



The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
July 16, 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 22 members in attendance.
- Follow with officer roll call:

|                                                 | Present/Absent/Excused |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)                       | X                      |
| ○ 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)     | X                      |
| ○ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (J. Haleakala) | X      X               |
| ○ Adjutant (J. Miller)                          | X                      |
| ○ Finance Officer (D. Harris)                   | X                      |
| ○ Chaplain (G. Stanley)                         | X                      |
| ○ Historian (K. Donnell)                        | X      X               |
| ○ Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable)                  | X      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:
    - David Verbeek
      - USAF veteran
    - Travis Hedrick

- transfer from Post 20
  - USAF veteran
- Guests:
  - Boys State Attendees
    - We had two attendees come speak.
  - David Trimm (transferred to Post 22 at the end of the meeting)
    - USMC veteran
- **Financial Report** (Harris) as of: 7/16/2025
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; debit of \$292 for stamps; \$98 for delegates to SD Convention; \$73.28 for new officer board; and \$32.87 for membership supplies).
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$300 to SDAL Foundation.)
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$600 for donations to Post 22 Baseball; Debits of \$1,000 to the scholarship account for the 2025 Boys Stater scholarship winner; and Debits for Joseph Juenger at \$1,000 and Blixa Broussard for \$750).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; upcoming debit of \$500 donated to Americanism Account for a Post 22 BB scholarship).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (\$0 Deposit; Debits of \$500 for the Diaper Drive and \$33.53 for phone bill).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (\$2,000 transferred back to the Americanism Acct to pay for scholarships awarded to Boys State and Oratorical Contest winners from 2024 & 2025).
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct., and \$963 from Queen of Hearts; Debits of \$2,256.78 to pay off loan).
  - Loan: **(\$0.00)**. We Pd \$4,705.32 on 24 June to pay off loan.
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - The EC hired an assistance bar manager.

- The EC authorized Harris to get bids on carpet replacement for the big and small meeting rooms. A separate bid for the carpeting in the bar area will be included to potentially use later.
- The July meeting will be held on 7/19/2025.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris): 2026 Membership year started 1 July. Dues have gone up to \$50 after a \$5 raise at the Department level.**
  - TAL 2026 **Goal is 563**
    - renewals/new members to date: **224 for 40% of goal.**
      - New members: 0
      - Presentation of Membership awards (Go-Getter Star etc.)
      - Recognition of Longtime members:
        - ◇ Jerome Button: 10 years
        - ◇ Harry Rossander: 30+ years
        - ◇ Tom Grigsby: 35 years
        - ◇ Ed Mills: 50 years
        - ◇ Rick Crist: 60 years
    - **Presentation of the Department Recruiter of The Year Award goes to Doug Harris (17)**
  - 2026 SAL **Goal is ?** We won't know until after the National Convention
    - SAL renewals/new members of **25** for ?% of goal
    - The 2026 Membership year started on 1 July 2025
    - **Membership dues went up by \$5 to \$25** (State raised their portion by \$5 starting with the 2026 membership year)
- **AL Riders Report (Ernie Sanford):**
  - July 19 – Run Beer Station BH Harley 1100-1500
  - July 22 – 24 – Beartooth Run
  - July 26 – Flags @ Buffalo Chip 1700
  - Aug 1 – Opening Parade for Rally
  - Aug 3 – Photo Tower Sturgis
    - Donations to take a photo.
    - Fundraiser for Riders
  - Aug 7 – Flag line

- Aug 16 – Poker Run [www.222.oc-vs.com](http://www.222.oc-vs.com)
- Aug 21-23 – Kool Deadwood Nights serving hamburgers and hot dogs.
  - Fundraiser for Riders
  - 0900 – 2000
- 605 Ride (Riders Director John Fleming took part in the entirety of the ride)
  - Visited 19 posts.
  - Made over \$10,000
  - 1200-mile ride – 3-day run
- **Honor Guard** (C. Hall):
  - Presentation of patches from the Black Hills Veteran’s Classic Baseball Tournament
  - Color Guard for Firecracker Tournament
    - 4-nights
    - Championship Game
    - Invited to do U18 Tournament (State Junior American Legion Tournament)
  - Military Fair – Presentation of Colors
  - Color Guard at Western Dakota Tech graduation ceremony.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Donation \$500 for Post 22 Baseball Scholarship
  - Sept 6 – Car Show in back parking lot
    - 50/50 drawing
    - Ice cream social.
    - Door prizes
    - 1300 - 1500
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:**
  - Pancake breakfast August 10, 0800 – 1100
  - \$1000 Scholarship for Baseball (Auxiliary \$500 with matching \$500 donation)
  - Next meeting will be September 23rd.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - Post 22 didn’t receive the Eagle head trophy back for Americanism this year. It might have had something to do with them only giving us credit for half of our events/work...but I’m not bitter. 😊
  - **Presentation of the “Small” eagle head.**

- **Presentation of the Americanism Certificate (Doug Harris)**
- **Presentation of Children & Youth Award**
- **Athletic Officer (Lyle Tolsma):**
  - Finished Commander's Classic for 100 years of Legion Baseball
    - 4 states that participated.
    - Minnesota won championship.
  - Post 22 teams are doing well.
    - Won Firecracker Tournament
    - Made Top-8 in Minnesota Classic
    - Play 4 games in Sioux Falls - upcoming.
    - We are ranked #1 in South Dakota.
  - State Tournament in Watertown – Senior Class A
    - Junior Class A – Rapid City
    - Senior/Junior Class B - Milbank
  - 4 tickets for baseball games at the bar and use Post 22's seats for any of the games.
    - Must return the tickets when done.
  - Working on funds for Baseball Scholarship
    - Currently have 10 Senior ball players this year
  - Department Annual Golf Tournament
    - In Irene/Wakanda
    - 20-21 Sept
- **Chaplain (G. Stanley):**
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Rand Schuft (June 23), a US Army and Vietnam Veteran.
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
  - Assistance getting the word out about the Chaplain and the assistance he provides.
- **Post Service Officer (H. Rossander):**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Golf tournament – Derr Foundation
    - \$28,000 to be given to the Foundation from the tournament.
    - 39 teams (estimate)

- **New Business:**
  - National Convention
    - Tampa, FL
    - Last week of August
    - Harris will be attending.
  - Midwinter
    - 20-23 Feb, 2026 in Oacoma
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - DAV:
    - July 26 – 1100-1400 Disability Resource Fair – Main Street Square put on by the Disability Awareness & Accessibility Committee.
    - August 1 – Veterans Recovery Concert featuring Scotty Austin – 1630 – doors open, 1700 concert – Mueller Center in Hot Springs – free to veterans and active-duty military, \$10 general admission.
  - Membership cards can be paid following the meeting.
    - TAL
    - SAL
- **Adjournment:** at 1902. A social hour followed.