



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 17th, 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): 17

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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|---|---|---|---|
| a. Commander (D. Harris) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | | X | X |
| g. Historian (K. Skjoldal) | 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)
 - New members: N/A
 - Guests: Rick Reynolds (Retired Army)
 - Chris Rendon (District 2 Commander)
 - Kevin Morello (Candidate for Department CC)
 - Courtney Steffen (Candidate for Department CC)
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rodriguez): All as of 5/17/2023
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ - Debits: Purchased Microphone \$133.13, Purchased computer & warranty for Adjutant \$756.13, Purchased Office Supplies \$35.67
 - Benevolence: \$ - Deposit of \$500 from Business Acct. and \$400 from a Golf team for TIUFTT; Check for Knights of Columbus to sponsor a Golf Hole.
 - Americanism: \$ - Deposit of \$500 from Business Acct and \$60 from District 1 for Orientation Pizzas; Debits of \$700 for Boys State Bus, and \$202.27 for Pizza.
 - SAL: \$ - Debit of \$250 for Childrens Miracle Network of the Black Hills; Will be purchasing the SAL sign for the front of the post.

- Scholarship Account: \$ – **Will be awarding \$2000 for scholarship.**
 - Building Repair Loan: ()
 - Honor Guard: \$.
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$: - Debit of \$14,790 for final payment on 3 Roof Top Units.
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
 - Paid so far 525 = **93% of goal.**
 - Recognition of Long Time Members. None present.
- AL Riders Report (J. Fleming): No member present.
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal): Memorial Day events – Pine Lawn, Mount Calvary and Mountain View; New jackets.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No member present.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Programs:
 - Boys State (currently 8 boys) – starts 5/28/2023. Boys show up the following day. End the following Friday.
 - Youth Trooper Academy (Currently 1 boy)
 - Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Nothing to report.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Nothing to report.
- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander):
 - Have you applied for VA Health care or VA disability?
 - All you need is a DD214 and a list of current diagnosis. Then make an appointment with your local county Veterans Service Officer (Pennington County has three of them).
 - If you have applied for and been granted a disability rating you can now access disability benefit claim decision notice letters electronically on the VA.gov website. Prior to this change, veterans had to wait for paper letters to arrive to determine if the VA approved disability.
 - More recently, the VA is working to assist veterans in avoiding home mortgage foreclosure. If a veteran falls behind on their mortgage payments, their mortgage servicer, which is the company that collects money for the lender can take the veterans house to cover what is owed. If you are a veteran or a surviving spouse of a veteran, the VA provides financial counseling ever if your loan is not VA backed or VA direct. Veterans can contact a VA loan technician at 877-827-3702.
 - I am available to help answer questions or concerns, please call me at 1-605-923-8955
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - New HVAC Units: **Completed**

- Roof replacement: **Completed** during replacement of HVAC units. There are still several leaks. BH Exteriors has been notified and continue to try to find and fix the leaks.
 - Concrete: This is an ongoing project. Commander Harris will be trying to hire a professional crew to finish the project.
- New Business
 - State Convention Resolution Review
 - SDAL 23-1/Selection of the Department Legionnaire of the Year
 - SDAL 23-2/South Dakota American Legion EMT of the Year
 - SDAL 23-3/Change to 38 CFR Chapter 1, Part 38; Burial Headstones and Markers: Medallions
 - SDAL 23-4/Changes to 38 CFR Section 4.101 Diagnostic Code 7107, Hypertension
 - Commander Harris will be attending the State Convention.
 - State Commander Election:
 - Kevin Morello/Post 311/Piedmont
 - *Courtney Steffen/Post 136/Chester
 - State Vice Commander (West River) Election – *Doug Harris
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
 - Chris Rendon thanked Post 22 for the assistance that we provide to other A.L. partners in Western South Dakota.
- Adjournment @ 07:07 P.M.