



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
August 26, 2020 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-22 members present and 1 on 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 | X (Health) |
| 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 New members: none
 - o Guest(s) Jeff Andrews (Retired AF), son of member Donald Andrews.
 - Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of 8/26/2020 – all accounts in the black.
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$
 - Benevolence: \$
 - Americanism: \$
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
 - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = Goal is 573.
 - Paid so far according to Department is 347 = 60% of goal
 - Please begin recruiting new members. Department Commander and National Commander have new cap pins for those who recruit at least 3 new members. Harris displayed the pins.

- **Presentation of continuous membership pins:** Commander Tolsma presented the pins to those members present. Pictures are available on our Post 22 Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>
 - **30** Years continuous: **Donald Andrews**, Korean War Veteran
 - **30** Years continuous: **Raymond Lee Dennison Jr.**, Vietnam War
 - **30** Years continuous: **Lyle W. Tolsma**, Gulf War Veteran
 - **45** Years+: **Don G. Fuller**, Vietnam War Veteran
 - **55** Years: **Paul A. Richter**, Vietnam War Veteran
 - Others delivered/being delivered to the members: **50** years, **John L. Reule**, Korean War; **45** years, **Howard Krueger**, WWII; **40** years, **Roger Tollerud**, Vietnam War; **30** years, Donald Luden, Vietnam War; **25** years, **Russell Cochran**, Korean War; 20 years, **Margaret M. Boyles**, Korean War.
 - AL Riders Report (J. Fleming): Director Fleming talked about what activities the Riders have been up to this summer. This included several “fun rides”, as well as escort missions for deceased veterans. He also talked about a plaque the Riders were presenting to the Captain of USS South Dakota submarine.
 - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): President Curry talked about what the Auxiliary has been up to over the past several months and asked the members present to talk to their spouses about joining the Auxiliary. She mentioned that the Auxiliary was no longer just for females. Any spouse of member can join (Female or Male).
 - She mentioned that Post 22 was hosting the District 2 meeting in October and asked that we consider moving up the meeting times because most of the Auxiliary members would not be willing/able to attend the later times due to an unwillingness to drive home in the dark. Adjutant Harris said we would be willing to talk about moving the meeting/dinner times up to accommodate and said that there would be a meeting next week between the AL/ALA/ALR to plan things out.
 - Americanism (D. Fuller): Americanism Officer Fuller talked a bit about the upcoming Oratorical contests and getting into schools to address the students.
 - Boys State info (Van Delist): Post 22 Vice Commander and Boys State Director Van Delist talked about the dates and changes for the 2021 Boys State Session. He told the members that the dates would be from May 31st through June 4th of 2021. He also said that both Juniors and Seniors would be allowed to apply. This would make up for the 2020 Juniors not being able to attend due to COVID-19 cancellations this year. He asked that everyone get the word out about these changes and participate in recruiting boys for 2021.
 - Athletic Officer (B. Garcia): Not present. Commander Tolsma talked about the ongoing construction at the field. Harris told the members that there were pictures of the construction posted on the Post 22 FB page (see address above).
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Our Historian Cynthia Douglas is still recovering from cancer treatments. Post 22 member James Brink has passed away. Talked about Last Man Standing Club.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): 4 referrals for service this month. Also, one person who wanted help moving, but didn't follow up.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)

- Harris talked about the Post improvement projects that had taken place over the last several months and a few that were ongoing.
 - Update on replacement of HVAC Unit above the bar (**Van Delist**): Van Delist talked about the probable dates that the broken HVAC unit would be replaced (hopefully starting at the end of this month), and how the manufacturer had to build us a new unit. The installer offered us a financial break because of the misunderstanding about the availability of a replacement unit. Thank you to all of our patrons who've remained patient with the fan noise as we've waited for this to happen. Van Delist also talked about the loan we would be getting from First Interstate Bank in order to replace this unit and fix that portion of the roof while we do it. Thanks go out to member Tom Weaver (from FIB) for working with us on this project.
- Reopening Kitchen plan (**Tolsma**): We've been closed since COVID-19 hit. The plan is to reopen after Labor Day, but we do not have a set date. New days now most likely be Wednesday through Saturday.
- District 2 Meeting at Post 22 on October 3rd.
 - Need to set up a committee (AL/ALA/ALR/Bar manager). Mtg date/time
 - Start times: Currently 5 PM social, 6 PM dinner, and 7 PM meeting. Should we move it back by an hour or keep it as is? We have essentially agreed to move the start times back. This will be decided following the meeting between the involved parties
 - How will we do the dinner? This will be decided after we reopen the kitchen.
- **New Business**
 - Queen of Hearts winner: Don Fuller. A check for his winnings was presented to Don.
- **The Good of the American Legion** (Any member)
 - Mike Ball of the Riders talked about the National Commander's Fundraiser: 100 Miles for veterans and children. Details were provided in the most recent edition of The American Legion Magazine.
 - Sign up at emblem.legion.org, and for more info go to legion.org/100miles
 - August 3rd through Veterans Day. Family members can walk, run, ride bicycles, for a total of 100 miles.
 - \$30 registration fee. Receive a slick tech shirt, a sign to display and a certificate of accomplishment when you finish. See the link on our FB page: facebook.com/Post22RC.
 - Rapid City DAV announcements. Saturday Sept 5 from 9 to 11 at 1010 E. Madison Street. Also has medical equipment.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 6:50 PM