



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

August 21st, 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

a. Commander (R. Skjoldal)		X	X
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	
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: Mike Garr, USN from 71 - 75.
 - New member coins presentation.
 - Guests: Dylan Tipton and Coach Scott Burt.
 - Presentations:
 - Boys Staters present will speak on their experience at Boys State
 - Dylan Tipton
 - Guest Speaker: Rapid City Rush Hockey Team Coach Scott Burt. Coach Burt talked about how he and the team work with the community in many ways.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 8/21/2024
 - Business Account: \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$350 for Veteran's & Children Fund for National CC visit).
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 & \$2,500 from BB donors; Debits of \$3,000 for BB Scholarships).

- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$810 from fundraising).
- Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$450).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$819 from Queen of Hearts).
- Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - Held on Aug 17th:
 - The financial health of the Post was discussed. We are currently doing very well. We can pay all of our employees and expenses; pay on our loan, spend money on upgrades/maintenance, and still put significant amounts toward savings and our programs.
 - A request was made to open the kitchen on Thursday nights for darts and pool. This request was denied, using past experiences of financial losses in the kitchen as the reason. We are currently making money with the kitchen being open only on Wednesday nights and providing catering for in-house events.
- **Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = Goal is 548.**
 - TAL renewals/new members to date: **338 for 62% of goal**
 - New members:
 - Doug Harris (3)
 - Ernie Sanford (1)
 - Lyle Tolsma (1)
 - Don Dosch (1)
 - Mike Ball (1)
 - Gary Stanley (1)
 - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
 - Transfers In: 3
 - Present 2024 pins to Ernie Sanford and Gary Stanley for each recruiting 2 new members in 2024.
 - SAL renewals/new members of 45...no goal set yet.
 - New Members:
 - Doug Harris (1)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
 - Gary Stanley (1)
 - C. P. Van Delist (1)
 - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders Report (John Fleming/Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in October.**
 - 13 August: escorted the National Commander from Hot Springs to RC. Also did the POW/MIA table for this event.
 - 17 August: led the parade for the State Commander homecoming.
 - Cool Deadwood nights 22 -24 Aug – 11am to 8pm @ the train depot
 - 8th September picnic please bring a side and drink starts at 1pm. Riders and their guests are invited.
 - 14 September there will be a flag retirement ceremony here at the Post (weather permitting).

- 18th September is an escort of wounded warriors to Orman Dam.
 - 27th September Bingo at Fort Meade at the mess hall @ 2pm for Veterans in the nursing home.
 - October (no date given) going to go the first-grade class in Sturgis
 - 27th October having a Halloween party @ 1pm at the Post.
 - 15 Veterans will be presented with Quilts of Valor – Late October/ Beginning November.
 - Applied to decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building
 - 5th December the riders Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
 - 8th December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Pictures with Santa Claus (a.k.a. Ernie Sanford)
- **Honor Guard** (G. Stanley):
 - 13 August - Posted the Colors at the Dinner for the National Commander.
 - 17 August – Posted the Colors at the State Commander’s Homecoming in Piedmont and led the parade back to Post 311.
 - Rescheduled: 15th of September – Flag Retirement @ 2pm at Post 22.
 - Always recruiting new members.
 - TREA donated several flag bearing harnesses for the HG.
 - Received a \$100 donation from the owners of the Orange Julius/Dairy Queen.
 - Chaperone training for the Mid-West honor flight @ post 8am – 2pm
 - 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Possibly marching Color Guard
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - 31 boards for football seasons are now available. 4 boards are almost sold out for this SAL fundraiser.
 - Raised \$810 to RCSD meals during the annual car show – Was rounded up to \$1000. Will be presented after the City Council vote to allow matching funds.
 - Also doing pick’ems for football games.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Fuller):
 - Donated \$200 to go toward the RCAS school lunch program.
 - 8th of September is the next Pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Post. Every 2nd Sunday of the month.
 - Crafts Show 12th October 9 am – 2pm...here at the Post.
 - Craft Show 7th December 9am – 2pm
 - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak. Phone #: [\(605\) 394-4033](tel:6053944033)
- **Americanism** (D. Harris): Nothing new to report.
 - **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Nothing new to report.
 - **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: Robert J. “Butch” Sanders...services to be 9 A.M. August 23 at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home and then up to BHNC.
 - Sick Call: Paul Richter is fighting cancer. Chemo treatments.

- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
 - Nothing new to report. Harry represented Post 22 at a meeting with Senator Rounds and Deputy Secretary of the VA last week. Discussions on lack of mental health services.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update:
 - We upgraded our emergency exit lights and took steps to bring our equipment up to code.
 - Still working to find replacement chairs for the bar. They are exceptionally expensive to purchase.
 - A new handmade high-top bar will be installed on the East wall of the bar, near the pool tables soon. This is a project taken on by EC Member Randy Decker.
 - The National Commanders Dinner went very well on August 13th.
 - We had 52+ attendees. The dinner went very well, and we were able to show off our facility and members to yet another National Commander.
 - Thank you to the Honor Guard for posting the colors/etc.
 - Thank you to the Auxiliary for decorating the tables.
 - Thank you to Jason and Kelsey Skala for assisting with the setup/teardown/cleaning.
 - Thank you to B. Donnell for being our photographer.
- **New Business:**
 - Our next big event will be Veterans Day celebrations. Harris will be working with all “Family Members” to bring this event together. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let him know. Send an email to post22rc@gmail.com
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - DAV Information for our members
 - DAV Information Fair: November 16th from 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. at Post 22. Service Officers will be available to assist with filing VA claims. Contact Info: Christine Speirs at 605-787-2645. There will also be 30 Vendors present.
 - Vets Acts Going through Congress:
 - HR 3644 – Addressing Care Timelines (ACT) for Veterans Act
 - HR 6373/S 4009- Veterans Spinal Trauma Access to New Devices (STAND) Act
 - S 3885 – Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act.
 - HR 8347 – Improving Menopause Care for Veterans Act.
 - You can find all of these online at: <https://www.congress.gov/>
 - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
 - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). We are the last stop before the finish line in Deadwood. We have several volunteers already, but if you’d like to take part, please send an email to: post22rc@gmail.com
 - Veterans Day Event planning. This is our largest event of the year. Looking for people to help plan and execute this event. Currently, all Family Member Groups take part in their own way. I’m looking for someone who wants to be

the Point of Contact to bring it all together. This individual will receive training from Harris. Please send an email to: post22rc@gmail.com

- Tony Fuller thanked everyone for donating money to their son's guardian duties.
- October 19th is the Sgt. Levi Derr Foundation dinner. Tickets are available online.
- Marine Corp League is having a dinner on 8 November at Elks Club. Mayor Saloman is the guest speaker that night.
 - There are free Girls Scout Cookies – first come, first serve.
- **Adjournment:** 1905 (7:05 P.M)
- **A social hour followed the meeting.**