



The American Legion, Post 22
 Membership Meeting - Minutes
 February 15th, 2023 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): 24

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Van Delist) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | X | | |
| 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: Matthew Gorman (U.S. Air Force/Retired) Communications
 - o Guests:
 - Black Hills Sports to receive the **annual \$2,500 donation** (Harris)
 - Present the Check – pictures.
 - Treasurer Chris Kilpatrick and President Lyle Tolsma were present to receive the check.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 2/15/2023**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$
 - Americanism: \$
 - SAL: \$
 - Honor Guard: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$

- Scholarship Account: \$
- Building Repair Loan: \$()
- **Membership** (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564**: Paid so far 509 = **90% of goal**
 - Recognition of Long Time Members
 - Patrick Roseland (50 Years). U.S. Navy Corpsman.
 - National Commander “Be The One” Recruitment pins – for recruiting 3 new members, **and Department “Go-Getters” pins *** (same reason).
 - Chris Van Delist *
 - Doug Harris *
 - Lyle Tolsma *
 - Gary Stanley *
 - Ryan Skjoldal *
 - Jason Skala (SAL)
 - **Department Commander Cap Pins** for the following categories:
 - Membership (recruited at least one member): *indicates present and received.
 - Christopher Van Delist*
 - Doug Harris*
 - Lyle Tolsma*
 - Gary Stanley
 - Ryan Skjoldal*
 - Jason Skala (SAL)*
 - Don Dosch*
 - Don Fuller*
 - Randy Decker
 - Ed Mills
 - Mike Ball*
 - Paul Rodriguez
 - Oratorical Contest
 - Lisa Jendry
 - Ernie Sanford*
 - Frank Pilgrim*
 - Rodney Rice*
 - Jackie Miller
 - Julie Loofbourow
 - Post Color/Honor Guard participation
 - Rickey Jendry*
 - Kyle Skjoldal*
 - Eric Nelson
 - Chet Westman*
 - James Winjum*
 - Dave Kelley*
 - American Legion Baseball program
 - Colin Hofer (SAL)
 - Tom Weaver
 - Steve Richey (SAL)

- Wayne Sullivan (SAL)
- Membership challenge: new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**Those earning a steak dinner {*} and changes since last month are highlighted**):
 - Doug Harris (7 new members) *Taken
 - Chris Van Delist (6 new members) *
 - Jason Skala (SAL), (4 new member) *
 - Ryan Skjoldal (3 new members) *
 - Gary Stanley (3 new members) *
 - Lyle Tolsma (3 new members) *
 - Don Dosch (1 new member)
 - Don Fuller (1 new member)
 - Mike Ball (1 new member)
 - Ed Mills (1 new member)
 - Randy Decker (1 new member)
- **SAL Membership**
 - Goal is 36 - **Currently at 48 = 133%** of goal (92% renewal rate because 1 member died and 2 haven't renewed).
- **AL Riders Report** (M. Ball):
 - Adopted a 1st grade class in Sturgis. The Spouses Auxiliary (ALA) were also there for Valentine's Day. Great opportunity to share Americanism. Member recently passed away.
- **Honor Guard Report:** Have been training and are working on fund raising ideas. They are also working on finishing up uniforms.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (TT. Fuller): Had special Valentine's function. Hosting a pancake breakfast on March 12 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Need more participation for weekly bingo.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Oratorical: Alex Vonderau competed at State Finals. He was awarded a \$200 scholarship from Department and a \$1,000 scholarship from Post 22.
 - Boys State: We currently have 4 Boys signed up.
 - Youth Trooper Academy: No students have currently signed up. If you know any H.S. Juniors or Seniors (Girls or Boys) who have an interest in Law Enforcement at any level, please let us know and we will talk to them.
- Athletic Officer (L. Tolsma): No change in baseball. Practicing for the season. Tickets will be on sale within the next month.
- **Sick call, relief, and employment** (D. Fuller): Former Post 22 member John Wheeler has passed away. His wake is at 1400 this Friday at the Lutheran Church. Mike Ball will be meeting with the family later this week. A "last man standing" memorial will be organized.
- On March 18th, the American Legion party will be here at 1200. Will also be recognizing Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year.
- March 19th, post everlasting at 1400.
- **Post Service Officer report** (Van Delist): Department Midwinter convention was held last weekend. Commander Van Delist and Adjutant Harris attended for Post 22. Veteran Student Scholarship interviews will be this coming weekend. Checks will be awarded at next month's member meeting.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.

- Concrete (Van Delist): Will pour after the ground thaws.
 - HVAC/Roof completion (Van Delist): All HVAC Units are in. Scheduled for installation in the last week of March. Hopefully, the weather cooperates.
 - Signage (Harris): The new Post 22 symbol and lettering have been installed on the front of the building. There may be room for other groups symbols (ALA, SAL, ALR) next to the new sign.
 - Post 22 presented checks to the SDAL Department at Midwinter for these 2 areas:
 - SDAL VAVS Fund (Popcorn Fund for VA nursing homes): \$250
 - SDAL Children and Youth fundraiser: \$300
 - We also presented a check for \$250 to the Michael J. Fitzmaurice SD Veterans Home in Hot Springs yesterday. This money is also for the Popcorn/Activities fund.
- **New Business**
- Legionnaire of The Year
Lyle Tolsma nominated: Out of our membership, Tolsma is able to “fill all the blocks” and has the best opportunity to win at the Department Level. **Motion to nominate Tolsma by Don Fuller, seconded by Ryan Skjoldal/motion carried.**
Motion to close and approve nomination by Don Fuller, seconded by Doug Harris/motion carried.
 - The **Good of the American Legion** (Any member):
 - Our partners at the local DAV will be hosting several sessions to help local Veterans with claims. The information will be posted on our Facebook Page.
 - The current SD legislative session is considering pay raises for the county VSOs.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.