



The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

March 19th, 2025, 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 members/guests in attendance.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present/Absent/ Excused

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| a. Commander (R. Skjoldal)                    | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (D. Dosch)  | X |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                       | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)             |   | X |   |
| f. Chaplain (K. Donnell)                      | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (J. Miller)                      |   | X | X |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (A. Anable)               |   | X | X |
- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - New members:
      - Ross J. Smith transferred from IN 248, USAF Veteran and recently retired from his job and moved to Lead SD. Welcome to Post 22!
    - Guests:
      - None.
  - Financial Report (Harris) as of: 3/19/2025
    - Business Account: \$
    - Membership Acct: \$ (Regular membership deposits/withdrawals).
    - Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Debit of \$300 for EOY – not yet reflected).
    - Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Donations of \$4,050 so far for Boys State).

- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposit \$1,000 from donation for Baseball Boards; debits of \$2,500 to RCAS School Lunch program, \$700 to sponsor 2 Boys Staters, \$350 to sponsor 1 Girls Stater).
- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit \$700 from fundraising; Debits of \$33.53 for phone bill).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$.
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$1,000 deposited from Business Acct. and \$546 from Queen of Hearts).
- Loan: (\$) – **this is down from \$49,150 in March 2024.** We Pd \$2,429.47 on loan in February; **Pd down \$10,000 on principle in February.** Our goal is to have it paid off by the end of June or July.
- **Executive Committee update:**
  - March meeting was held on the 15th at 0830:
    - Your EC members approved a donation of \$300 for our 2024/2025 Educator of The Year – Dr. Smith from Stevens HS.
    - Approved the purchase of 2 sets of metal stairs for the stage. These are portable and can be moved as necessary.
    - All our insurance policies have increased again this year. Commander Skjoldal volunteered to seek bids from another provider.
    - Our commercial refrigerator in the kitchen broke and the bid to fix it was \$2,200. We decided to scrap it and purchase 2 regular refrigerator/freezers from Menards for about \$1,000 total.
    - Cost of Living raises were approved for our Club Manager and Bookkeeper.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2025 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 548.**
  - **TAL Goal is 548**
    - renewals/new members to date: **525 for 96% of goal.**
      - New members:
        - Doug Harris (16)
        - Don Dosch (4)
        - Ryan Skjoldal (3)
        - Don Fuller (2)
        - Ernie Sanford (1)
        - Lyle Tolsma (1)
        - Mike Ball (1)
        - Gary Stanley (1)
        - Corby Hall (HG) (1)
      - **Transfers In: 17** (5 of those were from the National Post 500 group...these were locals who wanted to be part of our Post)
  - 2025 SAL **Goal is 51**
    - SAL renewals/new members of **55 for 106% of goal**
- **AL Riders** Report (Ernie Sanford):
  - Next meeting will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.
  - Sponsored a Social at Ft Meade for the Nursing Home in February.
  - **22 Mar 25** – POW/MIA table for AL Birthday
  - Planning a Ride to Beartooth
  - Planning to place flags at BHNC on Memorial day. Applying for permit.

- **28 Mar 25** – Social at Ft. Meade 1400 to 1500. To be repeated last Friday of each month.
- **30 Mar 25** – Game and social day at the post. Bring a game and an item for Potluck. This will be held from 1300 to 1700.
- **6 Apr 25** – District 2 Meeting @ Hot Springs @ 1200 social 1300 Meeting
- **May 25** – Planning to do a motorcycle parade and car parade at Ft. Meade.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
  - For the Month of March, we are receiving ½ of the proceeds from Sexy BINGO @ Robbinsdale starts @ 1900.
  - **21 March 25** – Practice for the Post Everlasting @ 1800 @ Post 22. Doing the Post Everlasting event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - **24 June 25** – We will be having a dart tournament here at Post 22 @ 1500.
  - **2 – 6 July 25** – The Honor Guard will be setting up the beer tent during the Firecracker Tournament. Also, we will be conducting Color Guard for the tournament.
  - **Next meeting will be the of 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:00 P.M.**
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
  - Held their members meeting on 11 March to decide how to distribute funds raised (**total of \$3,550**).
    - **Presented a check for \$2,500 to the RCAS School lunch program on 17 March.**
    - **Donated \$700 to Post 22 Americanism to sponsor 2 Boys Staters.**
    - **Donated \$350 to Post 22 Auxiliary to sponsor 1 Girls Stater.**
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report:** No representative present.
  - Hosting a Chili Cookoff on March 29th.
  - 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 13 April from 8 - 11.**
  - Next meeting will be March 25th at 6 P.M.
  - Donating the Birthday cake for the Post 106<sup>th</sup> bday on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 10 May we will be hosting a rummage sale.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - The application for 2025 Boys State is now available at <https://southdakotaboysstate.org/>
    - I currently have **18 boys signed up for 2025 session**. 15 from Stevens HS and 3 from Central HS. Interviews should be complete by tomorrow.
  - School Medal presentations begin in May.
    - Medals will be presented at North, South, East, West, Southwest Middle Schools, and St Thomas More and Rapid City Christian Middle and High Schools.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): The following information was provided:

- The first games are coming up in about 3 weeks. 140 games this season from all 5 teams. If you would like to purchase a season pass, please contact Lyle and he will help you with that (post22rc@gmail.com).
- 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.
- We are waiting to hear if Post 22 is awarded the 2026 and 2027 National Regional Tournaments here in Rapid City.
- This is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Legion Baseball which started in Milbank SD. The National Commander wants to have a special tournament in Milbank SD where Legion BB started. There will be teams from several of the surrounding states. Everyone is invited.
  - Dates are: July 11 – 13?
  - 1 team each from SD, NE, MN, ND
  - National Commander will be in attendance.
- **Chaplain (K. Donnell):**
  - Deaths and Sick Call:
    - Deaths: John R. Haywood passed on 13 January 2025.
    - Sick Call: Nothing to report.
    - Post Everlasting ceremony will be held on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 P.M.** We will be recognizing 15 members who've passed away.
- **Post Service Officer (H. Rossander):** Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update – Nothing to report.
  - **The 106<sup>th</sup> Legion Birthday party will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 starting at 12 Noon**
  - **Post Everlasting ceremony will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 starting at 1 P.M.**
    - Practice for Post Everlasting will be next Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) evening at 6 P.M. All parties (Honor Guard and Officers who will be onstage) should attend.
- **New Business:**
  - Nominations for Legionnaire of The Year for Post 22.
    - The Executive Committee nominated Tom Smith. (show the writeup)
    - Vote was unanimous.
  - Naja Shrine Circus contacted me today and asked if we would donate money to purchase tickets for youth.
    - \$12 each. Recommend we donate \$120 to purchase 10 tickets. Ed Mills made a motion to approve purchasing 10 tickets, seconded by Ernie Sanford. **Motion carried. Harris will write a check from the Benevolence Fund.**
    - POC is Diane at 605-791-5014
  - Nominations for 2025-2026 Officers. This is the first round...nominations can also be submitted at our Annual Meeting in April.
    - Commander:
      - Ryan Skjoldal
    - Finance Officer:
      - Doug Harris
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice:
      - Don Dosch
      - Randy Decker

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:
  - Jennifer Haleakala
- Chaplain:
  - Gary Stanley
- Historian:
  - Kelley Donnell
- Sgt At Arms:
  - Tony Anable
- Executive Committee members:
  - Lyle Tolsma
  - Ernie Sanford
  - Randy Decker
  - Don Dosch
  - Doug Harris
  - Tom Smith
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
  - DAV representative Speirs info: Ms. Speirs was unable to attend the meeting, so the information below is all I have...no additional explanation available if it is confusing.
    - Check your VA ID cards for an expiration date - can only get new cards at Ft. Meade or Hot Springs VA.
    - DAV is open Monday - Friday 11-3 for free VA claims, and first Saturday of every month 9-11. No appointment necessary. Please allow at least 1 hour to do paperwork.
    - There's a new Caregiver Support Line: 1-855-260-3274
    - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month is Wing Training Day at EAFB so the pharmacy is closed in the afternoons.
    - The next unaccompanied Veterans Memorial service is April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 9 A.M. at BHNC.
    - Vietnam and Era Veterans Reunion – May 2-4 at the Rapid City Ramkota
    - Vietnam Veterans Ceremony is May 3, 2025 at 9 A.M. at the Memorial Park War Memorial.
      - PVA fishing tournament in Chamberlain May 22 & 23.
    - DAV Information Fair May 17, 2025, 9-3 at Post 22. 40 vendors will be present. We will have service officers present to do VA claims.
    - EAFB Commissary sidewalk sale May 16 & May 17.
  - Volunteer Opportunities (Harris)
    - **Gardening for the Post** (John Rankin)
    - I am still 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)
- **Adjournment:** at 6:46 pm. A social hour followed.