



The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes  
October 23rd, 2019 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): 20 Members present.

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Tolsma)       | X |   |   |
| b. Vice CC (Van Delist)     |   | X | X |
| c. Adjutant (Harris)        | X |   |   |
| d. Finance Officer (Fink)   | X |   |   |
| e. Chaplain (Fuller)        | X |   |   |
| f. Historian (C. Douglas)   | X |   |   |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms (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 (Harris):
    - Fred Netz, recently transferred from Hermosa Post.
    - Allysa McGhee, USA
    - Herman Mejia, USAF
    - James Messer, USAF (CE carpentry/sheetmetal)
  - o Guest(s):
    - Kevin Morello, Department Vice Commander (Area 1)
      - Membership, Media, and Mentorship...State CC message. Train your new people and be open to their ideas.
      - MidWinter meeting at Oacoma 21-23 Feb 2020.

- Education Loan. This has been turned into a scholarship. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the year you are eligible. Go to [SDLegion.org](http://SDLegion.org) for more information.
  - Eugene Iron Shell, District 2 Commander
    - Addressed Post 22 members and thanked them for their support during his 2 year term as our District CC.
    - Gave his family (American Legion) history and talked about 3 generations and how his grandfather was an original member in 1919. Thanked the Riders for helping escort for Little Bear funeral.
    - Addressed Dist 2 membership numbers.
  - Post 22 Baseball Board President (Steve Richey) and members – Presentation of 2019 sponsor check (\$2,500).
    - Commander Tolsma presented the check and thanked the Board members for all their hard work. President Richey thanked the Post 22 members for their support of the team. He also thanked the Post for inviting the team members for a “get to know” the American Legion breakfast last spring.
  - Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation was presented to member James Messer for his participation in a recent Veteran outreach event.
  - Youth and Family Services Outreach Coordinator: Beth-Anne Ferley briefed the members about all of the different programs YFS provides for our community.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of 10/22/19
    - Business Acct:
    - Member Acct:
    - Americanism Acct: (-\$2.5K to Post 22 Baseball). Presented this evening.
    - Benevolence Acct: (check to ALR for Stand down for \$200). Pending check to Van Delist for \$215 for roof repair project – widowed wife of Vet.
    - SAL Acct: (If you are a SAL member, please pay your dues tonight)
    - Capital Improvement Savings: . Just paid \$2,183.68 to Kumelos Construction to fix Dryvit on back of bldg. This money will need to be transferred to the business account to reimburse.
  - Membership (Harris): update
    - 413 paid up members + 7 transfers that paid through us = 420 (66% of goal).
    - Presentation of membership longevity cap pins
      - De Benson: 30 year cap pin
      - Fred Netz: 10 year cap patch
    - Recruited new members so far – These individuals have been submitted for a chance to win a Legion watch. Also, those who have recruited at

least 3 new members will be submitted to receive the National Commander's "Membership Excellence" cap pin.

- C. Van Delist (6)
- M. Ball (3)
- D. Fink (3)
- D. Fuller (3)
- D. Harris (3)
- J. Fleming (2)
- L. Tolsma (2)
- R. Andrews (1)
- D. Dosch (1)
- J. Schneider (1)
- G. Van Delist (1)
- Americanism (D. Fuller):
  - Oratorical Contest currently has 24 students who want to compete at the Post 22/320 Level. We are working with Post 320 this year to cover all the Rapid City schools and plan/execute the Post level competition.
  - Visited schools (4 so far). Also presenting at the HS's. Looking for a Veteran to visit schools after the Veterans Day.
- Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia). Just let the new members know that the City of Rapid City is building a new BB stadium starting at the end of 2020 season.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
  - No members sick. 2 members have passed away. They will be placed into Post Everlasting.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Please see the Post 22 Newsletter posted on our website: [www.alpost22rcsd.com](http://www.alpost22rcsd.com) for details.
  - We are looking for more meaningful projects around the community that will have a lasting effect. If you know a Veteran or their family in need please reach out to me at 605-388-2016.
- Unfinished business
  - Facility upgrades/expenses (Tolsma/Harris)
    - Dryvit repaired on outside of building. Need to paint the "new building" and place steel poles at the NE corner of the building to keep people from damaging the building. Painting the building will likely have to wait until next Spring. (Harris)
    - Attempt to temporarily fix some of the roof leaks (Van Delist). Our efforts to fix the leaks in our roof are ongoing, but like weeds, they continue to pop up. The solution to this problem is to put on a new roof. This will cost the Post approximately \$300,000 to cover both buildings.
    - New security system installed (Tolsma).
    - New fire alarm system installed...old one died. (Harris)

- Today we hung up some of our memorabilia and another TV. We are pretty much done with updating the lounge...except for new ceiling tiles. Hope to start that project in 2020.
- New Business
  - West Hill residence center, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We are going over to help them celebrate Veterans Day. The Riders volunteered to do a Flag ceremony.
  - Times for Veterans Day Parade starts at 11:11 and we meet in the empty lot behind Dakota Bank like last year.
  - Turkey Feed at the Post starting at 5 PM. Free for paid up 2020 members and \$5 for all others. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please attend the turkey dinner and pay at that time.
  - Stand down on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November is being covered by the ALR.
- The good of the American Legion (Any member)
- Adjourn (P.M.) 7:31 PM