



The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
March 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): 43 members and guests present.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma)                        | X |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Van Delist)  | X |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | 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 and other members here for their first meeting: 1) Mike Dodge retired SD Army National Guard, 155<sup>th</sup> Engineer Co; 2) Randy Decker, USMC and then SD Army Guard, currently working for the county; 3) Robert Sack, retired SDNG and the Funeral Honors program at BHNC for the last 17 years, has been a member for several years but this was his first meeting. 4) Preston Franklin, USAF vet of 8 years, currently a volunteer fireman and BH Fire Chaplain with wildland fire training. 5) John Cooper was introduced last month but has since joined. 6&7) Courtney and Braden Nelson SDNG. 8) Marvin Noll who's currently a member here. 9&10) Kayla and Jordan Cooper, Army NG and work at the VA. 11) Robert Melvin works at the VA (nurse)...retired from the USA.
  - o Guests: Department Chaplain Justin Warfel. Lt Dan Inacio, USAF active-duty JAG on his first assignment at EAFB.
    - Thomas Haar, presenting a 3-5 minute oration on one assigned topic (oratorical competition). Thomas recently won the SD State Competition and will be



- Van talked about Boys State program...what it is, and how members can participate. Open to Juniors and Senior Boys again this year. Gave the dates (May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>). If you have a son/grandson/nephew/family friend who would be eligible, let them know about the program and encourage them to apply online at: [southdakotaboysstate.com](http://southdakotaboysstate.com)
    - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
      - Post 22 – Post 22 Baseball/BH Sports agreement. Lyle talked about how many teams we have this year. Season passes are currently being sold by the players, so if you know one of them, please contact them and express your interest. If you don't know any of the players, you can find more information on their website at: [post22baseball.com](http://post22baseball.com)
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
  - Nothing to report.
  - Post Everlasting Ceremony on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. Practice at 1200. So far we have 7 families that are coming.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - 5 referrals for service
  - Coordinated local products to be sent to Guantanamo Bay Cuba for the deployed SDNG troops.
  - 2 Post 22 members volunteering to help Active Duty and Veterans with their taxes out at EAFB. If you would like help, call 605-385-2329.
  - On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March we will be having a BBQ for a group of 40 SDNG troops who are being deployed. Most of the products were donated by different local companies. We need volunteers to help cook, clean, serve. We will be here at 4:30 to set up and cook. Contact Van after the meeting to let him know you will be helping. The next day we will also be providing coffee and snacks for their final outbrief.
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> will see us out at Camp Rapid to hand out more coffee and donuts. 350 people that day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Van Delist (605-388-2016 or [cvandelist1@gmail.com](mailto:cvandelist1@gmail.com))
  - Later in April, Midwest Honor Flight will be holding a “sponsor training day” here at Post 22.
- Correspondence (Harris)
  - Read a thank you letter from Black Hills War Monument Association for the \$1,000 Post 22 donated last month.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist).
    - Work Bid: Prep and Paint outside of bldg.: **\$11,756**
    - Kumelos Design and Construction Work Bid: Repair DRYVIT various locations on building, prep building for paint, remove screen wall on NE corner: **\$1,891.84**
    - Waiting for a bid to replace carpet in large meeting room/dance floor tile/stage.
    - Still waiting for 2 more bids on the roof from Black Hills Exteriors and Weathertite.
- New Business
  - Nominations for Legionnaire of The Year? (Harris will discuss the requirements-show document). This will be forwarded to the District Commander and hopefully to the Department.

- Post 22 nominates: C. Van Delist nominated Paul Rodriguez, Post 22 Finance Officer. Second by Mike Ball. Motion carries. Harris will complete the nomination package and forward it to the District 2 Commander.
  - Nominations for **Post Officer Positions** (Election takes place in April), the nominations will remain open in April as well.
    - Commander: Chris Van Delist
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Rickey Jendry
    - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
    - Chaplain: Bill Jeffery
    - Historian: no nominations received
    - Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Dosch
  - Nominations for **Executive Committee** Members (Election takes place in April). Remember that the Commander, Adjutant (appointed) and Finance Officer are automatic members as per our Bylaws.
    - 1: Lyle Tolsma
    - 2: Ryan Skjoldal
    - 3: Paul Rodriguez
    - 4: Don Dosch
    - 5: Chris Van Delist
    - 6: Doug Harris
    - 7: Tom Smith
  - Don Fuller talked about the 40 & 8. This group will be providing coffee and donuts on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. for any veteran who'd like to attend.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - The Post annual meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> for our elections (members only and you must present your 2022 membership card for entry). We will also be reviewing/updating our Constitution and Bylaws, so if you have any proposed changes please be prepared.
  - District 2 Spring meeting on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rosebud Veterans Affairs Bldg (2<sup>nd</sup> Legion Avenue in Rosebud SD): times are 11:30 Social, 12:00 Meal, 1:00 P.M. Meeting (note that this is located in Central Time).
  - Ryan Skjoldal talked about the Honor Guard. We will be doing the Post Everlasting ceremony and we will soon start doing funerals. Their next meeting will be 6:30 P.M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Post 22 (large meeting room).
  - Member Ed Manzano talked about Post 22 being in charge of the Rapid City Memorial Day ceremony this year. **Adjutant Harris asked the Post 22 Riders and Honor Guard to take on the planning and execution of this event.**
- Adjournment at 7:06 P.M.