



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting

October 19th, 2022, 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 (27)

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 | TDY |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller) | X | | |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont) | | X | N |
| 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: Kelley Donnell, USMC; Pete Gerbracht and his wife Shastin (USAF) and Air Nat Guard. New member coins were presented to Kelley and Pete.
 - Coin presentation to Randy Decker...we missed him when he signed up.
 - o Guests:
 - Ed (46-year member) and his wife, Jeanette Mills (USA).
 - Stephen Vrabel (Post 1 from Alaska) Navy Veteran, who transferred to Post 22, and his wife/AL member Cris Vrabel (Member for 25 yrs...Navy Veteran and Nurse), she belongs to an all-female Post in Alaska.
 - Travis Coyle, USA Veteran who was stationed in Hawaii. Travis signed up at the end of the meeting and is now a Post 22 member (WELCOME!!).
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 10/19/2022**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$

- Benevolence: \$ (deposit \$500 from business acct; spent \$592.90 on BH Veterans March).
 - Americanism: \$ (deposit \$500 from business acct).
 - SAL: \$ (deposit \$255 from football fundraiser; spent \$60 to purchase stamps for membership).
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$
- Correspondence: From Post 22 member Henry Garcia (currently deployed with the SD Army National Guard), a thank you note for the scholarship.
- Membership (Harris): 2023 = **Goal is 564.**
 - Paid so far 370 = **66% of goal**
 - SAL Squadron 22 goal is 36; Renewed and new is currently 38 = **106% of goal**
 - Membership challenge?
 - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**changes since last month are highlighted**):
 - Doug Harris (6 new members)
 - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
 - Chris Van Delist (**2 new members**)
 - Don Dosch (1 new member)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (2 new members)
 - **Gary Stanley (3 new members)**
 - Jason Skala (SAL), (**2 new member**)
 - Don Fuller (1 new member)
 - Mike Ball (**1 new member**)
 - Ed Mills (**1 new member**)
 - Randy Decker (**1 new member**)
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - The Post 22 Riders have been selected to decorate a Christmas tree at the State Capital. This will take place on November 19th in Pierre SD. Please join them.
 - Honor Flight presentations of \$100 to:
 - Rick Crist
 - Edward Mills
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/Toni Fuller):
 - Going strong with bingo on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 P.M.
 - Cosponsors for an upcoming fundraiser on Nov 6 from 8-11...pancake breakfast at the Post. Raising money for SD Girls State (ALA) and Nursing Scholarships (40&8). **This event will be held on November 6th from 8-11 A.M. at the Post (818 E. Saint Patrick St). For more details see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>**
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Fall Programs: Oratorical Contest. Still have just one competitor for Post 22. This program is open for Freshmen – Seniors in HS, so if you have a child or grandchild or know of someone who'd be interested, please let Doug know (doughinut@gmail.com).
 - Boys State: Registration is open. Harris sent letters out to all the 2022 boys asking them to help recruit their classmates.

- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Not present.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
 - Sick member: Chuck Curry.
 - One death: D. Pearson
 - Last man standing club. Still trying to get new members. Purchase bottle at the bar for cost.
 - Veterans Call for wakes. You go to the funeral and pay your respects by saluting the veteran. If you would like to sign up for this service, please contact Chaplain Fuller at dontonif@gmail.com
 - Legacy for funeral arrangements. Chaplain has a book from the VA that explains the services. It's a way to put all your pertinent information in one place for your spouse/etc. when you pass. We have many of these books available at the Post if you would like one.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Still working on putting our Christmas Family event. Last year we adopted 2 families and gave them gifts/financial assistance to make sure they had a good Christmas. We also gave out meals "in a box" to several families.
 - Looking for boots (new/used) that we give to homeless veterans. Also have \$1,000 we will probably be spending to buy new ones. Tina Conrad at Supportive Services for Veterans Families. Works at the Mission downtown. She is also asking for donations of household goods.
 - We purchased an urn for one of our members. We also helped him get his DD-214 info in order, so he's set for his future services.
 - Contact Tom Vallette at the Pennington County VSO if you need help with this type of thing (DD-214 etc.) #605-394-2266.
- Honor Guard (Rickey Jendry)
 - The Honor Guard has been busy, getting more missions. Recently had a fundraiser (raised over \$2,000). They are using this money to buy matching uniforms from this century. They are working with Michael's Menswear in downtown Rapid City who is giving them a great deal.
 - Looking for more members, so if you are interested, (especially those who are retired and able to help during the workday and short notice) please call Ryan (605-877-6874) or Rickey. **We must have at least 3 members to do the job.**
 - Upcoming fundraising events...December 10th at the Post from 5-9 P.m. with lots of silent auction items.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Ongoing/Completed
 - Dryvit repair is the holdup. Only one provider and they are really busy, so we are on hold.
 - Painting the building...currently in process.
 - HVAC units are supposed to be put up this month. Still waiting on the 10-ton unit which is supposed to be in at the end of the month. At that time, they will do all 3 at once. Mostly likely rescheduled for November.
 - Patio will hopefully be in the next 2-3 weeks. We have to dig out the dirt that there now and then put in new base before we can put in the new concrete.
- New Business
 - Veterans Day Program/Meal at Post 22. November 11th from 4-6 P.M.

- There will be an upcoming meeting between all the different groups involved in this event so we can coordinate. No date yet established. (Doug Harris)
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - “Wilson Elementary would like to invite you to our annual Veterans Day Program. It will be held on Thursday, November 10th at the Wilson Elementary gymnasium. There will be 2 programs due to the small size of our location. Both programs will feature the same program but with different students. Kindergarten- 2nd grade will begin at 1:15pm and 3rd-5th will begin at 2:00pm.” 827 Franklin St., in Rapid City
 - Honor Flight info (Doug): Doug told the members that they should sign up for this amazing program as soon as possible. There’s a 6 month wait for Korea Vets, and a 2-3 year wait for Vietnam vets. The sooner you sign up, the sooner you will get to go.
 - In March we will be having an American Legion Birthday program...date to be determined. If you would like to help or input information, let us know. POC’s for this event will be Chaplain Fuller and 2nd Vice Jendry.
 - DAV Christine Speirs: Nov 12th the DAV will be open with lots of different groups available to address your questions...lunch will be served to Veterans.
 - Address: 101 E. Madison St in Rapid City. Between 9 and 3 p.m. to help with claims.
 - Randy Decker gave a quick brief on the Levi Derr Foundation gala (happened on 15 Oct). Happens every year at the Monument. Recognizes TBI and PTSD that the VA doesn’t cover.
 - Thank you to Rickey Jendry and Morgan for bringing the super yummy cookies! See what you miss when you don’t come to the meetings? 😊
 - Scholarship interviews: Michael’s Men’s Wear donated men’s formal wear to one of our applicants. If you know someone who needs this service let Van know.
- Adjournment: 7:10 P.M.