

2021 Regular Meeting Minutes Compilation

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Agenda

January 27th, 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 – 30+ present/via Zoom.

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 |
| 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 **Oratorical Competition winner** (Post and District 2) presentation by Emma Raisanen. Will compete at State competition on February 21st in Oacoma SD. Emma presented her prepared oration to the members. Prior to the presentation she was interviewed by the KEVN evening anchor Aaron Dickens and the story appeared on the 9 P.M. news.
 - o **Presentation of \$2,500 to Post 22 Baseball** (Sponsorship of home team dugout). This is the first year of a 10-year commitment. Received by: Several members of the Parents Organization and Black Hills Sports. Look for picture on our FB page.
 - o New members: Many new members were introduced at the meeting and presented with an American Legion Coin. Their picture is available on our FB page.
 - Reilly Andresen
 - John Botts
 - Abigail Barnes
 - Matthew Cooke
 - Thomas Green
 - Shane Griffin
 - Jim Hodges
 - Lisa Jendry
 - Ryan Skjodal
 - o Guest(s): Family and friends of our Oratorical competitor Anna Raisanen.

- **Committee Reports**

- Finance (Harris): All as of **01/27/2021**
 - **Business: \$**
 - **Membership: \$** (Transferred \$2,000 to the Americanism Fund on 1/11/21 to cover our commitment to Post 22 Baseball)
 - **Benevolence: \$** (received \$500 from business to this account v. \$300)
 - Funds donated since last meeting: 1) Club For Boys - \$100; 2) Scouts of America Black Hills Area Council - \$100; 3) Meals on Wheels Western SD - \$100.
 - **Americanism: \$** (-\$2,500 check written to Post 22 Baseball for 2021 sponsorship)
 - **SAL: \$**
 - **Capital Improvement Savings: \$** (January 2021 we began transferring 2K/month into this account from the business account vice 1K).
 - **Building Repair Loan: \$** (We have a \$350+/month payment and we pay an additional 1K/month toward the principle from the business account). The roof repair is supposed to happen in April, 2021 and that will cost an addition \$20K.
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573**.
 - Paid/renewed so far 521 = **91% of goal**
 - Presentation of New Member coins: See list above.
 - Presentation of Department Commander Pins: 18
 - Pins were presented to members who qualified in the following categories:
 - Recruited a new member.
 - Assisted in some way with the Oratorical contest.
 - Helped with Boys State.
 - Took part in Military rites at a veteran's funeral.
 - Helped with American Legion baseball.
- **AL Riders Report** (M. Ball)
 - Asst. Director Mike Ball reported on the activities of the Riders during the last 3 months. He also let the members know that the Riders have decided against in person meetings until March. They will continue to provide Flag Lines and escort to honor veterans during funeral services.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report**
 - Adjutant Harris passed on membership information to the new members present; letting them know that their spouses were eligible for membership in The Legion Auxiliary, and that it was now "Spouses Auxiliary vice Ladies Auxiliary".
- Americanism (D. Fuller):
 - **Youth Trooper Academy** dates have changed. The dates are now July 12 – 16. If you know of anyone who planned to attend/wants to attend, please pass this information to them.
 - Boys State is now recruiting for the upcoming session...May 31 – 4 June 2021. If you know of a boy who is either a Junior or Senior in H.S., they are eligible to attend this program.
 - Oratorical contest is coming up in Oacoma on 21st of Feb.
- **Athletic Officer** (B. Garcia):

- Status of the new stadium: The construction continue at a brisk pace and expect it to be open for the coming season.
 - Status of the team: reported that are 64 players signed up for this summer and they have begun indoor training sessions.
 - **Honor Guard** update (Harris):
 - Currently still building the team. They have approximately 14 members and still recruiting new members.
 - Purchasing a bugle and recorder to play taps.
 - Still working on fundraiser planning.
 - Several of the new members in the room joined Post 22 so they can be members of the Honor Guard.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
 - Post Everlasting will now be 21 March.
 - Deceased members since last report
 - Donald Andrews
 - Jose Arguello
 - Daniel Brandt
 - Jerome Benson
 - Frank Mosset
 - Phillip Noble
 - Kenneth Northrup
 - Arnold Schumacher
 - Larry Wilsey
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Helped several veterans file claims.
 - One we worked on was bumped up from 50 to 70% disability.
 - Worked with a couple of vets who needed help getting their GI benefits.
 - Held a scholarship board to give money to a veteran going to college.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Harris).
 - Replacing all 4 skylights (parts and labor donated by Bob Millies of Affinity Construction = **\$1,500+ donation**).
 - Replaced door handles/other hardware on both bathroom doors, and door to liquor/beer cooler room (\$1,500).
 - Installed new toilet in the Men's restroom (\$500).
 - Plan to replace regular lighting in Sm. Mtg. room with LED lights in the near future (Smith and Harris).
- **New Business**
 - Midwinter Conference was canceled due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Department Oratorical Contest will still be held "in-person" on 21 February at 1030 in Oacoma. All participants/guests/audience members will be required to wear masks and observe social distancing.
 - **Queen of Hearts** raffle (\$3,111) was won by Brenda Hveem on 17th of January. 50% of the pot goes to the winner - amount of \$1,555.50. Another \$777 went into the Capital Improvement Savings account to help pay for roof repairs. \$777 went back into the raffle.
 - **Gun Raffle** has changed slightly. The weapons offered are slightly different than the original selection. The weapons now shown on the board have already been

purchased so that whoever wins the raffle is able to receive the weapon quickly. The pandemic caused a shortage/slowdown of available guns.

- **Establishment of Scholarships.** Executive Committee approved and established scholarships for Oratorical/Boys State/Veteran Student. A separate bank account will be created to save the awarded monies until the winning students begin secondary schools.
 - \$1,000 for Oratorical (\$250 post/\$250 District/\$500 state for total of \$1,000)
 - Our current participant has already earned \$500 of this money and will earn the remaining \$500 if she wins at the State competition – good luck Emma!
 - \$1,000 for Boys State (Will be awarded to Boy with most successful record at Boys State – still working out the details).
 - \$1,000 from the benevolence fund for a Veteran currently attending a post-secondary institution.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Lisa Jendry talked to the members about being in the Honor Guard.
 - Christine Speirs talked about upcoming DAV events that will provide some service to our members as well.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. Social hour followed.

The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
February 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 (24)

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| h. Commander (Tolsma) | X | X |
| i. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X | |
| j. Adjutant (Harris) | X | |
| k. Finance Officer (Fink) | X | |
| l. Chaplain (Fuller) | X | |
| m. Historian (C. Douglas) | X | |
| n. 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
 - New members:

- Steve Kurek, US Navy
 - Lee Warnemunde, USA and student at SDSM&T
 - Bill Jeffery, USAF
 - Jason Combs, USAF Ret
 - Tom Kessler, USAF, Ret
 - Nick Dupont, USA
 - Kristopher DeGeest, USMC
- Guest(s): Emma Raisanen our Post Oratorical Contest competitor. Talked about her experience at the competition and thanked Post 22 for sponsoring her.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 02/24/2021**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business acct for Feb)
 - Americanism: \$ (Boys State sponsors so far: \$2,900 + \$500 from business acct)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (deposits of \$2,000 from business account and 778.50 from Queen of Hearts)
 - Building Repair Loan: **\$(owed)** – pd 376.78 so far in Feb, will pay another \$1,000 on principal.
 - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
 - Paid so far 541 = **94% of goal**
 - Renewals are exceptionally slow right now, so getting that last 6+% will be a challenge.
 - Signed 4 new members at the meeting and transferred 2 members in from Virginia.
 - **National Commander Membership Excellence** Pins (presented to “any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion”:
 - Shari Bradstream
 - Doug Harris
 - Tom Smith
 - Chris Van Delist
 - **Go Getter** pins presented:
 - Shari Bradstream
 - Doug Harris
 - Tom Smith
 - Christopher Van Delist
 - Paul Rodriguez
 - Donald Dosch
 - Presentation of **membership longevity** pins:
 - **Alton Palmer, 50 year pin/certificate** – Vietnam Veteran
 - Presentation of New Member coins:
 - Steve Kurek
 - Tom Kessler
 - Lee Warnemunde
 - Nick Dupont

- Kristopher DeGeest
 - **AL Riders Report** (Fleming)
 - Attended 4 Chaplains Ceremony in Sturgis
 - Meetings start again next month.
 - **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Curry) – Not present.
 - Americanism (D. Fuller):
 - Results of Department Oratorical Contest: Emma Raisanen (see above comments).
 - Upcoming programs:
 - Boys State and Youth Trooper are now open for applications. Van Delist gave a briefing on the Boys State program and encouraged members to recruit boys for the program.
 - Went to Rapid City Christian for a school visit. Central HS visit is next week. Will be contacting STM for a visit.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): not present, no report.
 - Honor Guard update (Bradstream): HG held a meeting last night (2/23/21), went through flag folding and are getting ready for Post Everlasting Ceremony coming up next month. Meeting led by Gary Stanley. Still looking for new members.
- **Sick call, relief and employment** (Fuller):
 - Members who have passed to Post Everlasting: LaVerne Tech passed away recently. Service will be next Tuesday...more details as they become available. Also, Larry Wilsey, Bruce Knauer this month.
 - Other: **Post Everlasting** coming up on the 21st of March. Looking to schedule a practice session. Looking for volunteers (3 or 4) for this program.
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist):
 - Only 1 request for service...help to gravel and grade a driveway. This falls outside our skill level.
 - One of our members (Henry Olivier) helped move the RV from Spearfish to Custer for a veteran who was in the VA Nursing home in Hot Springs. **Thank you, Henry!**
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Harris).
 - Smith and Harris recently completed lighting upgrade in Large and small meeting rooms. All LED lighting now. Cost for parts: **\$614**. Labor savings of at least \$500
 - Will be adding two more 2X4 LED light fixtures in the large meeting room to eliminate the poorly lit area. It will look like the sun is coming up back there, but we intend to install wiring to allow for dimming the lights as needed.
 - Ordering more lights for bathrooms (6) and spares: est. cost = \$270
 - Scheduling 5-year fire sprinkler inspection/nozzle (etc.) replacement project in near future = **\$1,580** cost.
- **New Business**
 - 2020 Volunteer Hours/Donations Spreadsheet
 - **\$91,362** – significantly down from 2019 due to Coronavirus closures/cancellations. Will be posting this information on our website.
 - Nominations for **Legionnaire of The Year** for Post 22 – our winner will go forward to District 2 for the Spring meeting. Discuss the nomination form (Harris).

- Adjutant Harris nominated Chaplain Don Fuller, second by Don Dosch. Motion carries.
 - There were no other nominations. Harris will prepare the nomination paperwork and submit it to District 2 Commander.
 - Post 22 members have been selected as SD Legionnaire of The Year for the past 2 years; 2018-2019 was Doug Harris (Adjutant) and 2019-2020 was Christopher Van Delist (Vice Commander).
 - **Resignation of Club Manager** Jeremy Snyder effective on March 3rd, 2021. Our Assistant Manager, Debbi Wigge, will be stepping up to Manager and we are looking for a new assistant manager.
 - **Establishment of Scholarships.**
 - **Oratorical:** Post winner receives \$250 for winning at Post level, another \$250 for winning at District Level and then another \$500 if they win at Department level for a total of \$1,000. **We will be awarding \$500 to our 2021 winner Emma Raisanan.**
 - **Boys State:** Those boys sponsored by Post 22 will compete for a \$1,000 scholarship (see form). A copy of the form will be given to all boys we select to attend Boys State, so they can fill it out as the week progresses. The submissions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and a winner will be selected following the Boys State session each year.
 - **Veteran:** This will be a once/year scholarship offered to local veterans currently attending Post-Secondary educational institutions (Colleges and Trade Schools). Applicants will meet a selection board made up of Post 22 members, professors, etc.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - District 2 Spring Meeting will be held in Martin, SD on April 11th, 2021 (times not yet established).
 - **Boys State** (application deadline - May 1st) and **Youth Trooper Academy** (application deadline - March 21st) are both open for registration.
 - **Eagle Scout of The Year** nominations now open – closes March 1st. Our 50 year cap pin/certificate recipient (Alton Palmer) reported that his grandson had just been awarded Eagle Scout rank this year and we are looking to submit him for this award.
 - Post 22 member **Troy Falardeau** received an appointment to Department Commander’s newly formed “Membership and Marketing committee”.
 - Focusing on 3 areas: Honor Flights, our Posts, and how the community can help us.
 - **2021 Department Convention** planned for June 24-27 in Huron, SD. Talked about what happens at this meeting and how we can establish new/change the old rules.
 - Rapid City DAV (Christine Speirs) reports that this is the last week to get a DAV Life membership for \$100 (normally \$300).
 - Selling raffle tickets to raise money for the rides for Veterans program.
 - Next March 6th they will be open to people file claims.
 - Today is the 30th Anniversary of the start of Desert Storm.
- Adjournment at 1850.

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

March 24th, 2021 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

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| q. Adjutant (Harris) | X | | |
| r. Finance Officer (Fink) | X | | |
| s. Chaplain (Fuller) | X | | |
| t. Historian (C. Douglas) | | X | X |
| u. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch) | X | | |

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- 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 11th 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.**
 - o 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 25th at 6:30 P.M.).
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): Will be having their first meeting next Monday (March 29th). 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 15th 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):
 - 3rd 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 29th of March.
 - Black Hills Harley Davidson...DAV there on Sat the 27th from 10-2.
 - April 3rd the DAV will be open to help file claims from 9-11 at 101 E. Madison Street in Rapid City.
 - April 5th 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.

The American Legion, Post 22

Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 28th, 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 (29)

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| v. Commander (Tolsma) | X |
| w. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| x. Adjutant (Harris) | X |
| y. Finance Officer (Fink) | X |
| z. Chaplain (Fuller) | X |
| aa. Historian (C. Douglas) | X |
| bb. 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)
 - New members: Dannie C. King (USA), Bracken Robinson (Army Guard), John Rankin (U.S Marines)
 - Guest(s): District 2 Commander, Eugene Iron Shell.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Harris/Fink): All **as of 02/24/2021**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (\$72.65 pd to Fuller for Post Everlasting; \$110 pd to Harris to reimburse for postage stamps).
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 deposited from business acct.)

- Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposited from business acct.; \$1,200 pd to Post 22 baseball for plaques on our seats; \$500 transferred to Scholarship acct.)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (2,000 deposited from business account).
 - Scholarship Account: \$ (500 deposited to cover Emma R. Oratorical Contest wins at Post and District level).
 - Building Repair Loan: \$() (376.78 pd on loan + 2,000 for March and April paid on principle)
 - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
 - Paid so far = **577 or 101% of goal**
 - **National Commander recruiting pins** for L. Tolsma and D. Dosch.
 - AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Completed 2 escorts for funerals in the last month.
 - Waiting on direction for the State CC's ride.
 - Americanism (D. Fuller):
 - Boys State: 6 boys made it through the interviews. 2 pulled out due to conflicts. Possibly 2 more in the next couple of days.
 - Youth Trooper Academy: 1 boy (Stevens H.S.) from Post 22 was selected. There was also a young lady (Central H.S.) who was selected...don't know yet if Post 320 will pay for her.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Unable to attend...report given by Commander Tolsma.
 - Status of the new stadium: On schedule for most things. Media day today. On June 3rd we will be playing baseball at the stadium. 74 games scheduled for the month of June. May is all "away" games. Awarded the state tournament for 2022. Post 22 awarded the National Regional contests will be held in 2022 and 2023.
 - Name change (Tolsma): Naming rights go to Black Hills Surgical Hospital Ballpark for \$500K. Fitzgerald will be placed in Hall of Fame.
 - Season passes are available. Talk to Doug Harris if you would like to get one.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
 - No one on sick call.
 - Lost three members Charles Ollilla, Bruce Peterson, and Lawrence Rick.
 - Described Last Man Standing to the new members.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - An organization contacted us about some old uniforms...gave them away already and the money went to the Rescue Mission (Veteran section).
 - Upcoming Service Project (paint a partially disabled member's home) for us is still in the planning stages.
 - Helped 2 Vets get into Ft Meade for help.
 - Helped a member get a DD-214 and another family who needed one for their father.
 - Received a call from the National Guard who had two mothers who are expecting and needed some referral services/WIC/Etc.
 - Worked with the Edward Wallen Foundation to help a person who hasn't yet made it to basic training but needed help with food...will ship to basic in June.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - New roof (partial) (Van Delist) still tentatively scheduled for May.

- Paint exterior of building. Project manager(s) Harris and Van Delist still shooting for May?
 - Post 22 submitting a Black Hawk teacher for **Educator of the Year Award**. So far the only one submitted at District 2 level, so will most likely go to Department for consideration.
 - Special thanks to Post 22 member Jacklyn Miller for putting the package together. Her two sons are also attending Boys State this year, and her son Mitchell has been selected to attend Youth Trooper Academy as well.
- New Business
 - Review of Constitution and By-Laws
 - **Motion** to change the office of Vice Commander to “First Vice Commander” in the Post By-Laws. Motion made by J. Schneider, with a Second by C. Van Delist. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion Carries**. Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Motion** to add the office of “Second Vice Commander” to the official By-Laws of Post 22. Motion by D. Harris, second by D. Dosch. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion carries**. Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Motion** to create an advisory board on changing the official meeting dates of the Post 22 Executive Committee to the third Saturday of each month at 9 A.M., and the monthly membership meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M. The recommendation of this advisory committee will be presented at the May regular meeting and be voted on at that time. Motion by D. Harris and Second by John Rankin. Discussion to explain the change. **Motion carries**. Will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting (May 8th at 9 A.M.).
 - M. Ball talked about the possibility to have the Legion and Auxiliary meeting the same night. Was discussed at the District CC training meeting. Seemed to have a good reception. The Commander will talk to the Auxiliary President to see if they would be interested in doing this.
 - **Motion** to change the By-Laws to add the Finance Officer as an automatic member to the Executive Committee. Motion by Don Fuller, Second by Gary Stanley. Discussion to explain the motion. **Motion Carries**. Harris will incorporate into our By-Laws.
 - **Elections for Post and Executive Committee Officers**
 - Nominations for **Post Officers**
 - Those members nominated at the March Meeting are listed below. **All were the only person nominated and were “voice voted” in unanimously.**
 - Commander: Lyle Tolsma (appointed D. Harris as Adjutant)
 - First Vice Commander: C. Van Delist
 - Second Vice Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
 - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
 - Chaplain: Bill Jeffery
 - Historian: Cynthia Douglas
 - Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Dosch
 - Nominations for Executive Committee (EC)

- As per the recently updated Post 22 By-Laws, the Commander and his/her appointed Adjutant and the Finance Officer will automatically become members of the EC...(this leaves 4 open slots for elected members).
- Nominees (minimum of 4)
 - Those members nominated at the March meeting:
 - D. Dosch
 - C. Van Delist
 - T. Smith
 - J. Schneider
 - M. Ball
 - Preparation of Ballot and voting (Harris). Election judges were Paul Douglas and Duane Fink.
 - Winners announced:
 - C. Van Delist
 - D. Dosch
 - J. Schneider
 - M. Ball
- Installation of Post Officers – Short form (District 2 Commander)
 - District 2 Commander Eugene Iron Shell installed the 2021-2022 Post Officers.
- Nominations for Delegates to Department Convention (IAW Post By-Laws)
 - Delegates and alternates to represent the Post at the Department Conventions shall be elected at a meeting of the members of the Post held at least 60 days before the Department Convention which they are to attend. Post 22 is entitled to 14 Delegates (our votes count as 14) and 14 Alternates. We can also just send one or two persons and the way they vote counts for 14. At this point in time, Adjutant Harris and Vice Commander Van Delist are planning to attend the convention.
 - Nominees: Doug Harris, Christopher Van Delist, Paul Douglas, Cynthia Douglas, and Mike Ball. D. Harris will take the appropriate steps to notify Department and pay for our 14 delegates (\$7/each).
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Commander Iron Shell announced that he is running for State Vice CC for Districts 1 and 2. He spoke briefly on his qualifications and asked for Post 22's support.
 - DAV Christine Speirs talked about a recent Veterans Coordinating Committee meeting. VA building a new CBOC in RC. Travel pay is falling behind. Vietnam travelling wall will be in Herried SD on June 23rd-27th. This coming Saturday the DAV will be open (9-11 A.M.) to help Vets file claims. 101 E. Madison Street.
 - New member Dannie King announced that the Air and Space Museum at EAFB will reopen on May 15th. The static displays have always been open, this will be the interior displays.
 - Cynthia Douglas asked that the members put money in the pigs (SAL fundraiser for Children and Youth) before you leave.

Adjournment 7:42

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 26th, 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): 22

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

cc. Commander (L. Tolsma)	X		
dd. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)		X	X
ee. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
ff. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
gg. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
hh. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X		
ii. Historian (C. Douglas)	X		
jj. 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: Eric Nelson, USAF retired.
 - o Guest(s): Molly Barari, Vitalant Blood Services (Blood Drive over Memorial Day wknd).
- Committee Reports
 - o **Finance** (Rodriguez/Harris): All as of **05/26/2021**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (checks written: \$115 to Don Fuller to reimburse for event tent; \$71.36 to D. Harris to reimburse for new member coins; \$98 to SDAL Department for Convention delegate dues).
 - Benevolence: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account).
 - Americanism: \$ (Checks written: \$510 to cover Boys State Transportation (6 boys), \$1,200 to cover Boys State tuition (6 boys), \$129.54 to cover pizza and other expenses for District 2 Boys State Orientation (23 boys and parents), \$200 to SDAL Department for Youth Trooper Academy tuition (1 boy); deposit of \$500 from business account).
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (deposit of \$2,000 from business acct).
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$() (paid \$376.78 monthly and \$1,000 principal only payment).
 - o **Membership** (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573**.
 - Paid so far 578 = **101 % of goal**
 - Go-Getters for 2021
 - Doug Harris: 10 New members

- Shari Bradstream (transferred to Post 311): 9 new members
- Don Dosch: 4 new members
- Tom Smith: 3 new members
- Lyle Tolsma: 3 new members
- C. Van Delist: 3 new members
- Gary Stanley: 3 new members
- Paul Rodriguez: 3 new members
- Don Fuller: 2 new members
- John Schneider: 1 new member
- John Fleming Sr.: 1 new member
- Mike Ball: 1 new member
 - Thank you to all who helped make our 2021 recruitment year so successful!!
- **AL Riders** Report (Fleming): Couple of escorts this month.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Curry): No report. They are selling poppies.
- **Americanism** (D. Fuller/J. Aldentaler/D. Harris):
 - District 2 Boys State Orientation took place on 16 May. Approximately 20 boys and parents were present. C. Van Delist/D. Harris/J. Aldentaler/P. Douglas took part in the briefing. Pizza, snacks and drinks were provided by Post 22.
 - School Medals presented (D. Fuller): All 10 schools received medals (20) this year and 3 ROTC medals to School of Mines students.
 - Boys State starts on the 31st of May and goes through the 4th of June. Legion Day will take place on the 3rd of June.
- **Athletic Officer** (B. Garcia/Tolsma): We are taking over the new stadium on the 1st of June. Alumni night on 2nd of June...entry is free...7 P.M. is the Alumni v. players. The 3rd is our first game with the Veterans Classic (16 teams).
- **Honor Guard** (G. Stanley): The Honor Guard/Riders will be teaming up to visit 3 cemeteries on the 31st to perform ceremonies. Still recruiting new members...contact Gary Stanley if you are interested in joining (605-391-4279). Requested that the Post provide 3 flags (Harris provided them).
- **Sick call**, relief and employment (B. Jeffery): No members have passed in the last month. No sick calls.
- **Post Service Officer** report (Van Delist) not present, so no report.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Still waiting for the partial roof replacement. Was scheduled for May, but now up in the air. Waiting for word from the contractor.
 - Still planning to paint the exterior of the bldg. this summer.
 - Final review of changes to By-Laws (meeting dates)
 - Executive Committee reviewed/discussed the changes at their meeting on the 8th of June and recommended that the Members vote to change the dates to the 3rd Saturday (EC) and the 3rd Wednesday (Regular Meeting). This ensures the meetings happen within 4 days of each other each month and allows for meetings to be held in November and December (historically blocked by the holidays).

- Motion by Mike Ball to accept these date changes and amend the our Bylaws accordingly; Second by Gary Stanley. **Motion carries.**
 - **Harris will update the document and post it to our website.**
- **New Business**
 - Tee It Up for the Troops signups – event takes place July 19th (Monday).
 - Golfers signed up so far: Tolsma, Harris, Garcia, Stanley, and D. Klar.
 - Manning a booth at one of the holes (fundraiser): Don Fuller. Asking for volunteers to help him do this. Will also be recruiting new members.
 - Post 22 is sponsoring a hole.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Former member Don Schooley has passed, there will be a memorial (celebration of Life) this Friday from 4 – 9 P.M in the large meeting room. All are invited to attend.
 - Veteran Honor Banner yard signs for sale...see display.
 - Don Fuller talked about Last Man Standing.
 - Member C. Speirs reported the following info. Veterans Coordinating Committee for the new VA CBOC groundbreaking will take place in end of June/First part of July...new patients by Jan of 2023. Veterans Cemetery Committee...the Memorial Day celebration will be open to whomever wants to go...but no time was available. Flags for fallen vets will be placing flags. Unaccompanied Veterans ceremony will be the 12th of June. DAV poker run on July 10th...boy scout troops will be doing the flag ceremony. Local DAV will be open June 5th from 9 to 11 to help veterans with claims. Located at 101 E. Madison Street in RC.
 - Edward Manzano left a flyer for an event happening on Memorial Day. Looking for volunteers who would like to read bio's of fallen vets from S.D. If you would like to take part, please contact him at 605-209-6283.
 - Tolsma purchased a Post 22 Baseball family pass that we are raffling for \$5/try.
- Adjournment at 6:56.

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 16th, 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: 19

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

kk. Commander (L. Tolsma)	X	
ll. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X	X
mm. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X	

nn. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
oo. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
pp. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X		
qq. Historian (C. Douglas)	X		
rr. 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: Tony Alfonso, originally from NY, Registered Nurse and retired Air Force.
 - o Guest(s): Returning Boys Staters will give their reports. Begin with slide show (Doug)
 - William Dirks (St Thomas More HS) – No show
 - Thomas Haar (Stevens HS)
 - Carter Schmitz (Stevens HS)
 - Jack Shoenhard (Stevens HS)
 - 2 more who were unable to attend this meeting – should be here for July meeting.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Rodriguez): All **as of 6/16/21**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (\$98.00 to Dept to pay for 14 delegates to convention).
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 transfer in from business acct. - \$300 written to pay for banners).
 - Americanism: \$ (\$500 transfer in from business acct - \$129.54 written to reimburse for Boys State District 2 orientation).
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$2,000 transfer in from business acct).
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$ (\$376.78 monthly payment + \$1,000 principal only payment).
 - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573**.
 - Paid so far 578 = **101 % of goal**
 - o AL Riders Report (Fleming):
 - The Riders completed a couple of funerals this last month.
 - Setting up another escort in the near future that will escort the remains of a veteran to the west coast.
 - The Funeral today was for Dena Frantsvog...spouse of a deceased member.
 - o Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): Not present.
 - o Americanism (D. Fuller): Finished up the school awards over the last couple of weeks. Presented a TAL emblem for East Middle School to attach to a plaque for their award recipients. YTA is coming up in a couple of weeks and Post 22 is sending one boy.
 - o Athletic Officer (B. Garcia/Tolsma):
 - Grand opening of the new stadium was yesterday (6/15/21). Post 22 v. Post 320 to a full crowd of about 1500. Post 22 won 8 to 6 in 10 innings.
 - Other uses of the stadium have been in discussions with the city for the last couple of months? The new contract limits use by other sports teams to

protect our field. Post 22 signed a 10 year lease with an option for an additional 10 years...total of 20 year lease.

- We still want to put other events on the field. In talks to host future High School championships in the Spring...State Level.
- Several Colleges would like to play on it (SDSU v. whomever), up to 10K/wknd.
- Beer tent for the Firecracker tournament starts on the 30th of June through the 4th of July...all has been approved. Setup scheduled for the 29th.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery): We lost 1 member (Alan Bishop), and spouse of a former member Dena Frantsvog.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): absent
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Roofing project (Van Delist) – still being held up – now due to supply shortages.
 - Paint exterior of building (scheduled for 22-25 July).
 - New Officer banner has been installed in lounge.
- New Business
 - Commander Fred's Ride605forvets.
 - The ride will finish up here at Post 22 at 5 P.M. on Saturday the 19th. We invite all members to attend and donate to this worthy cause.
 - One hundred percent (100%) of the donation will benefit The South Dakota American Legion Foundation for Veterans and Youth.
 - What do we want to put together to welcome them to the Post? We will host a small get together at the Post to present our donation.
 - 12 Resolutions submitted to Department for the upcoming Convention: Read the titles and offer the complete copies to any member who would like to read them.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Gary Stanley talked about Memorial Day. Went to 3 cemeteries to perform.
 - Mike Ball talked about us having given away all of our clips to Rosebud. The VFW has lots of clips, but running out of ammunition...would like to have a trade. Gary will also talk to DAV and see what they have. **Motion by M. Ball to donate a box of ammunition to the VFW. Will have a receipt from the VFW, so they will remember to pay us back. Once they get their new ammo, they will replace what we loaned them. Second by J. Fleming. Motion carries.**

Adjournment at 6:46 P.M. Social hour followed the meeting

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 21st, 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

ss. Commander (L. Tolsma)	X
tt. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X
uu. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X
vv. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X
ww. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X
xx. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X
yy. Historian (C. Douglas)	X
zz. 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:
 - Chad Tomjack, Army National Guard in NE.
 - Erin Fagnan, SDNG currently the 1st Drill Sgt in the State of SD.
 - Ed Manzano, USAF Medic and B1-B Weapons Officer.
 - o Guest(s): 3 Boys Staters.
 - o Boys Staters presentations. Mitchell Miller, Zachary Reed, and William Dirks
 - o Member Ed Manzano to discuss the Veterans Memorial in Rapid City.
 - Looking for a Civil Engineer
 - Seeking organization that is a 501C3 to help collect the money (\$60 to \$75 K) plus future expenses.
 - Looking for the WW I monument that used to be Haley Park?
 - There were several members at the meeting that were able to provide some information to help Mr. Manzano.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 7/21/21**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$
 - Americanism: \$
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$()
 - o Membership (Harris): 2022 Membership year starts 1 July 21= **Goal is ? : We are currently around 100+ renewals ao: Today**
 - **Rick Crist 55 year member!! USN, Vietnam**
 - **Dave Johnson 50 Yrs, USAF, Vietnam**
 - o Correspondence: Harris read several Thank You cards from different individuals.
 - o AL Riders Report (M. Ball)

- Mostly Flag Lines at BHNC. Doing another next week.
 - Director going in for back surgery in the near future.
 - Riding this Saturday on a fun ride.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): Nothing heard
- Americanism (J. Aldentaler): Nothing to report above and beyond the Boys State and Youth Trooper speakers.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma filled in): Baseball season has ended. They are currently in post season play. Expo's and Hardhats are taking part in post season.
 - It will be an exciting time for us as we will be hosting the 2022 SD State Tournament as well as the 2022/2023 National Regional Tournament. The National Regional will be held at Black Hills Surgical Hospital Ballpark from Aug. 3rd to the 7th, 2022. With the national spotlight on Rapid City, we will be reaching out to our fans in the coming months to see if anyone is interested in volunteering at the tournament.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery): One of our members lost a spouse.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - 2 requests for assistance with VA claims...sent to County VSO for completion.
 - Request for funds to help purchase a drivers license. Not granted.
 - Upcoming Post 22 \$1,000 scholarship for Veterans. Open for applications now and Board meets on 1 Sep, 2021. Looking for members to sit on the Board of Selection.
 - Request at 9:30 P.M. one night from an active duty person who was looking for Pall Bearers for his father in law, who was a CW-3. EAFB was scheduled but pulled out at the last minute. Put together a team from Post 22 and Guard members.
 - New Pennington Co. Service Officer. No name at this time.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Harris).
 - Roof (on hold for materials)
 - Paint outside of bldg. On hold due to physical limitations of planning group.
 - Firecracker Tournament Beer Tent update (Tolsma).
 - Post 22 runs a beer tent to raise money for Post 22 baseball. We had a great setup this year. \$3,400 was raised after paying the bills and deposited into the Americanism Acct.
 - Tee It Up For The Troops Tournament results (Franze/Harris)
 - (Report from Franze): Our 3rd Annual Event was our largest event to date in both attendance, 120 golfers and fundraising. We are still awaiting a few invoices so we cannot release an official number at this time, but I can say with confidence that we raised more money in this year's event than our first 2 events combined! For the third straight year we had over 40 Veterans participate in our event which makes us one of the largest Veteran attended Tee It Up for the Troops events in the country! Don Fuller, Toni Fuller and Mike Ball crushed fundraising out on the course. Between the 50/50 raffle and drawing that they operated, Post 22 raised \$725 on the course for our cause. If you add in the other 50% of the 50/50 raffle they brought in \$945! Looking back at the scorecards it looks like those who golfed from Post 22 turned in some really good scores!
 - Tee It Up for the Troops-Black Hills is excited to host our 4th Annual Event on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Arrowhead Country Club where once again the beneficiaries will be Tee It Up for the Troops REUNION program and

American Legion Post 22's scholarship fund! We are looking forward to building upon our partnership and want to thank you for your support!

- **Motion by Don Fuller for Post 22 to offer a coupon for those who give blood at Vitalent. The motion and decision would move to the Executive Committee for final approval. Second by Mike Ball. Motion carries.**
- New Business
 - Black Hills Veteran March September 18th, 2021 (C. Van Delist)
 - SDNG puts on the march every year. We are looking to sponsor a “rest stop”. Hand out drinks/lickies and chewies/information on Post 22.
 - It is a themed event. Not sure what the theme is yet.
 - What would it require of Post 22? More information to be presented at the next meeting.
 - Seeking bids on new Dishwasher for kitchen and a new exhaust fan for over the grill.
 - Tom Smith explained what we needed to do with the exhaust fan. We will likely get a new dishwasher.
 - We have hired a new Club manager that will start after Sturgis Bike Rally. Debbie Wiege will still be the asst. mgr.
 - Awarding of the Boys State Scholarship (\$1,000) goes to Thomas Haar (Stevens HS).
 - Tolsma announced that anyone that brings in 3 new members will receive a steak dinner from the Commander. There are already a couple of members who have accomplished this goal. THANK YOU!
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Ed Manzano said that Veterans Day is coming up and they will be doing something that may include some of our members. The parade etc., is supposed to be run by the VFW. D. Harris mentioned that we already hold our annual Turkey Dinner feed that day, so the number of volunteers may be limited. More news to follow.

Adjournment at 705 P.M.

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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|------|---|---|
| aaa. | Commander (L. Tolsma) | X |
| bbb. | 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |

ccc.	2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)		X	X
ddd.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
eee.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
fff.	Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X		
ggg.	Historian (C. Douglas)		X	
hhh.	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
 - o 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: \$()
 - o 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.

The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
September 15th, 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 = 29

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

iii. Commander (L. Tolsma)	X		
jjj. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X		
kkk. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
lll. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
mmm. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
nnn. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X		
ooo. Historian (C. Douglas)	X		
ppp. 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)
 - New members: Rickey Jendry, 189th Aviation, USA Guard, Black Hawk Helicopter crew chief extraordinaire (hasn't crashed yet...has the coolest mom)
 - Guest(s): James Savage's partner Elaine.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 9/15/21**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 transferred from business account and a check written to Honor Flight for \$1,506, but not yet reflected in amount).
 - Americanism: \$ (\$500 transferred to scholarship fund for Emma Raisanen, and \$500 transferred from business acct).
 - SAL: \$

- Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$2,000 transferred in from business account/\$21,305.25 transferred out to business account to pay for Phase 1 of roof repair and extended warranty).
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$() (\$376.78 monthly payment and \$1,000 paid on principal).
 - Membership (Harris): 2022 Membership year starts 1 July 2021 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 355 = **61% of goal**
 - Presentation of Membership Longevity Pins
 - James Savage, USAF, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Veteran with **55 years** of membership.
 - John Hasenauer, US Army, Vietnam War Veteran with **45 years** membership. Couldn't make it...will deliver to his home and get a picture.
 - 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
 - Don Fuller: 2
 - Lisa Jendry: 1
 - Ryan Skjoldal: 1
 - AL Riders Report (Asst. Director M. Ball)
 - Post 22 Rider Ron Root Fundraising Event on October 16th, Spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread. There will also be a silent auction and bingo.
 - Fundraiser for Ron in Newcastle WY., raised over \$3K and was given to the family to help defray costs of recovery.
 - Director Fleming had back surgery and is currently laid up.
 - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller): No bingo next Tuesday. Asking for people to volunteer. Provided the meal for the District 2 meeting last Saturday. Will be providing deserts for the upcoming fund raiser.
 - Americanism (J. Aldentaler):
 - Still trying to schedule school visits.
 - Will work with D. Fuller and Van.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Not present. No new information.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - Loss of a member James Huggins in August.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Worked with a Veteran who was trying to submit a VA Claim and forwarded them to a Veteran Service Officer (County).
 - Couple of gas requests but didn't give any money out.
 - Black Hills Veterans March will be this coming Saturday (18th). We are setting up a rest station near Deadwood and are still looking for volunteers. Rest stop #6 at corner of Sherman and St. Charles.

- SD Education benefits. Looking for legislative inputs. Employment group with a couple of different organizations in Rapid City.
- Unfinished Business (Harris – show slides)
 - Facility Improvement projects update. Harris showed slides of the work completed on the roof (Southern portion of the “newer” building) that covers the utility rm/bathrooms/south entryway. Talked about what was taking place in anticipation of Phase 2 (replacement of remaining roofing over the “newer” building).
- New Business
 - 2021 Scholarship Recipients (Harris – show slides)
 - Oratorical: Emma Raisanen = \$1,000
 - Boys State: Thomas Haar = \$1,000
 - Veteran Student: Ryan Skjoldal = \$1,000
 - Presentation of Check (Tolsma)
 - 40 and 8 discussion. Member Paul Richter reported that the State level 40 & 8 had disbanded the Nursing assistance fund and handed it out to the individual units. The 40&8 would like to give that money to local nurses who are in training. Van Delist offered to help him make contact with current nursing students who could use the help and will contact them about scholarships.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - R. Skjoldal talked about the Honor Guard. Asked if there were any members present who would like to take part. Their meeting is next Wednesday at 6 P.M at Post 22.
 - Ed Manzano talked about the monument committee. Going to the City Council next week to request 6 slabs of granite with the names of those Vets from this area. Also, the POW/MIA names. Has a lot of the city and veteran leaders on board. Wants to dedicate it on May 30th, 2022. Asked Post 22 to consider maintaining the flags that will be flying at the monument. Asked that Post 22 consider signing on to maintain and be responsible for the flags at the monument.
 - Harris said there are still 2 veteran yard signs left if anyone would like to purchase one for Veterans Day.

Adjournment: 0641. Social hour followed.

The American Legion, Post 22

Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

October 20th, 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

qqq.	Commander (L. Tolsma)		X		
rrr.	1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)		X	X	
sss.	2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)			X	X
ttt.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X			
uuu.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X		
vvv.	Chaplain (B. Jeffery)		X		
www.	Historian (C. Douglas)		X		
xxx.	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: Paul Brankin, USN was a transfer in from CA and was a past member of Post 22; Henry Garcia SDNG (USA); Kim Robinson, SDNG (USA).
 - o Guest(s): Tom Vallette, Pennington County Veterans Service Officer and a board member with Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT).
- TIUFTT presentation (Tom Vallette):
 - o Talked about what TIUFTT is and how Post 22 is linked with them. We have worked with this organization for the last 2+ years to help raise funds through a golf tournament, for disabled troops and grants to other local Veterans organizations. In 2021, Post 22 was named as the recipient of the local grant. This money will go towards scholarships for veterans attending college as well as small grants to veterans in need through our Benevolence fund.
 - o Tom Vallette and Beau Garcia presented a check for \$5,700 to Post 22 (see our FB account for pictures).
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 10/19/21**
 - Business: \$ (Reflects \$5K in transfers out to Americanism, Benevolence, Capital Improvements Savings and Bldg maintenance loan).
 - Membership: \$ (reflects deposits of \$531 for our PUFs and Paid onlines)
 - Benevolence: \$ (reflects transfer of \$500 from business account; checks written for \$1,506 for Honor Flight; \$334.26 to C. Van Delist to reimburse for BH Veterans March supplies; and \$150 to assist veteran with rent deposit).
 - Americanism: \$ (reflects transfer of \$500 from business account).
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (reflects \$3,000 transfer from business account - an increase of \$1,000 from previous months as per direction of EC; \$1,832 deposit from our portion of the Queen of Hearts raffle).
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$(), reflects monthly payment of \$376.78 + \$1,000 payment on principal.
 - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 390 = **67% of goal**
 - Presentation of 20 Year Pin to Vincent Ragels (see our FB page for pictures).
 - Presentation of National Commander Membership Excellence (2021) pin to Paul Rodriguez. (see our FB page for pictures)
 - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:

- Doug Harris 7
- L. Tolsma: 4
- C. Van Delist: 3
- John Rankin: 2
- Don Fuller: 2
- G. Van Delist: 1
- Lisa Jendry: 1
- Ryan Skjoldal: 1
- Bill Jeffery: 1
- Don Dosch: 1
- Rickey Jendry: 1
- Paul Rodriguez: 1
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Reported on the fundraiser we had last Saturday...over \$3K raised
 - No riding to report due to illness etc.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): No show.
- Americanism (J. Aldentaller): We have signed up 3 students so far to compete in the Oratorical Contest. We continue to look for more participants. We will also need volunteers to help with the contest.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
 - Getting ready for State and Regional tournaments for next year.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - Edward L. Hellman (USA), a 42 year member.
 - Thomas O. Gibson (USAF), a 26 year member.
 - John E. Powell (USA in WWII), 3+ year member.
 - Carolyn Newsick (wife of Frank)
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Recently received a large quantity of surplus Polypro cold weather underwear and distributed it to the Cornerstone Mission for homeless veterans and a local VFW for their “standdown”.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Received a bid from Lowe Roofing on Phase II of the roof repair project; this portion covers the remainder of the roof over the lounge. Bid came in at \$28,235.00 + upcharge of \$995 for a 15-year Manufacturers No Dollar Limit System Material and Labor Warranty.
 - The EC voted to accept this bid at their 10/16/21 meeting and has asked Lowe roofing to give us a bid on Phase III (roof over oldest portion of our facility).
 - The Phase II work will take place summer of 2022 so we can save the money to cover the cost over the next 10 months.
- New Business
 - Veterans Day 2021 preparation
 - Plan to have a vehicle in the parade with Commander and Auxiliary President handing out candy. We are currently looking for a classic convertible to drive our dignitaries.
 - Planning to hold our annual Turkey Dinner feed from 4-6 P.M. In house only.

- Second Vice Ryan Skjoldal is the Project Officer for the event. If you would like to volunteer to help in some way, contact us through the post email address at post22rc@gmail.com
- Post 22 Auxiliary will provide and serve the deserts. They can also use some help.
- AL Riders in charge of set up/serving meals/tear down.
- Still looking for volunteers
 - Music/Service songs to be played through our sound system. The 7th Cavalry Band has been disbanded.
 - People to help setup/serve/teardown
 - People to help sell Queen of Hearts and Gun raffle
- New Executive Committee (EC) project/presentation/request form on our website (Harris)
 - D. Harris told the members that the EC had created a new form that can be filled out and presented at a meeting if a member has an idea they would like the EC to consider (costing money). This form asks for all the pertinent information needed to consider whether or not to take the project on and if so, how much it will cost.
 - You can find the form on our website (minutes tab) at this link: <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc>
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Ernie Sanford talked about needed more members for the Post 22 Honor Guard. If you are interested in joining, please come to the Honor Guard meeting next Wednesday evening (October 27th) at 6 P.M.
 - Dennis Little mentioned the possibility of purchasing new Bar stools that have covers for the different services. Harris referred him back to the new form on the webpage.
 - Last man standing by Don Fuller. Buy a bottle of your favorite beverage. If that person passes away we all come and have a shot of their booze to honor them. Talk to Club Manger if you want to purchase a bottle from the bar at cost. The bottle will be placed in the EC room.

Adjournment at 6:45 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
 November 17th, 2021 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.) Started 18:00

- 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): 28 present.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

yyy.	Commander (L. Tolsma)		X	
zzz.	1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X		
aaaa.	2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
bbbb.	Adjutant (D. Harris)		X	X
cccc.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
dddd.	Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X		
eeee.	Historian (C. Douglas)	X		
ffff.	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 Presentation of the 40/8 Nursing Scholarships (Van Delist/Tolsma) - Linda Swier-Nursing Student at WDT was presented a \$1000 scholarship by Paul from the 40/8.
 - o New members: Andrew Bennett, USAF Cryptologist, Anita Hartl, USN Aviation Admin, Emma Finch, Women’s Army Corps
- Committee Reports
 - o **Finance** (Rodriguez): All as of 11/17/21
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$
 - Americanism: \$
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$()
 - o **Membership** (Van Delist): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
 - Paid so far 445 = **76% of goal**
 - Longevity Pins/Patches
 - 10 Yrs: Dennis Littel, USA
 - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:
 - Doug Harris 7 (Received his dinner)
 - L. Tolsma: 4 (Bought his own)
 - C. Van Delist: 3
 - Don Fuller: 3
 - John Rankin: 2
 - G. Van Delist: 2
 - Lisa Jendry: 1
 - Ryan Skjoldal: 1
 - Bill Jeffery: 1
 - Don Dosch: 1
 - Rickey Jendry: 1
 - Paul Rodriguez: 1
 - John Schneider: 1

- Ray Andrews: 1
- AL Riders Report (Fleming/Ball) – No update, no members present.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): Toni Fuller, Thanks for the note RE Veterans Day meal. Awaiting if they can serve Christmas meal at Hot Spring VA Home. Invites all to come out for BINGO, Tuesdays at 6:30pm.
- Americanism (Fuller):
 - Upcoming Oratorical Competition (December 5th at 1 P.M. at Classroom BLDG on SDSMT). Four students signed up so far.
 - Harris addressed the Black Hills Area Council (Boys Scouts) on the “Big 3” (Oratorical/Boys State/Youth Trooper Academy) November 11th. Two of the boys we sent to Boys State in 2021 have since become Eagle Scouts.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Lyle update. No updates
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery): One death James Walton. Contact from lonely local vet who he will visit with in the next week.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Support provided in referrals to four vets. Two for County Veteran’s Service Officer and two for help with the VA.
 - Post 22 provided the snacks at a Yellow Ribbon Deployment Event for the 235th MP Company SDNG (Van Delist).
 - 220 Soldiers and Family members were at the event.
 - We spent: \$186 from the Benevolence Fund.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist).
 - Awaiting Phase 3 and 4 roof repair bids from Lowe Roofing
 - Veterans Day Dinner
 - Served approximately 235 Veteran members and guests
 - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this successful event!
 - WE RAN OUT OF FOOD!! Great Event!
- New Business
 - General Membership was supportive of co-sponsoring a Scout Troop (72).
 - Will involve us providing an unknown amount of money (we can set that limit)
 - Will allow our members to volunteer to work with this troop. Would also provide a troop for our member’s children to join.
 - Will allow us to submit Troop 72 Eagle Scouts for competition in The American Legion “Eagle Scout of The Year” awards (State and National Level). \$10,000 scholarship at the National Level.
 - **Would not involve the use of our facilities.**
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - 40/8 Regional Meeting will be in RAP Spring of April 6-9, 2023 will use Post facilities.
 - War Monument council will be going before the City Council December 6, 2021 at 5:30pm to seek approval from City Council to move forward with memorial.
 - Gun Raffle Closed out on Veterans Day. New one is open.
 - Last Man Standing Club see Don Fuller for more information
 - 40/8 made pitch to get new members– Must be a Vet to join. Promote Veterans programs. 3-4 Active Members. 25 Members total. Recruitment forms were passed out. If interested contact Paul Richter at 605-390-0264.

Adjournment 18:33

The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
December 15th, 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): There were approximately 30 members and guests at the meeting.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

gggg.	Commander (L. Tolsma)		X		
hhhh.	1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist)	X			
iiii.	2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X			
jjjj.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X			
kkkk.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X			
llll.	Chaplain (B. Jeffery)	X			
mmmm.	Historian (C. Douglas)			X	X
nnnn.	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: Joanna Danielson is a Chemical Officer with the SDNG, Jared Dupont is a Chaplain with the SDNG; David Forsythe was an infantry member with USA and currently works as a local constituent liaison for SD Congressman Dusty Johnson. See our Facebook page for pictures and bios: [facebook.com/Post22RC](https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC)
 - o Guest(s):
 - Scout Troop 72 Leader – Jim Haar presentation: Jim briefed the members on what the Scouts were all about and talked about how Troop 72 can work with Post 22.
 - Harris also told the members that we are now a co-sponsor of Troop 72.
 - This is an opportunity for them to volunteer to assist this Scout Troop
 - And gives them a Troop for their children to join.
 - We also have our first Eagle Scout (Thomas Haar) in many years and will be submitting him for Eagle Scout of the Year to the SD American Legion. If he wins at the State Level, he will then compete at the National Level for a \$10K scholarship.

- 2021 Post 22 Oratorical Contest Winner (Thomas Haar) presentation: Thomas gave his Oratorical Prepared Speech to the members. He will next compete at the District 2 contest on the 9th of January at SDSM&T (10:00 A.M.)
 - U.S. Congressman's Dusty Johnson's Veterans Affairs representative: David Forsythe talked to the members about how he can help those members who are having trouble with VA claims, etc. He also encouraged members and other Veterans to utilize Post Veterans Service Officers/County VSO's first because they are the experts. Come to him if there is a problem/delay that Congressman Johnson can help with.
 - Presentation: Our 2nd (40 & 8) Nursing Scholarship (\$1,000) was presented to Joanna Danielson. Van Delist told the members that we will be giving away another 2 scholarships in 2022.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance (P. Rodriguez): All **as of**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$ (pd out \$186 for SDNG deployment event)
 - Americanism: \$ (pd \$300 to SDAL Educator of The Year – Audra West of Black Hawk Elementary School). See our FB site for more on this story.
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$()...will be paid off this month.
 - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 464 = **80% of goal**
 - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:
 - Doug Harris 7
 - C. Van Delist: 6
 - L. Tolsma: 4
 - Don Fuller: 3
 - John Rankin: 2
 - G. Van Delist: 2
 - Paul Rodriguez: 2
 - Lisa Jendry: 1
 - Ryan Skjoldal: 1
 - Bill Jeffery: 1
 - Don Dosch: 1
 - Rickey Jendry: 1
 - John Schneider: 1
 - Ray Andrews: 1
 - AL Riders Report (J. Fleming/M. Ball):
 - Fundraiser for Ron in October...good turnout. Stood a Flag line 2 days ago for a deceased Veteran.
 - Next Riders mtg on the 23rd at Pizza Ranch near Sams Club.
 - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller):

- Presented a check (\$25) to cover 5 vets from the Veteran dinner.
 - Will be holding their Christmas dinner next Tuesday at the Colonial House.
 - Potluck Christmas party at bingo next Tuesday (21 December at 6:30 P.M.) at the Post (small mtg room).
 - Please support the Auxiliary's Bingo on Tuesday nights. Either as a player or a volunteer.
 - Americanism (J. Aldentaler/D. Fuller/D. Harris):
 - Oratorical Contest (District 2) takes place on the 9th of January, 2022 at 10 A.M. I still need a few more volunteers that day, so let me know if you'd like to help.
 - 2022 Boys State Plan: Start visiting schools next semester for Boys State and Youth Trooper.
 - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
 - Not much going on with Baseball right now. The boys are working out inside and will likely be selling season passes after the first of the year.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Chaplain B. Jeffery):
 - Donald Tidwell
 - Daniel Oliver
 - Historian Cynthia Douglas is currently recuperating from a recent illness.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - Made several referrals to county VSO's.
 - Sent out a notification for the upcoming Veteran scholarships for next semester. A total of \$2,000 will be up for competition...a \$1,000 and two \$500.
 - Post 22 Finance Officer Paul Rodriguez is working on a program to help local veterans with Christmas gifts etc.
 - 3 Local businesses and Post 22 are taking part in this program (Run Wild, Dakotah Bank and RnR Accounting); toy drive drop off (at Run Wild Indoor and Outdoor Playland located at 7089 Infinity Dr., in Summerset SD) you will receive a day pass for Run Wild. You may also drop off toys at Post 22.
 - Go to our Facebook page for the list of needed toys:
facebook.com/Post22RC
 - Post 22 is giving the food baskets for the families and an additional amount of cash...members at the meeting donated over \$220 in cash.
 - Our families were recommended by the Family readiness Office at SDNG.
 - Any money left over will be donated to the families.
 - Any additional toys/gifts will be given to the Rapid City Police Department to give out to the community.
 - Future: soliciting local businesses for donations for an upcoming Deployment of the SDNG 235th Military Police Company...same group we helped with the deployment planning event in November.
 - State Level: Legislative Lobbyist (Van Delist) reported that the focus for the upcoming session will be Milcon construction. We are also working with them on State Level tuition assistance for current serving National Guard troops...we are trying to get them to up the amount from 50% to 100% tuition assistance.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Received bids for the following projects

- Replacement of the main beer cooler compressors/cooling units. What we currently have is very old and uses an outdated coolant that is increasingly hard to find and very expensive.
 - The bids we've had so far are for 7K+ and 9K+
 - Repair/painting of the exterior of Post 22?
 - Met with 2 contractors with a 3rd bid coming up.
 - New Business
 - 2022 Post 22 donations spreadsheet in the works. Harris asked for volunteer hours from the attendees and any other Post 22 members so we can get credit for them.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Harris: A new Post 22 member (Anita Hartl) won the latest gun raffle last Sunday.
 - Tickets for the next raffle are now on sale. We have 2 pistols left.
 - This raffle helps Post 22 raise money to repair its leaky roof.
 - Harris talked about an upcoming Vitalant blood drive hosted by the Rapid City Masons, Shriners and Optimists. Will be held this Saturday (18th of December) from 10 A.M. till 2 P.M. at the Naja Shrine Temple (4091 Sturgis Rd).
 - He also showed a plaque expressing thanks from Vitalant for the many events Post 22 and its members have taken part in over the last year.
 - John Schneider talked about the gun raffle and how much money it raises. The purpose was to explain this program to our new members and encourage those present to help sell the tickets.
 - Ed Manzano reported that on Dec 6th the City Council approved the changes to the Rapid City War monument in Memorial Park. There will be several new sections installed and the names of those from the local area who gave their lives in all wars will be added. For more details and how you can help, go to this website: www.BHWMA.org
 - Harris covered correspondence.

Adjournment at 7:09 P.M. Social hour followed.