The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

October 21, 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 28 members and 3 guest in attendance.
- **Roll Call**: Present/Absent/Excused
  - Commander (D. Dosch) X
  - 1st Vice Commander (R. Decker) X
  - 2nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala) X
  - Adjutant (J. Miller) X
  - Finance Officer (D. Harris) X
  - Chaplain (G. Stanley) 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:
    - Member of the New Underwood post from Wasta.

- Presentations
    - Fred Ferrara
        - Black Hills Veterans March plaque
        - September 19th final day of the march – 23rd annual
    - Trevor Dietrich
        - Medicare Supplement Plan Presentation (United Healthcare Patriot Plan) that pays money back to the member if you have Tricare for Life or use the VA for your meds. His contact info is: 605.864.8217.
    - Maggie Anable
        - Rapid City Vet Center Readjustment Counselor
            - ◊ Mental health services
            - ◊ No cost
            - ◊ 100% confidential

- **Financial Report (Harris) as of: 10/21/2026**
    - Business Account: $
    - Membership Acct: $ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
    - Benevolence Acct: $ (Deposit from Business Acct. of $500; The Golf Tournament contributed approximately $9,000 in fundraising to this account).
    - Americanism Acct: $ (Deposit from Business Acct. of $500 and $1,700 transferred back from Benevolence).
    - SAL Acct: $ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; Deposit of $900 from 31 Boards fundraising).
    - Honor Guard: $.
    - Riders Checking: $
    - Riders Savings: $
    - Scholarship Sav Acct: $
    - Capital Improvements Savings: $ ($2,000 deposited from Business Acct., and $3,747 from Queen of Hearts).
- **Executive Committee Meeting**
    - The meeting took place on October 17, 2026.
        - Price of Steak Night increasing to $20 because of increase in beef prices.

        - Veterans Day falls on a Wednesday so no steak night. Steak night will be moved to Thursday that week.
        - Final total on NET PROFIT on the Department Golf Tournament: $10,357.59. Voted to give 10% ($1,036) to the Department Athletic Commission.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris):**
    - TAL 2027 Goal is 536
        - Renewals/new members to date: 360 for 67% (anemic renewals)
            - Those members who have recruited new members:
                ◊ Doug Harris (6)
                ◊ Tony Anable (2)
                ◊ Jason Skala (1)
                ◊ Dennis Hotchkin (1)
                ◊ Bob Reister (1)
                ◊ Comments about recruitment
    - 2027 SAL Goal is 68:
        - Renewals/new members to date: 51 for 75%.
- **Sons of the American Legion**: CDR Jason Skala
    - October 31st will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot during the ALA's Halloween Party. 1300-1500.
    - Costume Contest during Karaoke that night at Post 22.
    - Selling Post 22 bar glasses.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report**:
    - ALA Halloween Party for the kids October 31st 1300-1500.
        - Face painting
        - Pumpkin painting
        - Cookie decoration
        - Treats and candy
    - Sunday Breakfast November 8th 0800-1100.
        - All you can eat.
    - Next meeting November 10th @ 1800.
    - Veteran's Day turkey dinner November 11th

    - Hot Springs Veterans Christmas Party December 12th
        - @ Hot Springs VA
        - Planning on 1300-1500 – but not confirmed.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
    - We now have a competitor for the Oratorical Contest. Lee Decker.
- **Athletic Officer** (L. Tolsma):
    - Nothing to report.
- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
    - Deaths:
        - Leo N. Picard.
    - Sick Call:
        - Mike Ball
            - Sick.
            - John Fleming will check in with him.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
    - Nothing to report.
- **Honor Guard**
    - 2 funerals since last meeting.
    - Vendor/Trunk or Treat Appreciation at Office Depot.
    - Meeting tomorrow at 1800 at Post 22.
- **Old Business**:
    - Facility report:
        - Entryways are now tiled. Harris removed the old carpet/glue and Member Tom Grigsby placed the new tile and base. He didn't wish to be paid, so we gave him a $150 tab instead (decision by Harris).
        - Our cost for this project was minimal because we already had all the tile, base, glue, etc. Minor supplies like glue remover, gloves, etc., were purchased. Less than $100.
        - This completes all floor replacement except for the kitchen and areas near the kitchen.
        - **Harris will create a 5-year plan for improvements.**
        - Our next priority is to replace parts of the bar cabinets. Member Don Fuller

is building a new one and we are waiting to take out the old one and replace it. The drain below the bar is now working.

- Recognized Tom Smith for all that he has done around the Post.
  - Replaced gas valves in the kitchen/stove.
  - Fixed ice machine.
  - Electrical work around the building.
  - Took out old machinery around the chiller.
  - Working on outside landscaping and weeding.
  - Fixed the cabinets under the bar.
  - Fixed the water heater.
  - Mounted TV and worked with cords.
  - Fixed cameras around the building.
  - Got rid of a lot of wiring in the walls after removing water fountains.

- **New Business**:
  - Upcoming Children's Halloween Party sponsored by the SAL and ALA
  - Veteran's Day
    - November 11th at Post 22 1600-1800
    - Veteran eats free
    - Non-veteran adults $10, children $5
    - Riders will serve, Auxiliary provides dessert, Boys Scouts help out.
  - Black Hills Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots.
  - Veteran's Day Parade @ 1100
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - Don Fuller
    - Last Man Standing Club
      - Purchase a bottle of liquor from the bar and when you pass, the post hosts a wake and drinks the bottle.
  - Randy Decker
    - November 6th Marine Corps Birthday Dinner at Post 22.
    - $25 per ticket.
    - 1700 Social Hour, 1800 Ceremony and Dinner.
  - District 2 Commander, Ryan Skjoldal

        - Does Post 22 want to have a table November 7 & 8 at drill weekend with a couple of people there to hand out pamphlets?
        - Camp Rapid Bldg 420 @ 0800.
    - Quilts of Valor
        - Post 22 November 4th at 1000.
    - Volunteer opportunities:
        - We need a couple of folks to help weed around the Post. Contact Doug Harris if you would like to assist: 970-231-8556
        - Looking for someone to paint the sides of the handicap ramps in the front of building with bright yellow paint. Helps delineate the sides. Contact Doug Harris if you would like to take this on. See number above.
- **Adjournment** at 1853. A social hour followed.