



The American Legion, Post 22
Membership Meeting - Minutes
December 17, 2025, at 1800.

- **Opening Ceremonies** (Commander) (6 P.M.).
 - Post and salute the Colors.
 - Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
 - POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
 - Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
 - Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
 - Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): There were 22 members in attendance.
- **Roll Call:**

	Present/Absent/Excused
○ Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X
○ 1 st Vice Commander (D. Dosch)	X
○ 2 nd Vice Commander (J. Haleakala)	X
○ Adjutant (J. Miller)	X
○ Finance Officer (D. Harris)	X
○ Chaplain (G. Stanley)	X
○ Historian (K. Donnell)	X
○ Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable)	X
- **Minutes** of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- **Introduction** of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - New members:
 - Bob Patterson, USAF
- **Financial Report (Harris) as of: 12/17/2025**
 - Business Account: \$

- Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; donations from fundraising and personal of \$2,050; transfer of \$2,050 to business account to pay for purchase of chairs).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals; deposit of \$250 donation for Christmas Party).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$100; Debits of \$33.58 for phone and \$271.92 for uniform items).
- Riders Checking: \$
- Riders Savings: \$
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$2,000 deposited from Business Acct., and \$1,084 from Queen of Hearts).
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - The next meeting will take place on 12/20/25 @ 0900.
- **Membership (Dosch/Harris): 2026 Membership year started 1 July.**
 - TAL 2026 Goal is 563
 - Renewals/new members to date: **470 for 83.4% of goal**
 - Those members who have recruited new members:
 - **Doug Harris (3)**
 - **Randy Decker (1)**
 - **Don Fuller (1)**
 - **Ryan Skjoldal (1)**
 - **Lowell Dethlefs (1)**
 - **Jason Skala (1)**
 - **Tom Smith (1)**
 - Transfers in (8)
 - HQE (those who signed up on National Site) transferred to Post 22 (15) as of 12/16/2025.
 - 2026 SAL Goal is 63:
 - SAL renewals/new members of **54 for 86% of goal.**

- **AL Riders Report** (Ernie Sanford):
 - Dec 4 – Rider’s Christmas Party
 - Dec 12 – Delivered Christmas gifts (about 57) to CASA.
 - Dec 13 – Wreaths Across America BHNC (all headstones got a wreath).
 - Dec 13 – Beer Booth @ Harley Davidson Fund Raiser.
- **Honor Guard** (Skjoldal):
 - Ordered new uniform items – winter weather gear.
 - Email received to participate in the Shootin’ Toot on Memorial Day.
 - Will be locking in a date (March 2026) for another Casino Night fundraiser.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - Christmas party for 35 kids (Sunday, December 14) at Post 22.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - The Post Oratorical Contest took place on 7 December at Post 22. So far, we have only 1 participant. Lewis Carlyle won at the Post level and will be receiving at least \$250 in scholarship monies. He will compete at the District 2 competition on 4 January at 10 A.M. This competition will be held at SD Mines in the ROTC Department.
 - Registration for Boys State is now open. If you know a Junior or Senior HS boy that should be attending, please let them know. Have them go to this website to sign up: southdakotaboysstate.org
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
 - Open registration starts Jan 1, 2026.
 - Snowed out for Commissioner’s Meeting. – New meeting date Jan 11 in Pierre.
 - All tournament dates/sites will be chosen.
 - Added 14U program.
 - 2026 Class A Tournament will be in Rapid City.
 - Dave Ploof Tournament will be started this year in place of the old Gopher Tournament that used to be held in Minnesota.

- **Chaplain** (G. Stanley):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
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 - Tim Ley – longtime Post 22 fan
 - Sick Call:
 - Cynthia Douglas – Diagnosed w/Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander):
 - Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - Firefighter of the Year nominee package received.
 - Need assistance next year with the LEO and EMT of the Year award.
- **Adjournment** at 1830. A social hour followed.