from the Legion Bar at cost. John Wheeler was in the hospital but is out now.
- Post Service Officer report (Ball): **Resigned position 4/22/19 and removed himself from contention for an EC position/Vice Commander at the same time.**
- Unfinished business
  - o Status of facility projects
    - Roof repair for hail damage 100% complete. Hays Contracting was our contractor.
    - Leaks fixed over utility room in new section. Black Hills Roofing was our contractor.

- New Business
  - **Department Commander Cap Pin presentations: 20** (Tolsma)
    - Recruited new member(s): 1) Mike Ball, 2) Larry Dressler, 3) Don Dosch, 4) Doug Harris, 5) Don Fuller, 6) Gene Opbroek, 7) Lyle Tolsma, 8) Chris Van Delist, 9) Georgeann Van Delist, 10) John Wheeler.
    - High School Oratorical Contest: 11) Cynthia Douglas, 12) Paul Douglas
    - Post Honor/Color Guard: 13) Mary Ball, 14) John Fleming, 15) Richard Frantsvog (posthumously), 16) Bill Kribell (posthumously), 17) Gary Larson, 18) Judson Phelps.
    - Legion Baseball: 19) Beau Garcia (SAL)
    - Buddy Check membership efforts: 20) Dennis Littel.
  - American Legion Baseball (Beau Garcia): Gave us an update on the schedule etc. A link to the schedules can be found on our website: <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/gallery>
    - L. Tolsma talked about bringing the team in this coming Saturday (4/27/19) for breakfast and tell them what The American Legion is all about.
      - C. Van Delist asked for volunteers to help clean the Post and set up/serve the players.
  - **Election of 2019/2020 Officers** (Commander)
    - Nominations asked for - Post and Executive Committee Officers (Tolsma)
    - **Post Officers** – all were the only person running for the office and were elected.
      - Commander – L. Tolsma
      - Vice Commander – C. Van Delist
      - Finance Officer – D. Fink
      - Chaplain – D. Fuller
      - Historian – C. Douglas
      - Sergeant-at-Arms – D. Dosch
    - **Executive Committee** members
      - **C. Van Delist, C. Douglas, D. Fuller, D. Dosch, D. Fink and J. Fleming** were the 6 candidates for the 5 positions available. The ballot was passed out and 4 were elected by the numbers. There was a runoff between C. Douglas and J. Fleming, with J. Fleming winning the 5<sup>th</sup> position.
    - Election judges (3) J. Phelps, P. Douglas, J. Schneider. People who don't hold an office and are not running for an office.
  - **Installation of Officers** (Gene Opbroek – Department Membership Chair).
    - Upon completion of the ceremony, the new officers were escorted to their positions.
  - Re-elected Commander, L. Tolsma returned to the podium and asked if there were any “For The Good of The American Legion” inputs.

Adjourn (P.M.) 1928

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 22nd, 2019 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

cc. Commander (Tolsma)	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	
ii. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)	X	

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
  - o Motion to accept minutes as posted by Fleming, Second Phelps, Motion carried
- Meeting etiquette briefing (Harris)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - o New members: Introduction of new/returning members - Schneider/Van Delist/
    - Frank Gutierrez – Army NG – new member
    - Nick Figuly – active duty AF – new member
    - Bob Splinter – AF Security Police/NORAD – current member
    - Paul Woolever – AF Vet working at the Village as Marketing Dir. – new member
    - Bob Karlen – Army – current member
    - Shane Lee– Marine Corp/ Adjunct Prof and PHD candidate at SDSM&T – current member
  - o Christine Pranger – DAV and one of our members. Chapter 3 and 11 are having a poker run on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 0900. Starting at BH Harley Davidson with 6 stops. Free meal at HD. See Post 22 website for flyer. Money stays local and goes to help the vets.
  - o Guest(s): Magic of Painting (Marsha Knopf) – offering course to our members as a form of “Art Therapy”, or whatever you would like it to be. Gave a presentation on what she would like to do and asked people to sign up. Once we figure out the interest level, we will schedule the classes.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 5/22/19. Members may request financial information that has been removed by contacting the Adjutant at post22rc@gmail.com**
    - **Membership Acct:** Monies spent: \$146.97 on office supplies.
    - **Americanism Acct:** Monies spent: \$120.00 to feed Post 22 BB players breakfast. \$400 for Boys State Tuition. \$170 for Boys State transportation.

\$250 to BSA Black Hills Area Council to help them replace stolen shooting range equipment.

▪ **Savings:**

▪ **Benevolence Acct:** Monies spent: \$0

▪ **SAL Acct:** Monies spent: \$70 on new members and renewals.

▪ **Business Acct:**

• **Legal Loan:**

- Membership (Harris): Goal: 638. Currently at 93% of goal and a few members are still busy recruiting. Lyle Tolsma (1), John Schneider (7), Mike Ball (1), Doug Harris (1), Don Fuller (1). KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
- Americanism (P. Douglas/D. Fuller)
  - Post 22 Officers (Van Delist and Harris) have provided Boys State Orientation briefings for 1) District 1 Boys State candidates, 2) Boys State candidates from Edgemont SD, 3) Local area District 2 candidates, and 4) Boys State candidates from Martin SD.
  - Boys State starts next Monday (27 May). Post 22 will be providing the following individuals as staff: 1) Chris Van Delist (Assistant Director), 2) Doug Harris (Counselor for city of Dallas), and 3) Georgeann Van Delist (Administration).
  - Paul Douglas briefed the members on American Legion Medal presentations to local schools. Said the medals are favorably received by both the students and the schools.
  - Harris introduced Don Fuller to the group as the new Post 22 Americanism officer and then briefed the newer members on our Americanism program and why it is so important to our post.
- AL Post 22 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans/updates (C. Douglas). Gave an update on the latest plans for the event. Again invited the newer members to take part and bring in their mementos for display.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): The Post 22 office manager (Cheryl) recently lost her mother after a bad fall. Commander Tolsma let everyone know that there was a card being passed around and that the Post would be hosting a “Celebration of Life” on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. There is also a Celebration of Life planned for Don Achtein on Saturday, 25 May, at the Post.
  - Info for new members. The jackpot is currently \$214 for the monthly drawing of those members who attend meetings.
  - Last man standing club explanation for the new members. Let them know the meaning of the club and that they can purchase their bottle at the post now.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Received 12 calls for service. 8 passed the questions that are asked to demonstrate eligibility, 4 were helped with claims, 1 for utilities. Found other agencies to also help these individuals. One gentleman needed help to get food on the table. We gave him gift certificates to buy food and then took him to another place for additional groceries. A new number set up 605-388-2016 for the Post Service Officer.
- Unfinished business
  - Roof repair is ongoing for more small leaks. May have to make plans to replace the entire flat roof portion in the future.
  - Capital Improvement projects

- Working on a project to replace/add a second room divider between the small and large meeting rooms. (Dosch).
    - Researching and planning a project to fix the exterior of the bldg. (Capital improvement project). (Harris)
  - Planning to paint the interior of the bar this summer. Touch up paint in the meeting rooms. Replace some ceiling tiles. Remove the old A/C in the small meeting room and seal up that space.
  - Post 22 Baseball. The weather is keeping them from playing any games. They did get the \$5 million (public monies) to completely redo the stadium. Still working on the planning for this one.
- New Business
  - State Convention being held in Sioux Falls from 7-9 June. Several Post Officers will be attending.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Cynthia Douglas talked about a program called the Basic Training Course. You can find this on SDLegion.org ... all members should take this online course so they can learn about The American Legion and what it does. Get educated.
  - **Memorial Day for the post.** Mike Ball asking if we would be able to use our weapons. Van Delist will get together with Ball and make sure the group can access the ceremonial rifles.
    - A group of Riders/Members will meet at 6 AM at Perkins and then cover 3 different cemeteries during the morning. Also, members are invited to Memorial park for the ceremony at 0800. Then Black Hills National Cemetery at 1100. The Riders will also pass the flag to a veteran at the native ceremony at BHNC – 1400...ceremony starts at 1300. Bell will play taps.
  - Van Delist: Mission 22 is hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> annual 22K hike on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. <https://www.kotatv.com/content/news/A-22k-hike-benefits-Mission-22-helping-Veterans-struggling-with-suicide-485746001.html>
  - Van Delist: July 15<sup>th</sup> ...tee up for the troops fundraiser at Arrowhead Golf Course. Follow this link for details. <https://www.facebook.com/events/737495026622096/>
  - August 8<sup>th</sup>...Pennington Co. veteran block party...more info to follow...at the Care Campus.
  - 27 May there will be Memorial Day service for vets at the Dave Kirk chapel off of Canyon lake rd., at 5 PM, followed by snacks. <http://www.chapel-in-the-hills.org/index.html>
- Adjourn (P.M.) 1916

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 26th, 2019 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

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
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)
  - o New members (Van Delist): Daniel Benedickt, Bill Klemann.
  - o Boys State participants: Dylan Mollman briefed on his experience at Boys State.
  - o Cribbage Club (Post 22 members) presenting money for 2019 Boys State. Wes Hall presented the money.
  - o Donald W. Elliot was presented with his **60 Year** membership pin. Certificate will be mailed.
  - o Guest(s):
    - Jeff Gorr: Outreach Coordinator RC Vet center (Dosch): Spoke on his role with the VA and the Vet Center. Specialize in redeployment counseling. Work with anyone involved with the Vet. All the services are free to the Vet. See the handout. If any of you know of vet who’s struggling, please call the number...the calls are taken by a combat vet. Handed out an information card.
    - Joey Franze: “Tee it Up for the Troops” presentation (Van Delist): National Nonprofit. He’s the Tricare Officer in Charge out on EAFB. Benefits to multiple agencies. The local nonprofit here in SD will be Super Dogs for Super Heros. Honor, remember and respect. July 15<sup>th</sup> at 0900 at the Arrowhead Golf Course.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 6/26/19**
    - **Business: \$** (A lot of major expenses this month (A/C repair/purchase 2 new coolers/purchase new fryer/etc. – Tolsma will address)
    - **Membership: \$** (Checks pd out: 6/2/19 - \$250.00 to SD AL Foundation; \$75 for member Funeral; \$77.58 for membership stationary supplies; \$850 for SD AL Convention reimbursement)
    - **Americanism: \$** (Checks pd out: 6/5/19 \$250 to Dept of SD Youth Trooper Academy)
    - **Benevolence: \$** (Checks pd out: 6/2/19 \$100 to Vet Assist for rent; 6/2/19 \$400 to Dept of SD Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) fund).

- **SAL: \$**
  - **Savings: \$**
  - **Legal Loan: \$** (Pd down \$278.33 on 6/4/19 and another \$1,000 pd down on principal 6/25/19). This should be payed off in July.
  - Motion to accept the finance report by M. Ball, second by J. Schneider. Motion carries.
- Membership (Harris)
  - Final 2019 Membership numbers: **2019** Goal = 638. Members new and renewed = 605. **95% of goal**. 2018 final number was 589. This means we increased our membership by 16 in 2019 despite the large number of members who've moved on to "Post Everlasting".
    - 2020 Membership year begins on 1 July 2019. Our goal for 2020 remains 638. You should be receiving your renewal notices early in the month. Please begin recruiting new members immediately.
  - Awarding 2019 "Go-Getter" pins to 1) Don Fuller, 2) John Schneider, and 3) John Wheeler.
  - Awarding Dept Commander Pin: John Schneider for membership, Duane Fink for support to all programs.
  - Awarding National Commander Brett P. Reistad 2019 Membership Incentive Pins to 1) John Schneider, 2) Mike Ball, and 3) Don Fuller for achieving at least 3 new members for the 2019 Membership year. These will/have been mailed directly to the members home address.
- Americanism (D. Fuller/D. Harris)
  - (Department): Doug Harris was appointed **Department Americanism Chairman** for 2019-2020 and a 3 year term on the Americanism Commission By Department Commander Fred Nelson.
  - Chris Van Delist is now the **SD Boys State Director**.
    - Post 22 members who took part in 2019 Boys State: Gene Opbroek (Boys State Director), Chris Van Delist (was Deputy Director of Boys State), Georgeann Van Delist (Administrative Assistant), Doug Harris (Dallas Counselor). Thank you all for your support and hard work for this Americanism program!
    - Ask that all members be talking to their children/grandchildren as well as other eligible High School age Boys and Girls about taking part in our programs (Oratorical competition/Boys and Girls State/Youth Trooper Academy.
  - (Post 22): Don Fuller - Oratorical also includes home schooled. Asking for volunteers to help with this contest.
- Post 22 Baseball report: Beau Garcia (Athletic Officer) talked about the Firecracker tournament starting this week. This is a big Veteran event and they raise money for one of our causes. Fireworks are the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, other events are still in the works. A game with Post 320 is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. Dining on the diamond is on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Regional is at Mitchell this year...19<sup>th</sup> of July. Junior Regionals is in Sturgis and the Junior State is at 320.
- AL Post 22 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans/updates (Tolsma): July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1400. RC Mayor and a few other dignitaries will be present. Ball said we need to get this info out to local media.

- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Last month Paul Douglas was in the hospital. Peggy Johnston (ALA) died. Last Man Standing Club discussed...there's a new bottle for Dennis Littel. Jackpot is at \$252 for the drawing today. Next month we will have a guest who will discuss final planning. Also, the guest speaker next month from EAFB will be here to discuss this topic.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): 14 new service requests...1 open and 2 pending. Majority were people asking for gas money...we don't do that anymore...he gave them several other options. One vet was helped with his claim through the CVSO. Another vet was helped with his rent and keep him in his home. We provided an urn for one of our fallen members...John Fleming made the urn and the post paid for supplies. Thank you to all who work hard to help our fellow veterans!
- Unfinished business
  - o Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Recent purchases to fix equipment (Tolsma): We had a very expensive month trying to fix/replace/maintain our equipment at the post. A compressor in our main A/C unit died and cost \$5,200 to replace. We purchased two new "reach in" coolers for the lounge. One of our fryers in the kitchen broke and cost approximately \$750 to replace.
    - Chairs for lounge (Harris): Adjutant Harris thanked all those who took part in obtaining (Mike Ball) and cleaning/repairing "new" chairs for the lounge. These were used chairs given to the ReStore in Rapid City by Ramkota. ReStore gave us 100 of the several hundred they received. These chairs are very comfortable and attractive. The old chairs were purchased for about \$1/chair by another nonprofit here in Rapid City.
    - We also updated/consolidated our TV provider to DirectTV and renegotiated the bill. Commander Tolsma saved us \$1,700/yr. We will still have the NFL package for all our loyal Sunday Football customers.
- New Business
  - o Committee assignments/Assistant Adjutant/Membership position: Adjutant Harris announced openings for the following committees and asked that members who have an interest in taking part, sign up and help us with our Post programs.
    - **Americanism Committee – Baseball and Softball/Oratorical/Boys State/Youth Trooper Academy:** 1) Doug Harris (all categories), 2) Paul Douglas (all categories), 3) Don Fuller (all categories), 4) Chris Van Delist (Boys State), 5) Beau Garcia (Baseball/Softball), 6) Lyle Tolsma (Baseball/Softball).
    - **Internal Affairs and Membership Committee:** 1) Doug Harris (Membership Chairman), 2) Lyle Tolsma, 3) Chris Van Delist, 4) Open, 5) Open, 6) Open
    - **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee:** 1) Chris Van Delist (VSO), 2) John Fleming (Post 22 ALR Director), 3) Mike Ball (Post 22 ALR Assistant Director), 4) Open, 5) Open, 6) Open.
    - **Children and Youth:** 1) Doug Harris, 2) Lyle Tolsma, 3) Open, 4) Open, 5) Open, 6) Open
    - **Legion Home** (facility mnx/capital improvements etc.): 1) Doug Harris, 2) Chris Van Delist, 3) Don Dosch, 4) Open, 5) Open, 6) Open
    - **Community Involvement (Other):** Looking for a group of people to start this one and find community projects for us to take part in outside of our normal "Pillars Programs". Example: City Park cleanup/Habitat for

Humanity projects, etc. This is a chance for Post 22 to help our community and receive recognition at the same time. Great for “marketing” the Post.

- Assistant Adjutant - Will be in training with Doug Harris.
- Assistant Membership - Will be in training with Doug Harris.
- Post 22’s possible bid to hold the 2024 SD AL State Convention
  - Background: Post 22 was asked to bid on holding the state convention in Rapid City (area). D. Harris asked District 2 Commander that we consider doing it as a District v. Post. This would require immediate creation of a committee to research/plan the event and then make a bid at the MidWinter convention or earlier. Other Posts in District 2 would have to be brought onboard and become part of the planning committee.
    - Motion by Don Fuller to take on the planning, Second by Dosch. Discussion: Harris mentioned that we had until January 2020 to put our bid together. Fuller talked about how we can raise money on this. Motion carries.
- Event with Rapid City Young Professionals Group – Group wants to schedule a mixer at Post 22 on a Thursday Evening in November – “We were hoping to schedule an event for November 2019 at Post 22. We think it would be a great way to support our Veterans and get to know more of the Veterans in our community.”
  - Would we want to try and schedule it the night of the Riders meeting so there are a lot of Vets there? Motion by Ball to set this up. Second by Fuller. Motion carries
- Beer Tent for the Firecracker tournament starts on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This our fundraiser for the Post 22 Ball team.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - John Schneider talked about the DAV poker run next weekend (6<sup>th</sup> of July....see the website for the flyer and more information). State Vet Home fundraiser was a success and we can look at doing that as well...passed to ALR for consideration.

Adjourn (P.M.) 1904

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 24th, 2019 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

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 (Van Delist): Becky Flanagan, Army Vet, runs Super Dogs for Super Heros. Jeramy McCully and spouse Samantha McCully who both served in the Army
  - .
  - o Boys State participants briefing: None showed
  - o Guest(s):
    - Martin W. Patterson from AFGSC 28 FSS/FSH Casualty Assistance Coordinator from EAFB.
      - Gave a briefing. It will be posted online with the minutes.
      - New member Samantha McCully (a loan officer and notary at (Affiliated Mortgage) offered to help any Post 22 members with the notary public assistance. Just stop by the office at 2920 W. Main #2, Rapid City SD.
      - Don Fuller also gave additional information on the rules for being buried through the VA/National Cemeteries (ask Don for the paperwork),,,etc.

- **Committee Reports**

- o Finance (Fink/Harris): All **as of 7/24/19**
  - **House/Business Acct: \$**
  - **Americanism Acct: \$**
  - **Benevolence Acct: \$**
  - **Member Acct: \$** (Deposits of 7,500.40, Debits of 6,240 for membership renewal/new members; Checks written - \$110 to Doug Harris to reimburse for stamps, \$244.83 + \$80 membership renewal for C. Van Delist = \$324.83 for new banner and tablecloth).
  - **Sons Of AL Acct: \$**
  - **Savings Acct: \$**
  - **Legal Loan: (\$786)** Will be paid off by end of July.
- o Membership (Harris): **Goal of 638** again this year (2020). Currently have 256 renewals/new members: (189 processed/5 pending/62 PUFLs) for **40% of goal**.
  - New: C. Van Delist (3), L. Tolsma (1), J. Schneider (1), G. Van Delist (1), E. Stringer (1), Ray Andrews (1).
  - Presentation of Membership Longevity Pins
    - 20 Year Pins:
      - o Duane Fink
      - o John Fleming
      - o Tom Smith
    - 15 Year Patches
      - o Mike Ball
      - o Zee Salinas

- Americanism (P. Douglas/D. Fuller): Don Fuller updated the members on his efforts getting ready for the school year. P. Douglas said he had nothing to add from the District level. D. Harris said he was finishing up the Dept Level Americanism packet that would be sent out to all Post Americanism Chairmen...they will then share this information with their school(s).
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia was absent, so report given by Commander Tolsma): Post 22 won the Regional Tournament. The State tournament will be in Mitchell this weekend. The Expos and Bullets will be playing here in Rapid City this weekend.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): 5 members added to the recently deceased roster. They will be memorialized next January at a Post Everlasting ceremony. No sick call in July.
  - Last man standing... now accepts checks to buy booze tokens if you don't want to purchase a bottle.
  - **Jackpot tonight is \$271.** The jackpot was subsequently won by C. Douglas and she donated \$200 of the funds back to the Post to be used as necessary. Thank you Cynthia!!
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist): 8 Vets were assisted during the month of July...28 hours. Mostly paperwork help at this point.
  - We are searching for service projects our members can help with. We are working with Tina Conrad from Corner Stone Mission.
  - Also sent out a request for information (RFI) to help paint a vet's home.
  - We didn't provided \$100 from the benevolence fund to pay for an urn for a veteran.
- **Unfinished business**
  - Facility maintenance/upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Bar Equipment Maintenance/Replacement (Tolsma): Replaced our reach in coolers and sold old ones on FB marketplace.
      - We will have considerable upcoming expenses to pay for more fixes to our A/C system and the lounge beer cooler. Will likely see these expenses during August.
    - Painting of the bar (Harris). Thank you to Chris Van Delist and his family for helping with Drywall fixes/painting of the bar. Still have a few small areas to be painted but waiting on the final drywall fixes. Harris expects to finish with the painting before the end of July.
    - Currently gathering bids to replace the roof (Harris). Excessive leaks have been damaging the interior of the bldg. (drywall/ceiling tiles/lighting fixtures). This will likely cost in excess of \$100K. Looking at 2 different methods (Flat and Regular slanted steel roofing). The Executive Committee prefers to go with the slanted steel roof to avoid future problems with a flat roof.
      - Will likely have to have a capital fundraising campaign to pay for this. See J. Schneider's ideas for this fundraiser below.
  - Status of Kitchen/Room rentals (Tolsma)
    - Still making money in the kitchen. Room rentals fall under the kitchen and they are way up...including the catering for events.
    - New Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) created to give direction to employees on the proper steps to take when renting out our facilities. (Harris)

- This document was created to provide guidance to all employees when they are working with customers to rent out our rooms for their events.
    - New Contracts created to cover regular and funeral rentals (Harris)
      - 2 different contracts were created. One for normal events like weddings/graduations/misc events. The second was created specifically for funerals/celebration of Life events. These events can get the room for much cheaper than the normal rate.
      - Both contracts require that all monies be paid up front and a credit card be placed on file to cover any damage/unpaid expenses.
  - Beer Garden Fundraiser for Post 22 Baseball. (Tolsma) The Post raised a considerable amount of money for the team despite rain outs on 2 days. Made \$2,700. Post 22 pledged \$2,500 to the team for the 2019 season. This money will be presented to the team President at the August 28<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.
- **New Business**
  - J. Schneider asked about a fundraising calendar? Ideas for fundraising. He can get us the guns at his cost. This idea was approved by the Commander and research/implementation is in the works.
  - “Super Dogs for Super Heros” (Becky Flanagan). Talked about her organization and fundraising for this cause.
    - On Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> they will be at Summer Nights celebration in downtown Rapid City.
    - She trains the dogs and then places them with Veterans or trains the Vet’s Dog for them. She’s on FB (superdogsforheroes). Ms Flanagan can be reached at: 605-545-2982.
- **The good of the American Legion** (Any member)
  - C. Douglas: results of 100<sup>th</sup> bday party. The party took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Good attendance. There’s still room in the time capsule if you have anything to go in there. She talked about 2 different things that will be going into the box.
  - Saturday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> District 2 Meeting at the Hot Springs Post. Times 9 AM social, 1000 meeting start time.
  - The U.S. Senate passed the bill that allows anyone who served in the military to join The American Legion. This also passed the House of Representative and is awaiting signature of the President.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 725 PM

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

August 28th, 2019 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

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 (Van Delist): Joe Aldentaler and Robert Caffrey.
  - o Boys State participants briefing: Two of the young men we sponsored to Boys State were present to brief the members on their experience at Boys State.
    - Jerek Glenn (STM):
    - Steven Rumbaugh (STM):
  - o Guest(s):
    - Sacred Mountain Retreat (G. Van Delist) – Jerrid Geving and Emily Kruger were present to tell the members about their program and invite members to take part. The presentation started with a testimonial from member G. Van Delist who recently attended the program. Information sheets were handed out and a video was shown.
    - Beau Byrd (Military and Veterans Service Rep) from Congressman Dusty Johnson’s Office. 2525 West Main St in the Clock Tower Plaza, Suite 310 in Rapid City. Beau addressed the members and passed out his business card in case any of them had issues they needed addressed: 605-646-6456
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 8/28/19**
    - Business Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings Acct: \$
    - Legal Loan: \$0 and closed.
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
  - o How are we doing compared to past years (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Tolsma update: Briefed the members on how much better our Lounge is doing financially and otherwise since the change in management. The new manager has met and exceeded the Executive Committee’s expectations. Especially in the area of sales/inventory/profit margin/cleanliness.
    - (Harris): Financial health of our Post...**improving trend**. The numbers will be removed for the website version. If you are a member and would like to see the numbers, please contact Doug Harris at post22rc@gmail.com.

- 2016 Losses in the Bar: **-\$57,431**...covered by the Lotto: Finished \$5,600 in black for the entire year
- 2017 Losses in the Bar: **-\$47,693**...covered by the Lotto: Finished the year **-\$35,228**
- 2018 January – July: (**-\$568.68**): Year-end number, a loss of **-\$76,374**, again covered by the Lotto. Finished the year at \$14,810
  - **Multiple years of losses led to neglect of the facility**
- 2019 January – July: **\$20,417.73 = \$21K improvement over previous year**
- This improving financial health has allowed the EC to pay for badly needed fixes to our facilities.
  - **Upgrades to Kitchen** (new fryer and other equipment) (Tolsma and C. Van Delist).
  - **Replace historic Post 22 neon** sign – now LED...uses less energy and greatly reduced repair bills. (Tolsma).
  - **\$23K+ in attorney fees.**
  - Repairs to **Large HVAC Unit** (\$7K with another \$5K upcoming) (Tolsma initiated and supervised)
  - Repairs/replacement of old/worn out **equipment in the bar**
    - Replace broken ice machine (Tolsma)
    - 2 new reach-in coolers (Tolsma)
    - 4 new TVs (Tolsma)
    - Internet upgrades – business level firewall and much more powerful signal emitters for Lounge and meeting rooms. (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Point of Sale (POS) system to track sales/employee hours/inventory/credit cards, etc. (Tolsma/Harris)
    - newer chairs (Ball/Tolsma/Van Delist/Harris).
  - Multiple plumbing fixes/upgrades (Harris).
  - Repairs to roof (Multiple and ongoing) (Harris).
  - Repair of walls in Lounge/painting of the Lounge and Business Office (Harris/Van Delist).
  - Painting and lighting upgrades to the meeting rooms (Harris/Van Delist).
  - Purchase of industrial carpet cleaner and 2 new vacuums to improve the cleanliness of our facility (Harris).
  - Removal of old A/C unit in small meeting room...repair of hole in the wall. (Van Delist)
  - **Upcoming** repairs to exterior walls (Dryvit) and painting of newer building (Harris).
- Membership (Harris)
  - Goal of 638 – 345 renewed: **Currently at 55% of goal.**
  - Membership longevity pins presented to:
    - Robert Caffrey (50 yrs)
    - Gary Larson (45 yrs)
    - Tom Smith (20 yrs)



- Replace Flat roof both buildings: \$250K + Option 1
    - Replace Flat roof with pitched roof: \$300K + Option 2
    - Build new building: \$1 Million+, Option 3
    - Currently planning some “self-help” patching to the roof – no set date for this but planning on early Fall.
      - **If any of you know what we should buy that can be applied with paint brush/roller, please speak up.**
    - Repair of Exterior Dryvit on newer building. Also plan to paint this building (self-help).
      - Tom Smith Plastering bid (**\$5,164.00**)
      - Kumelos Design and Construction bid (**\$2,183.68**)
  - Lounge/business office painting project complete (Harris).
    - Thanks to Dylan Mollman, Annie Van Delist and C. Van Delist for the drywall repairs as well as helping to paint.
    - Thanks to Doug Harris for the cleaning/painting.
    - Many compliments have been received on the improvements to the lounge.
  - TVs (Tolsma). Thanks to C. Van Delist, Jeremy Snyder and Lyle Tolsma for their efforts.
  - Also went down to one bill on our TV time. DirectTV is now our sole provider. On Sundays when we have our football day, we have purchased a hotdog machine and will sell those for \$1. This allows us to provide a food choice to our patrons without having to open the kitchen.
  - Football Jerseys were purchased and will be raffled off during the football season to help raise money for the facility.
- New Business
- Post 22 By Laws change (Harris)
    - The Executive Committee has approved a change (see below) and now it moves forward to the membership for approval/rejection.
    - History/Reason for addition/change to Post 22 By Laws. There are two types of Life memberships. The first is Paid Up For Life (PUFL), where the member makes a one-time purchase from The American Legion Headquarters, so they never have to pay another annual renewal. The other type is the Honorary Life membership which is awarded by the Post and is paid annually by the Post. The Honorary Life membership commits future members to pay, indefinitely, the dues of a member who was selected, for as long as said Post chooses to do so. If/when the Post chooses not to pay the dues, for whatever reason, the member does not lose their membership, they simply have to pay for it themselves. Because this causes understandable consternation on the part of that member, the Post 22 Executive Committee (**EC**) is submitting an addition to the Membership section of their By Laws to address this problem. It requires the Post to purchase a PUFL for a member who is selected for an Honorary Life membership at the time they are selected, but only if the EC determines the funds are available.
-

- I. MEMBERSHIP.
- 
- 1. All persons shall be eligible to membership in this Post who are eligible to membership in the American Legion under the Constitution of the Department of South Dakota of the American Legion.
- 
- 2. Any person eligible to membership as aforesaid may become a member of this Post upon payment of dues for the current year.
- 
- 3. **(Proposed Change) Honorary Life Memberships: If a member of the Post is nominated for and receives a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing at the annual (April) membership meeting, they may be designated an Honorary Life Member. The Post Executive Committee must then determine if the funds are available and if so, purchase a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership for this member. Under no circumstances will this designation be allowed to obligate future members to pay for Honorary Life members for an undefined number of years.**

- 
- o D. Harris, representing the EC, made a motion for the Post to change the By-Laws to include the above wording (which he read out loud). Seconded by D. Fink. Commander Tolsma opened the floor to debate the motion.
    - Multiple members asked questions for clarification. Most of which were answered by D. Harris.
    - A suggestion was made to pay for current Honorary Life members PUFL now. It was pointed out that this would mean the expenditure of \$3K+ and was not financially feasible.
    - Several members then asked questions, expressed opinions about current Honorary Life members. Past Commander De Benson asked how many current Honorable Life members we have? D. Harris said there were four (4).
    - After about 10 minutes of debate, C. Van Delist made a motion (IAW Roberts Rules of Order) to “suspend discussion that doesn’t specifically address the motion on the floor”. Second by D. Harris. The Commander “called the question”. The motion passed by a 2/3 majority (show of hands).
  - o Commander Tolsma “called the question” on the original motion and Adjutant Harris read the motion for a second time. A “show of hands” vote was taken, and the result was 18 for and 3 against. Motion carries.
  - o Commander Tolsma asked if there was any other New Business from the floor (2 times). Hearing nothing, he moved on to the next item.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
    - o Cynthia Douglas announced that the District 2 meeting is on the 28th of September in Hot Springs SD. Social starts at 0900, Meeting at 1000, with a luncheon to follow.
    - o Member Joey Franze talked about the 21<sup>st</sup> of September...EAFB Health and Wellness Expo at the Rushmore Mall.0900-1200.
  - Commander Tolsma completed the closing ceremonies to include saluting the flag, retiring the POW/MIA chair, a prayer from the Chaplain.

Adjourn (P.M.) 7:28 PM

The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
September 25th, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.) Start 1759

- 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
  - o 18 Member present and 1 guest

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

eee.	Commander (Tolsma)	X	
fff.	Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X	
ggg.	Adjutant (Harris)	X	X (attending Americanism Mtg)
hhh.	Finance Officer (Fink)	X	
iii.	Chaplain (Fuller)	X	
jjj.	Historian (C. Douglas)	X	X (Travelling)
kkk.	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):
  - o Guest(s): Jim Bussell Midwest Honor Flight <https://www.midwesthonorflight.org/>
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of 9/25/19
    - Business Acct: \$
    - Member Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$ (\$2K was transferred in from the Business account to cover the \$2.5K we plan to give to Post 22 Baseball). This presentation has been rescheduled for the October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
    - Benevolence Acct: \$
    - SAL Acct: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - o Membership (Harris): update
    - Currently at approximately 56% of goal. The next round of bills will go out from National around the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to those members who haven't yet renewed.
    - Sons of The American Legion renewals are also due (\$15) for 2020. If you are a member of the SAL or are sponsoring others, please take this opportunity to pay.

- Americanism (D. Fuller) – Went to west middle school and North Middle school, went to Rapid City Christian and recruited 9 students one student from central and 9 students from St Thomas More will go to east middle school Oct 7th at 11am
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia) – No present winter practice. Monday Selected architect for design for new stadium –Architectural Inc. selected for new facilities
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): None from Post. Apps for national cemetery on hand. Card sent to State ADJ
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist):
  - Widowed spouse of USMC Honorably discharged 1957 - Seal roof
  - US Army Veteran 1997-2003 Honorably Discharge - money for hotel stay or \$170 for tires - Denied
  - US Army Veteran 1974 Honorably Discharge- Request food assistance – Provided gift cards
  - US Army Veteran 1990-1994 Honorably Discharges- request for \$110 paid to BH Electric - provided \$110 paid to BH Electric
- Unfinished business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Post 22 has accepted a bid from Kumelos Design and Construction to repair our Dryvit on the outside of our building. Hopefully this will take place in the near future.
    - Still need to schedule the cleaning of our flat roof and application of materials to help us avoid water leaks this winter. Currently Chris Van Delist is working on a project for a veteran’s widow. Would like to incorporate that project into this one over a 2 day period.
    - District meeting in Hot Spring this weekend
- New Business
  - County Meeting 09OCT 1800 at Post 22
  - Sundays NFL ticket at the Bar & Jersey raffle at the Bar & Hotdog and chili for \$1
  - SDSMT Vet Club 08OCT at Post 22 for Meeting and Social POC Van Delist
  - BHSU Vet Club 27SEP at Post 22 for Meeting and Social POC Van Delist
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Bunker Lab Event to help build businesses in the community 1730 at Contraband on 10OCT – POC John Schneider
  - 5NOV Veterans Stand Down at RAP Civic Center 1000-1400 POC Riders
  - Turkey Feed for Veterans Day – Riders POC Mike Ball/Post 22 POC is D. Harris and Post 22 food supervisor is Angie from the Kitchen.
  - Changes around the Post – Need assistance hanging items around the Post – POC Lyle Tolsma
  - As members please put out a good word for the post if you have nothing good to say please don’t say anything at all.

Adjourn (P.M.) 1847

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 October 23rd, 2019 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): 20 Members present.

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

lll. Commander (Tolsma)	X		
mmm. Vice CC (Van Delist)		X	X
nnn. Adjutant (Harris)	X		
ooo. Finance Officer (Fink)		X	
ppp. Chaplain (Fuller)	X		
qqq. Historian (C. Douglas)		X	
rrr. 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 (Harris):
    - Fred Netz, recently transferred from Hermosa Post.
    - Allysa McGhee, USA
    - Herman Mejia, USAF
    - James Messer, USAF (CE carpentry/sheetmetal)
  - o Guest(s):
    - Kevin Morello, Department Vice Commander (Area 1)
      - Membership, Media, and Mentorship...State CC message. Train your new people and be open to their ideas.
      - MidWinter meeting at Oacoma 21-23 Feb 2020.
      - Education Loan. This has been turned into a scholarship. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the year you are eligible. Go to SDLegion.org for more information.
    - Eugene Iron Shell, District 2 Commander
      - Addressed Post 22 members and thanked them for their support during his 2 year term as our District CC.
      - Gave his family (American Legion) history and talked about 3 generations and how his grandfather was an original member in 1919. Thanked the Riders for helping escort for Little Bear funeral.
      - Addressed Dist 2 membership numbers.
    - Post 22 Baseball Board President (Steve Richey) and members – Presentation of 2019 sponsor check (\$2,500).

- Commander Tolsma presented the check and thanked the Board members for all their hard work. President Richey thanked the Post 22 members for their support of the team. He also thanked the Post for inviting the team members for a “get to know” the American Legion breakfast last spring.
    - Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation was presented to member James Messer for his participation in a recent Veteran outreach event.
    - Youth and Family Services Outreach Coordinator: Beth-Anne Ferley briefed the members about all of the different programs YFS provides for our community.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of 10/22/19
    - Business Acct: \$
    - Member Acct: \$
    - Americanism Acct: \$ (-\$2.5K to Post 22 Baseball). Presented this evening. Now \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$ (check to ALR for Stand down for \$200). Pending check to Van Delist for \$215 for roof repair project – widowed wife of Vet.
    - SAL Acct: \$ (If you are a SAL member, please pay your dues tonight)
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$. Just paid \$2,183.68 to Kumelos Construction to fix Dryvit on back of bldg. This money will need to be transferred to the business account to reimburse.
  - Membership (Harris): update
    - 413 paid up members + 7 transfers that paid through us = 420 (66% of goal).
    - Presentation of membership longevity cap pins
      - De Benson: 30 year cap pin
      - Fred Netz: 10 year cap patch
    - Recruited new members so far – These individuals have been submitted for a chance to win a Legion watch. Also, those who have recruited at least 3 new members will be submitted to receive the National Commander’s “Membership Excellence” cap pin.
      - C. Van Delist (6)
      - M. Ball (3)
      - D. Fink (3)
      - D. Fuller (3)
      - D. Harris (3)
      - J. Fleming (2)
      - L. Tolsma (2)
      - R. Andrews (1)
      - D. Dosch (1)
      - J. Schneider (1)

- G. Van Delist (1)
  - Americanism (D. Fuller):
    - Oratorical Contest currently has 24 students who want to compete at the Post 22/320 Level. We are working with Post 320 this year to cover all the Rapid City schools and plan/execute the Post level competition.
    - Visited schools (4 so far). Also presenting at the HS's. Looking for a Veteran to visit schools after the Veterans Day.
  - Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia). Just let the new members know that the City of Rapid City is building a new BB stadium starting at the end of 2020 season.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
  - No members sick. 2 members have passed away. They will be placed into Post Everlasting.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Please see the Post 22 Newsletter posted on our website: [www.alpost22rcsd.com](http://www.alpost22rcsd.com) for details.
  - We are looking for more meaningful projects around the community that will have a lasting effect. If you know a Veteran or their family in need please reach out to me at 605-388-2016.
- Unfinished business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Dryvit repaired on outside of building. Need to paint the “new building” and place steel poles at the NE corner of the building to keep people from damaging the building. Painting the building will likely have to wait until next Spring. (Harris)
    - Attempt to temporarily fix some of the roof leaks (Van Delist). Our efforts to fix the leaks in our roof are ongoing, but like weeds, they continue to pop up. The solution to this problem is to put on a new roof. This will cost the Post approximately \$300,000 to cover both buildings.
    - New security system installed (Tolsma).
    - New fire alarm system installed...old one died. (Harris)
    - Today we hung up some of our memorabilia and another TV. We are pretty much done with updating the lounge...except for new ceiling tiles. Hope to start that project in 2020.
- New Business
  - West Hill residence center, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We are going over to help them celebrate Veterans Day. The Riders volunteered to do a Flag ceremony.
  - Times for Veterans Day Parade starts at 11:11 and we meet in the empty lot behind Dakota Bank like last year.
  - Turkey Feed at the Post starting at 5 PM. Free for paid up 2020 members and \$5 for all others. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please attend the turkey dinner and pay at that time.
  - Stand down on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November is being covered by the ALR.

- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:31 PM

November and December meetings were not held due to their proximity to the holidays.