



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 17th, 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): 39

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

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| a. Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | X (Guard Duty) |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch) | X | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | X (Guard Duty) |
| 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: Duwayne Sundet (USA and USAF) and Ray Campbell (USAF).
 - Coins were presented to the new members.
 - Guests: Margaret Anable, Readjustment Counselor for VetCenter in Rapid City. Contact #: 605-348-0077. She talked about the different groups they offer counseling for, as well as the other services.
 - Eligibility requirements. Must have served in a combat zone, operated a drone, or sexual trauma.
 - 2 new services: military veterans in school and getting the GI bill or Vocational Rehab...you are eligible.
 - Including bereavement counseling.
 - She provided further information after the meeting
 - Presentations:
 - 2024 Boys Staters present at the meeting... spoke on their experience at Boys State and thanked the members for sending them.

- Owen Coody Stevens HS
 - Jacob Williams “ ”
 - Aaron Letner “ ”
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 7/17/2024
 - Business Account: \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debits of 650 to TIUFTT, \$300 to SDAL Foundation, and \$350 to the Black Hills Raptor Ctr.).
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$1,000 in donations for the Post 22 Baseball fund; debits of \$1,000 transferred to the Scholarship Acct., for Joseph Juenger’s Boys State Scholarship).
 - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits and ACH withdrawals for membership renewals only).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service and \$208 for supplies; no Deposits).
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$. (Deposit of \$1,000 for the Boys State Scholarship).
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$615 from Queen of Hearts).
 - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
 - **Executive Committee update:** Held on July 20th
 - The meeting happens this coming Saturday, so nothing to report.
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
 - Paid so far approx. 214 = **39% of goal.** Includes 76 PUFs and 52 “3 yr. in advance members”.
 - SAL: Goal of?: Paid so far 27 = **% of goal.**
 - Membership awards from the State Convention:
 - Go-Getter award for 2024. Attained 90% of goal by Midwinter.
 - Membership retention award – Retaining 90% and above of current membership.
 - New members recruited
 - Doug Harris (2)
 - Ernie Sanford (1)
 - Mike Ball (1)
 - Gary Stanley (1)
 - **REMINDER: You can still pay for 3 years in advance, but now the price is \$45/year. Go to Legion.org and click on renew (you need your membership # and a credit card.)**
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be on June 27th at 6:30 P.M.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - July 25th we will be doing escort and flag line services for the Family of Richard Fox.
 - 2 August we are leading the opening parade for the Sturgis Rally.
 - August 17th we will be providing escort for the new State Commander in Piedmont.
 - Kool Deadwood Nights Fundraiser with the Legion Aux from Lead Post 31, 20th – 25th of August.

- Hot Springs Freedom Ride in Hot Springs will take place on 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** (G. Stanley):
 - Presented the colors multiple (6) times at the Post 22 Firecracker Tournament.
 - Honor Guard for multiple funerals during the last month. Welcomed a new member.
 - Always looking for more Honor Guard Members.
 - Leading the parade for State Commander homecoming in August.
 - Posting colors for the Nat CC dinner.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - Car show on 11 August (last day of the Rally)
 - Gave a \$500 scholarship to a Post 22 BB player.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Fuller):
 - Hosting pancake breakfast on 2nd Sunday of each month. From 0800 to 1100. Next one is on August 11th. Prices going up to \$10 due to additional foods being offered.
 - New Officers have been elected. Pictures of the new officers were posted on our website.
 - ALA is giving a \$500 scholarship to a Post 22 Player.
 - Next meeting will be on September 24th.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - Awards won at the State Convention:
 - Americanism Excellence Award for Post size 351 and above. 3rd or 4th year in a row.
 - Certificate of Meritorious Service in Americanism. We scored the second highest in the Americanism submissions. Second year in a row.
 - Congratulations to Doug Harris, who was named as the SD Boys State Assistant Director at their Corporation meeting last night. He will spend this year in training for the job and then become the Director of SD Boys State.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
 - Baseball Scholarship(s) to be awarded on Friday the 19th of July during the double-header...**following the first game.** Hope to see you all at the game!
 - Winding down. There are two double headers left this Friday and Saturday.
 - Post 22 is ranked #2 behind Harrisburg. So, we will be in the playoffs for the State tournament. The State tournament starts on the 30th of this month in Brookings.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: We were contacted by the VA that a 2-time Vietnam veteran retired from the Army and retired from service at the VA, John (Jack) Lundin was in an automobile accident in Sturgis and was on life support. They did locate one family member from NY who flew in to be with him. She made the decision to take him off life support but wanted someone to be with her so on July 4th Don and I spent several hours with her in the hospital till he passed. We then participated in the Honor Walk at Monument, and I drove her back up to Sturgis to his home. Since that time, we have made several trips to Sturgis to work

through funeral arrangements and just being there for the family member. There will be a service at the National Cemetery this Thursday at 11:30 if anyone can attend.

- Sick Call: Nothing to report.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
 - Present. Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update:
 - Purchased picnic tables for the patio for approximately \$600 total. Still need bases for the umbrellas and a way to secure the tables to the property.
 - Thank you to Randy Decker, Kelley Donnell and Jason Skala for bringing this project together.
 - Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT) Golf tournament. A huge thank you to our volunteers who helped at this tournament on Monday. Kyle Skjoldal, and Tony Anable who manned our fundraising tent. Also, those who had the pleasure of golfing for the Post 22 Team: Doug Harris, Gary Stanley, Mark Bruhn and Ron Hanson. The event was a huge success and raised lots of money for TIUFTT and Midwest Honor Flight.
 - The Flag Ceremony scheduled for June 14th had to be cancelled due to high winds. The new Date is 14 September.
- **New Business:**
 - With the upcoming elections, it is important that none of our members wear their Legion caps while attending political events. We are strictly non-partisan as an organization. You can vote for whomever you want and campaign for anyone you want, but if you wear your Legion Cap, it insinuates that The American Legion and our Post supports a particular candidate. **Please don't do it!!**
 - National Commander to visit the Rapid City SD area on August 13th. There will be a dinner at Post 22 that evening. Social begins at 6 P.M. Commander and guests arrive at 6:30, dinner starts at 7:00 P.M.
 - Menu: (Buffet style)
 - Bacon Cheeseburger Meatloaf (Wisconsin Cheese Curds of course),
 - mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and/or green beans,
 - salad bar, rolls and butter.
 - Dessert will be cheesecake with a variety of toppings.
 - Coffee and water provided. The bar will be open for all other beverages.
 - Cost: \$20/person (**must be paid in advance** with your RSVP). Make checks out to Post 22 and send to P.O. Box 895, Rapid City SD 57709. You can also drop off your payment in check or cash at the Post.
 - RSVP to Doug Harris at (doughnut@gmail.com or post22rc@gmail.com) and **pay in advance for the dinner. Cutoff for RSVP is 11 Aug.**
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - There will be a representative for **Midwest Honor Flight** making a presentation describing what it is and who can go during the 2 Aug BHVA meeting at Post 1273 VFW at 1200 noon.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** (Harris)
 - Don Fuller: Honor Flight trip.

- He's going on the 25 September Honor Flight. His son will be his guardian. The cost for his Guardian is \$850 so he is asking for donations to help pay for it.
- Upcoming DAV events: Please check the Chapter 3 Facebook page for the latest events: <https://www.facebook.com/RapidCityDAV>
- New State Commander's homecoming in Piedmont on August 17th, starts at 12 Noon at Piedmont Elementary School. See Up-To-Now for more information.
- Hermosa Post 303 Beers and Ears will take place on Saturday August 10th from 4-6 P.M.
- Member/Historian Jackie Miller has volunteered to begin training for the job of Post 22 Adjutant.
- School backpack program on EAFB on Saturday, 27 July starting at 9 A.M. You will need to have access to the base.
 - D. Harris
 - B. Donnell
 - Tiffany Riner
 - Duwayne and Claudette Sundet
- BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). 21st of September. Point of Contact for this is Commander Skjoldal. The following individuals signed up:
 - K. Skjoldal, R. Skjoldal, K Donnell, and Don and Toni Fuller. And Randy Decker.
- **Adjournment:** 7:01 P.M.
- **A social hour followed the meeting.**