



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 22nd, 2020 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 (**SEE NEW ONE**)
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): 23 present

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 |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) | X |

- Minutes of previous meeting (October 2019)– 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/Harris): 1. Gary Stanley, 2. Kenneth Floyd, 3. Steve Hardy, and 4. Tiffany Riner
 - o Guest(s):
 - U.S. Senator Mike Rounds Rep – Mike Bekaert: Introduced himself and spoke briefly on how Senator Rounds is helping the Veterans and Active Duty members. Spoke about the B-21 coming to EAFB. Reminded the members that they should always feel free to visit the local office at 1313 W. Main Street in Rapid City.
 - Volunteers of America Rep – Laura Scott: Briefly discussed the programs (specifically housing) offered by V of Am. to veterans. She also handed out brochures and stayed around to answer questions.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 1/22/2020**: The actual amounts will not be posted online...members can request this information from the Adjutant at post22rc@gmail.com
 - Membership Acct: \$

- Americanism Acct: \$
- Benevolence Acct: \$
- SAL Acct: \$
- Business Acct: \$
- Capital Improvement Savings: \$
- Membership (Harris): Currently stand at approximately **82% of goal**. January has been brutally slow, and we still have about 100 members who need to pay their 2020 dues.
 - Presentation of Longevity Pins/Patches
 - 50 Yr pin - Francis J. Keyes
 - 40 Year pin – George Tennyson (has 42 years but wasn't available to receive pin earlier).
 - **National Commander Membership Incentive Pin – requires at least 3 new members signed up.**



- Mike Ball
- Duane Fink
- Don Fuller
- Doug Harris
- John Schneider
- Lyle Tolsma
- Chris Van Delist
- Presentation of Department Commander Pins

Cap Pin Participation Award Program Certification Form for Post 22

A. For Legionnaires who recruited a new American Legion member:

Member:	New Member:	Post:
1. Tolsma, Lyle	Eileen Taylor +2	0022
2. Schneider, John	Daniel Benedickt +1	"
3. Van Delist, Georgeann	Matthew Hackett	"
4. Andrews, Raymond	Tim Stolicker	"
5. Fuller, Don	Martin Patterson +3	"
6. Ball, Mike	Denver Legg +2	"
7. Dosch, Donald	Deb Minnich-Wolff	"
8. Fink, Duane	James Messer +2	"
9. Fleming, John	Ludmilla Grounina +2	"

- B. For Legionnaires who participated in making the HS Oratorical Contest Successful:
 1. Douglas, Cynthia
 2. Douglas, Paul
 - C. For Legionnaires participating in Boys State interviews/Orientation:
 1. Aldentaler, Joe
 2. Juelfs, Anson
 - D. For Legionnaires who participate in Post color/Honor guard who participate in presentation of military rites at funerals:
 1. Little, Dennis
 2. Ball, Mary
 3. Kruse, Ed
 4. Button, Jerome
 5. Larson, Gary
 6. Klar, Doug
 - E. For American Legion Baseball:
 1. Weaver, Tom
 2. Doney, Gabe
 3. Garcia, Beau (SAL)
 - Post 22 **Go Getters** (Pins awarded following Mid-Winter conference)
 - Mike Ball - 3
 - Duane Fink - 3
 - John Fleming - 3
 - Don Fuller - 5
 - Doug Harris - 6
 - John Schneider - 3
 - Lyle Tolsma - 4
 - Chris Van Delist - 7
 - **Americanism** (D. Fuller)
 - Oratorical Contest results
 - Recruiting for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy
 - Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia - not present): Information provided by Commander Tolsma
 - 2021 State American Legion Baseball bid
 - Bidding on the National Regional Tournament for 21 and 22
 - New Stadium unveiling on the 23rd of January. 6-8 PM at the Post 22 Baseball facility. Also on the 28th.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller): Cynthia Douglas was sick. Georgeanne had a surgery. All are doing better. Listed the recently deceased members.
 - Last Man Standing. We have a lot of inexpensive bottles of booze for sale tonight.
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist)
 - Utility support through the Vol of America.
 - Rent support as well.

- Claims advocacy.
- Home visit completed to see what we can help the veteran with...he's a renter though, so we have to go through that.
- Denied one request for help with car.
- Turned down travelers that want money for gas.
- We do a lot of vetting before we hand out money.
- **Unfinished business**
 - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
 - Electrical/lighting/Roof repairs
 - LED lighting in lounge. Currently updating most other lighting in Lounge and other locations with LED lights to save electricity.
 - Upgrading multiple plugs/switches
 - Ongoing roof repairs. Attempting to stop leaks, but seems to be a nearly lost cause.
- **New Business**
 - Facility upgrade projects planned (Harris)
 - Upgrading flooring in bathrooms (problems with using ceramic tile)
 - Ceiling tile replacement in the lounge (looking for project lead and volunteers). No one volunteered to take this on at the meeting. If you know of someone who'd be willing to take this on, please contact Adjutant Harris at the Post (605-342-4930) or via our email address: post22rc@gmail.com
 - Bid for 2024 State Convention was put in by Post 22. Chaplain Fuller was the project officer for this. The Post selected will be announced at the Mid-Winter conference in Oacoma, SD in February.
 - Plan for **New member orientation ceremony** (2019 and 2020) (Fuller/Harris)
 - Date: Possibly April 18th
 - Dinner/Training/Certificates etc.
 - Plan for Post Everlasting Ceremony (Chaplain Fuller)
 - Date: March 8th
 - Fuller requested volunteers to help with planning, etc.
 - Chase the Queen fundraiser (**Tolsma**). We will be starting this game following the Super Bowl. Anyone can buy tickets from the bartenders/Post Officers. The pot will start at \$500 and build over time. The money raised will be used to support our Veteran programs and help with badly needed roof repairs. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 13 for \$10. More details to follow as we figure out all of the logistic.
 - Gun Board Fundraiser (**Schneider**). We will also be starting this fundraiser immediately. Please contact the Post or any of the Post leaders to purchase tickets.
- **The good of the American Legion (Any member)**
 - Cynthia Douglas: Reminded everyone we have the MidWinter conference coming up on 21-23 Feb. District mtg on the 29th of March. Will be held in Hermosa SD...details to follow as they become available.
 - 18th of Feb at Zymurcracy Brewer, Bunker Labs is having a meeting. For those who would like to start their own business.
- **Adjourn (P.M.) 707PM**