The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

September 16, 2026, 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 17 members and 1 guest in attendance.
- **Roll Call**:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander (D. Dosch)	X		
1st Vice Commander (R. Decker)	X		
2nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala)		X	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.alpost22.com/mtg-minutes-etc (Adjutant)
- **Introduction** of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - New members:
    - None
  - Guests:
    - Delta Kirchner

- Spouse of Member
- will be joining the Auxiliary

- **Financial Report (Harris) as of: 9/16/2026**
  - Business Account: **$**
  - Membership Acct: **$** (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
  - Benevolence Acct: **$** (Deposit from Business Acct. of $500; $10,100 Deposits for the State Golf Tournament; Debit of $508.99 for CC purchases (Golf Tournament); Debit of $1094.38 to Jackie Miller (reimburse for Golf Tournament purchases).
  - Americanism Acct: **$** (Deposit from Business Acct. of $500; Xferred $1,000 to Scholarship Savings Account for Boys State Scholarship 2026; Debit of $2,000 in loan to Benevolence for Golf Tournament-to be repaid).
  - SAL Acct: **$** (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; Debit of $300 to sponsor hole at Golf Tournament).
  - Honor Guard: **$**
  - Riders Checking: **$**
  - Riders Savings: **$**
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: **$ (**Deposit of $1,000 from Americanism to cover the Boys State Scholarship recipient from 2026)
  - Capital Improvements Savings: **$** ($2,000 deposited from Business Acct., and $2,047 from Queen of Hearts).
- **Executive Committee Meeting**
  - The meeting took place on September 12, 2026.
    - Purchasing new bar glassware with a Post 22 logo on them and we will have some for purchase.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris):**
  - TAL 2026 Goal is 536
    - Renewals/new members to date: **335 for 62%:**
      - Those members who have recruited new members:
        - ◊ **Doug Harris (7)**
        - ◊ Jason Skala (1)
        - ◊ Tony Anable (2)
        - ◊ Dennis Hotchkin (1)

- 2027 SAL Goal is 68**:**
    - Renewals/new members to date: **47 for 69%**.
        - Those who've recruited new members:
            - ◊ Bob Reister (2)
            - ◊ Nicole Reister (1)
            - ◊ Marty Jacob (1)

- **Sons of the American Legion**: CDR Jason Skala
    - Doing a Trunk or Treat on October 31st during Auxiliary Children's Halloween party

- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report**:
    - Made $730 at September Breakfast
    - Children's Halloween party October 31st 1300-1500
    - October 11th Sunday Breakfast
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
    - Received thank you notes from all 4 boys that received a baseball scholarship.
- **Athletic Officer** (L. Tolsma):
    - We had 87 teams last year and 131 teams this year. Will most likely grow again next year.
    - Department Golf Tournament falls under the Athletic Commission.
        - Sioux Falls was supposed to host tournament this year but fell through because of another tournament.
        - Saturday September 26th @ 1300.
        - Original rules every team member had to be a Legion family member. We changed rules to make it that only one team member had to be a Legion family member. Now, anyone can join with a team – community partners have donated, so we are allowing them to play.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
    - Deaths:
        - Dale Olson (8/18)
        - Larry Davis (8/23)
    - Sick Call:

        - Gary Stanley – cold
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
    - Nothing to report.
- **Honor Guard**
    - Got two new members for the Honor Guard.
- **Old Business**:
    - Post improvement project updates:
        - Drywall repaired and painted (The Chads and Kelsey).
        - Chair rail hung in small meeting room (Lyle and Doug).
        - Tom Smith fixed the grill in the kitchen. He also made several electrical fixes in several areas. He has saved us hundreds of dollars on maintenance this year already.
        - Toilet replacement of toilet in the men's restroom. ($1,000+)
    - Carpet replacement in entryways:
        - Scheduled to begin soon.
        - Will be replaced by the same tile as on the Large Meeting Room Dancefloor.
    - Mt. View Cemetery Plots project complete.
        - We awarded one plot to a Korean War Veteran (Robert Dean Williams).
        - *Guidelines for granting the use of our Mt. View Cemetery Plots 7/29/2026*
        - *This information is provided to Mt. View Cemetery from the Executive Committee at Rapid City Post 22.*
            - *The request for one of our plots at Mt. View Cemetery should be made via the staff at Mt. View Cemetery. They will then notify Post 22 via email/phone.*
            - *Send requests to: post22rc@gmail.com*
            - *Phone #: 605.342.4930*
        - *Each request should be accompanied by the following information:*
            - *Copy of the deceased's DD-214 (proof/record of service) if available.*
            - *Copy of the obituary.*
            - *Copy of the most recent American Legion membership card (if available). If the veteran is a member of Rapid City Post 22, this information can be located by the Membership Chairman.*

        - *The information provided will be presented to the Executive Committee at Post 22 for review/approval. The decision to allow/decline the use of one of our plots will then be shared with the staff at Mt. View Cemetery.*

- **New Business**:
    - Nothing to report.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
    - District 2 Meeting held at Post 22 on September 26, 2026 @ 0900.
    - Department of South Dakota Golf Tournament on September 26, 2026 @ 1300, Meadowbrook Golf Course. See adjutant for details.
    - DAV
        - Will be at Harley on 9/19 from 1000-1500 selling raffle tickets for the transportation program.
        - Retirement Activities event on 9/25 from 0900 – 1200 at the BX and then lunch at the Dakota.
        - May 15th VA going active with EMR.
        - DAV looking for volunteer drivers and service officers.
        - 9/17 2 Quilts of Valor ceremonies at Post 22 at 1000 and 1300.
        - September is Suicide Prevention month.
        - Vets using GI Bill should use VR&E first, then use their GI Bill.
    - Derr Foundation banquet October 17th.
    - September 24th Veteran Standdown at the Doubletree by the Monument 1000-1400
    - Black Hills Veterans March kicked off this morning and will conclude on Saturday September 19th.
        - Post 22 Riders led by John Fleming will run the Post 22 rest stop on the old, abandoned railroad bridge.
- **Adjournment** at 1847. A social hour followed.