



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 19th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

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| a. Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | | X | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | |
| f. Chaplain (K. Donnell) | X | | |
| g. Historian (J. Miller) | X | | |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable) | 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:
 - New member coins presentation. Breanne Donnell SD Army National Guard, Lisa Gaudin USAF, Gene Eiring USAF, Jim Lee USAF retired after 26 years Ryan Garlington US Army.
 - Guests: District 2 Commander Chris Rendon and some of the 2024 Boys Staters. Julie Juenger, Mother of Joseph. New member coins were presented.
 - Presentations:
 - **Boys Staters present** spoke on their experience at Boys State.
 - James Rus, Isaac Haar, Joseph Robinson, Miles Wennblom, Leo Schmid, Owen Coody, William Tschetter, Gabe Reeve, and Joseph Juenger (9).
 - **Award the \$1,000 Boys State Scholarship check.** With the Post Americanism Officer and the Commander. The scholarship winner was **Joseph Juenger** (see our FB page for pictures).

- Presentation of \$650 check to TIUFTT. A representative from Tee It Up was present to accept the check.
 - Presentation of New Officer Board to Commander R. Skjoldal.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 6/19/2024
 - Business Account: \$.
 - Membership Acct: \$.
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debits of \$650 to TIUFTT and \$300 to SDAL Foundation-not yet subtracted from total).
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$350 from a Boys State Donor;). We have the BB scholarships coming up.
 - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$42 from fundraising and \$20 from membership).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$100).
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$674 from Queen of Hearts).
 - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:** Held on Jun 15th
 - All finances were discussed.
 - Donation to The SDAL Foundation. Motion to donate \$300 again this year. Motion carried.
 - Tee It Up For the Troops Golf Tournament.
 - Motion to Sponsor a team for \$650 from Tolsma, second from Rodriguez. Motion carries.
 - New Patio furniture. Randy Decker will also take this one on. Tables (picnic type with a hole in the middle to add umbrellas was researched and ordered on Amazon yesterday at approximately \$200/each X 3. We already had the umbrellas donated by a liquor distributor.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
 - Paid so far 548 = **100.3% of goal.**
 - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 43 = **75% of goal.**
 - New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only). **FINAL Count: 39 new members!!**
 - Doug Harris (10)
 - Chris Van Delist (4)
 - Don Fuller (4)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Lyle Tolsma (3)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (3)
 - Don Dosch (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
 - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
 - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer from Post 500.

- Donald Miller (1)
 - **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) were awarded to: **Don Fuller and Ryan Skjoldal.**
 - **REMINDER: Please consider going to Legion.org and doing the 3 years in advance membership plan (\$40/year vs \$45 and \$50). You will save \$25 over the new membership rates and not have to worry about renewing during that time period.**
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on June 27th at 6:30 P.M.
 - Performed Flag Ceremony at BHNC on Memorial Day. Also placed and removed flags.
 - Texas Roadhouse fundraiser held on the 18th of Jun.
 - May 29th South Side Pizza Ranch Fundraiser.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Kool Deadwood Nights Fundraiser with the Legion Aux from Lead Post 31, 20th – 25th of August.
 - July 2nd is the Unaccompanied Veterans at BHNC at 0900.
 - July 4th Parade at Piedmont – lineup from 0830-0930.
 - Hot Springs Freedom Ride in Hot Springs will take place in August 4th ...Registration starts at 0900 and takeoff is 1000 if you want to sign up. Raises money for State Vets Home and VA in Hot Springs. Flag retirement rescheduled for Sept. 14th at Post 22 at 2 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
 - Memorial Day Events were covered at several locations.
 - Looking for more Honor Guard Members.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
 - Hosting pancake breakfast on 2nd Sunday of each month. From 0800 to 1100.
 - New Officers have been elected.
 - Next meeting will be in September. Taking the summer off.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - **Boys State:** We sent **14 young men** from Stevens HS (12), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State.
 - **YTA:** 1 boy from Stevens HS: J.C. Denholm.
 - **School Medal program.** I attended the awards ceremonies and presented The American Legion School medals at the following schools. North, South, East, West, Southwest, STM and RCC middles schools and RC Christian H.S. Commander Skjoldal presented the medals at STM H.S.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not Present.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: Ralph H. Rauert, Ellen J. Finch, and Charles (Chuck) A. Neve.
 - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
 - Last Man Standing and Wake Call List were also discussed. Please sign up for either or both. Contact Kelley Donnell if you have any questions: Phone #:
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
 - Not Present.
- **Old Business:**

- Facility update:
 - Camera installation complete. Will add another camera over the cash registers in the future and probably one over the patio.
 - Purchased picnic tables for the patio for approximately \$600 total.
- The Flag Ceremony scheduled for June 14th had to be cancelled due to high winds. The new Date is 14 September.
- **New Business:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Good of The American Legion (Any member):**
 - The State Convention starts this Friday in Pierre. Your delegates are: R. Skjoldal, D. Harris, L. Tolsma, E. Sanford, and John Fleming.
 - **Installation of new Pennington County Commander.**
 - Ernie Sanford was installed as the Pennington County Commander by District 2 Commander Chris Rendon. See pictures on FB.
 - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
 - Looking for a member in good standing to begin training for the **Adjutant position**. You will shadow the current Adjutant for a period of 10 months and then take over the position next April. Please contact Doug Harris if you are interested. 970-231-8556
 - **July 15th Tee It Up For The Troops Golf Tournament. Looking for volunteers and people to golf.**
 - Tony Anable, Kyle and Ryan Skjoldal signed up so far.
 - School backpack program on EAFB in July (Harris).
 - B. Donnell
 - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). 21st of September. Point of Contact for this is Commander Skjoldal. Still looking for volunteers to assist. The following individuals signed up:
 - Kyle Skjoldal, Ryan Skjoldal, Kelley Donnell, and Don and Toni Fuller.
 - DAV: Christine Speirs reported the following upcoming events of interest...
 - June 26th at 1000 the Air and Space Museum reopens on EAFB.
 - July 6th from 9-11 A.M. Claims at the Local DAV office. Open M-F.
 - July 27th - Disability Resource Fair at Main Street Square from 11-2.
 - Mentioned several bills in Congress for Veterans. SB 280 and 3452; HR 3489, 5890, and 7434.
 - 40&8 Potluck Dinner at the Fuller's on June 22nd at 6711 Mondo Street at 5 P.M.
- **Adjournment:** 7:15 P.M.
- **A social hour followed the meeting.**