



The American Legion, Post 22
 Membership Meeting - Minutes
 September 20th, 2023 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 (D. Harris)		X	X
b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)		X	X
e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
g. Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	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)
 - New members: Jennifer Rollins [Air Force]
 - Guests:
 - Jennifer Rollins with Ms. Veteran America Competition.
 - Raising money and advocating for homeless women veterans through Miss Veteran America and Final Salute Inc.
- Committee Reports
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 9/19/2023
 - Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$
 - Americanism Acct: \$
 - SAL Acct: \$
 - Honor Guard: \$
 - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$

- Capital Improvements Savings: \$.
- Loan:
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527)**.
 - Paid so far 330 = **62% of goal**.
 - New members recruited – Commander Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
 - Doug Harris (3)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Ray Andrews (1)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Don Fuller (1)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
- AL Riders Report (No representative present):
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
 - **Black Hills Veteran March.**
 - Sponsoring coat collection. New/Gently used, and clean only please. You can bring your items into the Post and place them in the big box.
 - Salvation Army opening ceremonies for the Walk for Warmth.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
 - Meeting Monday, September 25th at 5:30
 - Breakfast feed once a month starting on October 8th (2nd Sunday of the month) in the Post lower meeting room from 9 AM to 1 PM.
 - Has requested help with selling the poppies.
 - Bingo cancelled.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Boys State, Youth Trooper, and Oratorical information being sent out to schools. Next program will be the Oratorical contest starting in December.
- Athletic Officer (No representative present):
- Chaplain - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
 - Mike Ball is sick.
 - Dave Kelley is sick.
 - Harry Rossander is going through cancer treatment.
 - September is suicide prevention month. Check up with friends and family members.
- Post Service Officer report (No representative present):
- Old Business:
 - Facility update:
 - Roof: Still a leak in the roof. Waiting for BHE to give a date for the fix.
 - BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing**.
 - Kitchen update (Harris): The kitchen has been dismantled and cleaned. Reopened on September 6th. Wednesdays only.
- New Business

- District 2 Commander Chris Rendon visited and passed the following information.
 - 9/11 Veterans VA deadline is September 30th, 2023 under the PACT Act.
 - National AL will increase dues by \$5 starting with the 2025 Membership year (1 July 2024).
 - The state membership goal is 16,261. Keep working on post membership.
 - Legion will may need to increase bus dues for Youth Trooper and Boys State this fiscal year due to rising price of bus and falling number of boys. District EC will keep us updated.
- Legislative priorities are out for the State Veterans Council
 - Long term healthcare study for the state of SD
 - Increased reimbursement for county veterans service officers
 - Veterans' council is looking for a 5% tax reimbursement for 100% total disabled veterans.
 - Free hunting and fishing licenses for Purple Heart recipients.
 - MAJ Richard Star Act. Has already been allocated through appropriations
- Black Hills VA is doing great things. Has 40 beds available and wait time for appointments is approximately 2 weeks.
 - Hiring for nursing jobs
- AL Midwinter – February 16th-18th in Deadwood
- Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation – Saturday, November 4th 2023, at Sturgis Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
 - No Junk Garage Sale – September 29th-30th at 306 Crocus Ct, Box Elder, SD. See our FB page for the flyer.
- Adjournment: 6:43 pm