



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 21, 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 25 members in attendance.
- Follow with officer roll call:

	Present/Absent/Excused
○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X
○ 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X
○ 2 nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala)	X
○ Adjutant (J. Miller)	X
○ Finance Officer (D. Harris)	X
○ Chaplain (G. Stanley)	X X
○ Historian (K. Donnell)	X
○ 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: None
 - Guests:
 - Mike Dover, Facilitator for Volunteers of America for Moral Injury
 - Western SD/Wyoming
 - Moral Injury – defined as an injury to morals, emotions, or spiritual.
 - Suicide Prevention Program
 - Peer support groups: peer-to-peer
 - Seeking volunteers
 - Retreat June 6-8, free to veterans, spouses
 - Lynzie Montague, Operating Director, Cornerstone Caregiving
 - Separate from Cornerstone Mission
 - In-home care program

- Provide transportation, get groceries, meal prep, housework, laundry, etc. to allow you to stay in your home as long as possible.
- Provides one-on-one caregiver ratios.
- Work directly with the VA to provide free of charge services to veterans.

- **Financial Report** (Harris) as of: 5/21/2025

- Business Account: \$
- Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; debit of \$4 to pay for cleaning a hat).
- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$120 for NAJA Shriner tickets and \$300 EOY check cleared).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations of \$7,075 so far for Boys State; debits of \$229 for Boys State pizza expenses and \$100.00 donation from District 1 to help pay for them, and \$3750 to pay for tuition; debit of \$32.65 to pay for Boys State materials, and school medal certificates).
- SAL Acct: \$ (No deposits; debit of \$504 to pay for diaper donation to Mommy's Closet at VofA location).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$0; Debits of \$481.87 mostly to Gary Stanley and for phone bill).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$773 from Queen of Hearts).
- Loan: (\$). We Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in April.

- **Executive Committee update:**

- The May meeting was held on 5/17/2025.

- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July.

- **TAL Goal is 548**
 - renewals/new members to date: **563** for **103% of goal.**
 - New members:
 - ◇ Doug Harris (17)
 - ◇ Don Dosch (4)
 - ◇ Ryan Skjoldal (3)
 - ◇ Ernie Sanford (2)
 - ◇ Lyle Tolsma (2)
 - ◇ Don Fuller (2)
 - ◇ Randy Decker (1)
 - ◇ Robert Reister (1)
 - ◇ Mike Ball (1)
 - ◇ Gary Stanley (1)
 - ◇ Corby Hall (HG) (1)

- ◇ **Transfers In: 41** (28 of those were from the National Post 500 group...these were locals who wanted to be part of our Post)

- **2025 SAL Goal is 51**
 - SAL renewals/new members of **56 for 109% of goal**
- **AL Riders Report (Ernie Sanford):**
 - **May 1** – 4th grade class crafts
 - **May 3** – Laid wreath for Vietnam Vet Ceremony
 - **May 9** – Escort from Kinkade to BHNC + flag line w/Post 33 Riders
 - **May 25** – Planning to do a motorcycle parade and car parade at Ft. Meade (TBD)
 - **May 25** – Place flags at BHNC
 - Section E starting at 0800.
 - **May 26** – Flag passing ceremony at BHNC.
 - 1100
 - **May 26** – Picnic after @ Melanie's house – starts @ 1300.
 - Potluck sides/desserts
 - **June 6** – Department American Legion Riders Meeting @ Post 22, starts @ 1700
Dinner @ 1800
 - **June 14** – Flag Retirement Ceremony
 - 1400 @ Post 22
 - **Jul 16** – Motorcycle ride for CASA ending @ Post 22 TBD
 - **July 22-24** – Post 22 Riders will be doing a run to Beartooth, MT.
 - Meet in Sturgis, time 0700.
 - **Aug 22-24** – Riders are helping w/Kool Deadwood Nights
 - 0900 – 2000.
 - Fun last Sunday of each month at the Post. Play games etc.
- **Honor Guard (G. Stanley):**
 - **May 26** – Memorial Day activities
 - **June 14** – Flag ceremony at Post 22
 - **July 2-6** – The Honor Guard will be setting up the beer tent during the Firecracker Tournament. Also, we will be conducting Color Guard for the tournament.
 - **August** – We will be having a dart tournament here at Post 22.
 - **November** – Another dart tournament
 - Casino night will happen sometime in the winter.
 - Next meeting will be the of June 23 at 1800
- **SAL (J. Skala):**
 - Car Show date TBD
 - Gave \$500 to Mommy's Closet for diapers and wipes.
 - Currently has baseball boards going in the bar.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report: Toni Fuller.**
 - **May 23-24** – National Poppy Day

- Will distribute poppies @ Family Fare, St. Patrick's/Cambell starting at 0900.
 - If there are enough volunteers, will also sell at Timmons in the Valley
 - All proceeds go back to veteran programs.
- 60 people showed up at the last Pancake Breakfast
- Next Pancake breakfast will be on June 8 from 0800 - 1100.
- Next meeting will be in September.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - Currently have **15 boys signed up for 2025 session.**
 - Boys State June 2 – 6
 - School Medal presentations begin in May.
 - Presented medals to multiple middle schools and high schools in Rapid City
 - Presented JROTC medals to Central High School students.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not present
 - The following information was provided:
 - 140 games this season from all 5 teams. If you would like to purchase a season pass, please contact Lyle and he will help you with that (post22rc@gmail.com).
 - Post 22 will be hosting the Jr. Class A State Tournament this coming year (2025) and they were also awarded the Sr. Class A Stater Tournament for 2026.
 - We are waiting to hear if Post 22 is awarded the 2026 and 2027 National Regional Tournaments here in Rapid City.
 - This is the 100th year of Legion Baseball which started in Milbank SD. The National Commander wants to have a special tournament in Milbank SD where Legion BB started. There will be teams from several of the surrounding states. Everyone is invited.
 - Dates are: July 11 – 13?
 - 1 team each from SD, NE, MN, ND
 - National Commander will be in attendance.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
 - Deaths and Sick Call: Nothing to report.
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 - Sick Call:
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
 - Midwest Honor Flight: P.O. Box 22, Sioux Center, IA 51250.
Info@midwesthonorflight.org, 605-215-1319
 - Took 85 veterans from Sioux Falls (two WWII and two Korean War veterans)
 - Free for veterans (dates of service eligibility on website), guardians pay to fly.
 - Need volunteers (guardians)
 - Guardian training occurs at Post 22 Spring/Fall
- **Old Business:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business:**

- Firecracker Tournament
 - Do not want alcohol distributed at the tournament.
 - City Council probably not going to grant liquor permit.
 - Meeting on June 2 @1830 at City Hall.
 - Show up if you want to show support.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - DAV representative Speirs info: Ms. Speirs presented the information below.
 - SD Benefits
 - Flyer breaking down the benefits based on percentages for VA programs.
 - SD fishing/hunting licenses
 - 40% service connected or higher.
 - Reduced fee - \$10 for four years.
 - SD State Parks
 - Lifetime state park application
 - 100%
 - SD property taxes
 - Application
 - 100% P&T or K Award
 - Up to \$200,000
 - May 31 – June 21: 4 sessions of All-Ability Clay Hand-Building Class
 - Free
 - Dahl Pottery Studio, 713 7th St, Rapid City
 - Max of 6 participants
 - Contact Yoko @ 605-787-1099
 - DAV Golf Tournament
 - August 13
 - Sioux Falls
 - Call 605-332-6866 or email davdrivetovictory@gmail.com for more information.
 - 3rd Annual Korean War Defense Veteran's Appreciation Day
 - Brookings
 - July 26 0900-14—
 - Contact Bob Hill @ 605-690-5041 or M37ARMY@yahoo.com
 - Info Fair on May 17
 - 40 Vendors
 - 30-40 veterans
 - Next Fair 3rd Saturday of November
 - 40/8 Update
 - June 22 – Potluck at The Fuller's (6711 Mondo Street, Rapid City, SD 57703) house 1700 social, 1800 dinner
 - Jul 15 – will be bussing tables at Pizza Ranch on the south side starting from 1600 – 2100. Please help by working or eating some food.
 - Aug 5 – will be working Pizza Ranch again, same as before.
 - Presentation to Commander Ryan Skjoldal.

- Raised over \$12,000 in scholarships for Nursing program.

- **Adjournment:** at 1903. A social hour followed.