



The American Legion, Post 22
Membership Meeting - Minutes
August 20, 2025, at 1800.

- 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 29 members in attendance.
- Follow with officer roll call:

	Present/Absent/Excused
○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X
○ 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X
○ 2 nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala)	X
○ Adjutant (J. Miller)	X
○ Finance Officer (D. Harris)	X
○ Chaplain (G. Stanley)	X
○ Historian (K. Donnell)	X
○ 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:
 - Lane Nelson, USN
 - Guests:
 - SgtMaj Wermers

- Boys State Attendees
 - Rylen Wermers
 - Bodhi Linde
 - Brady Peck
 - Shah Singh
 - Matteo Vargas
 - Kanin Booth
 - Presentations
 - District 2 Legionnaire of the Year pin to Tom Smith
 - Tony Anable Black Hills Veterans Classic patch
- Financial Report (Harris) as of: 8/20/2025
 - Business Account: \$ (\$7,000 down payment for carpet replacement in meeting rooms-money transferred from Savings to Checking to cover).
 - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500)
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
 - SAL Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (\$100 Deposit – City of RC reimbursement; Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill).
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$2,500 deposited from Business Acct., and \$2,022 from Queen of Hearts; Debits of \$7,000 to pay on carpet replacement).
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - This meeting took place on 8/16/2025. The EC authorized carpet replacement for the big and small meeting rooms. This bid replaces the red/brown/stained/ugly carpet in all areas it currently exists.
 - Carpet One of Rapid City made a bid of approximately \$14,000. The bid was accepted, and the replacement is scheduled to take place starting 1 September 2025. The meeting rooms will be closed for part of that workweek.

- The EC also approved a no interest loan from D. Harris to purchase new tile (approximately \$3,500) for the dance floor in the large meeting room. That tile has been purchased, and replacement is scheduled for the 2nd week of September. The labor on this one will be volunteer and will not add to the price of the upgrade.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris): 2026 Membership year started 1 July. Dues have gone up to \$50 after a \$5 raise at the Department level.**
 - TAL 2026 **Goal is 563**
 - renewals/new members to date: **341** for **61% of goal.**
 - New members: 0
 - Recognition of Longtime members:
 - ◇ Lyle Tolsma: 35-year pin
 - ◇ Gary Stanley: 10-year patch
 - 2026 SAL **Goal is ?** We won't know until after the National Convention
 - SAL renewals/new members of **41** for ?% of goal
 - If our goal was 56 (that's what our membership total # was for 2025, then we would be at 66%)
 - **Membership dues went up by \$5 to \$25** (State raised their portion by \$5 starting with the 2026 membership year)
- **AL Riders Report (Ernie Sanford):**
 - Getting ready for Kool Deadwood Nights.
- **Honor Guard (C. Hall):**
 - Two tournaments for baseball Junior A State Tournament.
- **SAL (J. Skala):**
 - Sept 6 – Car Show in back parking lot
 - 50/50 drawing
 - Ice cream social.
 - Door prizes
 - 1300 – 1500 (1PM – 3PM)
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:**
 - Pancake Breakfast good turnout this month.
 - Next breakfast September 14

- Next meeting will be September 23rd 1800 (6PM)
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - The process of recruiting for the Oratorical Contest has begun. We currently have one participant committed: Lewis Carlyle, a senior at Stevens HS.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
 - Thank the Honor Guard for their help w/tournaments.
 - Finished the state tournament in Watertown. Sent two teams to Nationals.
 - We had 3 recipients of Post 22 scholarships.
 - One player submitted to State and National for scholarship and he received both scholarships. Has played with Post 22 for five years.
 - Rapid City has the State A Tournament for 2026.
 - Already have \$5000 from the City.
 - Golf Tournament
 - In Irene/Wakanda
 - 20-21 Sept
 - Approached by 14U from smaller communities that want to be a part of Legion Baseball. 50 teams want to sign-up.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: Nothing to report.
 - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
 - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Derr Foundation Golf Tournament
 - Put on by the Knights of Columbus Council 8025.
 - 56 business sponsors
 - 35 teams
 - 100 hours of volunteerism
 - 20 volunteers on the day of the golf tournament.
 - Giving them \$28911.05 to the Derr Foundation
- **New Business:**

- Reddish/Brown carpet will be replaced during the first week of September.
- Last year we agreed to sponsor any Boys Stater who entered a military academy.
 - Joseph Juenger
 - And two others.
 - \$600 for four years.
 - Harris motioned to pay for three military academy students for four years of membership for \$600 and any subsequent increases. Decker seconded.

Motion carried.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - Commander Skjoldal was recognized at the Central States Fair during their Military Appreciation Event on Tuesday, 19 August. (Pictures)
 - DAV:
 - Aug 27 – Quilt of Valor ceremony 1300 (1PM), DAV
 - Sep 6 – DAV VA claims 0900-1100 (9AM – 11AM)
 - Sep 13 – Superior Nutrition Deadlift for DAV 1100-1400 (11AM – 2PM)
 - Sep 19 – Ellsworth Commissary Retiree Appreciation Day 0900-1800 (9AM-6PM)
 - Sep 25 – RC Veterans Stand Down DoubleTree by Hilton Rapid City Downtown Convention Center 1000-1500 (10AM – 3PM).
 - Derr Foundation Dinner in October 18th at the Monument
 - Marine Corps League Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 8th, SgtMaj Miller (USMC, Ret.) guest speaker.
 - We do a stop at the Black Hills Veterans March right before they enter the arena. Dosch will be there and needs help, September 20th. Setup has to be complete by 0800 (8AM). Our stop is across from the Hospital in Deadwood.
 - Matt Cook recognized by Harris as a veteran and local first responder.
- **Adjournment:** at 1858. A social hour followed.