



The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 March 24th, 2021 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: Scott Krebs...retired USAF. Duane Cruz...retired AGR recruiting.
  - o Guest(s):
    - Duane Cruz - Post 9/11 Transition Patient Advocate & Transition Care Management at the BHHCS VAMC.
  - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 02/24/2021**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account - checks written: \$565 to Post 22 reimburse for horn/recorder, \$250 to Dept of SD VAVS fund {supports veterans in VA nursing homes/facilities}, \$300 to Dept of SD Children and Youth fund – the last 2 will be presented to Department during the District 2 Spring meeting in Martin on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April)
    - Americanism: \$ (deposit of \$1,500 from business account and \$485 from donors to support Boys State – Checks written: \$1,200 check written to Black Hills Sports Inc. – Post 22 Baseball team to purchase identifying plaques for our four seats at the new stadium)

- SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (deposit of \$2,000 from business and another \$1,000 from gun raffle proceeds).
  - Building Repair Loan: \$( ) – paid 376.78 so far in March, will pay another \$1,000 on principal before the end of month.
  - New Account to open this month: **Scholarship Savings: Purpose – set aside the money from other accounts that has been awarded as scholarships.**
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
  - Paid so far **568 = 99% of goal**
  - Presentation of membership pins:
    - Shari Bradstream (National Commander recruiting excellence, Department CC pin and Department Go-Getter pins). Shari has recruited 8 new members for 2021 and was instrumental in reconstituting our Honor Guard. Thank you, Shari!!
  - Presentation of **New Member** coins:
    - Duane Cruz (D. Dosch)
    - Scott Krebs (G. Stanley)
  - Presentation of **Department Commander Pins** – Honor Guard:
    - Lisa Jendry (received 3/21/21)
    - Shawn Bock (received 3/21/21)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (received 3/21/21)
  - Presentation of Go-Getter Pin
    - Gary Stanley (received 3/21/21)
- AL Riders Report (Fleming): Will begin having their meetings again starting tomorrow night (March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.).
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): Will be having their first meeting next Monday (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Talked about placing flags (Flags for the Fallen volunteers) at BHNC. Please go to their website to order their shirt and give. The Auxiliary is also accepting donations for this cause. Will take place on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day.
  - Will be offering poppies during this time.
  - Contact Terry Curry at 605-877-4695 if you have questions.
- Americanism (D. Fuller):
  - Still recruiting for Boys State. Have visited STM and RC Christian HS's. Central is upcoming.
  - Bus ride to Boys State will still be \$85/boy.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): not present
  - (Tolsma) Currently putting up the awning at the stadium. Turf will be delivered on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and will take a month to install. Currently 75 members signed up to play this year.
- Honor Guard update (Bradstream):
  - Helped with the Post Everlasting ceremony last Sunday. There will be fundraisers in the near future. Still recruiting new members at this time.
  - For Memorial Day, the Riders need to work with the HG to figure out who is doing what.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (Fuller):
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Post Everlasting Ceremony honored 30 members who passed away in 2020. 49 family members attended.

- Anyone who would like to sign up for the “wake” list please contact Don Fuller.
- \$325 in the fund for end of meeting.
- No members have so far passed away in March.
- Paul Douglas is currently ill.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Helped 2 people with their VA Claims.
  - One member had surgery and the PSO took them to their appointments.
  - Helped 2 members get their DD-214’s.
  - Veteran needed help graveling her “driveway”. He was able to find another provider to help her.
  - The Veteran Scholarship for this coming fall was approved for \$1K from the benevolence fund.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - We now have LED lighting in the Big meeting room (plus 2 additional troffers), the small meeting room, the bathrooms, and the entryway lights. All of the older T-12 light fixtures have either been replaced with LED or T-8 fixtures (EC Mtg Rm).
    - We are currently planning to paint the outside of the building in May (Van Delist, Harris, and Dosch).
- New Business
  - Nominations (only) for Post Officer positions. **Election to be held in April and nominations will be asked for at that meeting as well.**
    - Commander:
      - Lyle Tolsma
    - Vice Commander:
      - Ryan Skjoldal
    - Finance Officer:
      - Paul Rodriguez
    - Chaplain:
      - Bill Jeffery
    - Historian:
      - Cynthia Douglas
    - Sergeant-At-Arms:
      - Donald Dosch
  - Nominations for Executive Committee (5 positions available):
    - 1: Lyle Tolsma
    - 2: Donald Dosch
    - 3: Doug Harris
    - 4: John Schneider
    - 5: Mike Ball
    - 6: Tom Smith
    - 7: Chris Van Delist
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris – Looking for a POC for the TIUFTT golf tournament. Looking for golfers who would like to golf for free and represent Post 22 within the other teams.

- Christine Speirs ...also with DAV talked about Lifetime members being recruited for a big discounted rate. Also talked about a fundraiser they are doing and offered to sell tickets. If you have questions, please contact Christine at: 605-787-2645
  - Vietnam Vet pinning at EAFB (at the BX) on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.
  - Black Hills Harley Davidson...DAV there on Sat the 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-2.
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> the DAV will be open to help file claims from 9-11 at 101 E. Madison Street in Rapid City.
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> the next Unaccompanied service at BHNC
  - Veterans Coord Committee meeting brought up that if you go to the VA on the weekends the pharmacy is not open, so you have to return the next business day, or wait for the mail, or go to a local pharmacy. They are working to fix this problem.
- John Schneider talked about the gun raffle. Asked if anyone would like to take some tickets to sell. The money goes for roof repair.
- Lyle Tolsma: we had the football jersey raffle in the bar to raise money. The Tillman jersey silent auction went for \$1K. This money was placed in the Savings account to help pay for roof repair.
- Adjournment: 7:07 P.M.
- Van Delist won the pot \$330. He donated it back to the benevolence fund.
- The meeting was followed by a social hour.