



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

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| a. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |   |   |
| b. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |   |   |
| c. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |   |   |
| d. Finance Officer (Fink)      | X |   |   |
| e. Chaplain (Fuller)           | X |   |   |
| f. Historian (C. Douglas)      |   | X | X |
| g. 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.

o 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.

o 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
  - 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
  - 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