



The American Legion, Post 22
 Membership Meeting - Minutes
 January 18th, 2023 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 (Van Delist) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | X | | |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont) | | X | |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. 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:
 - Jeanette Mills/U.S. Army - Nurse
 - Duane Olson/U.S. Army - Engineer
 - Jim Winjum/U.S. Army – Corps of Engineers
 - Frank Pilgrim/USMC – Aviation
 - Mike Nanny/U.S. Air Force – F16 Mechanic
 - o Guests:
 - Tom Vallette for Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT): Presentation of July Fundraiser check. Tom also introduced himself to the members as the Pennington County Veterans Service Officer and offered his assistance if they needed it.
 - BSA Troop 72 Leader Jim Haar will accept a donation: \$1,175 + \$200 from SAL, for a total of \$1,375. We co-sponsor this troop.

- Honor Guard Presentation to Post. Post 22 Honor Guard donated \$300 to The Hero's Giving 2 Hero's campaign. This money will be deposited in the Benevolence Fund and saved for next year's campaign.
- Committee Reports (cover December 2022 and January 2023)
 - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 1/18/2023**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$ (Xfer in from business account \$500; deposit from TIUFTT: \$8,650; deposits for HG2H \$3,550; Debit for HG2H \$4,550; Checks for \$150/ea., to Youth & Family Services, Club 4 Boys, and Meals on Wheels; \$110 paid to Post 22 to cover ALR Christmas Party; \$501.02 to Supportive Services for Veterans and Families in Rapid City; \$250 to Project Healing Waters). **Total donation for December 2022: \$5,861.02**
 - Americanism: \$ (Deposit from business account of \$500; check to Troop 72 for \$1,175.).
 - SAL: \$ (donations of \$500 to HG2H's and \$200 to BSA Troop 72).
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$12,750 transfer to business to pay for painting the exterior of the building).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposits of \$200 for funerals and \$1,957 +\$370 from fundraiser)
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$()
 - Total 2022 Donation: **\$344,559 - Look for a summary of this report in the "donation bubble" on the minutes page of our website.**
 - Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2022 = **Goal is 564.**
 - Paid so far 482 = **85% of goal**
 - Recognition of Long Time Members
 - Patrick Roseland 50-year member pin - no show
 - Ed Mills, 45-year member pin.
 - Calvin Woodle, 35-year pin. Not in attendance.
 - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**Those earning a steak dinner {*} and changes since last month are highlighted**):
 - Doug Harris (7 new members) *
 - Chris Van Delist (6 new members) *
 - **Jason Skala (SAL), (4 new member) ***
 - **Ryan Skjoldal (3 new members) ***
 - Gary Stanley (3 new members) *
 - Lyle Tolsma (3 new members)*
 - Don Dosch (1 new member)
 - Don Fuller (1 new member)
 - Mike Ball (1 new member)
 - Ed Mills (1 new member)
 - Randy Decker (1 new member)
 - SAL Membership
 - Goal is 36 - **Currently at 47 = 131%** of goal (92% renewal rate because 1 member died and 2 haven't renewed).
 - Newly recruited

- Jason Skala recruited 5
 - Doug Harris recruited 4
 - Christopher Van Delist recruited 3
 - Chester Wall recruited 2
 - Tiffany Riner and Mike Ball recruited 1
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Director John Fleming told the members what the Riders had been up to. Said it has been a bit slow, but they had several events in the works.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
 - Toni Fuller gave a report on the Auxiliary. Said they had help a couple of fundraisers with the 40&8 and made some money. She said Bingo was picking up, but they could use more players.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Fall/Spring Programs: Oratorical
 - Post 22/District 2 winner is Alex Vonderau (\$500 scholarship), he will represent us at the Department competition on February 12th.
 - Boys State & Youth Trooper registrations are now open.
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer):
 - SAL Member Hofer gave a quick update on what was happening with our Post 22 Baseball players as they get ready for the upcoming season.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (Chaplain Don Fuller): Don announced the death of a couple of our members: Marion D. Knutson and Jay M. Hawkinson. He also talked about the “wake list” where our members attend the wake of a deceased member and render a final salute. He asked that anyone who was interested in being on the list contact him: **715-425-5817**.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - PSO Van Delist gave his report. He talked about all that we had done for Veterans in the previous year. He interviews each person who contacts him and tries to link them up with the help that is available with all the different local agencies for financial help, materials, jobs, County Service Officer, etc. He explained that we do not give out gift cards any more because that is similar to “giving someone a fish and feeding them for a day” instead of helping them with the root cause of their “requests”. It has worked out very well for Post 22 and the Veterans we’ve helped. It has also allowed us to give funds to some of the agencies who help the veterans in the local area such as: Supportive Services For Veterans and Families (SSFVF) in Rapid City (approximately \$10K) and the Mission. (see our FB page for all the donations we’ve presented over the last year).
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist/Harris).
 - Ongoing
 - Concrete work: The underlay and rebar has been put in place out in front of the building and we are waiting for warmer weather to pour the concrete. Thank you to the small group who helped with this latest portion of the project.
 - HVAC replacement: Still don’t have a delivery date on that last HVAC unit.
 - Roof: Still waiting for the HVAC installation before Black Hills Exteriors can finish the roof.

- Lettering/emblem for front of bldg.: The lettering is in at the contractor's, so we are waiting for the installation schedule.
 - Completed
 - Outside Paint.
- New Business
 - Post 22 endorsement of Doug Harris for SDAL Vice Commander (Districts 1-2).
 - Doug Harris announced that he would like to run for SDAL Vice Commander once again. He asked for the endorsement of Post 22. A motion was made by Commander Van Delist to endorse Harris, and a second was received. The members voted to endorse Harris.
 - Legion Birthday Celebration (Fuller): March 18th 2023. Both Harris and Fuller talked about this upcoming event. It will likely be a luncheon and Harris will put together a program to recognize our local Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year nominees. Other people will also be recognized at this event. All members are invited to attend and Harris will be asking for an RSVP in order to determine how much food etc., we need to provide.
 - Post Everlasting Ceremony (Fuller): March 19th 2023. Our annual Post Everlasting ceremony will take place on this day. We recognize our members who've passed on and enter their names and membership information to "Post Everlasting". This is a solemn ceremony and many family members attend. More details to follow as the time approaches.
 - Midwinter Mtg in February 10-12
 - Van Delist, Doug Harris, and Mike Ball scheduled to attend.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - DAV chapter 11 and 3 will be filing VA claims Saturday, January 21st and Feb 4th at Piedmont Legion 311. The Rapid City Chapter 3 will also be available at the Harley Davidson store the second and fourth Saturdays from 10-2 in January, February, March and April. They will be selling tickets for a fundraiser to support their transportation fund that helps transport veterans to VA appointments.
 - Honor Guard Commander Ryan Skjoldal encouraged our new and current members to sign up to help with the Honor Guard. If you would like to sign up and help our Honor Guard, you can call Ryan at: 605-877-6874.
- Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.