



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

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| a. | Commander (L. Tolsma) | X | | |
| b. | 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X | | |
| c. | 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| d. | Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. | Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | X |
| f. | Chaplain (B. Jeffery) | X | | |
| g. | Historian (C. Douglas) | X | | |
| h. | Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch) | X | | |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - o New members: Rickey Jendry, 189th Aviation, USA Guard, Black Hawk Helicopter crew chief extraordinaire (hasn't crashed yet...has the coolest mom)
 - o Guest(s): James Savage's partner Elaine.
- Committee Reports
 - o 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.