



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

October 16th, 2024, 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): There were approximately 30 members/guests in attendance.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

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|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| a. Commander (R. Skjoldal)                    | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)  |   | X | X |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                       | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)             |   | X |   |
| f. Chaplain (K. Donnell)                      | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (J. Miller)                      | X |   |   |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable)               | 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:
      - Rochelle Schultz: Army National Guard.
      - New member coins presentation.
    - Guests:
      - Meade County Vice Commander and wife Kendra joined us. They are both members of our Honor Guard.
  - Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 10/16/2024
    - Business Account: \$.
    - Membership Acct: \$
    - Benevolence Acct: \$. (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$170.45 to pay for BH Vets March materials).
    - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$700 from FIB for 2024 Boys State).

- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$390 from 2 football fundraisers; Debit of \$1,000 for RCAS School Lunch program).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$100 from Orange Julius; Debit of \$289 for jackets and \$31 for phone bill).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (Paid 2023 Boys State Scholarship of \$1,000 to Quinn Hasse).
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$400 from Queen of Hearts; Debits of \$2,900 to pay for kitchen hood upgrade).
- Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 0900
  - September Meeting Report: As always, the finances were reviewed and discussed. Currently, we are doing well despite unexpected expenses for upgrading the kitchen hood (approximately \$3,500) and fixing our ice machine (\$900+).
  - Since September, the EC has approved and funded the repair/restripping of the parking lots (work in progress). This was made possible through generous donations from one of our SAL members and one of our customers (\$5K each-\$10K total). This covered approximately 42% of the overall cost. The remainder will be paid from our Savings Account (money put aside for just such projects).
    - **If any other members would like to donate money for this cause, you can contact Doug Harris at 970-231-8556 or email him at [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com).**
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548**.
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **360 for 66% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (7)
      - Don Dosch (2)
      - Ernie Sanford (1)
      - Lyle Tolsma (1)
      - Mike Ball (1)
      - Gary Stanley (1)
      - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
      - Transfers In: 7
  - 2025 SAL **Goal is 51**
    - SAL renewals/new members of **45 for 88% of goal**
      - New Members:
        - Doug Harris (1)
        - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
        - Gary Stanley (1)
        - C. P. Van Delist (1)
        - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in October.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> September did an escort of wounded warriors to Orman Dam.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September Bingo at Fort Meade at the mess hall @ 2pm
  - 14 October, Flag Line at BHNC.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> October having a Halloween party at 1pm

- 15 Veterans will be presented with Quilts of Valor – October 30<sup>th</sup> approximately 1 P.M. Will be here at the Post. Several of the recipients are members of our Riders group.
  - John Fleming had shoulder surgery, and it went well. He is recovering.
  - Applied to decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building. Has been approved. Looking for pictures of the members to be put on the tree.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December the riders Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Picture with Santa.
  - On 11 November they will be in the Parade (bikes). They will be meeting at 0900 in front of the VFW.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
    - Always recruiting new members.
    - 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Possibly marching Color Guard with the flags leading our group.
    - 19 October at approximately 11:30 – Project Warmth with the Salvation Army. In the downtown RC Square.
    - 23 November approx. 1 P.M. at the Post. Fundraiser for the Honor Guard. Prizes will be frozen turkeys.
    - 18 January 2025 at approx. 6 P.M. there will be a casino night fundraiser.
    - Sexy Bingo at Robbinsdale Bowling Alley. Mention that you are there for Post 22 and they will set aside some of the funds for our Honor Guard.
    - **Next meeting will be 21 October at 18:30.**
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
    - Raised \$810 to RCAS meals – Was rounded up to \$1000 – From the car show. This money was presented to RCAS on 3 October.
    - Also doing pick’ems for football games.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Fuller):
    - Craft Show scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 2pm, also at the Post.
    - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak. Dan Conrad is the principal; you can contact him at 605-394-4033
    - **Pancake breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Next breakfast will be on 10 November.**
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
    - The application for 2025 Boys State is now available at <https://southdakotaboysstate.org/>
    - We do not have anyone signed up for the Oratorical Contest yet.
    - 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 8 A.M – 10 A.M - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Americanism Flag etiquette/pledge of allegiance at STM. Looking for volunteers to assist with this. Call Don Fuller at 715-425-5817.
    - **Joe Juenger, one of our 2024 Boys Staters, and the recipient of our Boys State Scholarship has been accepted to West Point. Congratulations Joe!!**

- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Nothing new to report.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Vincent R. Ragels died in FL. There will be a service down there at a future date.
    - Sick Call: Paul Richter is still doing poorly. Fuller is still alive after having pneumonia. John Fleming just had shoulder surgery.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander): Nothing to report
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - Upgraded the Kitchen Hood. This was required by the Fire Marshal to bring us up to date.
    - Also redoing our parking lots.
    - Still working to find replacement chairs for the bar. They are exceptionally expensive to purchase.
- **New Business:**
  - Our next big event will be Veterans Day celebrations. Harris will be working with all “Family Members” to bring this event together. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let him know.
    - Free meal for veterans. Requires proof (VA Card, SD Drivers License with Veteran designation, current membership card for The American Legion, DAV, VFW etc.)
    - Last year we provided about 200 meals for veterans.
  - Gardening for the Post (John Rankin)
    - Looking for a couple of members to create a group that can help to keep the weeds under control and possibly plant some Perennials. Hoping to get 3 or 4 members to create a “Grounds Committee”. You would take turns working to keep the weeds under control. John will be the Chairman/Scheduler. Please contact John at 517-927-3956, or email at [jsrank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsrank@sbcglobal.net)
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - **Legion Involvement in politics:** Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion states, “The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.”
    - If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with The American Legion emblem visible, must be removed so as not to imply any endorsement by The American Legion. This includes in person or over social media.
    - The American Legion values its independence and effectiveness on veterans’ issues. This stance is best maintained by neutrality on all individual candidates or political parties. The American Legion, by legal definition, is non-partisan and supports “or opposes as necessary” only issues which impact the Four Pillars.
  - DAV Information for our members:
    - Several bills are currently being considered in Congress that affect Veterans. If you would like to get this information, please go to: <https://www.dav.org/member-resources/legislation/>

- DAV Fall Information Fair is Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9-3 at Post 22. There will be 35 Vendors here at the Post.
- 40 & 8 events:
  - 26 October starting at 5 P.M. potluck at 6711 Mondo Street at Don Fuller's home. BYOB.
  - Sponsoring a "Chuck A Puck" during the hockey game on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 7 P.M. This is part of their fundraising to provide Nursing Scholarships.
- Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)
  - Veterans Day Event planning. This is our largest event of the year. Looking for people to help plan and execute this event. Currently, all Family Member Groups take part in their own way. I'm looking for someone who wants to be the Point of Contact to bring it all together. This individual will receive training from Harris.
  - See New Business report on "Gardening Committee".
- October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Derr Foundation dinner/gala. Tickets are available online: <https://www.sergeantderrfoundation.org/>
- **Marine Corp Birthday events:**
  - **Marine Corp League** is having a birthday dinner on 8 November at Elks Club. Mayor Soloman is the guest speaker that night. For Reservations/Info call/text Morgan at 605-940-0818, or email: MCLBlackhills484@gmail.com
  - There will also be a cake for the birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 2 P.M at Post 22. Come and help us celebrate and eat some cake.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>: Election Day...don't forget to vote!
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: We've Got Your Six standdown event: Sturgis 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.
- **Adjournment:** at 702 pm. A social followed.