



The American Legion, Post 22
 Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
 October 20th, 2021 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): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (Van Delist) | | X | X |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | | X | 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: Paul Brankin, USN was a transfer in from CA and was a past member of Post 22; Henry Garcia SDNG (USA); Kim Robinson, SDNG (USA).
 - o Guest(s): Tom Vallette, Pennington County Veterans Service Officer and a board member with Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT).
- TIUFTT presentation (Tom Vallette):
 - o Talked about what TIUFTT is and how Post 22 is linked with them. We have worked with this organization for the last 2+ years to help raise funds through a golf tournament, for disabled troops and grants to other local Veterans organizations. In 2021, Post 22 was named as the recipient of the local grant. This money will go towards scholarships for veterans attending college as well as small grants to veterans in need through our Benevolence fund.
 - o Tom Vallette and Beau Garcia presented a check for \$5,700 to Post 22 (see our FB account for pictures).
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Rodriguez): All as of **10/19/21**

- Business: \$ (Reflects \$5K in transfers out to Americanism, Benevolence, Capital Improvements Savings and Bldg maintenance loan).
 - Membership: \$ (reflects deposits of \$531 for our PUFLs and Paid onlines)
 - Benevolence: \$ (reflects transfer of \$500 from business account; checks written for \$1,506 for Honor Flight; \$334.26 to C. Van Delist to reimburse for BH Veterans March supplies; and \$150 to assist veteran with rent deposit).
 - Americanism: \$ (reflects transfer of \$500 from business account).
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (reflects \$3,000 transfer from business account - an increase of \$1,000 from previous months as per direction of EC; \$1,832 deposit from our portion of the Queen of Hearts raffle).
 - Scholarship Account: \$
 - Building Repair Loan: \$(), reflects monthly payment of \$376.78 + \$1,000 payment on principal.
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
 - Paid so far 390 = **67% of goal**
 - Presentation of 20 Year Pin to Vincent Ragels (see our FB page for pictures).
 - Presentation of National Commander Membership Excellence (2021) pin to Paul Rodriguez. (see our FB page for pictures)
 - Post 22 Commanders Challenge: Anyone who recruits 3 new members wins a steak dinner. Results to date:
 - Doug Harris: 7
 - L. Tolsma: 4
 - C. Van Delist: 3
 - John Rankin: 2
 - Don Fuller: 2
 - G. Van Delist: 1
 - Lisa Jendry: 1
 - Ryan Skjoldal: 1
 - Bill Jeffery: 1
 - Don Dosch: 1
 - Rickey Jendry: 1
 - Paul Rodriguez: 1
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Reported on the fundraiser we had last Saturday...over \$3K raised
 - No riding to report due to illness etc.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): No show.
- Americanism (J. Aldentaller): We have signed up 3 students so far to compete in the Oratorical Contest. We continue to look for more participants. We will also need volunteers to help with the contest.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
 - Getting ready for State and Regional tournaments for next year.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - Edward L. Hellman (USA), a 42 year member.
 - Thomas O. Gibson (USAF), a 26 year member.
 - John E. Powell (USA in WWII), 3+ year member.
 - Carolyn Newsick (wife of Frank)

- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - o Recently received a large quantity of surplus Polypro cold weather underwear and distributed it to the Cornerstone Mission for homeless veterans and a local VFW for their “standdown”.
- Unfinished Business
 - o Facility Improvement projects update.
 - Received a bid from Lowe Roofing on Phase II of the roof repair project; this portion covers the remainder of the roof over the lounge. Bid came in at \$28,235.00 + upcharge of \$995 for a 15-year Manufacturers No Dollar Limit System Material and Labor Warranty.
 - The EC voted to accept this bid at their 10/16/21 meeting and has asked Lowe roofing to give us a bid on Phase III (roof over oldest portion of our facility).
 - The Phase II work will take place summer of 2022 so we can save the money to cover the cost over the next 10 months.
- New Business
 - o Veterans Day 2021 preparation
 - Plan to have a vehicle in the parade with Commander and Auxiliary President handing out candy. We are currently looking for a classic convertible to drive our dignitaries.
 - Planning to hold our annual Turkey Dinner feed from 4-6 P.M. In house only.
 - Second Vice Ryan Skjoldal is the Project Officer for the event. If you would like to volunteer to help in some way, contact us through the post email address at post22rc@gmail.com
 - Post 22 Auxiliary will provide and serve the deserts. They can also use some help.
 - AL Riders in charge of set up/serving meals/tear down.
 - Still looking for volunteers
 - o Music/Service songs to be played through our sound system. The 7th Cavalry Band has been disbanded.
 - o People to help setup/serve/teardown
 - o People to help sell Queen of Hearts and Gun raffle
 - o New Executive Committee (EC) project/presentation/request form on our website (Harris)
 - D. Harris told the members that the EC had created a new form that can be filled out and presented at a meeting if a member has an idea they would like the EC to consider (costing money). This form asks for all the pertinent information needed to consider whether or not to take the project on and if so, how much it will cost.
 - You can find the form on our website (minutes tab) at this link: <https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc>
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - o Ernie Sanford talked about needed more members for the Post 22 Honor Guard. If you are interested in joining, please come to the Honor Guard meeting next Wednesday evening (October 27th) at 6 P.M.
 - o Dennis Little mentioned the possibility of purchasing new Bar stools that have covers for the different services. Harris referred him back to the new form on the webpage.

- Last man standing by Don Fuller. Buy a bottle of your favorite beverage. If that person passes away we all come and have a shot of their booze to honor them. Talk to Club Manger if you want to purchase a bottle from the bar at cost. The bottle will be placed in the EC room.
- Adjournment at 6:45 P.M.