



The American Legion, Post 22  
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 24, 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 (14 in person/1 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 | X - hospitalized |
| 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: Troy Falardeau (Xfer from Priest River, ID)
  - o Post 22 Member Christine Speirs here to address DAV being available on July 11<sup>th</sup> to help file claims or answer questions at 101 E. Madison Street, Rapid City SD. 1000 - 1200
- Committee Reports
  - o **Finance** (Harris/Fink): All as of **6/24/2020**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (June transactions: \$300 for Tee It Up For The Troops fundraiser; \$250 grant to a member in distress; deposit of \$40 donation)
    - Americanism: \$
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - o **Membership** (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020
    - Goal 638 – YTD pd up: **572 = 91%** of goal for 2020

- 27 Members passed on to “Post Everlasting” during 2020 membership year.
  - Should be receiving our 2021 goal in the next couple of weeks. Cards have been received and are ready to issue to those who’ve paid for 2021. I will be accepting checks/cash from anyone here tonight for their dues.
- **Americanism** (D. Fuller): School awards X 16. No response from a couple of schools.
- **Athletic Officer** (B. Garcia passed info to Tolsma for report):
  - Season up and running. Firecracker tournament starts on the 28 June and goes through the 4 July. Baseball team has about 60 games scheduled.
  - City council meeting ... city voted to award 5 million to the stadium rebuilding project and picked a contractor to start tearing the facility down in mid July. Still need to raise another 300K.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Cheryl Foster, our business manager is now out of the hospital and will be back next week. Cynthia Douglas is still in the hospital...no update. Deaths: Kenneth Herman and Robert Garness. We received a thank you card from Mrs. Addison thanking us for our thoughtfulness following the death of her husband. Last man standing club...buy your bottle from the bar.
- Riders Director report (John Fleming): Lots of things happening over the next couple of days. Raising a multi ton flag on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at the Buffalo Chip. Asked to do the 100 flags at the Buffalo Chip...field of flags during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of August. Doing fun rides. Flag folding ceremony at Post 311 this coming Saturday.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Distributed funds to the groups/members mentioned earlier. Two referrals for claims and housing assistance. Helped them out. Volunteers of America and other groups are receiving a lot of money to help Vets, so we are working with them to help those in need.
  - Commander Tolsma mentioned that we received a call from Mtn View Cemetery in Rapid City, asking for a gravesite for a veteran who needed the plot. Van Delist researched it and found that the individual wasn’t eligible for the National Ceremony...so we are giving them a plot they can both be buried on (same plot since they were cremated). Turns out that the plot is right next to the veterans best friend (Dave Ploof of Post 22 baseball fame). We still have 37 plots left.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Harris)
    - Planned projects: 1) Install carpet (to patch hole created by removal of the brick divider) and railing at the exit door in the game room (Van Delist/Harris); 2) Try to patch leaks in our roof with a new method (Harris); 3) Install entrance “door” near the old cooler so that our tents can be stored in that area; 4) Removal of/search for new places to store, all other items in our old shed so it can be removed (Van Delist/Harris/Tolsma); 5) Paint outside of building (August/September timeframe).
    - **Please note that Post 22 no longer takes donations of Medical Equipment or most other items due to lack of storage space. We still accept donations of money.**
    - Room dividers between game room/large meeting room/small meeting rooms currently on hold until the lounge business picks up and we can afford to move forward on the project.
    - 2019/2020 Consolidated Post Report submitted.
    - Certification of Officers submitted.

- Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants for 2020-2021 membership year has been submitted to Department.
  - **C. Van Delist was selected as District 2 nominee for Legionnaire of The Year and will be in competition for Department Legionnaire of The Year at the July DEC meeting.** No idea when the announcement will come out.
- New Business
  - Kitchen opening date proposed (Tolsma): Currently undecided, but planning on possibly early August. May change to being available only on Wednesday and Fridays for our special meal nights. Food prices have skyrocketed during the pandemic, so place us in a bind concerning our specials and the prices we would have to charge for them.
    - Karaoke is back on for Friday nights.
    - We are also planning on having food vans come in on Saturday evenings to supplement our kitchen. In the process of talking to different companies to see if they are interested.
  - Update on status of Lounge (Tolsma): Each week is a little bit better, so slowly coming back.
  - **Tee it up for the Troops golf tournament (Event Organizer and Post 22 Member Joey Franze):** All foursomes have been filled. Post 22 donated \$300 to the event and has a foursome playing. Franze gave a report on the status of the event. One of our members, Becky Flanigan, will have “Dogs for Vets” at the event.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Member Troy Falardeau will take on the Post Facebook account for us. Will work with the current editors to get the site up and running/relevant.
  - **Department Level appointments that involve Post 22 members**
    - Doug Harris to one-year term as Americanism Commission Chairman
    - C.P. Van Delist to five-year term on Legislative Committee
  - Space Force Officially Eligible for membership in The American Legion
  - Convention Sweepstakes drawing to be held at July DEC meeting...send in your entries ASAP if you want to get in on the drawing.
  - Do you shop on Amazon? Please do so using <https://smile.amazon.com/> and specify “South Dakota American Legion Foundation” as your charity. It costs you nothing extra, but helps SD AL.
  - The next issue of **The South Dakota Legion News** will go out to **all members** via USPS. This is an attempt to keep members informed/engaged now that we are all “socially distancing” and most meetings, events are canceled for the year.
- Adjourn (P.M.) 6:51 PM