



The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
January 19th, 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): 27 Members and 3 Guests.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma)                          | X |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (C. Van Delist) | X |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)   | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                           | X |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)                 | 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:
    - o Guest(s):
      - Presentation of Veteran Scholarships (Tolsma/Van Delist)
        - Grace Goering: \$1,000 (via Zoom)
        - Cody Marshall: \$500 (not available...will accept in February)
        - Kevin Chamberlain: \$500
      - 2021 Post 22/District 2 Oratorical Contest Winner presentation (T. Haar):
        - Presentation of District 2 winner check (P. Douglas)
      - Presentation of Oratorical Certificate/medal to Annie Van Delist (Fuller)
  - Committee Reports
    - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 1/19/2022**
      - Business: \$
      - Membership: \$
      - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 transferred in from the business acct; \$2,000 deposit in donations from RnR Accounting, Run Wild of Blackhawk, Dakotah Bank and

- Dakota Optics and several donations from individual members; Checks paid out: \$150 to RC Club for Boys, \$100 checks to Meals on Wheels, Youth and Family Services, BSA Troop 72; \$513 to Mike Ball to reimburse for Christmas Turkey Dinner meals; \$2,000 cash to pay for Christmas gifts/cards to Veteran families).
- Americanism: \$ (\$500 transferred in from the business acct; pd out \$300 to Audra West for Educator of The Year 2021); \$100 to Heart of Milbank – AL Baseball.
  - SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 transferred in from the business account)
  - Scholarship Account: \$ (+\$500 committed to be transferred in so far to our Oratorical Contest competitor Thomas Haar – will be \$1,000 if he competes at Department).
  - Building Repair Loan: **\$Paid off and closed.**
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
    - Paid so far 498 = **85% of goal (6% behind 2021)**
    - Presentation of National Commander 2021-2022 Membership Excellence pins:
      - Commander L. Tolsma
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice C. Van Delist
      - Adjutant D. Harris
      - Finance Officer P. Rodriguez
      - Don Fuller (Assistant Americanism)
  - Correspondence (Harris): Multiple thank you letters from different agencies and individuals.
    - Audra West: SDAL Educator Of The Year (2021)
    - Youth & Family Services
    - Club For Boys
    - Meals on Wheels Western SD
    - MOAA
  - 2021 Benevolence in review (Harris)
    - Show the Excel spreadsheet for our 2021 donations/etc. Harris presented the spreadsheet to the membership. The amount was in excess of \$150,000 and volunteer hours are still coming in. The final product will be posted at our website in the near future: [www.alpost22rcsd.com](http://www.alpost22rcsd.com)
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming) No one present.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
    - Toni Fuller reported. Had bingo...asking for more participation from the members. **Bingo is held every Tuesday night in the small meeting room at 6:30.** They are currently losing money on their bingo due to low attendance.
  - Americanism (D. Fuller):
    - Still moving through the Oratorical contest. Our contestant will be competing at the Department of SD competition on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 10:30 A.M. in Oacoma SD.
    - Boys State is currently recruiting. Seniors can attend again this year.
    - Youth Trooper also recruiting.
  - Athletic Officer (Tolsma): Taking registration for Baseball at this time. There will be a team meeting/signing of participants next week at Post 22.
  - Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):

- Our historian, Cynthia Douglas is still recovering from a stroke but was in attendance at the meeting.
- Recent Member deaths:
  - Theodore N. Gengler
  - Edward L. Kepler III
  - Marland H. Richard
- Post Service Officer report (C. Van Delist)
  - Van talked about all the Veteran events our Post has sponsored in the last month. To include the Christmas giveaway (\$2,600); the interviews and awarding of 3 more Veteran Student scholarships (\$2,000 – see list above); upcoming delivery of two boxes of toys that will be given to the RCPD for children, as well as other ongoing projects
  - If you use Monument Health and VA, there have been billing issues, so make sure they (Monument Health) are using your claim and referral number for your health visits to outside providers. Thune and Rounds' offices are tracking the problem.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Show the current list (Van Delist). Van showed an Excel Spreadsheet showing a long list of different Capital Improvement projects (painting the outside of our bldg., redoing the outdoor patio, improvements to the small meeting room, roof repairs, HVAC replacements, beer cooler compressor replacements, kitchen grill vent hood, etc., etc., and which ones require volunteers with appropriate skills. If you would like to volunteer to help with these projects contact Doug Harris/Chris Van Delist via email: [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com) or [doughinut@gmail.com](mailto:doughinut@gmail.com)
- New Business
  - Veterans Coordination Committee report (C. Van Delist).
    - DAV looking for volunteer drivers (Talk to Van)
    - FEMA: If you have a family member/friend who passed due to COVID, they will help with funeral arrangements.
    - Jun 30 till July 4<sup>th</sup>: Vietnam Veterans Mini Wall will be in Parkston SD.
    - Would like to revive the Veteran of the Month nominations for the city of RC. Looking for nominations. Please contact C. Van Delist if you would like to nominate a veteran: [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com)
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Who is planning to attend the SDAL Midwinter convention?
    - C. Van Delist
    - D. Harris
    - D. & T. Fuller
    - T. Falardeau
  - Free Tax Preparation for Veterans (includes Active duty of course) at EAFB (Harris)
    - Starts on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They can help you prepare/submit your taxes if they aren't "overly involved, like multiple business owner/farmer etc". Contact the legal office at EAFB to make an appointment: 605-385-8299 (leave a message if it says the tax season isn't yet open).
  - D. Fuller: announcing the 40 & 8 meeting tomorrow night at 6:30.
  - Ed Manzano: talked about an update on the Veterans Memorial and whether they can add the Merchant Marine flag? Van will talk to him afterward. Ed also submitted a photo of the proposed monument. This will be posted on our website.

- Ryan Skjoldal talked about getting new members joining the Post 22 Honor Guard. Next meeting is Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. in the big room. If you have some time and would like to get involved in honoring our fallen comrades, please attend this meeting.
- Adjournment at 7:01 P.M.