



The American Legion, Post 22
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
 August 18th, 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): 36 present.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | | X | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery) | X | | |
| g. Historian (C. Douglas) | 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/transfer members:
 - Jennifer and Randall Anderson (USCG Retirees).
 - Brenda Cantrell, USN, Master at Arms for 2 yrs.
 - Kyle Skjoldal, SDNG.
 - Carl Saunders, USAF Retired and 2 sons/grandson, Vietnam 2 tours, 140 combat missions, flew B-52's and F-4's.
 - William Saunders, USA
 - Jeremy Bryan, SDNG, Afghanistan Vet. New in 2021, but first meeting.
 - Cody Marshall, SDNG, SDSM&T
 - o New SAL Members: 1. Jay Saunders (son), 2. William Saunders (son), 3. Ben Saunders (grandson)
 - o Recently transferred members Jack Baldrige, USAF Retiree (ND) and Lon Baldrige, USN (transfer from Post 320). Dick Pankonin, USA, transferred from AZ.
 - o Guest(s): Mrs. Baldrige (wife of Lon Baldrige), Mrs. Hardy (wife of Steve Hardy), and Toni Fuller (ALA).

- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rodriguez/Harris): All **as of 8/18/21**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (Check for \$165 to reimburse Harris for 3 rolls of stamps)
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 transferred in from business acct.)
 - Americanism: \$ (\$1,006 transferred to Scholarship Savings Acct to cover Boys State Scholarship awarded to Thomas Haar. \$500 transferred in from business acct.)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$2,000 transferred in from Business Acct.)
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$()
 - Membership (Harris): 2022 Membership year = **Goal is 583.**
 - Paid so far 337 = **57% of goal**
 - Presentation of Membership Longevity Pins
 - Jack Baldrige, USAF, Korean War Veteran with **50 years** membership in TAL
 - Ken Michaelson, USN, Vietnam War Veteran with **50 years** membership in TAL.
 - Steve Hardy, USN, Vietnam War Veteran with **35 years** membership in TAL.
 - Jacklyn Miller, USMC, GWOT Veteran with **20 years** membership in TAL.
 - Dennis Namanny, USN, Vietnam War Veteran with **20 years** membership in TAL.
 - Presentation of 2021 National Commander Pins for recruiting 3+ new members:
 - Gary Stanley
 - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:
 - L. Tolsma: 4
 - C. Van Delist: 3
 - D. Harris: 2
 - J. Rankin: 2
 - G. Van Delist: 1
 - AL Riders Report (M. Ball)
 - Rider Ron Root had an accident while returning from a meeting on I-90. Lost a leg, broken arm and hip. Now at Ft Meade recovering.
 - Riders helped set up and tear down the Veterans 9/11 Memorial display at the Sturgis Rally.
 - Riders held their annual member picnic in a Sturgis park.
 - This Saturday (21st of Aug), the VFW in New Castle WY., is holding a motorcycle rally with a bingo run...proceeds going to Ron and Marcy Root.
 - Mike asked that the Post organizations consider donating money to help Ron and Marcy cover expenses.
 - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
 - We will be starting up bingo again on the 1st Tuesday of September. Asked for more volunteers to help at Bingo. Expecting a bigger crowd since TREA closed.
 - Auxiliary will contribute \$100 to Marcy and Ron Root.

- Next meeting will be the 3rd Monday of September (20th).
 - Americanism (J. Aldentaler):
 - Met with the old Americanism Officer (Fuller) and is currently in training to get the school visits going.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Unable to attend.
 - Tolsma reported that Post 22 BB will be expanding their numbers to add 2 more teams (5 total...up from 3).
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - No deaths.
 - Talked about Ron Root getting ready to order a new Harley, so he's obviously feeling better.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Very few referrals this month. 2 calls for claims...hooked them up with the County VSO.
 - Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT). Working with them to get the money Post 22 they are offering for scholarships. The money was raised at last month's golf tournament.
 - **18th of September, BH Veterans March. We will be sponsoring a rest stop in Deadwood. 10 A.M. till 6 P.M. The location is within Deadwood, so our volunteers won't have to hike up to a remote location if they would like to volunteer.**
 - \$1,000 Scholarship contest currently in the works for Veterans from BHSU and SD Mines. So far only 1 application. Cutoff is September 1st. Open to any Veteran student who is a member of Post 22.
 - SD Mines had their Vets Orientation and Van went and talked about Post 22 and how they can become members and take part.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update. All on hold due to injured volunteers and lack of materials for replacing part of the roof.
- New Business
 - District 2 Fall meeting at Post 22 on September 11th.
 - Starting at 11 A.M for social, Lunch at 12:00 P.M, with meeting to follow.
 - Who's involved? Legion (D. Harris), ALA (T. Curry), Riders do the POW/MIA table.
 - We would like to do something special in commemoration of 9/11, so please let Doug know if you have any suggestions.
 - Post 22 Oratory Scholarship Discussion (Fuller/Harris)
 - Fuller wants to change the rules for how the \$1,000 scholarship is awarded.
 - **Made a motion to ask the Executive Committee to change the scholarship guidelines for the Oratorical contest to give our contestant the entire \$1,000 if they show up (don't have to win) and compete at the State Level. Second by Paul Douglas.**
 - Much discussion took place with views for and against. Fuller presented his views on why the change should take place, stating that the contestants put in a great deal of time and effort to write and memorize their presentations. He felt that it wasn't receiving equal treatment with the Boys State Scholarship.
 - Current and former Americanism Officers Joe Aldentaler and Paul Douglas weighed in for the change, saying that it would make it easier to recruit participants.

- Harris provided a history of the process (creating and establishing the guidelines for awarding the scholarship) and included a discussion of both the Oratorical and Boys State application forms (forms were displayed on the screen). He also pointed out that all financial decisions for the Post are decided by the duly elected Executive Committee and that the issue had been discussed and decided by the EC on two previous occasions.
 - Fuller pointed out that the EC could be replaced at the next election if they didn't respect the wishes of the membership.
 - At that point, the Commander cut off discussion and the vote was called.
- **Motion carries.**
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Ed Manzano talked about a 9/11 event at the Monument. There will also be 9/11 event at the Veterans monument by Representative Dusty Johnson. There will be a Veterans Day parade this year.
 - Harris handed out the new member coins to 6 people.
- Adjournment at 7:01 P.M.