



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 16th 2022 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 (Van Delist)                       | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         |   | X | X |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |   |   |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont)                        | X |   |   |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)                  |   | 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)
    - o New members: Loren McLeod, USMC
    - o Guests:
  - Committee Reports
    - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of November 16<sup>th</sup>**
      - Business: \$
      - Membership: \$
      - Benevolence: \$
      - Americanism: \$
      - SAL:
      - Honor Guard: \$
      - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
      - Scholarship Account: \$
      - Building Repair Loan: \$
    - o Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2022 = **Goal is 564.**
      - Paid so far 430+ = **76% of goal**

- Recognition of Long Time Members
- **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**Those earning a steak dinner {\*} and changes since last month are highlighted**):
  - Doug Harris (8 new members)\*
  - Chris Van Delist (6 {+ 4 from October} new members) \*
  - Gary Stanley (3 new members) \*
  - Jason Skala (SAL), (3 new member) \*
  - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
  - Ryan Skjoldal (2 new members)
  - Don Dosch (1 new member)
  - Don Fuller (1 new member)
  - Mike Ball (1 new member)
  - Ed Mills (1 new member)
  - Randy Decker (1 new member)
- SAL Membership
  - Goal is 36
  - **Currently at 41 = 114%** of goal (91% renewal rate because 1 member died).
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
  - Had first pancake breakfast in conjunction with 40&8. Made \$168.50.
  - Still doing Tuesday Bingo. It is the main fundraiser for the Auxiliary
- Americanism (D. Harris): Not present
  - Post 22 Oratorical contest on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M at SDSM&T in Classroom Bldg (ROTC lower level)
  - District 2 Oratorical contest on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M at SDSM&T in Classroom Bldg (ROTC lower level)
  - Recruitment time for Boys State, Girls State, and Youth Trooper
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Not present
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
  - Did color guards and helped with Veterans Day events
  - Casino Night! December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 P.M. Lots of prizes, cocktails, food, silent auction items.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Death of a member (Alan Schroeder)
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Asking for donations for Support of Services for Veterans and Families to help homeless veterans with household supplies and clothing.
  - Van, Paul Rodriguez, and the Guard helped to donate 60 pairs of boots worth \$9,600.
  - Asking for more donations such as pots, pans, dishes. Contact Van
  - Tina Conrad at the Mission can help veterans with case work
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist)
    - Ongoing/Completed
      - Still waiting on air conditioning units so we can rent a crane.
      - Finished painting and got a lot of work digging dirt out in the front to keep making progress on the patio in the front.

- Tom is still working on lights on front of building
  - Upcoming
    - Finish the patio/sidewalks over the next month.
- New Business: No new business.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Bingo at Veterans Home in Hot Springs Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 P.M.
  - American Legion Birthday Party (104 years) March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M.
  - Served 188 meals during the Veterans Day turkey feed
  - Ryan is getting with the Guard to find 3 families for Christmas donations
- Adjournment (6:33 P.M.)