



- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$4,293 transferred out to pay BHE; still contains \$5K from the Queen of Hearts, so true amount is \$32,298.39).
- Loan: (\$)
- **Executive Committee**
  - A meeting will be held this coming Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>), so nothing to report.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 475 = **87% of goal.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 41 = **72% of goal.**
- New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
  - Doug Harris (5)
  - Joe Aldentaler (3)
  - Lyle Tolsma (2)
  - Gary Stanley (2)
  - Casey Hanson (2)
  - Don Fuller (2)
  - Chris Van Delist (2)
  - Don Dosch (2)
  - Don Snyder (1)
  - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
  - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
  - Jason Skala (SAL) (1)
  - Cody Penning (1)
- **AL Riders Report:**
  - Fort Meade – Social Hour last Friday of the Month
    - Quarter Bingo this Month with treats, each month is different activity
    - At the community living center from 1400 to 1500
  - Still going to Sturgis 1<sup>st</sup> grade class and was unable to make it work this month but had treats for the class.
  - February is the election of officers.
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> – we want to do a flag retirement ceremony. Still in the planning stages, more information to follow.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Working on more funerals
  - 17<sup>th</sup> March – Post Everlasting
  - Rent a Vet – March 23, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Backup 1800 to 2000 need volunteers will bring up at main meeting.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Will be doing football boards for the Superbowl.

- Stick pool boards
- Superbowl boards
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Breakfast feed once a month starting on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Post lower meeting room from 8 AM to 12 PM. Resumes on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (postponed due to weather)...changed to the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 1 February candy gift bags to give to the Hot Spring Veterans home. Please donate candy before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.
  - Diaper Drive was good and is coming back out and **VOA's Mommy's Closet** was super appreciative. (Needs Facebook Correction)
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - We have a competitor for the Oratorical Contest: Ashlynn Wellman, a Sophomore at Stevens H.S. She won the Post and Dist. 2 competitions (she was the only competitor).
  - We currently have 1 young man from STM signed up for Boys State. I will be doing school visits soon. I'm addressing the 3 AP Gov classes at Stevens HS on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and plan to work with Girls State Director Tiffany French at Central H.S. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb.
  - The Debate coach at Central High School is requesting assistance for judges on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A message was sent out to all Post 22 members.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): American Legion baseball is getting through the issues that arose during last year to prevent the loss of teams. 2024 Passes will be sold at the February membership meeting. 214 games are scheduled for 2024. **Post 22 was awarded the junior state A tournament for 2025.**
- **Chaplain** (D. Fuller):
  - Deaths and Sick Call: Burl V Rathbun.
  - Other: Dates for our annual Post Everlasting (17 Mar) @ 1400 and Legion Birthday (16 Mar).
  - Mike Ball is recovering, Steve Vrabel is getting stronger, Chaplain Fuller is healthy.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
  - New disability compensation rates: Went up by 3.2% for 2024. The newsletter spelling everything out will be on the Post 22 Website in the "minutes" section.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update: nothing new to report. Everything seems to be in working order (keep your fingers crossed).
  - Looking for volunteers for the future project of dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building in April. This will be a Spring project.

- To date I have the following volunteers: 1. Doug Harris, 2. John Rankin, 3.
- Looking for a volunteer(s) to manage/help maintain the “green spaces” outside of our facility. Would involve weeding/trimming bushes and rock areas.
  - Member John Rankin has volunteered to head up this project.
- Looking for someone who would be willing to take over/manage our Americanism Programs (Boys State/Oratorical/Youth Trooper).
  - This is the second largest job at the Post level, following Adjutant. It requires a self-starter who is willing to go into the schools to address students/teachers/guidance counselors and work with students once they have signed up. Training will be provided by Commander Harris. You would shadow him for a few months as we go through the different programs.
  - Contact Commander Harris at 970-231-8556 if you are interested in any of these projects/jobs.
- **New Business:**
  - 2023 Financial Giving report (Harris): **\$319,500** so far. Please see the “summary” on the minutes page of our website. Waiting inputs from Auxiliary.
  - Membership payment news: National is now offering the option to pay for 3 years in advance at the current price.
    - Those who haven’t yet paid for 2024, you can pay (online only) for 2024-2026 at the current \$40. That will save you at least \$15 over the 3-year period as dues go up.
    - Those who have paid for 2024 already will soon have the option of paying (online only) for 2025-2027 at the current \$40. This will save you approximately \$25 over that 3-year period as dues are increased at the National and State levels.
      - This does not affect those with a PUFL membership.
      - Post 22 has no plans to increase their portion of the yearly dues, but we have to increase the basic to price to reflect a \$5/year increase from National (2025) and a future (2026) \$5/year “anticipated” increase at the State (Department) level.
  - SD Midwinter Conference (February 16 through the 18<sup>th</sup>) in Deadwood SD. This is primarily a training event for members from across the state. For all the information, check out the latest edition of the Up-To-Now on the SDAL website: <https://www.sdlegion.org/up-to-now/>
  - Mail banquet checks (\$35/person) to:
    - Randall McGruder, 11332 Tetro Rock Road, Lead, SD 57754
    - Make checks out to American Legion District 1. Must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - Jennifer Rollins: Build a Better World for Women and Girls. Talked about a fundraiser being hosted by Hot Springs Post 71 and Zanta: Saturday, January 27, 2024, American Legion at 1045 Jennings Ave, Hot Springs SD, from 1pm – 3pm. Soup Luncheon \$10 Donation
  - February 29<sup>th</sup>; 40-8 Fundraiser Banquet for \$1000 Scholarships. Social hour starts at 5 P.M.; Tickets are \$100. Contact Don Fuller for more information: 715-425-5817.
  - Boy Scouts Breakfast @ 0630 at Ramkota on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the annual fundraiser for the Black Hills Area Council. Point of Contact is Don Fuller...see the phone # above.
- **Adjournment:** 7:08 P.M.

**A social hour followed the meeting.**

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

February 21st, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:	Present	/ Absent	/ Excused
i. Commander (D. Harris)	X		
j. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
k. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	X
l. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
m. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
n. Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
o. Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	X
p. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. 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)

- New members: Justin McNeal (Navy), Cory Staab (U.S. Army/82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne), Sheldon Wagner (Air Force Fire Fighter), Patrick Rabideau (Navy Retired)
  - **Presentation** of New members coins
- Guests:
  - Black Hills Sports, Inc.
- **Presentations:**
  - Presentation of \$2,500 to Black Hills Sports, Inc. - annual donation to Post 22 Baseball
  - \$500 to 40&8 Nursing Scholarship Fund.
  - \$200 to Black Hills Area Council – BSA
  - \$500 to RCAS School lunch program. Squadron 22 SAL.
- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 2/21/2024
  - Business Account: **\$**
  - Membership Acct: **\$**.
  - Benevolence Acct: **\$** (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debits of \$250 to SDAL VAVS and \$300 to SDAL C&Y not yet reflected in this amount; debit of \$41.92 for new checks).
  - Americanism Acct: **\$** (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$710.78 to purchase school medals etc.).
  - SAL Acct: **\$** (Deposits of \$385 from fundraising and no expenditures; donating \$500 to RCAS for school lunch program).
  - Honor Guard: **\$** (debits of \$48.36 for phone service, \$24 for uniform sewing and \$233.26 to EAFB BX).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: **\$**.
  - Capital Improvements Savings: **\$**. (\$10,000 transferred out to pay on the principle of our loan; still contains \$8,002 from the Queen of Hearts, so true amount is \$22,312.11).
  - Loan: **(\$)** We have paid **\$12,450** on this loan since last month (includes \$11,000 paid on principal and \$1,450 pd on loan).
- **Executive Committee**
  - A meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>:
    - Voted to transfer \$10K from Savings Acct to pay down our loan.
    - Authorized the purchase of a new camera system (indoor and outdoor). Will include cameras in the large and small meeting rooms. The installation will be completed by EC members and SAL member Donnie Snyder. This saves us about \$3K over the price bid from a local company. Donnie also helped us with the Internet upgrade/installation in December.
    - Voted to donate \$200 to the Black Hills Area Council BSA at their local fundraising breakfast.
    - Voted to donate \$500 to the 40 & 8 Nursing Scholarship fundraising event.

- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 506 = **93% of goal.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 41 = **72% of goal.**
  - New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
    - Doug Harris (7)
    - **Joe Aldentaler (3)**
    - **Lyle Tolsma (3)**
    - **Don Dosch (3)**
    - Gary Stanley (2)
    - Casey Hanson (2)
    - Don Fuller (2)
    - Chris Van Delist (2)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
    - Jason Skala (SAL) (1)
    - Cody Penning (SAL) (1)
    - Donald Miller (1)
  - **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:
    - Harris/Aldentaler/Tolsma/Dosch
  - **Presentation of SDAL Commander’s Cap pins**
    - Membership: All those who have recruited a new member.
      - See above information.
    - Post Honor/Color Guard
      - Members as identified by Director R. Skjoldal
    - ALR – Presentation of Military Rites at Funerals
      - Members as identified by Director John Fleming
      - Those not in attendance will be recognized at their Feb meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **AL Riders Report** (John Fleming):
  - Nomination of Officers on 2/22/2024.
  - Sponsored a family at WAVI and Cornerstone Family housing family for their Christmas dinner and gifts.
  - Sixteen members attended the 4 Chaplains service at BHNC and then went to the VFW in Sturgis for chili.
  - Served pie and ice cream on 12/29/2023 at 2 P.M. to celebrate New Years with Ft. Meade Veterans home.
  - Played Bingo with shared treats with the Ft. Meade Veterans for their January activity.
  - For 2023 - Volunteer Hours were 3,925

- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - SM&T Special Olympics on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 17th March – Post Everlasting@ 2 P.M.
  - Rent a Vet – March 23, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Backup 6 to 8 P.M.; need volunteers.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Nothing to Report.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Breakfast feed once a month starting on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Post lower meeting room from 8 AM to 12 PM - \$8. This helps to fund scholarships and other local organizations.
  - The auxiliary donates pie free of charge for AL events.
  - Support Christmas Party
  - Support Hot Springs VA Christmas gifts.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - Our competitor dropped out of the Oratorical Contest.
  - We currently have **7 young men** from Stevens HS and STM HS signed up for Boys State.
    - Interviews will begin on 9 March at 0800.
    - District 2 Orientation tentatively scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Girls State orientation will probably happen the same day.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
  - Baseball is in full swing. If you'd like a ticket, see Lyle.
  - Post 22 has four season (box seat) tickets. Located in the membership drawer. Any member can use these to attend a game, but the tickets must be returned to the Post right after the game so someone else can use them.
- **Chaplain** (D. Fuller):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: None
    - Sick Call: Harry Rossander is having his last Chemo treatment today!
  - Other: Dates for our annual Post Everlasting (17 Mar) @ 1400 and Legion Birthday (16 Mar at 12 P.M.).
  - Last man standing club – buy a bottle from the bar, when a member passes away, participants can meet for an Irish wake.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
  - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update: nothing new to report. Everything seems to be in working order (keep your fingers crossed).
    - Looking for volunteers for the future project of dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building in **April**. This will be a Spring (April) project.

- To date I have the following volunteers: 1. Doug Harris, 2. John Rankin, and Jerry O’Neil. 3. Looking for additional volunteers.
  - Looking for someone who would be willing to take over/manage our Americanism Programs (Boys State/Oratorical/Youth Trooper).
    - This is the second largest job at the Post level, following Adjutant. It requires a self-starter who is willing to go into the schools to address students/teachers/guidance counselors and work with students once they have signed up. Training will be provided by Commander Harris. You would shadow him for a few months as we go through the different programs.
    - Contact Commander Harris at 970-231-8556 if you are interested in any of these projects/jobs.
  - SD Midwinter Conference (February 16 through the 18<sup>th</sup>) in Deadwood SD. Everything went well. Harris, Tolsma, R. Skjoldal, Dosch, Fuller and Van were all in attendance.
  - **New Business:**
    - Membership payment news: National is now offering the option to pay for 3 years in advance at the current price.
      - Those who haven’t yet paid for 2024, you can pay (online only at Legion.org using their membership # and credit card) for 2024-2026 at the current \$40. That will save you at least \$15 over the 3-year period as dues go up.
      - Those who have paid for 2024 already now have the option of paying (online only at Legion.org using their membership # and credit card) for 2025-2027 at the current \$40/yr. This will save you approximately \$25 over that 3-year period as dues are increased at the National and State levels.
        - This does not affect those with a PUFL membership.
        - Post 22 has no plans to increase their portion of the yearly dues, but we must increase the basic to price to reflect a \$5/year increase from National (2025) and a future (2026) \$5/year “anticipated” increase at the State (Department) level.
  - **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
    - Nothing to Report.
  - **Adjournment:** 6:55 P.M.
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
March 20th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

q. Commander (D. Harris)	X		
r. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
s. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
t. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
u. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
v. Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
w. Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	
x. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. 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)
  - New members:
    - Mike Miller (USMC/Ret. - Jackie's Husband)
    - Presentation of New members coins.
      - Mike was presented with a coin. Earlier in the day Commander Harris also presented coins to newly transferred members, Skip Collver and Michael Jordanger (see pics on FB) as well as Jody Polland.
  - Guests:
    - Hugh "Homer" Holmes, who is seeking Department endorsement for the position of National Vice Commander.
  - Presentations: 40 & 8 presents donation for Boys State. Don Fuller presented a check for \$700 to pay for 2 boys to Boys State.
- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 3/20/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$ (Deposit \$100 gift from ALA; Deposit \$170 from B-day party; paid \$91 to Post for food).

- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; checks cashed were \$250 and \$300 to SDAL donations and \$500 to 40&8 Nursing Scholarships).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Deposit \$2,550 in monies raised for Boys State; checks cashed were \$2,500 for Post 22 Baseball and \$200 for BHAC - Scouting).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$160 from fundraising; donating \$350 for Boys State and \$325 for Girls State; checks cashed were \$500 to RCAS for School meals and the \$350 for Boys State).
- Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service, \$432 spent on various items via Amazon etc.).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$. (Transferred \$500 from Americanism Acct., to cover Oratorical Scholarship winner).
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$. (\$5,000 transferred out on 3/18/2024 to pay on the principle of our loan).
- Loan: (\$) We have paid approximately **\$20,000** on this loan since the beginning of the year (includes \$17,000 paid on principal and \$2,900 pd on loan).
- We have \$94,386 in our accounts and a debt of (\$49,150)...**why is that?**
  - Commander Harris explained that closing the kitchen all but one day a week (also open for catering) has kept it from being a “black hole” of income. This has allowed us to recover from the huge losses experienced by the end of May 2023. We are now back to being a profitable “business” where our profits can go to our programs (Veterans/Americanism/Children and Youth/local charities). It has also allowed us to put a lot of money toward paying off our loan.
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - A meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup>:
    - Voted to transfer \$5K from Savings Acct to pay down our loan.
    - Voted to begin placing \$1,000/month from the business account into the savings account. This money will primarily then be paid on the principal of our loan to get it paid off as fast as possible.
    - Voted to give our manager a raise. He has reached his 2-year anniversary.
    - Set the date for “Spring Cleanup”/removal of brick wall/patio railing. The date will be 20 April following our EC meeting at approximately 10 A.M.
    - Discussed the plan for installing our new camera system (indoor and outdoor).

- Voted to update/change the rules of the Queen of Hearts fundraiser and clarified that the proceeds were to go toward paying off our loan/repairs/updates to the facility.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 523 = **96% of goal. We only have 22 to go to reach our goal. If you haven't yet paid, please do so ASAP.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 41 = **72% of goal.**
  - New members recruited – Commander's Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
    - Doug Harris (**8**)
    - Chris Van Delist (**3**)
    - Joe Aldentaler (3)
    - Lyle Tolsma (3)
    - Don Dosch (3)
    - Gary Stanley (2)
    - Casey Hanson (2)
    - Don Fuller (2)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
    - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
    - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
    - Donald Miller (1)
  - **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:
    - Harris/Aldentaler/Tolsma/Dosch. Present any pins that have recently been earned: Van Delist
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Nothing else to report.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Rent a Vet – March 23, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Backup 6 to 8 P.M.; need volunteers.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - March madness brackets – all full brackets.
  - Baseball boards are up.
  - Donated \$500 to RCAS
  - Also donated for 1 Boys State, and 1 Girl State (\$675)
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Hosting pancake breakfast on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April and May.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):

- We currently have **13 young men** from Stevens HS and STM HS signed up for Boys State.
  - Interviews were held on 9 and 16 March, as well as today.
  - **Show the PP slides.** (Harris)
  - District 1 & 2 Orientation is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Girls State orientation will happen the same day.
  - District 2 YTA interviews will take place at Post 22 on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
  - There are 4 Post 22 baseball teams this year. Double-header on second week of April.
  - Post 22 has four season (box seat) tickets. Located in the membership drawer. Any member can use these to attend a game, but the tickets must be returned to the Post right after the game so someone else can use them.
- **Chaplain** (D. Fuller):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Fay A Marsh; De L Benson
    - Sick Call: Steve and Mike are doing better.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
  - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update: nothing new to report. Everything seems to be in working order (keep your fingers crossed).
    - Looking for volunteers for the future project of dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building in **April. Date now set for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> following the EC Meeting.**
    - We will be cleaning up the grounds.
      - Trimming the hedges.
      - Fixing the rocks on the East side.
      - Removing the brick wall in front of the old building.
      - Hopefully installing the railing around our patio.
  - Looking for someone who would be willing to take over/manage our Americanism Programs (Boys State/Oratorical/Youth Trooper). **Update.**
    - Currently in training: Member Shane Griffin. He has been involved in the Boys State interviews.
  - Membership payment news (**We are only 20 renewals away from making our 2024 goal**): National is still offering the option to pay for 3 years in advance at the current price of \$40.
    - Those who haven't yet paid for 2024, you can pay (online only at Legion.org using their membership # and credit card) for 2024-2026 at the current \$40. That will save you at least \$15 over the 3-year period as dues go up.

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    - This does not affect those with a PUFL membership.
    - Post 22 has no plans to increase their portion of the yearly dues, but we must increase the basic price to reflect a \$5/year increase from National (2025) and a future (2026) \$5/year “anticipated” increase at the State (Department) level.
  - **New Business:**
    - District 2 Spring Meeting: will be held in Martin S.D. on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, starting at 11 A.M.
    - Nominations for Officer Positions start at this meeting.
      - Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Don Dosch
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rickey Jendry
      - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
      - Chaplain: Gary Stanley
      - Historian:
      - Sgt-At-Arms: Tony Anable
    - Nominations for Executive Committee Positions (7 available, but 2 are filled by the winners of the Commander and Finance Officer positions and 1 is filled by whomever the Commander appoints as the Adjutant):
      - Doug Harris
      - Lyle Tolsma
      - Tom Smith
      - Ryan Skjoldal
      - Paul Rodriguez
      - Don Dosch
  - **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
    - John Jambor – PGA golf lessons for Vets. (605-490-0795)
    - Hugh “Homer” Holmes – nominated for National Vice Commander, seeking Department endorsement.
  - **Adjournment:** 7:10 P.M.
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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## Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 17th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:

	Present	/ Absent	/ Excused
y. Commander (D. Harris)		X	X

z. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) X

aa. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)

bb. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim) X

cc. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)

dd. Chaplain (D. Fuller) X

ee. Historian (K. Skjoldal)

ff. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch) X

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- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
  - New members:
  - Guests: Alternate NEC, Fred Nelson (here to swear in the new officers)
- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 4/17/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$.
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500;).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations for Boys State: Donations from 40&8 of \$700; J. Gerry of \$500 and M. Ball for \$350=\$1,550).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$170 from fundraising; donation of \$100 to a Post 22 BB player).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service, \$59 for sewing; Deposit of \$100).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$352 from Queen of Hearts; Debit of \$3,563.28 to pay for patio railing).
    - Loan: (\$)
- **Executive Committee update:**

- Will be held on April 20th: Nothing to report
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 532 = **98% of goal.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 42 = **73% of goal.**
- New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
  - Doug Harris (**8**)
  - Chris Van Delist (**3**)
  - Joe Aldentaler (3)
  - Lyle Tolsma (3)
  - Don Dosch (3)
  - Gary Stanley (2)
  - Casey Hanson (2)
  - Don Fuller (2)
  - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
  - Don Snyder (1)
  - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
  - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
  - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
  - Donald Miller (1)
- **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:
- **AL Riders Report** (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Fuller):
  - Hosting pancake breakfast on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April and May.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - We currently have **15 young men** from Stevens HS (13), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State.
    - District 1 & 2 Orientation is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Girls State orientation will happen the same day.
  - YTA: Waiting to hear if a Steven HS boy was selected.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
- **Chaplain** (D. Fuller):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths:
    - Sick Call:
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
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- **Old Business:**

- Facility update: The railing has been installed on the patio. Arrowhead CC donated 3 tables for the patio. We are currently looking for chairs.
  - Looking for volunteers for this coming Saturday. We will be doing “spring cleaning around the outside of the Post. We will also be dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building. **Date now set for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> following the EC Meeting (10 A.M.).**
- **New Business:**
  - Nominations for Officer Positions start at this meeting.
    - Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Don Dosch
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rickey Jendry
    - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
    - Chaplain: Gary Stanley (backed out due to job obligations)
    - Historian:
    - Sgt-At-Arms: Tony Anable
  - Nominations for Executive Committee Positions (7 available, but 2 are filled by the winners of the Commander and Finance Officer positions and 1 is filled by whomever the Commander appoints as the Adjutant):
    - Doug Harris
    - Lyle Tolsma
    - Tom Smith
    - Ryan Skjoldal
    - Paul Rodriguez
    - Don Dosch
  - Elections
    - Appoint Election monitors (2 people who are not running for an office).
    - Hold elections.
    - Announce winners.
    - Swear in new officers (Alternate NEC Fred Nelson)
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
- **Adjournment:** P.M.

**A social hour followed the meeting.**

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The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
May 15th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call: Present/Absent/ Excused

gg. Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
hh. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)		X	
ii. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
jj. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
kk. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
ll. Chaplain (K. Donnell)		X	X
mm. Historian (J. Miller)		X	
nn. 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: Chris Bechtel, USAF Veteran, and Stephanie Heck retired AF after 21 years.
    - New member coins presentation.
  - Guests: Candidate for Department Commander, Kevin Morello. Gave a short speech for the members. Talked about the Legion Family, Rural Posts, and the communities we live in.
  - Presentations:
    - District 2 Legionnaire of the Year pin to Commander Skjoldal. Presented by SDAL Vice Commander Harris
    - \$250 Check to KofC for Sgt Levi Derr Golf Tournament presented to Ed Mills.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 5/15/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$.
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; \$5,000 transferred to the safe).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations for Boys State: \$1,050; Donations for YTA: \$300; Debits of \$5,625 for Boys State

Tuition and Bus; \$253.28 for Dist 1 and 2 Boys State Orientation Pizza...\$150 donated by Post 311 SAL to pay for Dist 1 boys/girls pizza).

- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$80 from fundraising and \$20 from membership).
- Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$450).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$836 from Queen of Hearts).
- Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Will be held on May 18th: This information is from the April 20<sup>th</sup> EC Mtg.
    - There were no major decisions made at this meeting. All financials were reviewed and approved.
      - All drink prices were increased minimally to cover huge increases in our expenses. All insurance premiums have greatly increased, as well as liquor prices and delivery for same.
      - The Spring-Cleaning projects were approved (tear down wall/complete patio project [install bumper poles]/purchase 2" rock for placement in the washout area/trim hedges etc. off the sidewalk).
        - A special thank you to all who helped with these projects: Jesus and Henry Garcia, Don Dosch, Randy Decker, Tom Smith, Lyle Tolsma, Tony Anable, Ryan Skjoldal, Rick Crist, Jerry O'Neil and Doug Harris.
    - \$5,625 in checks were written/signed to cover the Tuition and Bus Fare for our 15 Boys Staters.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 535 = **98% of goal.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 42 = **73% of goal.**
  - New members recruited – Commander's Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
    - Doug Harris (8)
    - Don Fuller (4)
    - Chris Van Delist (3)
    - Joe Aldentaler (3)
    - Lyle Tolsma (3)
    - Don Dosch (3)
    - Gary Stanley (2)
    - Casey Hanson (2)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Kyle Skjoldal (1)

- Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
  - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
  - Donald Miller (1)
- **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on May 23rd at 6:30 P.M.
  - Folding of the Flag ceremony at the Federation of the Blind.
  - Social at Ft. Meade Veterans Home.
  - Fundraiser at Applebees where they raised significant funds.
  - Former member Jerry Gau received his Quilts of Valor at Post 22 on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Carry The Load at BHNC tomorrow.
  - Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at Sturgis Elementary School...1<sup>st</sup> Grade banana splits and crafts.
  - May 26<sup>th</sup> the Riders will place the flags at BHNC.
  - Memorial Day Passing the flag BHNC. At 10:30 ...passing the flag to Niles Harris.
  - On the 29<sup>th</sup> they will have another fundraiser at Pizza Ranch (South location).
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> we will have the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post. At 2 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Have also been busy. Doing at least one mission every week, with 2 this Friday.
  - On Memorial Day. Breakfast at 0700 at Beau's Diner...Then to the War Memorial then to Pine Lawn and the other cemeteries.
  - Flag Disposal Ceremony on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Jun.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Car Show planning...most likely date will be August 10th. This will be accompanied by an ice cream social with the proceeds being designated to a certain charity.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Hosting pancake breakfast on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of May (19<sup>th</sup>). The breakfasts will continue through the summer months as well.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - We currently have **15 young men** from Stevens HS (13), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State. All boys have received their Orientation and are ready to attend SD Boys State.
    - Money raised to send these boys: \$5,850.
    - Cost to send the boys: \$5,625.
  - YTA: 1 boy from Stevens HS: J.C. Denholm; Tuition is \$250. Paid from the Americanism Acct.
    - Donation of \$300 from Richard and Mary Swanson.

- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not available for a report.
  - **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
    - Deaths and Sick Call:
      - Deaths: Randall M. Anderson
      - Sick Call: Don Snyder
  - **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
    - Nothing to report.
  - **Old Business:**
    - Facility update:
      - The new security camera installation is now 99% complete. Thank you to Tom Smith, Doug Harris, and Donnie Snyder for their efforts to complete this project.
    - No other old business.
  - **New Business:**
    - No new business to discuss.
  - **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
    - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
      - Looking for a member in good standing to begin training for the Adjutant position. You will shadow the current Adjutant for a period of 11 months and then take over the position next April. This is a very important position and can't just be picked up with little to no training. Please contact Doug Harris if you are interested. One member present expressed an interest in the job.
      - School backpack program on EAFB in July (Harris).
      - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). We are the last stop before the finish line in Deadwood. There are 3 different types of Marches involved. The 100 mile, a full marathon, and a mini 13 mile march.
        - Member Henry Garcia is planning to take part in the 100 mile march/run and will be needing a support team.
    - DAV announcements:
      - EAFB RAO meeting at the base...there are events happening on July 4<sup>th</sup>
        - Activities begin at 4:30 P.M. with a free concert at 6 P.M.
      - Claims assistance this coming Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> of May) at the Piedmont Post (101 Pine Street, Piedmont) from 9 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
      - DAV informational Fair/VA BHHCS Mental Health Summit at Camp Rapid
        - May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M – 5 P.M.
  - **Adjournment:** 6:57 P.M.
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
June 19th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

oo. Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
pp. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)		X	
qq. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X X
rr. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
ss. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)			X
tt. Chaplain (K. Donnell)	X		
uu. Historian (J. Miller)	X		
vv. 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:
    - New member coins presentation. Breanne Donnell SD Army National Guard, Lisa Gaudin USAF, Gene Eiring USAF, Jim Lee USAF retired after 26 years Ryan Garlington US Army.
  - Guests: District 2 Commander Chris Rendon and some of the 2024 Boys Staters. Julie Juenger, Mother of Joseph. New member coins were presented.
  - Presentations:
    - **Boys Staters present** spoke on their experience at Boys State.
      - James Rus, Isaac Haar, Joseph Robinson, Miles Wennblom, Leo Schmid, William Tschetter, Gabe Reeve, and Joseph Juenger (8).
        - **Award the \$1,000 Boys State Scholarship check.** With the Post Americanism Officer and the Commander. The scholarship winner was **Joseph Juenger** (see our FB page for pictures).

- Presentation of \$650 check to TIUFTT. A representative from Tee It Up was present to accept the check.
  - Presentation of New Officer Board to Commander R. Skjoldal.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 6/19/2024
  - Business Account: \$.
  - Membership Acct: \$.
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debits of \$650 to TIUFTT and \$300 to SDAL Foundation-not yet subtracted from total).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$350 from a Boys State Donor;). We have the BB scholarships coming up.
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$42 from fundraising and \$20 from membership).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$100).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$674 from Queen of Hearts).
  - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:** Held on Jun 15th
  - All finances were discussed.
  - Donation to The SDAL Foundation. Motion to donate \$300 again this year. Motion carried.
  - Tee It Up For the Troops Golf Tournament.
    - Motion to Sponsor a team for \$650 from Tolsma, second from Rodriguez. Motion carries.
  - New Patio furniture. Randy Decker will also take this one on. Tables (picnic type with a hole in the middle to add umbrellas was researched and ordered on Amazon yesterday at approximately \$200/each X 3. We already had the umbrellas donated by a liquor distributor.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
  - Paid so far 548 = **100.3% of goal.**
  - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 43 = **75% of goal.**
  - New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only). **FINAL Count: 39 new members!!**
    - Doug Harris (**10**)
    - Chris Van Delist (**4**)
    - Don Fuller (**4**)
    - Joe Aldentaler (**3**)
    - Lyle Tolsma (**3**)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (**3**)
    - Don Dosch (**3**)
    - Gary Stanley (**2**)

- Casey Hanson (2)
  - Don Snyder (1)
  - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
  - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
  - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer from Post 500.
  - Donald Miller (1)
- **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) were awarded to: **Don Fuller and Ryan Skjoldal**.
- **REMINDER: Please consider going to Legion.org and doing the 3 years in advance membership plan (\$40/year vs \$45 and \$50). You will save \$25 over the new membership rates and not have to worry about renewing during that time period.**
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on June 27th at 6:30 P.M.
  - Performed Flag Ceremony at BHNC on Memorial Day. Also placed and removed flags.
  - Texas Roadhouse fundraiser held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Jun.
  - May 29<sup>th</sup> South Side Pizza Ranch Fundraiser.
  - Upcoming Events:
    - Kool Deadwood Nights Fundraiser with the Legion Aux from Lead Post 31, 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of August.
    - July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Unaccompanied Veterans at BHNC at 0900.
    - July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade at Piedmont – lineup from 0830-0930.
    - Hot Springs Freedom Ride in Hot Springs will take place in August 4<sup>th</sup> ...Registration starts at 0900 and takeoff is 1000 if you want to sign up. Raises money for State Vets Home and VA in Hot Springs. Flag retirement rescheduled for Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 22 at 2 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Memorial Day Events were covered at several locations.
  - Looking for more Honor Guard Members.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Hosting pancake breakfast on 2nd Sunday of each month. From 0800 to 1100.
  - New Officers have been elected.
  - Next meeting will be in September. Taking the summer off.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - **Boys State:** We sent **14 young men** from Stevens HS (12), Rapid City Christian (1) and STM HS (1) signed up for Boys State.
  - **YTA:** 1 boy from Stevens HS: J.C. Denholm.

- **School Medal program.** I attended the awards ceremonies and presented The American Legion School medals at the following schools. North, South, East, West, Southwest, STM and RCC middles schools and RC Christian H.S. Commander Skjoldal presented the medals at STM H.S.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Not Present.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Ralph H. Rauert, Ellen J. Finch, and Charles (Chuck) A. Neve.
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
    - Last Man Standing and Wake Call List were also discussed. Please sign up for either or both. Contact Kelley Donnell if you have any questions: Phone #:
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
  - Not Present.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - Camera installation complete. Will add another camera over the cash registers in the future and probably one over the patio.
    - Purchased picnic tables for the patio for approximately \$600 total.
  - The Flag Ceremony scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to high winds. The new Date is 14 September.
- **New Business:**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - The State Convention starts this Friday in Pierre. Your delegates are: R. Skjoldal, D. Harris, L. Tolsma, E. Sanford, and John Fleming.
  - **Installation of new Pennington County Commander.**
    - Ernie Sanford was installed as the Pennington County Commander by District 2 Commander Chris Rendon. See pictures on FB.
  - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
    - Looking for a member in good standing to begin training for the **Adjutant position.** You will shadow the current Adjutant for a period of 10 months and then take over the position next April. Please contact Doug Harris if you are interested. 970-231-8556
    - **July 15<sup>th</sup> Tee It Up For The Troops Golf Tournament. Looking for volunteers and people to golf.**
      - Tony Anable, Kyle and Ryan Skjoldal signed up so far.
    - School backpack program on EAFB in July (Harris).
      - Breanna Donnell
      - Doug Harris
    - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Point of Contact for this is Commander Skjoldal. Still looking for volunteers to assist. The following individuals signed up:

- Kyle Skjoldal, Ryan Skjoldal, Kelley Donnell, and Don and Toni Fuller.
  - DAV: Christine Speirs reported the following upcoming events of interest...
    - June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1000 the Air and Space Museum reopens on EAFB.
    - July 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 A.M. Claims at the Local DAV office. Open M-F.
    - July 27<sup>th</sup> - Disability Resource Fair at Main Street Square from 11-2.
    - Mentioned several bills in Congress for Veterans. SB 280 and 3452; HR 3489, 5890, and 7434.
  - 40&8 Potluck Dinner at the Fuller's on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6711 Mondo Street at 5 P.M.
  - **Adjournment:** 7:15 P.M.
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 17th, 2024, 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): 39

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

ww.	Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X	X (Guard Duty)
xx.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X	
yy.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X	
zz.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X	
aaa.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X X (Guard Duty)
bbb.	Chaplain (K. Donnell)	X	
ccc.	Historian (J. Miller)	X	
ddd.	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: Duwayne Sundet (USA and USAF) and Ray Campbell (USAF).
    - Coins were presented to the new members.
  - Guests: Margaret Anable, Readjustment Counselor for VetCenter in Rapid City. Contact #: 605-348-0077. She talked about the different groups they offer counseling for, as well as the other services.
    - Eligibility requirements. Must have served in a combat zone, operated a drone, or sexual trauma.
    - 2 new services: military veterans in school and getting the GI bill or Vocational Rehab...you are eligible.
    - Including bereavement counseling.
    - She provided further information after the meeting
  - Presentations:
    - 2024 Boys Staters present at the meeting... spoke on their experience at Boys State and thanked the members for sending them.
      - Owen Coody Stevens HS
      - Jacob Williams “ “
      - Aaron Letner “ “
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 7/17/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debits of 650 to TIUFTT, \$300 to SDAL Foundation, and \$350 to the Black Hills Raptor Ctr.).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$1,000 in donations for the Post 22 Baseball fund; debits of \$1,000 transferred to the Scholarship Acct., for Joseph Juenger’s Boys State Scholarship).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits and ACH withdrawals for membership renewals only).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service and \$208 for supplies; no Deposits).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$. (Deposit of \$1,000 for the Boys State Scholarship).
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$615 from Queen of Hearts).
  - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
  - **Executive Committee update:** Held on July 20<sup>th</sup>
    - The meeting happens this coming Saturday, so nothing to report.
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - Paid so far approx. 214 = **39% of goal.** Includes 76 PUFLs and 52 “3 yr. in advance members”.
  - SAL: Goal of?: Paid so far 27 = **% of goal.**
  - Membership awards from the State Convention:
    - Go-Getter award for 2024. Attained 90% of goal by Midwinter.

- Membership retention award – Retaining 90% and above of current membership.
  - New members recruited
    - Doug Harris (2)
    - Ernie Sanford (1)
    - Mike Ball (1)
    - Gary Stanley (1)
  - **REMINDER: You can still pay for 3 years in advance, but now the price is \$45/year. Go to Legion.org and click on renew (you need your membership # and a credit card.)**
- **AL Riders** Report (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on June 27th at 6:30 P.M.
  - Upcoming Events:
    - July 25<sup>th</sup> we will be doing escort and flag line services for the Family of Richard Fox.
    - 2 August we are leading the opening parade for the Sturgis Rally.
    - August 17<sup>th</sup> we will be providing escort for the new State Commander in Piedmont.
    - Kool Deadwood Nights Fundraiser with the Legion Aux from Lead Post 31, 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of August.
    - Hot Springs Freedom Ride in Hot Springs will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> ...Registration starts at 0900 and takeoff is 1000 if you want to sign up. Raises money for State Vets Home and VA in Hot Springs.
    - Flag retirement rescheduled for Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 22 at 2 P.M.
- **Honor Guard** (G. Stanley):
  - Presented the colors multiple (6) times at the Post 22 Firecracker Tournament.
  - Honor Guard for multiple funerals during the last month. Welcomed a new member.
  - Always looking for more Honor Guard Members.
  - Leading the parade for State Commander homecoming in August.
  - Posting colors for the Nat CC dinner.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Car show on 11 August (last day of the Rally)
  - Gave a \$500 scholarship to a Post 22 BB player.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
  - Hosting pancake breakfast on 2nd Sunday of each month. From 0800 to 1100. Next one is on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Prices going up to \$10 due to additional foods being offered.
  - New Officers have been elected. Pictures of the new officers were posted on our website.

- ALA is giving a \$500 scholarship to a Post 22 Player.
- Next meeting will be on September 24th.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - Awards won at the State Convention:
    - Americanism Excellence Award for Post size 351 and above. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
    - Certificate of Meritorious Service in Americanism. We scored the second highest in the Americanism submissions. Second year in a row.
  - Congratulations to Doug Harris, who was named as the SD Boys State Assistant Director at their Corporation meeting last night. He will spend this year in training for the job and then become the Director of SD Boys State.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
  - Baseball Scholarship(s) to be awarded on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July during the double-header...**following the first game**. Hope to see you all at the game!
  - Winding down. There are two double headers left this Friday and Saturday.
  - Post 22 is ranked #2 behind Harrisburg. So, we will be in the playoffs for the State tournament. The State tournament starts on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month in Brookings.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: We were contacted by the VA that a 2-time Vietnam veteran retired from the Army and retired from service at the VA, John (Jack) Lundin was in an automobile accident in Sturgis and was on life support. They did locate one family member from NY who flew in to be with him. She made the decision to take him off life support but wanted someone to be with her so on July 4<sup>th</sup> Don and I spent several hours with her in the hospital till he passed. We then participated in the Honor Walk at Monument, and I drove her back up to Sturgis to his home. Since that time, we have made several trips to Sturgis to work through funeral arrangements and just being there for the family member. There will be a service at the National Cemetery this Thursday at 11:30 if anyone can attend.
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
  - Present. Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - Purchased picnic tables for the patio for approximately \$600 total. Still need bases for the umbrellas and a way to secure the tables to the property.
      - Thank you to Randy Decker, Kelley Donnell and Jason Skala for bringing this project together.

- Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT) Golf tournament. A huge thank you to our volunteers who helped at this tournament on Monday. Kyle Skjoldal, and Tony Anable who manned our fundraising tent. Also, those who had the pleasure of golfing for the Post 22 Team: Doug Harris, Gary Stanley, Mark Bruhn and Ron Hanson. The event was a huge success and raised lots of money for TIUFTT and Midwest Honor Flight.
- The Flag Ceremony scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to high winds. The new Date is 14 September.
- **New Business:**
  - With the upcoming elections, it is important that none of our members wear their Legion caps while attending political events. We are strictly non-partisan as an organization. You can vote for whomever you want and campaign for anyone you want, but if you wear your Legion Cap, it insinuates that The American Legion and our Post supports a particular candidate. **Please don't do it!!**
  - National Commander to visit the Rapid City SD area on August 13th. There will be a dinner at Post 22 that evening. Social begins at 6 P.M. Commander and guests arrive at 6:30, dinner starts at 7:00 P.M.
    - Menu: (Buffet style)
      - Bacon Cheeseburger Meatloaf (Wisconsin Cheese Curds of course),
      - mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and/or green beans,
      - salad bar, rolls and butter.
      - Dessert will be cheesecake with a variety of toppings.
      - Coffee and water provided. The bar will be open for all other beverages.
    - Cost: \$20/person (**must be paid in advance** with your RSVP). Make checks out to Post 22 and send to P.O. Box 895, Rapid City SD 57709. You can also drop off your payment in check or cash at the Post.
    - RSVP to Doug Harris at ([doughinut@gmail.com](mailto:doughinut@gmail.com) or [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com) ) and **pay in advance for the dinner. Cutoff for RSVP is 11 Aug.**
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - There will be a representative for **Midwest Honor Flight** making a presentation describing what it is and who can go during the 2 Aug BHVA meeting at Post 1273 VFW at 1200 noon.
- **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
  - Don Fuller: Honor Flight trip.
    - He's going on the 25 September Honor Flight. His son will be his guardian. The cost for his Guardian is \$850 so he is asking for donations to help pay for it.
  - Upcoming DAV events: Please check the Chapter 3 Facebook page for the latest events: <https://www.facebook.com/RapidCityDAV>

- New State Commander’s homecoming in Piedmont on August 17<sup>th</sup>, starts at 12 Noon at Piedmont Elementary School. See Up-To-Now for more information.
  - Hermosa Post 303 Beers and Ears will take place on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 P.M.
  - Member/Historian Jackie Miller has volunteered to begin training for the job of Post 22 Adjutant.
  - School backpack program on EAFB on Saturday, 27 July starting at 9 A.M. You will need to have access to the base.
    - D. Harris
    - B. Donnell
    - Tiffany Riner
    - Duwayne and Claudette Sundet
  - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Point of Contact for this is Commander Skjoldal. The following individuals signed up:
    - K. Skjoldal, R. Skjoldal, K Donnell, and Don and Toni Fuller. And Randy Decker.
  - **Adjournment:** 7:01 P.M.
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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The American Legion, Post 22  
 Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 August 21st, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

eee.	Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		X
fff.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X		
ggg.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
hhh.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
iii.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	
jjj.	Chaplain (K. Donnell)	X		
kkk.	Historian (J. Miller)	X		

III. 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: Mike Garr, USN from 71 - 75.
    - New member coins presentation.
  - Guests: Dylan Tipton and Coach Scott Burt.
  - Presentations:
    - Boys Staters present will speak on their experience at Boys State
      - Dylan Tipton
  - Guest Speaker: Rapid City Rush Hockey Team Coach Scott Burt. Coach Burt talked about how he and the team work with the community in many ways.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 8/21/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$350 for Veteran's & Children Fund for National CC visit).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 & \$2,500 from BB donors; Debits of \$3,000 for BB Scholarships).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$810 from fundraising).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service; Deposit of \$450).
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$819 from Queen of Hearts).
  - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Held on Aug 17th:
    - The financial health of the Post was discussed. We are currently doing very well. We can pay all of our employees and expenses; pay on our loan, spend money on upgrades/maintenance, and still put significant amounts toward savings and our programs.
    - A request was made to open the kitchen on Thursday nights for darts and pool. This request was denied, using past experiences of financial losses in the kitchen as the reason. We are currently making money with the kitchen being open only on Wednesday nights and providing catering for in-house events.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **338** for **62% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (3)
      - Ernie Sanford (1)
      - Lyle Tolsma (1)

- Don Dosch (1)
  - Mike Ball (1)
  - Gary Stanley (1)
  - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
  - Transfers In: 3
- Present 2024 pins to Ernie Sanford and Gary Stanley for each recruiting 2 new members in 2024.
- SAL renewals/new members of 45...no goal set yet.
  - New Members:
    - Doug Harris (1)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
    - Gary Stanley (1)
    - C. P. Van Delist (1)
    - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders Report** (John Fleming/Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in October.
  - 13 August: escorted the National Commander from Hot Springs to RC. Also did the POW/MIA table for this event.
  - 17 August: led the parade for the State Commander homecoming.
  - Cool Deadwood nights 22 -24 Aug – 11am to 8pm @ the train depot
  - 8<sup>th</sup> September picnic please bring a side and drink starts at 1pm. Riders and their guests are invited.
  - 14 September there will be a flag retirement ceremony here at the Post (weather permitting).
  - 18<sup>th</sup> September is an escort of wounded warriors to Orman Dam.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September Bingo at Fort Meade at the mess hall @ 2pm for Veterans in the nursing home.
  - October (no date given) going to go the first-grade class in Sturgis
  - 27<sup>th</sup> October having a Halloween party @ 1pm at the Post.
  - 15 Veterans will be presented with Quilts of Valor – Late October/ Beginning November.
  - Applied to decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December the riders Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Pictures with Santa Claus (a.k.a. Ernie Sanford)
- **Honor Guard** (G. Stanley):
  - 13 August - Posted the Colors at the Dinner for the National Commander.
  - 17 August – Posted the Colors at the State Commander’s Homecoming in Piedmont and led the parade back to Post 311.
  - Rescheduled: 15<sup>th</sup> of September – Flag Retirement @ 2pm at Post 22.

- Always recruiting new members.
  - TREA donated several flag bearing harnesses for the HG.
  - Received a \$100 donation from the owners of the Orange Julius/Dairy Queen.
  - Chaperone training for the Mid-West honor flight @ post 8am – 2pm
  - 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Possibly marching Color Guard
- **SAL (J. Skala):**
    - 31 boards for football seasons are now available. 4 boards are almost sold out for this SAL fundraiser.
    - Raised \$810 to RCSD meals during the annual car show – Was rounded up to \$1000. Will be presented after the City Council vote to allow matching funds.
    - Also doing pick’ems for football games.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller):**
    - Donated \$200 to go toward the RCAS school lunch program.
    - 8<sup>th</sup> of September is the next Pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Post. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.
    - Crafts Show 12<sup>th</sup> October 9 am – 2pm...here at the Post.
    - Craft Show 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 2pm
    - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak. Phone #: [\(605\) 394-4033](tel:6053944033)
- **Americanism (D. Harris):** Nothing new to report.
  - **Athletic Officer (Lyle Tolsma):** Nothing new to report.
  - **Chaplain (K. Donnell):**
    - Deaths and Sick Call:
      - Deaths: Robert J. “Butch” Sanders...services to be 9 A.M. August 23 at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home and then up to BHNC.
      - Sick Call: Paul Richter is fighting cancer. Chemo treatments.
  - **Post Service Officer (H. Rossander)**
    - Nothing new to report. Harry represented Post 22 at a meeting with Senator Rounds and Deputy Secretary of the VA last week. Discussions on lack of mental health services.
  - **Old Business:**
    - Facility update:
      - We upgraded our emergency exit lights and took steps to bring our equipment up to code.
      - Still working to find replacement chairs for the bar. They are exceptionally expensive to purchase.

- A new handmade high-top bar will be installed on the East wall of the bar, near the pool tables soon. This is a project taken on by EC Member Randy Decker.
- The National Commanders Dinner went very well on August 13th.
  - We had 52+ attendees. The dinner went very well, and we were able to show off our facility and members to yet another National Commander.
  - Thank you to the Honor Guard for posting the colors/etc.
  - Thank you to the Auxiliary for decorating the tables.
  - Thank you to Jason and Kelsey Skala for assisting with the setup/teardown/cleaning.
  - Thank you to B. Donnell for being our photographer.
- **New Business:**
  - Our next big event will be Veterans Day celebrations. Harris will be working with all “Family Members” to bring this event together. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let him know. Send an email to post22rc@gmail.com
- **Good of The American Legion (Any member):**
  - DAV Information for our members
    - DAV Information Fair: November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. at Post 22. Service Officers will be available to assist with filing VA claims. Contact Info: Christine Speirs at 605-787-2645. There will also be 30 Vendors present.
    - Vets Acts Going through Congress:
      - HR 3644 – Addressing Care Timelines (ACT) for Veterans Act
      - HR 6373/S 4009- Veterans Spinal Trauma Access to New Devices (STAND) Act
      - S 3885 – Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act.
      - HR 8347 – Improving Menopause Care for Veterans Act.
      - You can find all of these online at:  
<https://www.congress.gov/>
- **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
  - BH Vets March in September (R. Skjoldal). We are the last stop before the finish line in Deadwood. We have several volunteers already, but if you’d like to take part, please send an email to: post22rc@gmail.com
  - Veterans Day Event planning. This is our largest event of the year. Looking for people to help plan and execute this event. Currently, all Family Member Groups take part in their own way. I’m looking for someone who wants to be the Point of Contact to bring it all together.

This individual will receive training from Harris. Please send an email to: post22rc@gmail.com

- Tony Fuller thanked everyone for donating money to their son's guardian duties.
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Sgt. Levi Derr Foundation dinner. Tickets are available online.
  - Marine Corp League is having a dinner on 8 November at Elks Club. Mayor Saloman is the guest speaker that night.
    - There are free Girls Scout Cookies – first come, first serve.
  - **Adjournment:** 1905 (7:05 P.M)
  - **A social hour followed the meeting.**
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The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

September 18th, 2024, 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):

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

mmm.	Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
nnn.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)		X	X
ooo.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	X
ppp.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X	X	
qqq.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
rrr.	Chaplain (K. Donnell)	X		
sss.	Historian (J. Miller)	X		
ttt.	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:
    - Richard Berg, USN, hospital corpsman, Vietnam veteran.
    - New member coins presentation.
  - Guests:
    - Blixia Broussard, Boys State/Nation
  - Presentations:

- Dan Joynt, Celebrate Recovery Welcome Home
    - Program for veterans
    - Peer support
  - MSgt Wilson with the Soldier for Life program
    - Focus on transitioning soldiers out of the service
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 9/18/2024
  - Business Account: \$
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
  - SAL Acct: \$().
  - Honor Guard: \$ ().
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (Paid 2023 Boys State Scholarship of \$1,000 to Quinn Hasse).
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct.).
  - Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Will be held on September 21st: 0900
- **Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = Goal is 548.**
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **338 for 62% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (4)
      - Don Dosch (2)
      - Ernie Sanford (1)
      - Lyle Tolsma (1)
      - Mike Ball (1)
      - Gary Stanley (1)
      - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
      - Transfers In: 3
  - 2025 Goal is 51
    - SAL renewals/new members of **45 for 88% of goal**
      - New Members:
        - Doug Harris (1)
        - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
        - Gary Stanley (1)
        - C. P. Van Delist (1)
        - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders Report (John Fleming/Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in October.**
  - Cool Deadwood nights 22 -24 Aug
  - 8<sup>th</sup> September picnic.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> September did an escort of wounded warriors to Orman Dam.

- 27<sup>th</sup> September Bingo at Fort Meade at the mess hall @ 2pm
  - October going to go the first-grade class in Sturgis
  - 27<sup>th</sup> October having a Halloween party @ 1pm
  - 15 Veterans will be presented with Quilts of Valor – Late October/ Beginning November.
  - Applied to decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December the riders Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Picture with Santa
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
    - Always recruiting new members.
    - 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Possibly marching Color Guard
    - Will discuss flag retirement ceremony at the Honor Guard meeting on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
    - Raised \$810 to RCAS meals – Was rounded up to \$1000 possible more – From the car show. Have been unable to make an appointment with City Finance Officer to present the check. Possibly next week.
    - Also doing pick’ems for football games.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
    - Crafts Show 12<sup>th</sup> October 9 am – 2pm...here at the Post.
    - Craft Show 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 2pm
    - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak.
    - Pancake breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris): Nothing new to report.
  - **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Nothing new to report
  - **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
    - Deaths and Sick Call:
      - Deaths: Bradley Olson (Aug 15<sup>th</sup>)
      - Sick Call: Paul Richter has started chemo again. Mike Ball has been in the hospital.
  - **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)
    - 1. For recipients of veteran’s benefits payouts and Social Security benefits, the cost-of-living adjustment beginning in January 2025 could be less than 3%. If so, this would be the lowest mark since before the pandemic, according to the Senior Citizens League, an independent watchdog group. Most analysts believe

that the cost-of-living increase will be approximately 2.63%. The actual announcement of the COLA is typically made in early October. Congress ties increases in Veterans payouts to the Social Security Administration's calculations. The COLA is calculated based on the Consumer Price Index.

- 2. The VA recently announced plans to start transitioning veterans over the coming year to a more streamlined process to access benefit and healthcare services. The plan is to transition veterans to one of two sign-in options to access [va.gov](http://va.gov), either [login.gov](http://login.gov) or ID.me. Veterans can start the transition now if they visit [www.va.gov/sign-in-changes](http://www.va.gov/sign-in-changes). They can learn how to create a verified Login.gov or ID.me account. The process should take less than 10 minutes
- 3. How to report a veteran's death. According to the VA, the fastest way to report a veteran's death is to call 1-800-827-1000 and select #5. Agents are available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 9 pm ET. You can also go in person to a VA regional office, or you can send notice in the mail. The VA typically requires a copy of the Veteran's death certificate along with copies of any supporting documents that can help the VA verify the veteran's identity. Examples of documents include the death certificate, or public record of the veteran's death (obituary) and/or a discharge document like a DD214. The mailing address to send documents by mail is: Department of Veterans Affairs, Claims Intake Center, PO Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444. The VA asks that as much information as possible be reported to help verify the veteran's identity including the veteran's full name, Social Security number, or VA claim number, date of birth, date of death, and branch of service. It is very important that family members report the veteran's death as soon as possible to avoid having to pay back benefits.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - We upgraded our emergency exit lights and took steps to bring our equipment up to code. Also replaced the system on the "hood" in the kitchen that is used to extinguish a fire. Along with a fire extinguisher inspection/replacement. The cost was approximately \$3,500.
    - Still working to find replacement chairs for the bar. They are exceptionally expensive to purchase.
    - The new handmade high-top bar was installed on the East wall near the pool tables. This project was taken on by EC Member Randy Decker with the assistance of Chaplain K. Donnell.
    - Awards: 2024 Post Membership Retention Award from the Department of South Dakota American Legion. District 2 Legionnaire of the Year Award.
- **New Business:**
  - Our next big event will be Veterans Day celebrations. Harris will be working with all "Family Members" to bring this event together. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let him know.

- Free meals for veterans
  - Last year we provided about 200 meals for veterans
  - District 2 Mtg Notes (not available)
  - Black Hills Veteran's March
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - DAV Information for our members
    - DAV Information Fair: 16 November from 0900-1500, here at the Post
    - Vets Acts Going through Congress:
      - HR 3644 – Addressing Care Timelines (ACT) for Veterans Act
      - HR 6373/S 4009- Veterans Spinal Trauma Access to New Devices (STAND) Act
      - S 3885 – Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act.
      - HR 8347 – Improving Menopause Care for Veterans Act.
      - HR 8560: End Veteran Homeless Act of 2024
      - HR 7816:
      - SB 3571: Veterans Transportation to Care Act
      - DAV open the first Saturday of every month 0900-1100 to do claims. Open Monday-Friday.
  - **Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)**
    - Veterans Day Event planning. This is our largest event of the year. Looking for people to help plan and execute this event. Currently, all Family Member Groups take part in their own way. I'm looking for someone who wants to be the Point of Contact to bring it all together. This individual will receive training from Harris.
    - October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Derr Foundation dinner. Tickets are available online.
    - Marine Corp League is having a birthday dinner on 8 November at Elks Club. Mayor Soloman is the guest speaker that night.
  - Air Force Birthday. Please join us for cake following the meeting.
  - Stand Down hosted by the VA at the Holiday Inn by the Convention Center from 1000-1400.
  - 40/8 Banquet on March 7, 2025. Tickets \$50 each. Mr. Fuller has MC duties.
- **Adjournment:** 1900

**A social hour followed the meeting.**

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The American Legion, Post 22  
Membership Meeting - Minutes  
October 16th, 2024, 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): There were approximately 30 members/guests in attendance.

Follow with officer roll call: Present/Absent/ Excused

uuu.	Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
vvv.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)		X	X
www.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
xxx.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
yyy.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	
zzz.	Chaplain (K. Donnell)	X		
aaaa.	Historian (J. Miller)	X		
bbbb.	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:
    - Rochelle Schultz: Army National Guard.
    - New member coins presentation.
  - Guests:
    - Meade County Vice Commander and wife Kendra joined us. They are both members of our Honor Guard.
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 10/16/2024
  - Business Account: \$.
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$. (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$170.45 to pay for BH Vets March materials).
  - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500 and \$700 from FIB for 2024 Boys State).
  - SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$390 from 2 football fundraisers; Debit of \$1,000 for RCAS School Lunch program).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$100 from Orange Julius; Debit of \$289 for jackets and \$31 for phone bill).

- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (Paid 2023 Boys State Scholarship of \$1,000 to Quinn Hasse).
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$400 from Queen of Hearts; Debits of \$2,900 to pay for kitchen hood upgrade).
- Loan: (\$) (\$2,450 pd on loan since last report).
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 0900
  - September Meeting Report: As always, the finances were reviewed and discussed. Currently, we are doing well despite unexpected expenses for upgrading the kitchen hood (approximately \$3,500) and fixing our ice machine (\$900+).
  - Since September, the EC has approved and funded the repair/restriping of the parking lots (work in progress). This was made possible through generous donations from one of our SAL members and one of our customers (\$5K each-\$10K total). This covered approximately 42% of the overall cost. The remainder will be paid from our Savings Account (money put aside for just such projects).
    - **If any other members would like to donate money for this cause, you can contact Doug Harris at 970-231-8556 or email him at [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com).**
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548**.
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **360 for 66% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (7)
      - Don Dosch (2)
      - Ernie Sanford (1)
      - Lyle Tolsma (1)
      - Mike Ball (1)
      - Gary Stanley (1)
      - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
      - Transfers In: 7
  - 2025 SAL **Goal is 51**
    - SAL renewals/new members of **45 for 88% of goal**
      - New Members:
        - Doug Harris (1)
        - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
        - Gary Stanley (1)
        - C. P. Van Delist (1)
        - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in October.
  - 18<sup>th</sup> September did an escort of wounded warriors to Orman Dam.

- 27<sup>th</sup> September Bingo at Fort Meade at the mess hall @ 2pm
  - 14 October, Flag Line at BHNC.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> October having a Halloween party at 1pm
  - 15 Veterans will be presented with Quilts of Valor – October 30<sup>th</sup> approximately 1 P.M. Will be here at the Post. Several of the recipients are members of our Riders group.
  - John Fleming had shoulder surgery, and it went well. He is recovering.
  - Applied to decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building. Has been approved. Looking for pictures of the members to be put on the tree.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December the riders Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Picture with Santa.
  - On 11 November they will be in the Parade (bikes). They will be meeting at 0900 in front of the VFW.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
    - Always recruiting new members.
    - 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Possibly marching Color Guard with the flags leading our group.
    - 19 October at approximately 11:30 – Project Warmth with the Salvation Army. In the downtown RC Square.
    - 23 November approx. 1 P.M. at the Post. Fundraiser for the Honor Guard. Prizes will be frozen turkeys.
    - 18 January 2025 at approx. 6 P.M. there will be a casino night fundraiser.
    - Sexy Bingo at Robbinsdale Bowling Alley. Mention that you are there for Post 22 and they will set aside some of the funds for our Honor Guard.
    - **Next meeting will be 21 October at 18:30.**
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
    - Raised \$810 to RCAS meals – Was rounded up to \$1000 – From the car show. This money was presented to RCAS on 3 October.
    - Also doing pick'ems for football games.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Fuller):
    - Craft Show scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 2pm, also at the Post.
    - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak. Dan Conrad is the principal; you can contact him at 605-394-4033
    - **Pancake breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Next breakfast will be on 10 November.**

- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - The application for 2025 Boys State is now available at <https://southdakotaboysstate.org/>
  - We do not have anyone signed up for the Oratorical Contest yet.
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 8 A.M – 10 A.M - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Americanism Flag etiquette/pledge of allegiance at STM. Looking for volunteers to assist with this. Call Don Fuller at 715-425-5817.
  - **Joe Juenger, one of our 2024 Boys Staters, and the recipient of our Boys State Scholarship has been accepted to West Point. Congratulations Joe!!**
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): Nothing new to report.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Vincent R. Ragels died in FL. There will be a service down there at a future date.
    - Sick Call: Paul Richter is still doing poorly. Fuller is still alive after having pneumonia. John Fleming just had shoulder surgery.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander): Nothing to report
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - Upgraded the Kitchen Hood. This was required by the Fire Marshal to bring us up to date.
    - Also redoing our parking lots.
    - Still working to find replacement chairs for the bar. They are exceptionally expensive to purchase.
- **New Business:**
  - Our next big event will be Veterans Day celebrations. Harris will be working with all “Family Members” to bring this event together. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let him know.
    - Free meal for veterans. Requires proof (VA Card, SD Drivers License with Veteran designation, current membership card for The American Legion, DAV, VFW etc.)
    - Last year we provided about 200 meals for veterans.
  - Gardening for the Post (John Rankin)
    - Looking for a couple of members to create a group that can help to keep the weeds under control and possibly plant some Perennials. Hoping to get 3 or 4 members to create a “Grounds Committee”. You would take turns working to keep the weeds under control. John will be the Chairman/Scheduler. Please contact John at 517-927-3956, or email at [jsrank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsrank@sbcglobal.net)
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):

- **Legion Involvement in politics:** Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion states, “The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.”
  - If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with The American Legion emblem visible, must be removed so as not to imply any endorsement by The American Legion. This includes in person or over social media.
  - The American Legion values its independence and effectiveness on veterans’ issues. This stance is best maintained by neutrality on all individual candidates or political parties. The American Legion, by legal definition, is non-partisan and supports “or opposes as necessary” only issues which impact the Four Pillars.
- DAV Information for our members:
  - Several bills are currently being considered in Congress that affect Veterans. If you would like to get this information, please go to: <https://www.dav.org/member-resources/legislation/>
  - DAV Fall Information Fair is Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9-3 at Post 22. There will be 35 Vendors here at the Post.
- 40 & 8 events:
  - 26 October starting at 5 P.M. potluck at 6711 Mondo Street at Don Fuller’s home. BYOB.
  - Sponsoring a “Chuck A Puck” during the hockey game on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 7 P.M. This is part of their fundraising to provide Nursing Scholarships.
- Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)
  - Veterans Day Event planning. This is our largest event of the year. Looking for people to help plan and execute this event. Currently, all Family Member Groups take part in their own way. I’m looking for someone who wants to be the Point of Contact to bring it all together. This individual will receive training from Harris.
  - See New Business report on “Gardening Committee”.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Derr Foundation dinner/gala. Tickets are available online: <https://www.sergeantderrfoundation.org/>
- **Marine Corp Birthday events:**
  - **Marine Corp League** is having a birthday dinner on 8 November at Elks Club. Mayor Soloman is the guest speaker that night. For Reservations/Info call/text Morgan at 605-940-0818, or email: MCLBlackhills484@gmail.com
  - There will also be a cake for the birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 2 P.M at Post 22. Come and help us celebrate and eat some cake.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>: Election Day...don’t forget to vote!

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: We've Got Your Six standdown event: Sturgis 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

**Adjournment:** at 702 pm. A social followed.

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The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

November 20th, 2024, 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): There were 26 members/guests in attendance.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

cccc.	Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
dddd.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)		X	
eeee.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	X
ffff.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
gggg.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	
hhhh.	Chaplain (K. Donnell)		X	X
iiii.	Historian (J. Miller)	X		
jjjj.	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:
    - John Lavery (Korea Era) US Army 50-53; Pat Gatens USAF 21 years Active Duty and Reserve; Jim Bishop served in Vietnam 3 years active Army and then Army National Guard.
    - New member coins presentation.
  - Guests:
    - Lindsey Seachris with **Black Hills Center for Aging** will be our Presenter this evening. She handed out brochures, spoke and answered questions.
- Financial Report (Harris) as of: 11/20/2024
  - Business Account (Rodriguez): \$.

- Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits and PUFL check \$409.25; Deposit from Veterans Day Dinner was \$1,068 [\$300 in donations] with expenses of: \$540).
- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500, and a \$100 donation, and a transfer of \$1,713 from savings to pay back for parking lot check).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$250 from World Series boards; \$150 donation to ALR Christmas party).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit \$1,142.53; Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$574 from Queen of Hearts; Debit of \$1,713 transferred to Benevolence Acct to reimburse for parking lot check).
- Loan: (\$) Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in October. Our November payment will take us below \$30K
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - Meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 0900 - Meeting Report:
    - Main topic of discussion was our finances as always. We are maintaining a healthy situation. We continue to complete Facility upgrades as fast as we can afford them.
    - Voted to provide **\$200 to our Riders** to help pay for Christmas Gifts for their Christmas Party.
    - Voted to provide the **“house chili” for the SD Mines Veterans group** Chili Cookoff.
    - They voted to replace our **business computer** with a new one and now receive support (backups etc.) from a new provider (LinkTech). **Job completed but still working minor glitches.**
    - Approved renewing our **Nonprofit Status with USPS** and subsequently utilized Western Mailers to send out the Veterans Day Event postcard to approximately 520 members.
    - Authorized the purchase of new chairs for the bar – only 12 were available at a total price of: \$1,548
    - Authorized the creation of a Capital Campaign Committee. Members selected were D. Harris and J. Miller.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **427 for 78% of goal**
    - New members:
      - Doug Harris (**11**)
      - Don Dosch (**4**)
      - Ernie Sanford (1)

- Lyle Tolsma (1)
  - Mike Ball (1)
  - Gary Stanley (1)
  - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
  - Don Fuller (1)
  - Transfers In: 8
- 2025 SAL **Goal is 51**
  - SAL renewals/new members of **51 for 100% of goal**
    - New Members:
      - **Jackie Miller (3)**
      - Doug Harris (1)
      - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
      - Gary Stanley (1)
      - C. P. Van Delist (1)
      - Corby Hall (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford): Next meeting will be in December due to the November meeting falling on Thanksgiving.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> October held a Veteran's social at Ft. Meade.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> October hosted a Halloween party.
  - 30 October - 15 Veterans were presented with Quilts of Valor.
  - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will decorate a Christmas tree at the capitol building.
  - Ernie won the chili cookoff at Post 315 on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Did an escort on 4 Nov from Sturgis VFW to BHNC with Riders from Post 33.
  - We were in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> and helped with the dinner.
  - A Flag line on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at BHNC.
  - Nov 17<sup>th</sup> did a flag line for the National ALA President at the Airport. And attended a dinner/ceremony at Post 164 in Spearfish.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December the riders will have their Christmas Party at the Post @ 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December is going to be the kids Christmas Party @ 2pm to 5pm. – Pictures with Santa.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - Always recruiting new members.
  - 11 Nov – Led the Veterans Day parade.
  - 23 November approx. 1 P.M. at the Post. Fundraiser for the Honor Guard. Prizes will be frozen turkeys and many other items.
  - 18 January 2025 at 6 P.M. there will be a casino night fundraiser.

- Sexy Bingo at Robbinsdale Bowling Alley for the Month of March. Mention that you are there for Post 22 and they will set aside some of the funds for our Honor Guard.
- Will be working with VFW Honor Guard to split days at BHNC. Still working the issue.
- **Next meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:30 P.M.**
- **SAL (J. Skala):**
  - Still doing pick'ems for football games.
  - Donated \$150 for the ALR Childrens Christmas Party
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller):**
  - Craft Show scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 9am – 2pm, also at the Post.
  - All year long West Middle School would like to have Veterans speak to children. Call the Principal if you would like to speak. Dan Conrad is the principal; you can contact him at 605-394-4033.
  - Donated \$150 to ALR for Christmas Party gifts.
  - **Pancake breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Next breakfast will be on 8 December from 8 - 11.**
  - **A member of the ALA will be going into assisted living soon and want to give away her electric wheelchair and upright freezer.** If you need either of these items, please contact Bel at 605-863-0899. You will then need to make arrangements to pick them up.
- **Americanism (D. Harris):**
  - The application for 2025 Boys State is now available at <https://southdakotaboysstate.org/>
  - We have two Stevens HS Seniors signed up for the Oratorical Contest.
  - The Post level Oratorical competition will take place on 8 December at 1130.
  - The District 2 competition will take place on 12 January at 1000...at SD Mines.
- **Athletic Officer (Lyle Tolsma):** the only thing to report is that we're having a Commissioners' meeting the 15th of December in Pierre starting at 11:00 AM at Post 8. Baseball registrations will begin in January for the upcoming season.
- **Chaplain (K. Donnell):**
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Ed Meyer and Greg Fordyce. A moment of silence was taken to honor our members who have passed.
    - Sick Call: Paul Richter is now in hospice.
    - Fuller talked about a recent Veteran Suicide.
- **Post Service Officer (H. Rossander):** See attached document.
- **Old Business:**

- Facility update – current projects (Harris/Decker/Smith).
  - Bar Chairs (Decker): **Ongoing...waiting for a test chair.**
  - Parking Lot update (Smith): **Completed.**
  - The camera in lower room is **Fixed.**
- Post 22 supplied the **chili for the SD Mines Veterans Club Chili Cookoff** event again this year. Cost to us of \$117.24 for supplies (Jason Skala – SAL CDR - volunteered his time to make it and get it to the group): This amount was reimbursed to the Post from the Benevolence Acct.
- Results of the **Veterans Day Event**: The Post invested \$540 (\$120.45 for turkeys and \$420.31 for the other ingredients) into the food items for this event. That amount was paid back to the Post Business Account from the Membership Account.
  - **We served over 300 people this year.**
  - Thanks go out to **Jason (SAL)** who cooked 10 of the turkeys,
    - helped set up/tear down the rooms
    - supervised the preparation of the rest of the meal (Toby Farrand and Kyle Skjoldal);
  - **The Auxiliary** who provided a “million” pieces of pie and decorated for the event; and
  - **The Riders** who helped serve the meal; and
  - **Troop 72 Scouts/Leaders** for assisting the guests and passing out letters/flags to our Veterans; and
  - **The Honor Guard**, who represented at the Parade and who set up the flags for the event; and
  - finally, **the Officers** who helped manage the event in so many ways!
  - **This was truly a Legion Family event!**
- **New Business:**
  - Jackie Miller has reached out to our First Responder Agencies to get nominations for the Firefighter, Law enforcement, and EMT/Paramedic of the year. They should be completed and submitted in December.
- **Good of The American Legion (Any member):**
  - DAV Information for our members (C. Speirs): Not present
    - Several bills are currently being considered in Congress that affect Veterans. If you would like to get this information, please go to: <https://www.dav.org/member-resources/legislation/>
  - Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)
    - **Gardening for the Post** (John Rankin)
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- **Event Planner:** Looking for a member who likes to help plan events like Veterans Day, Legion Birthday, and visits from Dignitaries (National Commander etc.). It would involve being the Point of Contact (POC) and working with all the Legion Family Groups (TAL/SAL/ALA/ALR) to coordinate their efforts. Harris would provide the training for this. Member **Jennifer Haleakala volunteered to pick up this position.**

- **Adjournment:** at 6:56 pm. A social hour followed.
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The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

December 18th, 2024, at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.).

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- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
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- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
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- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): There were 26 members/guests in attendance.

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oooo.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X
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- 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:
    - Malcolm McCalab- USN; Craig Goodrich – USAF; and Bill Paquette - USA.

- New member coins presentation.
  - Guests:
    - None.
- Financial Report (Harris) as of: 12/18/2024
  - Business Account (Rodriguez): \$.
  - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$200 for Children's Christmas Party).
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  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
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Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in November. This is down from (\$)  
**one year ago.**
  - **Executive Committee update:**
    - Meeting will be held on December 21st at 0900 – No Meeting Report:
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - TAL renewals/new members to date: **465** for **85% of goal (1% behind last year)**
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      - Ryan Skjoldal (**2**)
      - Don Fuller (**2**)
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  - Did an escort on.
  - We were in the Parade of Lights in November.
  - 14 December we placed wreaths at BHNC for Wreaths Across America.
  - We donated money to buy dinner for 5 needy families at Grocery Mart in Sturgis.
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  - On December 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a social at Ft. Meade retirement community.
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  - Always recruiting new members.
  - 23 November Fundraiser for the Honor Guard was held at the Post. Raised \$.
  - On 18 January 2025 at 6 P.M. there will be a casino night fundraiser. Theme of Casino Royale...please dress up and look pretty. Knights of Columbus bring their casino games. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.
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  - The District 2 competition will take place on 12 January at 1000...at SD Mines.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): The following information was provided:
  - Baseball registration starts January 1<sup>st</sup>, and season ticket sales will follow right after that.
  - 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.
- **Chaplain** (K. Donnell):
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: Paul Richter and Curtis Helfenstein. A moment of silence for our departed brothers.
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander): See attached document.
  - 1. Senator Elizabeth Dole 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. The House of Representative passed a new comprehensive bill for Veterans Care and Benefits. The bill does the following:
    - Increases the VA's coverage for home and community-based nursing care from 65% to 100%, giving aging and disabled veterans more options to receive care in their homes.
    - Increases per diem payments for transitional housing providers from 115% to 133% of costs.
    - Authorizes the VA to provide basic necessities such as bedding, food, and transportation to medical appointments for unhoused veterans.
    - Includes measures to improve workforce retention within the VA healthcare system.
    - Requires annual pay evaluations for healthcare professionals and allows for recruitment and retention bonuses. Some of the changes are aimed at strengthening the VA's ability to attract and retain qualified healthcare workers.
    - The Bill now moves to the Senate, which must act before the end of the congressional session in January.

- 2. Doug Collins, a Navy Veteran, Air Force Reserve Chaplain, Baptist Minister, and former Congressman has been nominated to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Collins brings a diverse background in Military Service, ministry, and public office to the role, which he is set to assume pending Senate confirmation.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update – current projects (Harris/Decker/Smith).
    - Bar Chairs (Decker): **Chairs have been purchased (12) to help replace old/worn out ones.** Waiting to see if we want to upgrade the wheels/seat covers before we put them out at the bar. We were able to purchase these chairs at a much-reduced price but were only able to get 12 instead of the 20 we needed, so there will be a mix of chairs at the bar.
  - The transition piece between the tile and the carpet has been replaced in the bar and on the large meeting room stage. A huge thank you to Tom Grigsby and Doug Harris for taking on and completing this project.
- **New Business:**
  - Jackie Miller has reached out to our First Responder Agencies to get nominations for the Firefighter, Law enforcement (LEO), and EMT/Paramedic (RCFD) of the year. At this point we have received a nomination from Pennington County Sheriff's Office for the LEO, but nothing from the RCFD...still working that one.
  - The 106<sup>th</sup> Legion Birthday party will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 and the Post Everlasting ceremony will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Times to be announced as the date gets closer.
  - Nothing
- **Good of The American Legion (Any member):**
  - DAV Information for our members (C. Speirs): Not present
    - Several bills are currently being considered in Congress that affect Veterans. If you would like to get this information, please go to: <https://www.dav.org/member-resources/legislation/>
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- **Event Planner:** Member **Jennifer Haleakala volunteered to pick up this position.** She will begin training with Adjutant Harris and will take on The American Legion 106<sup>th</sup> birthday party in March.
- Don Fuller talked about Last Man Standing. Gave the details.
- Don Fuller talked about the 40&8 banquet where they raise money to give away Nursing Scholarships. He was offering tickets for the event.
- **Adjournment:** at 6:37 pm. A social hour followed.