



The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
June 18, 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 22 members in attendance.
- Follow with officer roll call:

	Present/Absent/Excused
○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X      X
○ 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X
○ 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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      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:
    - Ty Williamson

- US Navy Veteran
  - From Vienna, VA
- Boys State attendees
  - 5 boys spoke about their experiences.
  - Presentation of Scholarships
    - ◇ Doug Harris "I'm Not Dead Yet" \$500 Scholarship
      - ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sawyer Avila
      - ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Shane Callahan
    - ◇ Post 22 Boys State \$1000 Scholarship
      - ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lewis Carlyle
- **Financial Report** (Harris) as of: 6/18/2025
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; debit of \$45 to pay for pheasant pins).
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$250 to Knights of Columbus for Sgt. Levi Derr Golf Tournament.)
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debits of \$1,500 cash to pay Boys Staters for travel "scholarships" and \$250 to Olivia Boerger for the Oratorical Contest; Outstanding Debits for Joseph Juenger at \$1,000 and Blixia Broussard for \$750).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (No deposits).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$100; Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill and 2 misc. for \$36.00).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (\$2,000 transferred back to the Americanism Acct to pay for scholarships awarded to Boys State and Oratorical Contest winners from 2024 & 2025).
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$1,130 from Queen of Hearts).
  - Loan: (\$). We Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in May. This loan will be paid off at the end of June.
- **Executive Committee update:**

- The June meeting will be held on 6/28/2025. Was pushed back one week due to scheduling conflict with the Department Convention.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): **2026 Membership year starts 1 July.**
  - **TAL Goal is 548**
    - renewals/new members to date: **563 for 103% of goal.**
      - New members:
        - ◇ Doug Harris (16)
        - ◇ 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: 40** (28 of those were from the National Post 500 group...these were locals who wanted to be part of our Post)
    - **New cost is \$50** (State raised their portion of dues by \$5.00 starting in 2026).
  - **2025 SAL Goal is 51**
    - SAL renewals/new members of **56 for 109% of goal**
    - 2026 Membership year starts on 1 July 2025
    - **Membership dues will go up by \$5 to \$25** (State raised their portion by \$5 starting with the 2026 membership year)
- **AL Riders Report** (Ernie Sanford):
  - May 25 – Placed flags at BHNC
  - May 26 – Flag Passing Ceremony
  - May 30 – Ft Meade Social Hour

- May 31 – Removed flags at BHNC
- Jun 6 – 605 Ride Dinner
- June 6-10 – Ride attended by John Flemming
- Jun 14 – Flag Retirement Ceremony
- July 4 – Piedmont 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- **Honor Guard** (C. Hall):
  - Flag Retirement Ceremony 6/14/25.
    - AL Riders assisted.
  - Completed 2 funerals at BHNC in June
  - Post colors at Memorial Day Ceremony @ BHNC
  - Officer election in April, Corby Hall now the Honor Guard Commander, Gary Stanley 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Ryan Skjoldal 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander/Finance Officer, and Tony Anable 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander.
  - Permits denied for Firecracker tournament fundraiser
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Nothing to report
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:**
  - Next Pancake breakfast will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 0800 - 1100.
  - Next meeting will be September 23rd.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - We need to return the “traveling” Americanism Eagle Head Trophy to the Department Convention next week (R. Skjoldal). There’s a good chance that this will be returned to Post 22 thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Legion Family members.
  - 2025 Youth Trooper Academy being held in Pierre from 23 – 27 June. Blue Cap Day is on Thursday, 26 June starting at 8:30 AM (Central Time). Harris plans to attend that Thursday and attend the Graduation on Friday, 27 June.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not present
  - Met with the Mitchell group, still waiting on answer.
    - Department revoked Post 18 baseball team privileges until they abide by conditions set.
    - Post 18 is pushing back legally.

- A decision should be made this week regarding Post 18 & baseball team
  - Still working on Firecracker Tournament issues
  - 4 tickets for baseball games at the bar and use Post 22's seats for any of the games.
    - Have to return the tickets following the game so that other members can use them.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: James H. McKeller (WWII Veteran), Howard Larson (passed in May).
    - Sick Call: Tony Anable (surgery), Rod Martin (stroke), Mike Wood (burns)
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
  - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Discuss allocation of votes for Department Commander Election (Harris)
    - This allocation will be given to Commander Skjoldal as our only (attending) delegate to the Department Convention.
    - Harris motioned that we split our 13 votes: 10 votes to Bill Peters and 3 votes to Kevin Hemple. Mike Ball seconded. No discussion.
      - Results: Motion passed. 10 votes for Bill Peters and 3 votes to Kevin Hemple.
- **New Business:**
  - Department Convention
    - 19 – 22 June
    - Huron, SD
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - D. Fuller 40/8: Potluck dinner on Sunday at the Fullers home, 6711 Mondo Street. Starts 5PM social and 6PM dinner.
  - R. Decker – Marine Corps League Birthday Dinner in November. Guest Speaker will be SgtMaj Mike Miller, USMC (Ret.)
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Mike Pauling of Post 311 in Piedmont is working to set up a youth shooting sports program for our area. If you would like to volunteer your time to help him do this, please call him at 443-619-2049.
- **Adjournment:** at 1850. A social hour followed.

