



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 15th, 2025, 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 ? 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 |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry) |   | X | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                       |   | X | X |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)             |   | X |   |
| f. Chaplain (K. Donnell)                      |   | X | 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:
      - No new members present
    - Guests:
      - District 2 Commander Chris Rendon
        - Thanked the Post for the Oratorical Contest
        - Spring meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> at Hot Springs. Social starts at 1100.
        - National Vice Commander will be attending Spring meeting.
      - Troop 72 Reps.
    - **Presentations:**
      - Present a “big” check to Scout Troop 72 Leaders (Jim and Brenda Haar) for **\$750.**
  - Financial Report (Harris) as of: 1/15/2025
    - Business Account (Rodriguez): \$

- Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; debit of \$183 for purchase of membership coins, patches, pins etc.).
- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$600 for 3 donation checks mentioned in EC Meeting notes; \$276.30 to reimburse Commander Skjoldal for Service B-day cakes).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$692.42 for purchase of school medals/ROTC medals etc., for 2025 school year).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposit \$421 from fundraising and \$100 donation from SAL member; no debits).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit \$2,230 from fundraising; Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill and \$142.19 for uniform items).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$427 from Queen of Hearts; No debits).
- Loan: (\$) Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in December.
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - January meeting will be held on January 18th at 0900 – Meeting Report covers December 2024 meeting:
    - Inspected our new bar chairs (12) and approved an upgrade for the wheels to something resembling a rollerblade wheel. These have been purchased and installed on the chairs. We also approved the purchase of a seat cover for the chairs to protect them from stains etc. These have also been purchased and installed. These upgrades added approximately \$30 to each chair but will extend their “lifespan” considerably. The seat covers can easily be replaced if they are damaged.
    - We currently have “feelers” out to a couple of different local companies to see if we can “get on list” to receive used chairs from a casino upgrade.
  - Requests for financial support:
    - **Benevolence Fund:**
      - Youth and Family Services: \$200.
      - Club for Boys: \$200.
      - Meals on Wheels: \$200.
      - 40/8 Nurse Scholarship Fundraiser: \$500 (will be presented at the February meeting)
    - **Americanism Fund:**
      - Scout Troop 72 (**\$750**); Requesting \$250 for camping, \$275 for troop activities, and \$225 for Adult Leader training and registrations. **Approved.**
- **Membership (Harris/Dosch):** 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **491 for 89% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (**14**)
      - Don Dosch (**4**)

- Ryan Skjoldal (2)
  - Don Fuller (2)
  - Ernie Sanford (1)
  - Lyle Tolsma (1)
  - Mike Ball (1)
  - Gary Stanley (1)
  - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
  - Transfers In: 9
- 2025 SAL **Goal is 51**
  - SAL renewals/new members of **52 for 102% of goal**
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be on January 23rd.
  - Riders had 4,775 volunteer hours for 2024. December alone accounted for 656 hours.
  - Have a flag line on Friday 17 January.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Always recruiting new members. Reach out to Ryan or Tony to join.
  - On 18 January 2025 at 6 P.M. there will be a casino night fundraiser. Theme is Casino Royale...please dress up and look pretty. Knights of Columbus bring their casino games. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction. \$20 buy-in. You can buy in two additional times.
  - Sexy Bingo at Robbinsdale Bowling Alley for the Month of March. Mention that you are there for Post 22 and they will set aside some of the funds for our Honor Guard.
  - Will be working with VFW Honor Guard to split days at BHNC. Haven't heard anything since reaching out.
  - **Next meeting will be the 20th of January at 6:00 P.M.**
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Still doing pick'ems for football games. Raised \$421 through January 7<sup>th</sup>. This money will most likely be given to RCAS for school lunches. A huge thank you to SAL member Casey Gerry and Starla for all their work!
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Sending money to veterans that are assisting with the fires in Southern California.
  - 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 9 February from 8 - 11.**
  - Next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - The application for 2025 Boys State is now available at <https://southdakotaboysstate.org/>
  - We had two Stevens HS Seniors signed up for the Oratorical Contest.

- The District 2 competition took place on 12 January at 1000...at SD Mines. Blixa Broussard was the winner and will compete for District 2 at the State competition on 16 February at Midwinter.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): The following information was provided:
  - Baseball registration started January 1<sup>st</sup>, and season ticket sales will follow right after that. We are up to 5 teams this year.
  - Post 22 will be hosting the Jr. Class A State Tournament this coming year (2025) and they were also awarded the Sr. Class A Stater Tournament for 2026.
  - We are attempting to get the 2026 and 2027 National Regional Tournaments.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: None
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander): Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update – Nothing to report.
  - Bar Chairs (Decker): **Reported earlier.**
  - At this point we have received a nomination from Pennington County Sheriff's Office for the LEO, but nothing from the RCFD.
  - The 106<sup>th</sup> Legion Birthday party will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, and the Post Everlasting ceremony will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Times to be announced as the date gets closer.
- **New Business:**
  - No new business.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - DAV Information for our members (C. Speirs):
    - 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/>
  - Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)
    - **Gardening for the Post** (John Rankin)
      - Still 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)
    - Last Man Standing Club (Don Fuller)
    - 40/8 Banquet on March 7<sup>th</sup> for Nurses Training Scholarship. Contact Don Fuller for tickets. \$50 per ticket. Semi-formal dress code.
- **Adjournment:** at 1832 pm. A social hour followed.