



The American Legion, Post 22

April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

August 17th, 2022 at 6 P.M.

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

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Van Delist)                       | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) |   | X | X |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |   |   |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont)                        |   | X |   |
| 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: Chester Wall, USA; Ronald Edel, USN. See pictures on <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>
  - o Guests:
    - Alex Vonderau and his father Pete Vonderau.
      - Alex is a Senior at Rapid City Christian HS and attended SD Boys State in June.
- Committee Reports
  - o **Finance (Rodriguez): All as of 8/17/2022**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 deposit from Business Acct.; \$100 deposit from donor).
    - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposit from Business Acct.; \$2,282.21 deposit from Beer Tent at Firecracker Tournament; \$2,000 deposit from Scholarship acct...and a check to T. Haar for \$2,000).
    - SAL: \$ (Deposits: Car Show raised \$400; \$320 from Football Board)

- Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$100,000 deposit from a loan and \$40,000 transferred to business acct. to pay BH Exteriors LLC)
  - Scholarship Account: \$ (\$2,000 transferred to Americanism acct.)
  - Honor Guard: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: (\$)
- **Membership** (Harris):
  - 2023 TAL Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
    - Paid so far 280 (about 47 behind this time last year) = **50% of goal**
    - Membership Challenge: 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far:
      - Doug Harris (4 new members)
      - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
      - Chris Van Delist (1 new member)
      - Don Dosch (1 new member)
      - Ryan Skjoldal (1 new member)
      - Gary Stanley (1 new member)
      - Jason Skala (SAL), (1 new member)
  - **2023 SAL goal is 36:**
    - Paid so far 15 (+5 who paid at meeting tonight) = **56% of goal**
    - New members recruited:
      - Doug Harris (2 new members)
      - Jason Skala (2 new members)
      - Chris Van Delist (1 new member)
      - Tiffany Riner (1 new member)
    - Any SAL members here tonight should take the opportunity to pay their 2023 dues to me before they leave. I have the cards with me...\$20.
  - Recognition of Long Time Members
    - Don Fuller: 50-year member (Vietnam)...pin presentation made by Doug Harris, SDAL Vice Commander.
    - Harry A. Geise: 35-year member (Korea) – delivered to his residence.
- **AL Riders Report** (Fleming/Ball): No representatives present.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Curry): Report given by Toni Fuller.
  - New Bingo equipment installed in the small room: New 65" T.V., and a laptop provided for the program. The Auxiliary is responsible for selecting and purchasing a program to use.
  - Haven't had any meetings because they take the summer off. The first meeting will the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September at 6 P.M.
  - Not sure when they will be starting Bingo. Need to figure out the new equipment.
- **SAL business** (J. Skala): What has the SAL been doing lately?
  - Car Show fundraiser in July. Were about 40 cars in attendance. We will make this an annual event.
  - Golf Tournament in September? Will either be the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Football boards (explain how they work). \$100 per spot. Draw info every week and there are weekly winners.
  - Still recruiting new members and plan to have their own meetings soon.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):

- Fall Programs: We will be starting school visits next month to talk about the “Big 3” programs (Oratorical/Boys & Girls State/Youth Trooper Academy).
        - The Boys State registration has already opened for 2023, several months early. This is meant to utilize the excitement/recruiting skills of the young men and women who attended this summer.
      - Awarding of Boys State Scholarship
        - **Alex Vonderau = \$1,000 “Big Check”.**
        - Alex also plans to compete in the Oratorical Contest this coming winter/spring.
    - Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Unable to attend. Report given by Commander Van Delist.
      - Post 22 Baseball team won the State tournament for the 44<sup>th</sup> time. They went to the National Regional and played two games before being eliminated. An outstanding year for Post 22 Baseball!
      - We didn’t award the BB scholarship due to lack of a completed application forms.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Chaplain D. Fuller):
  - Two deaths to report: Norman Allison and Walter Oller. Went to Norman’s wake to show our respects (5 members were present). Asked others to join the wake list.
  - Last man standing program: talked about the program and how to join. You can purchase a bottle at cost from our bar.
  - C. Van Delist reported that one of our SAL members also passed away. John Dreyer, a professor at SD Mines and our helper with the Oratorical Contest.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - **Still looking for a service officer to replace Van.**
  - This person helps manage our benevolence fund and other programs for Veterans.
  - Starting our fundraising campaign for the “Veterans In Need” Christmas giveaway. If you would like to help with this program for the upcoming Christmas season, please contact our Adjutant via [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com). If you would like to contribute \$ or gifts, please standby while the planning is completed.
  - Fall 2022 Veteran Scholarships are now being offered. One \$1,000 and two \$500.
- Honor Guard (Rickey Jendry)
  - Possibly getting a vehicle donated by Paul Rodriguez.
  - Color Guard for the State A Sr. Baseball tournament was a success. 6 missions completed.
  - Performed Taps at Purple Heart National Meeting.
  - First Honor Guard Mission at BHNC on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Another on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.
  - Next possible Color Guard is going to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August at the North Walmart at 0730
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> is our Casino Night. We have secured the Knights of Columbus game table. We still need to find more prizes to give out.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> they will be at the BH War Monument dedication.
  - September 30<sup>th</sup>, we are posting colors at the USS Galveston Shipmates Conference.
  - **Still looking for more members to volunteer to help with the Honor Guard and Color Guard. The missions are coming in and we are turning the missions down.**
  - We have a new Facebook page: American Legion Post #22 – Honor Guard/Color Guard.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist).
    - Roof: Not yet finished. We are waiting for our 3 HVAC units to arrive so we can install them and finish the roof. Currently some minor leaking.

- Had a cleanout day of the lower storage room. Installed chair racks and metal racks to hold the remaining items up off the floor.
  - Upcoming:
    - **Clean up day (Van Delist) at Post 22 will be this coming Saturday morning (20<sup>th</sup>) at 9 A.M. If you would like to help, be here at 9 A.M. with work gloves etc.**
    - Internet install (Harris). We are currently looking at options to improve our internet access throughout the building.
    - We have hired a company to repair the Dryvit exterior and another to paint exterior of the building sometime after the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. For that reason, we are removing all outdoor signage and anything else that will slow down the process.
- New Business
  - Our manager Jason Skala is making plans to extend the hours for the kitchen and offer Prime Rib on Saturdays.
  - Doug talked about why we have a bar and gambling and how we spend our money.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris – 2 of our members will be taking part in the 1 October 2022 Honor Flight Mission #13 (South Dakota American Legion flight).
    - Rick Crist (Vietnam Era Veteran and 56 Yr. TAL member) will be escorted by SDAL Vice Commander/Post 22 Adjutant Doug Harris.
    - Edward C. Mills (Vietnam Era Veteran and 46 Yr. TAL member) will be escorted by Kimberly Laney.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> is the official ceremony at the new/improved Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park at 1:30 P.M.
    - 3 Post 22 members are the ones who planned/will execute this event. We should have as many Post 22 members there as possible.
  - District 2 Fall meeting will be in Phillip, SD on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.
  - Christine Speirs also a member of the DAV. Department Service Officer for the DAV.
    - The new PACT act will bring a LOT of new members to the VA (3 Million), so this will cause delays at the VA on the claims. Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening. DAV open in Rapid City to help.
  - Lisa Jendry's Bday is today. She brought cupcakes for those in attendance.
  - Lee Borries, a Pennington CO. Service Officer was named the Outstanding Service Officer of the Year. Congratulations to him and thanks for all the hard work you do for our Veterans!
  - Black Hills Veterans March coming up on September 17th. We are sponsoring a rest stop again this year. ***Always looking for volunteers to help with that.*** Same location as last year at the end of the Michelson trail. The POC for this is Chris Van Delist. **We need 8 to 10 volunteers.** <https://blackhillsveteranmarch.org/>
- Adjournment at 7:10 P.M.