



The American Legion, Post 22
Membership Meeting - Minutes
October 15, 2025, at 1800.

- **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): There were 28 members in attendance.
- **Roll Call:**

	Present/Absent/Excused
○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X
○ 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X
○ 2 nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala)	X
○ Adjutant (J. Miller)	X
○ Finance Officer (D. Harris)	X
○ Chaplain (G. Stanley)	X
○ Historian (K. Donnell)	X
○ 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:
 - None
 - Guests:

- Trevor Dietrich – Farmer’s Union. Following the meeting, he joined, so became our newest member.
 - South Dakota Air National Guard (Sioux Falls)
 - Medicare Part B Give Back Plan
 - ◇ For people that use Tricare and VA
 - ◇ 65 and older
 - ◇ \$205 every month for Medicare
 - ◇ This plan will give you back \$130 every month.
 - ◇ Zero \$ plan
 - ◇ United Healthcare Patriot Plan
 - A lot of advantage plans are being cancelled.
 - Conference November 17th to sign up at The Box @ 0930
 - Presentation
 - 20-year Pin
 - Mike Ball USN
- **Financial Report (Harris) as of: 9/17/2025**
 - Business Account: \$.
 - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and a \$365 donation)
 - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
 - SAL Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; \$300 donation to the National Vice Commander fund for Casey Hanson).
 - Honor Guard: \$ (Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill).
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
 - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$2,000 deposited from Business Acct., and \$4,309 from Queen of Hearts; Debits of \$0). The Q of H jackpot was awarded on 10/10/2025 so this amount will change soon).
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - The meeting will take place on October 18, 2025.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris): 2026 Membership year started 1 July.**
 - TAL 2026 **Goal is 563**
 - Renewals/new members to date: **379 for 67% of goal**

- Those members who have recruited new members:
 - **Doug Harris (3)**
 - **Randy Decker (1)**
 - Transfers in (8)
 - This is pitiful...by this time last year, we had recruited 14 new members. Please get out there and talk to our local veterans. Recruit them into our great organization.
 - **If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2026 dues. Your membership expires on 30 October.**
- 2026 SAL **Goal is 63, up 12 from 2025:**
 - SAL renewals/new members of 49 for 78% of goal.
- **AL Riders Report** (Ernie Sanford):
 - Sep 12 – 5 Riders from Post 22 were honored to join other Riders to escort Wayne Anspach's remains from Rapid City to Post 71 (Wayne's home post) in Hot Springs. Wayne was tragically killed recently when he hit a deer on his motorcycle.
 - Sep 13 – Rider's Party
 - Sep 22 – Completed Escort for Veteran Outdoor Therapy Group to Airport from Rocky Point
 - Sep 26 – had Veteran's Social at Ft Meade
 - Oct 16 – Service for Cheryl Knispel (Cheri) at Kirk Funeral Home at 0930 w/internment at 1100 at BHNC. Cheri was one of our own Post 22 Riders.
 - Oct 23 – Next Riders meeting
- **Honor Guard** (Skjoldal):
 - Next meeting October 23 at 1800
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - Nothing to report.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:**
 - Oct 26 – Halloween party from 1400 – 1600 (2 PM – 4 PM) w/SAL
 - Trunk & Treat
 - Next meeting Oct 28 @ 1800 (6 PM)
 - Second Sunday of the month Pancake Breakfast 0800 – 1100.
 - Dec 6 – Vendor Fair at Post 22 from 1000 – 1400.

- Sign-up for a booth/table
 - Set up from 0700 - 0900
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - Registration for Boys State is now open. If you know a Junior or Senior HS boy that should be attending, please let them know. Have them go to this website to sign up: southdakotaboysstate.org
 - Post 22 currently has 2 boys signed up for the 2026 session.
 - The next upcoming program will be the Oratorical Contest which starts now. The Post level contest will take place in early December. Post 22 currently has one participant.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
 - Meeting for SDAL Baseball (Athletic Commission)
 - Wanted AL to take on 14U last year and we said no.
 - They came back this year and asked AL to take them on again.
 - SD AL Baseball will take on 14U baseball (13/14 years old) within Class B AL Baseball.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths:
 - Cheryl Knispel, Legion Rider
 - David L. Lafee, veteran and 60 year member of the American Legion Post 22
 - Sick Call:
 - Marv Czerwotka
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
 - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Black Hills Veterans March
 - September 20
 - Last stop before the finish line.
- **New Business:**
 - Veterans Day Event

- November 11, 1600 – 1800 (4 PM – 6 PM)
 - Dinner free for all veterans. \$10 for all non-veterans
 - Riders have agreed to serve the food.
 - SAL will cook the dinner.
 - Auxiliary will get desserts.
 - Still need to contact the Scouts about helping.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - DAV
 - Harley Davidson
 - Selling raffle tickets for prizes:
 - ◇ 1 for \$5
 - ◇ 3 for \$10
 - Proceeds go to transportation program.
 - ◇ Started in Sioux Falls in 1986.
 - ◇ Transport veterans to VA appointments.
 - DAV Information Fair
 - November 15th at Post 22 0900 - 1100
 - 40/8 (Fuller):
 - Hockey tickets on November 7 (Veteran's Appreciation Game)
 - Nurse's fundraiser to buy jerky or peanut brittle.
 - Potluck at the Fuller's home on Sunday
 - Please bring desserts of salad
 - 1700 – 1900 (5 PM – 7 PM)
 - Last Man Standing Club (Fuller):
 - Please see Don about joining.
 - American Legion Shooting Club
 - Please contact Don Fuller with a contact with anyone affiliated with the 4H club.
 - Derr Foundation Gala at The Monument
 - Free Tickets for veterans or Active Duty
 - Marine Corps Birthday Dinner
 - Elks Club

- Marine Corps League
 - SgtMaj Miller is Guest of Honor.
- **Adjournment:** at 1852. A social hour followed.