

2022 Minutes Compilation with Financial Information removed.

The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 19th, 2022 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): 27 Members and 3 Guests.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (L. Tolsma)                          | X |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (C. Van Delist) | X |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)   | X |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                           | X |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)                 | X |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                          | X |
| g. Historian (C. Douglas)                         | X |
| h. 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)
    - o New members:
    - o Guest(s):
      - Presentation of Veteran Scholarships (Tolsma/Van Delist)
        - Grace Goering: \$1,000 (via Zoom)
        - Cody Marshall: \$500 (not available...will accept in February)
        - Kevin Chamberlain: \$500
      - 2021 Post 22/District 2 Oratorical Contest Winner presentation (T. Haar):
        - Presentation of District 2 winner check (P. Douglas)
      - Presentation of Oratorical Certificate/medal to Annie Van Delist (Fuller)
  - Committee Reports
    - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 1/19/2022**
      - Business: \$
      - Membership: \$
      - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 transferred in from the business acct; \$2,000 deposit in donations from RnR Accounting, Run Wild of Blackhawk, Dakotah Bank and Dakota Optics and several donations from individual members; Checks paid out: \$150 to RC Club for Boys, \$100 checks to Meals on Wheels, Youth and Family Services, BSA Troop 72; \$513 to Mike Ball to reimburse for Christmas Turkey Dinner meals; \$2,000 cash to pay for Christmas gifts/cards to Veteran families).

- Americanism: \$ (\$500 transferred in from the business acct; pd out \$300 to Audra West for Educator of The Year 2021); \$100 to Heart of Milbank – AL Baseball.
  - SAL: \$
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 transferred in from the business account)
  - Scholarship Account: \$ (+\$500 committed to be transferred in so far to our Oratorical Contest competitor Thomas Haar – will be \$1,000 if he competes at Department).
  - Building Repair Loan: **\$Paid off and closed.**
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
  - Paid so far 498 = **85% of goal (6% behind 2021)**
  - Presentation of National Commander 2021-2022 Membership Excellence pins:
    - Commander L. Tolsma
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice C. Van Delist
    - Adjutant D. Harris
    - Finance Officer P. Rodriguez
    - Don Fuller (Assistant Americanism)
- Correspondence (Harris): Multiple thank you letters from different agencies and individuals.
  - Audra West: SDAL Educator Of The Year (2021)
  - Youth & Family Services
  - Club For Boys
  - Meals on Wheels Western SD
  - MOAA
- 2021 Benevolence in review (Harris)
  - Show the Excel spreadsheet for our 2021 donations/etc. Harris presented the spreadsheet to the membership. The amount was in excess of \$150,000 and volunteer hours are still coming in. The final product will be posted at our website in the near future: [www.alpost22rcsd.com](http://www.alpost22rcsd.com)
- AL Riders Report (Fleming) No one present.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
  - Toni Fuller reported. Had bingo...asking for more participation from the members. **Bingo is held every Tuesday night in the small meeting room at 6:30.** They are currently losing money on their bingo due to low attendance.
- Americanism (D. Fuller):
  - Still moving through the Oratorical contest. Our contestant will be competing at the Department of SD competition on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 10:30 A.M. in Oacoma SD.
  - Boys State is currently recruiting. Seniors can attend again this year.
  - Youth Trooper also recruiting.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma): Taking registration for Baseball at this time. There will be a team meeting/signing of participants next week at Post 22.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):

- Our historian, Cynthia Douglas is still recovering from a stroke but was in attendance at the meeting.
- Recent Member deaths:
  - Theodore N. Gengler
  - Edward L. Kepler III
  - Marland H. Richard
- Post Service Officer report (C. Van Delist)
  - Van talked about all the Veteran events our Post has sponsored in the last month. To include the Christmas giveaway (\$2,600); the interviews and awarding of 3 more Veteran Student scholarships (\$2,000 – see list above); upcoming delivery of two boxes of toys that will be given to the RCPD for children, as well as other ongoing projects
  - If you use Monument Health and VA, there have been billing issues, so make sure they (Monument Health) are using your claim and referral number for your health visits to outside providers. Thune and Rounds' offices are tracking the problem.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Show the current list (Van Delist). Van showed an Excel Spreadsheet showing a long list of different Capital Improvement projects (painting the outside of our bldg., redoing the outdoor patio, improvements to the small meeting room, roof repairs, HVAC replacements, beer cooler compressor replacements, kitchen grill vent hood, etc., etc., and which ones require volunteers with appropriate skills. If you would like to volunteer to help with these projects contact Doug Harris/Chris Van Delist via email: [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com) or [doughinut@gmail.com](mailto:doughinut@gmail.com)
- New Business
  - Veterans Coordination Committee report (C. Van Delist).
    - DAV looking for volunteer drivers (Talk to Van)
    - FEMA: If you have a family member/friend who passed due to COVID, they will help with funeral arrangements.
    - Jun 30 till July 4<sup>th</sup>: Vietnam Veterans Mini Wall will be in Parkston SD.
    - Would like to revive the Veteran of the Month nominations for the city of RC. Looking for nominations. Please contact C. Van Delist if you would like to nominate a veteran: [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com)
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Who is planning to attend the SDAL Midwinter convention?
    - C. Van Delist
    - D. Harris
    - D. & T. Fuller
    - T. Falardeau
  - Free Tax Preparation for Veterans (includes Active duty of course) at EAFB (Harris)
    - Starts on January 31<sup>st</sup>. They can help you prepare/submit your taxes if they aren't "overly involved, like multiple business owner/farmer etc". Contact the legal office at EAFB to make an appointment: 605-385-8299 (leave a message if it says the tax season isn't yet open).
  - D. Fuller: announcing the 40 & 8 meeting tomorrow night at 6:30.

- Ed Manzano: talked about an update on the Veterans Memorial and whether they can add the Merchant Marine flag? Van will talk to him afterward. Ed also submitted a phot of the proposed monument. This will be posted on our website.
- Ryan Skjoldal talked about getting new members joining the Post 22 Honor Guard. Next meeting is Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. in the big room. If you have some time and would like to get involved in honoring our fallen comrades, please attend this meeting.

Adjournment at 7:01 P.M.

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| l. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |                              |
| m. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |   |                              |
| n. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                        |   | X | X (lost fight with 150# dog) |
| o. Historian (C. Douglas)                       |   | X | X                            |
| p. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)                  | X |   |                              |
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  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - New members:
    - Guests:
      - Tom Vallette (Pennington County Veteran Service Officer), talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tee It Up For The Troops (seeking volunteers for 2022)
        - ½ of the proceeds come back to Post 22
        - March 18<sup>th</sup> hockey game with the Rush...chuck a puck salespeople needed. ½ goes to Post 22. We will meet up at 5 P.M. on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Monument to sell the pucks.
        - The tournament happens on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Arrowhead country club in Rapid City.



10. Donald Dosch
11. Rickey Jendry
12. Paul Rodriguez
13. Ray Andrews
14. John Schneider

#### High School Oratorical:

1. Ernie Sanford
2. Paul Douglas
3. Cynthia Douglas

#### Boys State/Youth Trooper

1. Anson Juelfs
2. Joe Aldentaler

#### Presentation of Military Rites at a veteran's funeral

1. Mike Ball
2. John Fleming

#### American Legion Baseball

1. Tom Weaver
2. Beau Garcia
3. Colin Hofer (SAL)
4. Steve Richey (SAL)

- AL Riders Report (M. Ball)
  - Not a lot going on. The Rider who lost a leg last fall now has a prosthetic. John Fleming is still sickly.
  - John Fleming and Mike Ball went to St Francis, SD to the Eugene Iron Shell Sr. funeral with a lot of other Legionnaires.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (Toni Fuller):
  - Still doing bingo every Tuesday at 630 P. We are hosting the District 2 Girls State orientation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May at Post 22.
- Americanism (C. Van Delist/Harris):
  - Recruitment for Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy is in full swing. If you have a son/grandson/other you think would be a good candidate for Post 22 to send, please get with Chris Van Delist or Doug Harris ASAP. Send an email to [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com) or [doughinut@gmail.com](mailto:doughinut@gmail.com) and we will get back with you ASAP.
  - Post 22 will be represented at the SDAL Oratorical competition this weekend by Thomas Haar.
    - Also, his Court of Honor for Eagle Scout will be next month...this will make him Post 22's first Eagle Scout in decades. We are also planning to enter him into the Eagle Scout of the Year for SDAL next

month and hopefully on to the National Competition. Basically, he is an amazing young man!!

- The District 2 Boys and Girls State orientation is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> at Post 22; tentative time of 12:00 P.M. so we can make it a pizza party.
- Post 22 has submitted nominations for **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year for 2022**. The winners will be announced on Saturday at the Midwinter Conference.
- Boys and Girls State Day at the Capitol in Pierre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. The SDAL Legislative Committee also meets on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and holds a Legislative Reception at the Pierre Post 8. D. Harris and C. Van Delist plan to attend for Post 22.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
  - As reported earlier, Post 22 players are currently selling season passes for the 2022 season. Pick your favorite player and give till it hurts. Total of 8 teams this year. 4 of those are prep teams for the younger members.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
  - Recently deceased member: Jim Kolkman
  - Sick/injured: Lowell Dethlefs (stroke), but he is doing well. Our Chaplain, Bill Jeffery had a run in with a 150# dog and recovering.
  - Post Everlasting Ceremony scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> this year at 1 P.M. The ceremony will take place at the Post in the large meeting room.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - 2 or 3 referrals to the VSO.
  - There are two Post 22 members volunteering to do taxes on EAFB for free...for EASY returns.
  - Chris Van Delist, Lisa Jendry, Bill Jeffery and Don Dosch handed out donuts and coffee to the Guard (see our FB post for pics). Jake Vissia (the Commander of the Guard Unit and new member of Post 22) attended to thank the Post.
    - Jerry's Cakes and donuts donated 4 dozen donuts. Dark Canyon coffee donated tasty coffee. Beau Lambert from Beau's Kickstand loaned us 4 other carafes to help brew more coffee.
  - Dark Canyon also donated 24 lbs. of coffee to deployed National Guard troops at Guantanamo Bay. Dakota Style foods donated pretzels and sunflower seeds (see our FB post for more info). Other companies have also agreed to send items. DOT pretzels, Wall meats, etc. This is Post 22 and local/state vendors providing a "Taste of Home" for our deployed troops.
  - We will be handing out coffee and donuts again in April.
- Correspondence (Harris)
  - Thank You letters
    - Grace Goehring (\$1,000 Vet Scholarship winner)
    - Family of Marland H. Richard
    - Heart of Milbank (Baseball Fields)
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist/Harris).
    - Recent update of the Large/small meeting rooms
      - Removal of Commander Pics/40 & 8 Pics. We are still finalizing our plan to replace them with either collages or a TV that will cycle them through.

- Van fixed the wall damage; Harris painted the walls and replaced the old sconce lights with new ones; replaced some of the stage lights/switches.
  - Painted part of the bar area (Harris)
  - Other project bids/dates (Van Delist)
    - Replacement of HVAC units on old building. We are awaiting a bid from Climate control to replace the old HVAC units when the roof is redone (either this year or next).
    - Replacement of cooling units for the beer fridge in the new building. This will replace the old units that use an outdated coolant. Scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Other: Discussed plans to either remove or upgrade the ugly duckling stage in the large meeting room. Nothing final yet.
- New Business
  - Post 22 Endorsement vote to support Adjutant Harris for SDAL Vice CC (west river). Nomination by C. Van Delist, seconded by Mike Ball. Motion carries. Harris will compete against at least one other person for this office.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - SDAL Midwinter is being held in Oacoma starting this Friday. Adjutant Harris will be attending for the Post and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Van Delist will be attending as Boys State Director. Any other members? Mike Ball will be going.
  - District 2 Spring Meeting will be held in Mission SD on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. There will be an election for District 2 Commander and Vice Commander (2 year term). Also, the delegates will be selected for the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 26 – September 1, 2022.
  - Tee It Up For The Troops 2022 is looking for volunteers for a couple of upcoming events. They gave us approximately \$5,700 from last year's event to award in Veteran Scholarships. We have since awarded 4 scholarships (see our FB page for details and pics) and plan another round of 3 more for next semester.
  - Post 22 member Ed Manzano: War Memorial fund raiser information. Ed discussed the latest information concerning the new War Memorial for Memorial Park in Rapid City. There is a big fundraiser taking place currently with **a local businessman offering to match all donations up to \$30K during the month of February. Adjutant Harris started things off by presenting a personal check for \$100 to Ed Manzano. The Post 22 Executive Committee followed that up with another check for \$1,000 following their meeting.** If you would like to give, go to [www.BHWMA.org](http://www.BHWMA.org) and give online. Or, send a check in care of BHACF/BHWMA, to 1601 Mt. Rushmore Rd., STE 3-103, Rapid City SD 57701. THANK YOU!
  - Lisa Jendry read the bio for a POW. This was the first in a series of 16 that will be read at our meetings.
  - Norman Thornton (new member in November of 2021) attended his first meeting and introduced himself to the group. A Navy Veteran with 4 years.
  - Lisa Jendry announced that Post 22 will be hosting a **Women's Veterans Day event** on the 12th of June, 2022. All are invited to help and attend. More details to follow as they become available.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ryan Skjoldal reported that we now have enough members to take on Honor Guard missions. Their next meeting will be next Wednesday at 6 P.M. in the large meeting room. They are still accepting new members.**



- Cody Marshall talked about SD Mines Veterans Club. They do an **outhouse race** every year up in Nemo Guest Ranch. This year's event will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb at approximately 10 A.M. proceeds go to the Shriners.
- John Rankin introduced his guest: John Cooper. John is a retired USA veteran who served in the U.S. and Europe. Started out in the Coast Guard doing Medic training and spent many years in Electronic Warfare.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

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| t. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |
| u. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |
| v. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                        | X |
| w. Historian (C. Douglas)                       | X |
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  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - New members and other members here for their first meeting: 1) Mike Dodge retired SD Army National Guard, 155<sup>th</sup> Engineer Co; 2) Randy Decker, USMC and then SD Army Guard, currently working for the county; 3) Robert Sack, retired SDNG and the Funeral Honors program at BHNC for the last 17 years, has been a member for several years but this was his first meeting. 4) Preston Franklin, USAF vet of 8 years, currently a volunteer fireman and BH Fire Chaplain with wildland fire training. 5) John Cooper was introduced last month but has since joined. 6&7) Courtney and Braden Nelson SDNG. 8)Marvin Noll who's currently a member here. 9&10) Kayla and Jordan Cooper, Army NG and work at the VA. 11) Robert Melvin works at the VA (nurse)...retired from the USA.

- Guests: Department Chaplain Justin Warfel. Lt Dan Inacio, USAF active-duty JAG on his first assignment at EAFB.
  - Thomas Haar, presenting a 3-5 minute oration on one assigned topic (oratorical competition). Thomas recently won the SD State Competition and will be competing at the National Competition in April for Post 22 and the State of S.D. Break a Leg Thomas!!
  - Presentation of Scholarship Check to Thomas for **\$1,000** (Harris)
- Flags of Honor presentation by Mary Tiesen; talked about the program and asked for volunteers to help place flags. Details: This event takes place on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9AM (placement of flags...23,000), and removal on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9AM. Where: Black Hills National Cemetery. If you would like to volunteer or donate money, you can contact this organization at 605-391-7901, or email them at [militaryhonorflagsUSA@gmail.com](mailto:militaryhonorflagsUSA@gmail.com). You can also find more information on Facebook at: Military Honor Flags USA.
- Presentation of 2022 Sponsorship check to Post 22 Baseball (**\$2,500**)
  - Tom Weaver + 3 other members of Black Hills Sports organization were present to accept Post 22's contribution. See photos on our Facebook page: facebook.com/Post22RC
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 3/16/22**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (Deposit of \$500 from business account; \$300 to SDAL "popcorn fund-VAVS"; \$350 to SDAL Children and Youth; \$1,000 to Black Hill War Memorial Association).
    - Americanism: \$ (Deposit of \$500 from business account; \$1,000 to scholarship account for T. Haar Oratorical win at state competition; \$116.40 to Jim Haar to reimburse for hotel room at competition.)
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from business account; \$.44 interest)
    - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583**.
    - Paid so far 514 = **88% of goal** ...we were at approximately 100% last year at this time. If you haven't paid your dues for 2022, please do.
    - SAL: goal is 25 and 26 have paid for **104%**
    - Go Getter pins for L. Tolsma, D. Harris, C. Van Delist, P. Rodriguez, and D. Fuller.
  - AL Riders Report (M. Ball): Reported that member Ron Root now has a prosthetic leg and is adjusting it himself. The next meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30 P.M. in the small meeting room.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Fuller?): Presented a check for \$100 and cake to the Post to celebrate the Legion birthday. Still looking for volunteers to help with and people to play bingo on Tuesday evenings at the Post. Bingo is the primary fund raising technique for the Auxiliary. They use these funds to send local H.S. girls to SD Girls State.
  - Americanism (Harris):

- Still recruiting for Boys State/Youth Trooper Academy (YTA) (Deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup>). Currently have 3 for Boys State and none for YTA.
    - District 2 YTA Interviews will take place at Post 22 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 6 P.M. The interviews will be held in the EC conference rm.
    - District 2 Boys/Girls State Orientation will be held at Post 22 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 1200. There will be a pizza party for the Boys/Girls. If you would like to help organize/serve, please contact Doug Harris.
    - Van talked about Boys State program...what it is, and how members can participate. Open to Juniors and Senior Boys again this year. Gave the dates (May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>). If you have a son/grandson/nephew/family friend who would be eligible, let them know about the program and encourage them to apply online at: southdakotaboysstate.com
  - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
    - Post 22 – Post 22 Baseball/BH Sports agreement. Lyle talked about how many teams we have this year. Season passes are currently being sold by the players, so if you know one of them, please contact them and express your interest. If you don't know any of the players, you can find more information on their website at: post22baseball.com
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
  - Nothing to report.
  - Post Everlasting Ceremony on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. Practice at 1200. So far we have 7 families that are coming.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - 5 referrals for service
  - Coordinated local products to be sent to Guantanamo Bay Cuba for the deployed SDNG troops.
  - 2 Post 22 members volunteering to help Active Duty and Veterans with their taxes out at EAFB. If you would like help, call 605-385-2329.
  - On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March we will be having a BBQ for a group of 40 SDNG troops who are being deployed. Most of the products were donated by different local companies. We need volunteers to help cook, clean, serve. We will be here at 4:30 to set up and cook. Contact Van after the meeting to let him know you will be helping. The next day we will also be providing coffee and snacks for their final outbrief.
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> will see us out at Camp Rapid to hand out more coffee and donuts. 350 people that day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Van Delist (605-388-2016 or cvandelist1@gmail.com)
  - Later in April, Midwest Honor Flight will be holding a “sponsor training day” here at Post 22.
- Correspondence (Harris)
  - Read a thank you letter from Black Hills War Monument Association for the \$1,000 Post 22 donated last month.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist).
    - Work Bid: Prep and Paint outside of bldg.: **\$11,756**
    - Kumelos Design and Construction Work Bid: Repair DRYVIT various locations on building, prep building for paint, remove screen wall on NE corner: **\$1,891.84**

- Waiting for a bid to replace carpet in large meeting room/dance floor tile/stage.
    - Still waiting for 2 more bids on the roof from Black Hills Exteriors and Weathertite.
- New Business
  - Nominations for Legionnaire of The Year? (Harris will discuss the requirements-show document). This will be forwarded to the District Commander and hopefully to the Department.
    - Post 22 nominates: C. Van Delist nominated Paul Rodriguez, Post 22 Finance Officer. Second by Mike Ball. Motion carries. Harris will complete the nomination package and forward it to the District 2 Commander.
  - Nominations for **Post Officer Positions** (Election takes place in April), the nominations will remain open in April as well.
    - Commander: Chris Van Delist
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Rickey Jendry
    - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
    - Chaplain: Bill Jeffery
    - Historian: no nominations received
    - Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Dosch
  - Nominations for **Executive Committee** Members (Election takes place in April). Remember that the Commander, Adjutant (appointed) and Finance Officer are automatic members as per our Bylaws.
    - 1: Lyle Tolsma
    - 2: Ryan Skjoldal
    - 3: Paul Rodriguez
    - 4: Don Dosch
    - 5: Chris Van Delist
    - 6: Doug Harris
    - 7: Tom Smith
  - Don Fuller talked about the 40 & 8. This group will be providing coffee and donuts on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. for any veteran who'd like to attend.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - The Post annual meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> for our elections (members only and you must present your 2022 membership card for entry). We will also be reviewing/updating our Constitution and Bylaws, so if you have any proposed changes please be prepared.
  - District 2 Spring meeting on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rosebud Veterans Affairs Bldg (2<sup>nd</sup> Legion Avenue in Rosebud SD): times are 11:30 Social, 12:00 Meal, 1:00 P.M. Meeting (note that this is located in Central Time).
  - Ryan Skjoldal talked about the Honor Guard. We will be doing the Post Everlasting ceremony and we will soon start doing funerals. Their next meeting will be 6:30 P.M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Post 22 (large meeting room).
  - Member Ed Manzano talked about Post 22 being in charge of the Rapid City Memorial Day ceremony this year. **Adjutant Harris asked the Post 22 Riders and Honor Guard to take on the planning and execution of this event.**
- Adjournment at 7:06 P.M.

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| cc. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               | X |
| dd. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)                        | X |
| ee. Historian (C. Douglas)                       | X |
| ff. 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)
    - o New members: Shawn Swallow, USA.
    - o Guests:
      - Past Department Commander (PDC) Fred Nelson
      - District 2 Commander Chris Rendon.
      - Thomas Haar and Evelyn Carr (our Post, District and State Oratorical winner and this weekend's National competitor). Here to talk about his teams upcoming National Speech and Debate Trip in Kentucky. This will help pay for their trip. **The members gave \$353 during the meeting.**
  - **Committee Reports**
    - o Finance (Rodriguez): All as of 4/20/22
      - Business: **\$ (pd 8,369.45 to ESP for Beer Cooler upgrade/ice machine fix)**
      - Membership: **\$** (purchased new computer and printer for membership/member business \$1,075.64).
      - Benevolence: **\$** (\$500 Transfer in from Business Acct; \$50 to RC Parks & Recreation for Memorial Day event; \$131.97 for Guard SRP event; \$228 for SDNG unit deployment BBQ and follow on breakfast event).
      - Americanism: **\$** (\$500 transfer in from Business Acct; \$2,850 in donations for Boys State deposited).
      - SAL: **\$**
      - Capital Improvement Savings: **\$** (\$3,000 transfer in from business acct.)
      - Scholarship Account: **\$**
    - o **Membership** (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**

- Paid so far 548 = **94% of goal**
- **Department of SD Go-Getter pins to:**
  - Joanna Danielson (not present)
  - John Rankin
  - Ryan Skjoldal
    - These individuals also received recognition from the Department of SD at the District 2 meeting for being first time
- Those individuals who have earned a steak dinner from the Post Commander in 2022.
  - C. Van Delist
  - D. Harris
  - P. Rodriguez
  - D. Fuller
  - Joanna Danielson
  - John Rankin
  - Ryan Skjoldal
- **National Commander Membership Excellence Pins** for these 3 individuals will be presented by the National Commander at his dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. If you are unable to attend, say so now and we will present it at this meeting.
  - Joanna Danielson
  - John Rankin
  - Ryan Skjoldal
- **Legionnaire of The Year 2021-2022 pin presentation**
  - Paul Rodriguez for Post 22 and District 2. Paul will now compete at the Department level during the June Convention.
- **New Member coins**
  - **Courtney Nelson**
  - **Brayden Nelson**
  - **Shawn Swallow**
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
  - Next Saturday (30<sup>th</sup>) we will be doing a flag folding ceremony at a convention for The Federation of the Blind.
  - Performing the POW/MIA ceremony at the National Commanders dinner.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (Toni Fuller):
  - Still holding Bingo every Tuesday. The next jackpot is much higher. Please come and support the Auxiliary.
  - They are raising money for their scholarship.
  - Helping with the National CC dinner. They will have a Children's Table presentation prior to the meal.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
- Honor Guard (R. Jendry)
  - Still working on the handbook for the HG. Looking to purchase new uniforms
  - Next meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 6 P.M.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
  - New season starts this Friday. 139 games scheduled this summer.
  - The State tournament will be in Rapid City this year

- National Regional tournament here for the next 2 years
  - SDSU is planning to rent the field for one of their games.
  - Thanked Ritchie Nordstrom for supporting from the City Council level.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
  - 1 member has passed this last month. Ronald Jensen.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Put on a BBQ for the 129<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Unit that is deploying.
  - Provided coffee and snacks for their deployment brief.
  - Also, coffee and snacks for another event (Soldier Readiness Processing). Big thanks from their Commander.
  - Receiving calls for hotel rooms and gas. NO. Helped them with other services.
  - Signed a veteran up for an upcoming Honor Flight.
  - Scheduled training for the Honor Flight this Saturday at 8 A.M. Weather may cancel it.
  - Still talking to businesses about sending care packages to the Guard Troops deployed.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update. **The following projects have been approved.**
    - Repair of Dryvit and painting of exterior of bldg.: **\$13,656**
      - Paint colors will be like those we are using in our indoor meeting rooms.
    - Removal/Replacement of Old building roof and HVAC systems: **\$83,520**. This will require getting a loan so we can complete it in a timely manner before prices go up again.
      - The remainder of the roof on the “newer” building was already approved and contracted last year: **\$29,500**. Replacement should take place spring/summer of 2022. The money to pay for this project has already been saved/set aside in the Capital Improvement Savings Fund.
    - Replacement of carpet on the stage: approximately **\$1,000**
    - Replacement of the current very old and often broken Pull Tab machines with one new one: **\$6,000-\$8,000**
- New Business
  - **Review of ByLaws** (see proposed change)
    - Change of date for regular meetings: Updated the regular meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
    - Change to Section XI, Limitations and Liabilities: Added in the requirement to pay Post 22 Baseball \$2,500/year until 2031.
    - **Motion to accept the changes by B. Jeffery, seconded by John Fleming. Motion carries.**
  - **Appointment of Delegates** for upcoming Department Convention
    - Those members planning to attend the Convention: C. Van Delist, D. Harris, D. Fuller, M. Ball, J. Fleming and our Legionnaire of the Year winner P. Rodriguez. They have already been added to the list and just need to be approved by the membership. The list was approved with one possible addition: Ryan Skjoldal.
  - Nominations for Post and EC Officer

- Prepare ballots/select election judges/distribute and tabulate ballots.
  - **Election of Officers**
    - **Post Officers**
      - **Commander: Chris Van Delist**
      - **1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ryan Skjoldal**
      - **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rickey Jendry**
      - **Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez**
      - **Chaplain: Bill Jeffery**
      - **Historian: Nick Dupont**
      - **Sgt-at-Arms: Don Dosch**
      - **Adjutant: Doug Harris was reappointed to this position.**
    - **Executive Committee**
      - **Commander: Chris Van Delist (automatic)**
      - **Adjutant: Doug Harris (automatic)**
      - **Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez (automatic)**
      - **Don Dosch (elected)**
      - **Paul Rodriguez (elected)**
      - **Ryan Skjoldal (elected)**
      - **Tom Smith (elected)**
  - Swear in Officers (PDC Fred Nelson)
  - Reading of Past Post Commander's accomplishments. This has a lot of financial information in it, so will not be posted online. If you are a member in good standing and would like a copy, please contact the Adjutant.
  - New Commander takes the podium.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Fred Nelson is running for Alternate National Executive Committeeman and will speak.
  - Chris Rendon for District 2. Looking for officers to fill District 2 offices and people to represent at the State Convention Committees. Look him up after the meeting.
    - Looking for a new finance officer for District 2. Post 22 Finance Officer Paul Rodriguez agreed to take on this position.
  - National CC's dinner reservations. Harris will take reservations and money following the meeting.
  - Harris will be collecting any monies the members would like to donate to help Thomas Haar and his teammates pay for their upcoming Trip. The members donated \$353 during the meeting.
  - Lyle Tolsma reported that we hired a new bar manager (Jason Skala) for Post 22. Doing a fantastic job and lots of new customers.
  - Don Fuller: 40 & 8 Having coffee and donuts on May 13<sup>th</sup> for Veterans + 1 at the Post.
- Adjournment: 7:08 P.M.

**Kyle Skjoldal won the raffle/Yahtzee (\$525) and donated it back to the Children's Christmas Fund for this coming Christmas.**



April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 18th, 2022 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): 23

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

gg. Commander (Van Delist)	X		
hh. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
ii. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
jj. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
kk. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
ll. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)		X	X
mm. Historian (N. Dupont)			X
nn. 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)
  - o New members: None
  - o Guests: Denny Brendan (Alt NEC/running for NEC).
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (P. Rodriguez): All **as of**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$ (checks written for Nat CC Dinner for guests=\$75; \$59.72 written to reimburse for microphone cable and toner cartridges for printer to D. Harris)
    - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 Deposit from Business acct; \$550 Deposit from Kyle Skjoldal winnings during last meeting; \$228 to reimburse for SDNG deployment events; \$300 to TAL Veterans & Youth Foundation for Nat CC visit)
    - Americanism: \$ (\$500 Deposit from Business Acct; \$570 Deposit from FIB to sponsor 2 Boys for Boys State; Debits for \$1,400 to SD Boys State to cover 7 boys tuition; \$700 to District 2 Treasurer for Boys State Bus; \$147 to Thomas Haar to help with travel to National Finals Speech and Debate-in addition to the \$353 that was donated (total of \$500) by the members during the meeting; \$229.91 to reimburse D. Harris for the Pizza party during District 1 & 2 Boys/Girls State orientation on May 1<sup>st</sup>; \$75 to cover 5 Americanism guests during National CC dinner)
    - SAL: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from Business Acct).
    - Scholarship Account: \$
  - o Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**

- Paid so far 552 = **95% of goal**
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming)
    - Did a flag line for the 631<sup>st</sup> and 129<sup>th</sup> at the SDNG last week. Posted colors for Federation of the Blind, and a couple of funerals. Planning to take part in the Memorial Day events.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): None present.
  - Americanism (D. Harris):
    - Boys State: Currently we have recruited 10 boys (1 was a RC Central HS, so we asked Post 320 to sponsor...they did), leaving us with 9 boys we are sending to Boys State. I just interviewed one today and have another to interview tomorrow and another on Friday. We will be sending 4 Post 22 members as staff this year. Boys State starts on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May and goes through the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.
    - Youth Trooper Academy: We are sending one boy this year and helping to pay for a second from another Post = \$400.
    - School awards: Harris will be visiting the following schools over the next week to present certificates and medals: North, South, East, West, Southwest, RC Christian and STM Middle Schools; and RC Christian High School. He also presented ROTC certificates and ribbons to RC Central HS Jr. ROTC students last week.
    - Commander Van Delist said we need a volunteer to be the new Americanism Officer. They will head up a team of multiple individuals to insure we cover all aspects of our extensive Americanism efforts (Baseball, Boys State, YTA, Oratorical, Scouting, and School medals). We are probably one of the most active Posts in SD in terms of Americanism programs.
  - Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
    - We are 3 weeks into the season. 139 scheduled home games this year. We are sponsoring 4 teams within Post 22. Go out and see the new Stadium. We are hosting the State Tournament and the National Regional Contest.
  - Post Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
    - This last Monday they did rifle training/cleaning. Tore them down, cleaned them, and found some that were Non-Mission capable.
    - Next mission is on Memorial Day at a couple of different cemeteries to include BHNC and Memorial Park in Rapid City.
    - Stated that the HG will start doing missions on Mondays at BHNC.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
  - Chaplain Bill Jeffery recently had surgery and is recovering.
  - EC member Tom Smith recently had surgery and is recovering.
  - Deaths: James A. Wilson and Robert R. Smith.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Took phone calls from people requesting gas, etc.
  - We are looking for more goodies to send to our Deployed troops. Wall meats beef Jerkey and the company that provided pretzels and other snacks are on board. There's another unit deploying in the near future and we will try to work with them as well.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update. (C. Van Delist)

- Roof: The contractor wants to start next week. Black Hills Exteriors got the new contract and will likely start next week. They will be doing the entire roof (minus the part that was done summer of 2020), so both new and old buildings. We will have to take out a loan to pay this bill.
    - Stage: New carpet on the stage and tile on the front of the stage. Looking for volunteers to help with this project: 3 or 4. Several people came up after the meeting and asked for details.
    - Painting outside: We have accepted the bids and notified the contractors they can start. Still trying to get a start date from these folks. We need to do some prep work before it starts.
    - We will also be putting in a patio and some other concrete work.
  - Our new manager Jason Skala has been very busy reorganizing our storage spaces. He has also taken on several other projects at the Post to help clean/organize beer coolers, pull tab machines, etc.
    - He recently brought in our first Dart tournament, which was a big financial success.
    - He also joined the Post as a Sons Of The American Legion member (SAL) through his father.
  - We will be voting at the June meeting to see whom Post 22 wants to place their votes for NEC/Alt NEC/Department CC/Dept Vice CC for Districts 1&2; also voting to see which Resolutions we support.
  - Denny Brendan spoke to the members about his experience and desire to become our next NEC.
- New Business
  - Read the proposed Resolutions for the upcoming Department Convention in Watertown. One of the resolutions was originally submitted by Post 22 member Don Fuller, it was then reformatted and submitted to Department by Post 22. This resolution received a “Do Pass” recommendation by Department.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Christine Speirs: Poker Run by the DAV on June 4th, starting at 9 A.M. at Black Hills Harley Davidson. There will be a scavenger hunt, and a dinner. There’s also a live and silent auction. Registration is \$20 and an extra poker hand is \$10.
  - If you need help filing claims, there will be a workshop on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 at DAV Chapter 3 in Rapid City, at 101 E. Madison Street.
  - Ed Manzano, talked about the Memorial Day Ceremony. 30 May 2022 at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park, Rapid City. Talked about the ceremony. Our Honor Guard will perform their duties. Our Americanism “Poster Boy” Thomas Haar will give a speech. 3 Volley salute, taps...about a 30 minute ceremony.
  - Cynthia Douglas talked about resolutions and the committee’s that talk about and make resolutions to pass forward. If anyone’s going, they need to be there for the committee meetings on that Friday, so they can observe the process and see how The American Legion is changed.
  - Past Post 22 Commander Lyle Tolsma talked about his shortest meeting and how he needed to talk at this one to make sure it wasn’t shorter than that. He was assisted in this endeavor by D. Harris, C. Douglas and a few others. He therefore still holds the record for the shortest meeting in the last 4+ years.
  - Member Henry Garcia announced that Rickey Jendry (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice CC) has made E-5. The members congratulated him.

- Cynthia talked about the basic training course, and how all members, especially officers should take it.

Adjournment at 6:43 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22  
April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes  
June 15th, 2022 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): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

oo. Commander (Van Delist)	X		
pp. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)		X	X
qq. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X (annual training)
rr. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
ss. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)			
tt. Chaplain (B. Jeffery)			
uu. Historian (N. Dupont)			
vv. 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:
  - Guests:
  - 2022 Boys Staters (show slide show):
    - Alex Vonderau (RC Christian HS), Jackson Shankle (Homeschool and WDT), Karson Lindwurm (Stevens HS), Jacob Smiley (Stevens HS), Johnny Hill (Stevens HS), Ben Lust (Stevens HS), and Preston Cornella (Stevens HS).
    - Special presentation: 55 Year pin for Alton Cornella (presented to P. Cornella)
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.)
    - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.; \$200 for BS Bus; \$400 to SD Boys State for additional 2 boys)
    - SAL: \$

- Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from business acct., and \$500 deposit from gun raffle; \$30,000 to Black Hills Roofing for partial payment on new roof)
    - Scholarship Account: \$3,000
    - Building Repair Loan: **Working on getting one right now.**
  - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
    - Paid so far 554 = **95% of goal**
    - Recognition of 50 Year continuous membership members: (Members not present)
      - Jack Baldrige
      - David C. Johnson
      - Roger D. Lessin
      - Kenneth R. Michaelson
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming)
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
  - Americanism (D. Harris):
    - Since our last meeting, I have attended school awards ceremonies at North, South, East, West, Southwest, RC Christian, and STM middle schools and RC Christian HS's.
    - 5 members of Post 22 attended SD Boys State as staff members (C. Van Delist, Doug Harris, Anson Juelfs, and Jake Vissia, as well as Matt Perreault of our SAL).
    - We recruited 10 boys for SD Boys State, sent 9 and gave one to Post 320 since he was from Central HS.
    - Next week there will be one boy from Post 22 attending Youth Trooper Academy. I plan to attend YTA on Legion day and most likely the graduation the following day.
    - We competed for the Americanism award for the Large Posts against Sioux Falls and will find out if we retain our Eagle Head trophy this coming Saturday during the convention.
  - Athletic Officer (Colin Hofer - SAL):
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Roof update:
    - Stage carpeting update:
  - Vote for our choice of NEC/Alt NEC/State Commander/State Vice CC/State SAL CC
    - NEC: Denny Brendan or Terry Hanson
    - Alt NEC: Fred Nelson or Hugh Holmes
    - State CC: Doug Feltman
    - State Vice CC: Doug Harris or Eugene Iron Shell
    - State SAL CC: Casey Hanson
- New Business
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
- Adjournment

- - Some Arizona Legion Riders will be here to join our riders on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August and the 13<sup>th</sup> of August.
  - Rooms are now to be reserved through our bartender Pam.
- Items that your Adjutant forgot to mention during the meeting and subsequently added to the minutes:
  - Harris reported on the Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT) golf tournament that took place on Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> in 105 degree heat.
    - Post 22 members Joey Franze (event director/coordinator), and Beau Garcia (board member), planned and put on the event along with other local Veterans.
    - Post 22 sponsored hole #10 where they had a tent set up. We held a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a \$600 putter, raising over \$1000 for the event. Those members volunteering for the tent were Mike Ball, Don Ludens, and Kyle Skjoldal.
    - Four members played on teams as “guest Veterans”: Doug Harris, Gary Stanley, Mark Bruhn, and Jerry Carpenter.
    - Other Post 22 members also played on teams and helped in other ways. The tournament was the largest to date with 140 golfers.
    - Last year the event contributed \$5,700 to Post 22 for Veteran Scholarships. Thank you to all who helped with this incredible event!!
- Adjournment at 6:55 P.M.
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  - Last man standing program: talked about the program and how to join. You can purchase a bottle at cost from our bar.
  - C. Van Delist reported that one of our SAL members also passed away. John Dreyer, a professor at SD Mines and our helper with the Oratorical Contest.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - **Still looking for a service officer to replace Van.**
  - This person helps manage our benevolence fund and other programs for Veterans.
  - Starting our fundraising campaign for the “Veterans In Need” Christmas giveaway. If you would like to help with this program for the upcoming Christmas season, please contact our Adjutant via [post22rc@gmail.com](mailto:post22rc@gmail.com). If you would like to contribute \$ or gifts, please standby while the planning is completed.
  - Fall 2022 Veteran Scholarships are now being offered. One \$1,000 and two \$500.
- Honor Guard (Rickey Jendry)
  - Possibly getting a vehicle donated by Paul Rodriguez.
  - Color Guard for the State A Sr. Baseball tournament was a success. 6 missions completed.
  - Performed Taps at Purple Heart National Meeting.
  - First Honor Guard Mission at BHNC on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Another on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.
  - Next possible Color Guard is going to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August at the North Walmart at 0730
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> is our Casino Night. We have secured the Knights of Columbus game table. We still need to find more prizes to give out.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> they will be at the BH War Monument dedication.

- September 30<sup>th</sup>, we are posting colors at the USS Galveston Shipmates Conference.
- **Still looking for more members to volunteer to help with the Honor Guard and Color Guard. The missions are coming in and we are turning the missions down.**
- We have a new Facebook page: American Legion Post #22 – Honor Guard/Color Guard.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist).
    - Roof: Not yet finished. We are waiting for our 3 HVAC units to arrive so we can install them and finish the roof. Currently some minor leaking.
    - Had a cleanout day of the lower storage room. Installed chair racks and metal racks to hold the remaining items up off the floor.
  - Upcoming:
    - **Clean up day (Van Delist) at Post 22 will be this coming Saturday morning (20<sup>th</sup>) at 9 A.M. If you would like to help, be here at 9 A.M. with work gloves etc.**
    - Internet install (Harris). We are currently looking at options to improve our internet access throughout the building.
    - We have hired a company to repair the Dryvit exterior and another to paint exterior of the building sometime after the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. For that reason, we are removing all outdoor signage and anything else that will slow down the process.
- New Business
  - Our manager Jason Skala is making plans to extend the hours for the kitchen and offer Prime Rib on Saturdays.
  - Doug talked about why we have a bar and gambling and how we spend our money.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris – 2 of our members will be taking part in the 1 October 2022 Honor Flight Mission #13 (South Dakota American Legion flight).
    - Rick Crist (Vietnam Era Veteran and 56 Yr. TAL member) will be escorted by SDAL Vice Commander/Post 22 Adjutant Doug Harris.
    - Edward C. Mills (Vietnam Era Veteran and 46 Yr. TAL member) will be escorted by Kimberly Laney.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> is the official ceremony at the new/improved Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park at 1:30 P.M.
    - 3 Post 22 members are the ones who planned/will execute this event. We should have as many Post 22 members there as possible.
  - District 2 Fall meeting will be in Phillip, SD on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.
  - Christine Speirs also a member of the DAV. Department Service Officer for the DAV.
    - The new PACT act will bring a LOT of new members to the VA (3 Million), so this will cause delays at the VA on the claims. Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening. DAV open in Rapid City to help.
  - Lisa Jendry's Bday is today. She brought cupcakes for those in attendance.
  - Lee Borries, a Pennington CO. Service Officer was named the Outstanding Service Officer of the Year. Congratulations to him and thanks for all the hard work you do for our Veterans!
  - Black Hills Veterans March coming up on September 17th. We are sponsoring a rest stop again this year. **Always looking for volunteers to help with that.** Same

location as last year at the end of the Michelson trail. The POC for this is Chris Van Delist. **We need 8 to 10 volunteers.** <https://blackhillsveteranmarch.org/>

Adjournment at 7:10 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22  
April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes  
September 21st, 2022 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): 20

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

ww.	Commander (Van Delist)	X		
xx.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
yy.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
zz.	Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
aaa.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
bbb.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)		X	X
ccc.	Historian (N. Dupont)		X	
ddd.	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)
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Kevin Tiede, Army Guard member, 11 year member (1<sup>st</sup> meeting attended); and Dick Pankonin, also Army Guard 200<sup>th</sup> Engineer.
  - o Guests: Jesus (SAL) and Kay Garcia, parents of Henry Garcia.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 9/21/2022**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account; several pending debits for BH Vets March expenses/Stand down purchase of boots, etc).
    - Americanism: \$ (deposit of \$500 from business account; debit of \$1,000 to scholarship account for Boys State recipient).
    - SAL: \$ (deposit of \$960 from fundraising events; debit of \$100 to pay for the food for Honor Guard fundraiser).
    - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit of \$2,160 from fundraiser; debit of \$400 for fundraiser expenses).



- Capital Improvement Savings: \$
  - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: \$()
- Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
  - Paid so far 364 = **65% of goal**
  - Membership challenge?
    - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (changes since last month are highlighted):
      - Doug Harris (**6** new members)
      - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
      - Chris Van Delist (1 new member)
      - Don Dosch (1 new member)
      - Ryan Skjoldal (**2** new member)
      - Gary Stanley (1 new member)
      - Jason Skala (SAL), (1 new member)
      - Don Fuller (**1** new member)
  - **SAL Membership: Goal is 36.**
    - 34 paid = **94% of goal.**
    - One additional member was paid tonight, bringing our # to 97% of goal.
  - Dual TAL/SAL Membership Pins (presentations). See our FB page for pics.
    - Mike Ball
    - Christopher Van Delist
    - Donald Dosch
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
  - Did 2 funerals since our last meeting. Kool Deadwood nights fundraiser (\$2,500). Also gave away flags at the Central States Fair for donations (\$857). Recently had their yearly picnic which was well attended.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No one present.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Oratorical (1 signed up)
  - Boys State (registration now open)
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Hofer not present, L. Tolsma spoke. Fall ball started. Post 22 is playing a couple of teams from out of town.
- Honor Guard: recently had a huge fundraiser, over \$2,000. Have done a couple of funerals. Will be planning another one for the holiday season (10 December). Lisa Jendry talked about the possible purchase of a vehicle for the honor guard. Explained the process of getting a vehicle. Wanted to challenge the leadership to come on a mission to see what the HG does.
  - (Note from Adjutant) This topic has been discussed on several occasions at the Executive Committee Meetings and it was decided not to pursue the purchase/upkeep/insuring of a vehicle at this time. Left on the table was the option of pursuing it in the future as the Honor Guard grows and matures.
- Sick call, relief and employment (D. Fuller): Members Richard M. Lindenmeyer and Donald H. Balsley have passed in the last month. There are a couple of members who recently had Covid, but have recovered nicely.

- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist):
  - o The EC authorized spending up to \$1,000 to give boots to supportive services for Vets at the Mission. Van Delist and Rodriguez are pursuing methods of purchasing the boots.
  - o There were some referral assistance contacts at the BH Vets March.
  - o We had a booth at BH Vets March. Many Veterans were served snacks and beverages as well as minor first aid. This was our second year and was a big success.
- Unfinished Business
  - o **Facility Improvement projects** update.
    - Stage redo: The stage has been 99% completed with new carpet on the stage and tile on the face. We are trying to find a transition strip between the carpet and the tile. (Van Delist)
    - Exterior of the building: Partially prepped for painting (Van Delist); still waiting repair to the Dryvit (Van Delist); completing minor electrical upgrades (T. Smith).
    - Patio: (Van Delist) we are still waiting to complete the prep work to this area and then the “Chad’s” have offered to donate the concrete and help with the finish work.
    - HVAC Units X3 (Van Delist): Still scheduled for October (?). The heating units work on the old HVAC units, so they won’t be a problem for renting the rooms during the colder months.
    - Completion of roof (Van Delist): As reported in the past, the roof is about 95% complete, minus the areas around the old HVAC units. Once the new HVAC units are in place the remainder will be completed and hopefully the roof won’t be an issue for many years.
  - o **Members who’ve been helping with the Projects:** See our Facebook page for pics (<https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> ).
    - TAL
      - Chris Van Delist (organizer), Doug Harris, Don Dosch, Ryan Skjoldal, Rickey Jendry, Henry Garcia, Rick Crist, Ernie Sanford, Chet Wall, Brayden Nelson, Lisa Jendry, and Tiffany Riner.
    - SAL
      - Jesus Garcia, Jason Skala, and Hunter Wall.
    - ALA
      - Kelsey Skala, Christine Neve, Briana, and Nicole.
    - Customers
      - Kenny from Heil
      - Others (the Chads)
  - o **2022 Black Hills Veterans March booth** (Van Delist)
    - Those helping with the booth this year: (<https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> )
      - Chris Van Delist, Don Dosch, Ryan Skjoldal, Matthew Cooke, Rod Carmody, Jeremy Bryan, and Deb Minnich-Wolff (and spouse).
- New Business
  - o Awarding of Veteran Scholarship for the Fall 2022 Semester (see our FB page for pics <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC> )

- Henry Garcia: \$1,000 (WDU)
  - Rickey Jendry: \$500 (Mines)
  - Brayden Nelson: \$500 (?)
- Presentation of Sgt-At-Arms Pin to Don Dosch (on his 3<sup>rd</sup> year).
- Harris gave a quick report on his participation at the TAL National Convention.
- District 2 meeting report (Van Delist): National CC's priorities is money for the Childrens and Family funds. SDSAL CC said if you are a SAL member and recruit a TAL member, then you get a shirt. State CC priorities are 100% on all of our normal duties/reports (see adjutants manual). All posts need to submit nominations for all categories. The Legion News will come out one more time in the "hardcopy" version. All subsequent versions will be softcopy. The cost of publishing/mailing a hardcopy for all members comes in around \$15-17 thousand dollars.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> the National Commander will be visiting SD.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)

Adjournment at 6:58 P.M.

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- Honor Flight info (Doug): Doug told the members that they should sign up for this amazing program as soon as possible. There's a 6 month wait for Korea Vets, and a 2-3 year wait for Vietnam vets. The sooner you sign up, the sooner you will get to go.
- In March we will be having an American Legion Birthday program...date to be determined. If you would like to help or input information, let us know. POC's for this event will be Chaplain Fuller and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Jendry.
- DAV Christine Speirs: Nov 12<sup>th</sup> the DAV will be open with lots of different groups available to address your questions...lunch will be served to Veterans.
  - Address: 101 E. Madison St in Rapid City. Between 9 and 3 p.m. to help with claims.
- Randy Decker gave a quick brief on the Levi Derr Foundation gala (happened on 15 Oct). Happens every year at the Monument. Recognizes TBI and PTSD that the VA doesn't cover.
- Thank you to Rickey Jendry and Morgan for bringing the super yummy cookies! See what you miss when you don't come to the meetings?
- Scholarship interviews: Michael's Men's Wear donated men's formal wear to one of our applicants. If you know someone who needs this service let Van know.

Adjournment: 7:10 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 16th 2022 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): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

eee.	Commander (Van Delist)		X		
fff.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X			
ggg.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X	
hhh.	Adjutant (D. Harris)			X	X
iii.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X			
jjj.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X			
kkk.	Historian (N. Dupont)		X		
lll.	Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)			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)
  - o New members: Loren McLeod, USMC
  - o Guests:
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of November 16<sup>th</sup>**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$
    - Americanism: \$
    - SAL: \$
    - Honor Guard: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
    - Scholarship Account: \$
    - Building Repair Loan: \$
  - o Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2022 = **Goal is 564.**
    - Paid so far 430+ = **76% of goal**
    - Recognition of Long Time Members
    - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**Those earning a steak dinner {\*} and changes since last month are highlighted**):
      - o Doug Harris (8 new members)\*
      - o **Chris Van Delist (6 {+ 4 from October} new members) \***
      - o **Gary Stanley (3 new members) \***
      - o **Jason Skala (SAL), (3 new member) \***
      - o Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
      - o Ryan Skjoldal (2 new members)
      - o Don Dosch (1 new member)
      - o Don Fuller (1 new member)
      - o Mike Ball (1 new member)
      - o Ed Mills (1 new member)

- Randy Decker (1 new member)
  - SAL Membership
    - Goal is 36
    - **Currently at 41 = 114%** of goal (91% renewal rate because 1 member died).
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming)
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry):
    - Had first pancake breakfast in conjunction with 40&8. Made \$168.50.
    - Still doing Tuesday Bingo. It is the main fundraiser for the Auxiliary
  - Americanism (D. Harris): Not present
    - Post 22 Oratorical contest on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M at SDSM&T in Classroom Bldg (ROTC lower level)
    - District 2 Oratorical contest on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M at SDSM&T in Classroom Bldg (ROTC lower level)
    - Recruitment time for Boys State, Girls State, and Youth Trooper
  - Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Not present
  - Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
    - Did color guards and helped with Veterans Day events
    - Casino Night! December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 P.M. Lots of prizes, cocktails, food, silent auction items.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Death of a member (Alan Schroeder)
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Asking for donations for Support of Services for Veterans and Families to help homeless veterans with household supplies and clothing.
  - Van, Paul Rodriguez, and the Guard helped to donate 60 pairs of boots worth \$9,600.
  - Asking for more donations such as pots, pans, dishes. Contact Van
  - Tina Conrad at the Mission can help veterans with case work
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist)
    - Ongoing/Completed
      - Still waiting on air conditioning units so we can rent a crane.
      - Finished painting and got a lot of work digging dirt out in the front to keep making progress on the patio in the front.
      - Tom is still working on lights on front of building
    - Upcoming
      - Finish the patio/sidewalks over the next month.
- New Business: No new business.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Bingo at Veterans Home in Hot Springs Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 P.M.
  - American Legion Birthday Party (104 years) March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M.
  - Served 188 meals during the Veterans Day turkey feed
  - Ryan is getting with the Guard to find 3 families for Christmas donations
- Adjournment (6:33 P.M.)

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

December 21, 2022 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): see sign in sheet

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Present / Absent / Excused

mmm. Commander (Van Delist)

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

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

ppp. Adjutant (D. Harris)

qqq. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)

rrr. Chaplain (D. Fuller)

sss. Historian (N. Dupont)

ttt. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch) X Y

- 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)
  - o New members:
    - Jeanette Mills- called
    - Duane Olson- called
  - o Guests:
    - Tom Vallette for Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT): Presentation of July Fundraiser check. – called...I will pick up the check at the desk.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 12/21/2022**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$ (Xfer in from business account \$500; Deposits for HG2H \$3,550; Debit for HG2H \$4,550; Checks for \$150/ea., to Youth & Family Services, Club 4 Boys, and Meals on Wheels; \$110 paid to Post 22 to cover ALR Christmas Party; \$501.02 to Supportive Services for Veterans and Families in Rapid City; \$250 to Project Healing Waters). **Total donation for December 2022: \$5,861.02**
    - Americanism: \$ (Deposit from business account of \$500).
    - SAL: \$ (donations of \$500 to HG2H's and \$200 to BSA Troop 72).

- Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$12,750 transfer to business to pay for painting the exterior of the building).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (Deposits of \$200 for funerals and \$1,957 from fundraiser)
  - Scholarship Account: \$
  - Building Repair Loan: \$()
- Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
  - Paid so far = % of goal
  - Recognition of Long Time Members
    - Patrick Roseland 50-year member pin- called/emailed
    - Ed Mills, 45-year member pin- called.
  - **Membership Challenge:** 3 new members earns you a Post 22 steak dinner from the Adjutant, Doug Harris. Numbers so far (**Those earning a steak dinner {\*} and changes since last month are highlighted**):
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    - Chris Van Delist (6 new members) \*
    - Gary Stanley (3 new members) \*
    - Jason Skala (SAL), (3 new member) \*
    - **Ryan Skjoldal (3 new members) \***
    - Lyle Tolsma (2 new members)
    - Don Dosch (1 new member)
    - Don Fuller (1 new member)
    - Mike Ball (1 new member)
    - Ed Mills (1 new member)
    - Randy Decker (1 new member)
  - SAL Membership
    - Goal is 36 - **Currently at 46 = 128%** of goal (92% renewal rate because 1 member died and 2 haven't renewed).
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - **Presentation of Department Oratorical Winner Plaque to Thomas Haar**
  - **Presentation of Post donation to BSA Troop 72 Leader (Jim Haar)**
  - Fall Programs: Oratorical
    - Post 22 winner is Alex Vonderau (\$250 scholarship), he will represent us at the District 2 competition on January 8<sup>th</sup>. He was unable to attend this evening due to finals weeks being delayed by the “It lasted FOREVER” blizzard last week.
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer):
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
  - Ongoing/Completed
  - Upcoming
- New Business
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
- Adjournment