



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 20th, 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): 30+

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Van Delist) | X | X (Baseball Commission) |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | X (TDY) |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | |
| f. Chaplain (?) | Need a new one | |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont) | 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: Kalen Dringman, USA; Charlie Blasdell, Navy/Army/National Guard; and Duane White Eyes (transfer), USA.
 - o Guests:
 - Boys State attendees (Johnny Hill and Isaac Wright)
 - Youth Trooper Academy Attendee (Brady Brown)
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of July 20th**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (Checks to: P. Rodriguez \$215.86, D. Harris: \$125.54, and G. Mastin \$381.00 to reimburse for expenses to State Convention).
 - Benevolence: \$ (Rasmussen Family Trust donation of \$390; Deposit from Business acct of \$500; Transfer of \$500 to Honor Guard Acct.; \$300 to The SD American Legion Foundation)
 - Americanism: \$ (\$2,600 deposit from the Firecracker Tournament Beer Tent; \$500 deposit from business account).

- SAL: \$
 - Honor Guard: \$ (\$29.90 charge for new checks)
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from Business Acct; \$1,305 deposit from Queen of Hearts)
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: **Will be \$ by the end of the week.**
- Membership (Dosch): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2022 = **Goal is 560.**
 - Paid so far **206 = 37% of goal**
 - 114 regular/76 PUFL/20 Online
 - (Harris) Who all are planning to attend the Military Appreciation BBQ at the Central States Fairgrounds this coming Friday from 5-8 PM? Would you be willing to wear your TAL cap and help pass out our recruiting information? We don't have permission to sit up a table etc., but no one says we can't show up and talk to the people about joining the American Legion.
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Reported that the Riders have done a couple of funeral escorts/flag lines this last month.
 - They held a couple of rides for fun.
 - We will be working at several upcoming events.
 - Did an escort for a deceased Marine from an Osprey crash (6 Marines killed). They worked with other Rider groups to Escort his body back to Buffalo WY.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): No member present to give a report.
- **Americanism:** (D. Harris): We had a very successful Americanism program during the 2022 membership year.
 - We had the State Oratorical contest winner (Thomas Haar); 10 boys were recruited and attended Boys State; 1 boy sent to YTA.
 - 7 Middle/High school awards ceremonies were attended with medals handed out.
 - we adopted and financially supported a Scout Troop (72) for the first time in decades.
 - Another successful Post 22 Baseball year wrapping up.
 - We now offer \$1,000 scholarships for Oratorical, Boys State, and Post 22 Baseball.
 - **Post 22 won the Americanism trophy at the State Convention for the most successful Americanism Program (large Post category) 2 years in a row.**
 - **District 2 Commander Chris Rendon made a presentation to Post 22.** Commander Rendon passed on The American Legion Americanism Citation to Post 22 for "Outstanding Service To Your Community" for 2021-2022. This citation was originally presented by The American Legion Americanism Commission and was signed by National Commander Paul E. Dillard and Chairman, Americanism Commission Richard W. Anderson.
- Athletic Officer (Colin Hofer):
 - Record 40/25. Two of our teams are vying to get into the State Tournament. Post 22 is hosting the **State Tournament this year: July 27-31.**
 - **National Regional tournament here in Rapid City being held Aug 3-7.** Post 22 is automatically in the competition because they are hosting.
- Our Post 22 Honor Guard (Rickey Jendry) has officially been recognized at BHNC and will be paid for the funerals.

- They will also be presenting the colors at several of the games during the State Tournament.
 - Their bank account has been opened and the checks have arrived. They are also planning some fundraising events...September 10th Casino night at Post 22. They are raising money to purchase new uniforms. We want our members to look good.
 - Adjutant Harris will be adding an "Honor Guard Request Form" to our website soon. That will allow individuals/groups to request their services.
- Sick call, relief and employment: Three members have passed to Post Everlasting since our last meeting. Edmond W. Fye (USA, Vietnam Era); John A. Anderson (USA, WWII); Paul R. Wilhelm (USA, Vietnam Era). Does anyone know of anyone who is sick or injured? Please send an email to post22rc@gmail.com to let us know.
 - Due to health problems, we've lost our Chaplain. Does anyone want to volunteer to cover that position until the next election?
 - We had one interested party who will research the duties of the position and make his decision.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Nothing to report. We are currently looking for a volunteer for this position. Would require some training and working with Van to get you up to speed. One member expressed an interest and will be talking to Van to find out the duties.
- Unfinished Business
 - (Harris) Facility Improvement projects update.
 - **August 20th will be Post cleanup day. Please volunteer. Starting at 0900 till about 1300.** We have to clean/repair areas outside the facility, remove a wall around the current outside patio, remove bushes, and generally clean up the area. All of this is taking place to get ready for painting the outside of the building.
 - Painters/Dryvit crews will be there the next week to repair Dryvit and paint the exterior.
 - Roof is nearly finished. The new HVAC units (3) still need to be replaced. The small units are in, but the larger unit won't be available until Oct. Currently two of units have lost their A/C function leaving only the small meeting room with A/C. This curtails our ability to rent out the rooms for events.
 - Due to the high cost of hiring a crane to put these units on the roof and remove the old ones, we are not able to hire a crane until all units are available.
 - Stage carpet will be torn up prior to August 20th and prepped for replacement. The new carpet has already been purchased. We still need to purchase the tile that goes on the front of the stage. Volunteers will be installing all the new materials.
- New Business
 - (Harris) A building improvement loan was requested/submitted to First Interstate Bank by the EC to pay for the new roof/3 HVAC systems on the old building/painting the exterior/ and other improvements so they could all be done at once. This loan should be complete by this week. That money and the money from the Capital Improvements Saving account should cover all our improvements at one time. This was done to allow us to make all improvements at once to save on future price inflation of equipment, labor, and supplies.

- Henry Garcia talked about the possibility of doing another fundraiser. He presented some ideas. Adjutant Harris asked him to a proposal together working with the EC and the Manager.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Post 22 member Christine Speirs reported the following:
 - The Rapid City DAV will be holding a VA claim filing event on August 6th from 9-11 at DAV 101 E. Madison Street. They can be reached at 605-348-5898.
 - Another event on August 13th from 9-3 at DAV. There will be up to 5 different organizations including representatives from Congressional Offices in attendance for this one. Lunch provided for a donation. Same contact information.
 - Member Ed Manzano (Director of the project) reported that (BH War Monument) will be dedicated on **September 11th 2022**. The concrete has been poured and the flag bases are in place. 1:30 P.M. start and 4:30 P.M. finish. Will have a military ceremony with all 6 service flags raised. Other details to follow.
 - Starts at 1:30 at Main Street Square for ceremonies (Military/Civilian/Gold Star families) and speeches followed by a walk to the monument location.
 - Raising of the flags at the Monument. Tribal Honor Guard presents colors. Dedication of the plaque/site.
 - Civic Center/Monument Theatre Lobby Reception.
 - Military Appreciation BBQ with stories of Honor.
 - Jason Skala, our manager, and member of SAL: We are doing a **classic car show on 30th of July from 2-5 P.M.** Should have at least 30 vehicles involved in our back parking lot. This event is for “bragging rights” only and is a fundraiser for the Post 22 Sons Of The American Legion. There will be a BBQ in the parking lot. All are invited.
 - Some Arizona Legion Riders will be here to join our riders on the 8th of August and the 13th of August.
 - Rooms are now to be reserved through our bartender Pam.
 - Items that your Adjutant forgot to mention during the meeting and subsequently added to the minutes:
 - Harris reported on the Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT) golf tournament that took place on Monday July 18th in 105 degree heat.
 - Post 22 members Joey Franze (event director/coordinator), and Beau Garcia (board member), planned and put on the event along with other local Veterans.
 - Post 22 sponsored hole #10 where they had a tent set up. We held a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a \$600 putter, raising over \$1000 for the event. Those members volunteering for the tent were Mike Ball, Don Ludens, and Kyle Skjoldal.
 - Four members played on teams as “guest Veterans”: Doug Harris, Gary Stanley, Mark Bruhn, and Jerry Carpenter.
 - Other Post 22 members also played on teams and helped in other ways. The tournament was the largest to date with 140 golfers.
 - Last year the event contributed \$5,700 to Post 22 for Veteran Scholarships. Thank you to all who helped with this incredible event!!
- Adjournment at 6:55 P.M.