



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 15th, 2024, 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

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| a. Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (K. Donnell) | | X | X |
| g. Historian (J. Miller) | X | | |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable) | 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: Chris Bechtel, USAF Veteran, and Stephanie Heck retired AF after 21 years.
 - New member coins presentation.
 - Guests: Candidate for Department Commander, Kevin Morello. Gave a short speech for the members. Talked about the Legion Family, Rural Posts, and the communities we live in.
 - Presentations:
 - District 2 Legionnaire of the Year pin to Commander Skjoldal. Presented by SDAL Vice Commander Harris
 - \$250 Check to KofC for Sgt Levi Derr Golf Tournament presented to Ed Mills.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 5/15/2024
 - Business Account: \$
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).

- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations for Boys State: \$1,050; Donations for YTA: \$300; Debits of \$5,625 for Boys State Tuition and Bus; \$253.28 for Dist 1 and 2 Boys State Orientation Pizza...\$150 donated by Post 311 SAL to pay for Dist 1 boys/girls pizza).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$80 from fundraising and \$20 from membership).
- Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$450).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$836 from Queen of Hearts).
- Loan: **()** (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - Will be held on May 18th: This information is from the April 20th EC Mtg.
 - There were no major decisions made at this meeting. All financials were reviewed and approved.
 - All drink prices were increased minimally to cover huge increases in our expenses. All insurance premiums have greatly increased, as well as liquor prices and delivery for same.
 - The Spring-Cleaning projects were approved (tear down wall/complete patio project [install bumper poles]/purchase 2" rock for placement in the washout area/trim hedges etc. off the sidewalk).
 - A special thank you to all who helped with these projects: Jesus and Henry Garcia, Don Dosch, Randy Decker, Tom Smith, Lyle Tolsma, Tony Anable, Ryan Skjoldal, Rick Crist, Jerry O'Neil and Doug Harris.
 - \$5,625 in checks were written/signed to cover the Tuition and Bus Fare for our 15 Boys Staters.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545**.
 - Paid so far 535 = **98% of goal**.
 - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 42 = **73% of goal**.
- New members recruited – Commander's Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
 - Doug Harris (8)
 - Don Fuller (4)
 - Chris Van Delist (3)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Lyle Tolsma (3)
 - Don Dosch (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
 - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
 - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
 - Donald Miller (1)
- **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:

- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on May 23rd at 6:30 P.M.
 - Folding of the Flag ceremony at the Federation of the Blind.
 - Social at Ft. Meade Veterans Home.
 - Fundraiser at Applebees where they raised significant funds.
 - Former member Jerry Gau received his Quilts of Valor at Post 22 on the 13th.
 - Carry The Load at BHNC tomorrow.
 - Monday the 20th at Sturgis Elementary School...1st Grade banana splits and crafts.
 - May 26th the Riders will place the flags at BHNC.
 - Memorial Day Passing the flag BHNC. At 10:30 ...passing the flag to Niles Harris.
 - On the 29th they will have another fundraiser at Pizza Ranch (South location).
 - June 14th we will have the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post. At 2 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
 - Have also been busy. Doing at least one mission every week, with 2 this Friday.
 - On Memorial Day. Breakfast at 0700 at Beau's Diner...Then to the War Memorial then to Pine Lawn and the other cemeteries.
 - Flag Disposal Ceremony on the 14th of Jun.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - Car Show planning...most likely date will be August 10th. This will be accompanied by an ice cream social with the proceeds being designated to a certain charity.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
 - Hosting pancake breakfast on 3rd Sunday of May (19th). The breakfasts will continue through the summer months as well.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - We currently have **15 young men** from Stevens HS (13), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State. All boys have received their Orientation and are ready to attend SD Boys State.
 - Money raised to send these boys: \$5,850.
 - Cost to send the boys: \$5,625.
 - YTA: 1 boy from Stevens HS: J.C. Denholm; Tuition is \$250. Paid from the Americanism Acct.
 - Donation of \$300 from Richard and Mary Swanson.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not available for a report.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: Randall M. Anderson
 - Sick Call: Don Snyder
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update:
 - The new security camera installation is now 99% complete. Thank you to Tom Smith, Doug Harris, and Donnie Snyder for their efforts to complete this project.
 - No other old business.
- **New Business:**

- No new business to discuss.
- **Good of The American Legion (Any member):**
 - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
 - Looking for a member in good standing to begin training for the Adjutant position. You will shadow the current Adjutant for a period of 11 months and then take over the position next April. This is a very important position and can't just be picked up with little to no training. Please contact Doug Harris if you are interested. One member present expressed an interest in the job.
 - School backpack program on EAFB in July (Harris).
 - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). We are the last stop before the finish line in Deadwood. There are 3 different types of Marches involved. The 100 mile, a full marathon, and a mini 13 mile march.
 - Member Henry Garcia is planning to take part in the 100 mile march/run and will be needing a support team.
 - DAV announcements:
 - EAFB RAO meeting at the base...there are events happening on July 4th
 - Activities begin at 4:30 P.M. with a free concert at 6 P.M.
 - Claims assistance this coming Saturday (18th of May) at the Piedmont Post (101 Pine Street, Piedmont) from 9 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
 - DAV informational Fair/VA BHHCS Mental Health Summit at Camp Rapid
 - May 18th from 9 A.M – 5 P.M.
- **Adjournment:** 6:57 P.M.
- **A social hour followed the meeting.**