

2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (Revised to remove financial information)

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 18th, 2023 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

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|---|---|---|---|
| a. Commander (Van Delist)                       | X |   |   |
| b. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |   |   |
| c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   | X |   |   |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |   |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               |   | X | X |
| f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         | X |   |   |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont)                        |   | 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:
    - Jeanette Mills/U.S. Army - Nurse
    - Duane Olson/U.S. Army - Engineer
    - Jim Winjum/U.S. Army – Corps of Engineers
    - Frank Pilgrim/USMC – Aviation
    - Mike Nanny/U.S. Air Force – F16 Mechanic
  - o Guests:
    - Tom Vallette for Tee It Up For The Troops (TIUFTT): Presentation of July Fundraiser check. Tom also introduced himself to the members as the Pennington County Veterans Service Officer and offered his assistance if they needed it.
    - BSA Troop 72 Leader Jim Haar will accept a donation: \$1,175 + \$200 from SAL, for a total of \$1,375. We co-sponsor this troop.
    - Honor Guard Presentation to Post. Post 22 Honor Guard donated \$300 to The Hero's Giving 2 Hero's campaign. This money will be deposited in the Benevolence Fund and saved for next year's campaign.
- Committee Reports (cover December 2022 and January 2023)
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 1/18/2023**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$

- Benevolence: **\$1** (Xfer in from business account \$500; deposit from TIUFTT: \$8,650; 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; check to Troop 72 for \$1,175.).
    - 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 +\$370 from fundraiser)
    - Scholarship Account: **\$**
    - Building Repair Loan: **\$()**
    - Total 2022 Donation: **\$344,559. Look for a summary of this report in the "donation bubble" on the minutes page of our website.**
  - Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2022 = **Goal is 564.**
    - Paid so far 482 = **85% of goal**
    - Recognition of Long Time Members
      - Patrick Roseland 50-year member pin - no show
      - Ed Mills, 45-year member pin.
      - Calvin Woodle, 35-year pin. Not in attendance.
    - **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**):
      - Doug Harris (7 new members) \*
      - Chris Van Delist (6 new members) \*
      - **Jason Skala (SAL), (4 new member) \***
      - **Ryan Skjoldal (3 new members) \***
      - Gary Stanley (3 new members) \*
      - Lyle Tolsma (3 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 47 = 131%** of goal (92% renewal rate because 1 member died and 2 haven't renewed).
      - Newly recruited
        - Jason Skala recruited 5
        - Doug Harris recruited 4
        - Christopher Van Delist recruited 3
        - Chester Wall recruited 2
        - Tiffany Riner and Mike Ball recruited 1
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming)

- Director John Fleming told the members what the Riders had been up to. Said it has been a bit slow, but they had several events in the works.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
    - Toni Fuller gave a report on the Auxiliary. Said they had help a couple of fundraisers with the 40&8 and made some money. She said Bingo was picking up, but they could use more players.
  - Americanism (D. Harris):
    - Fall/Spring Programs: Oratorical
      - Post 22/District 2 winner is Alex Vonderau (\$500 scholarship), he will represent us at the Department competition on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
      - Boys State & Youth Trooper registrations are now open.
  - Athletic Officer (C. Hofer):
    - SAL Member Hofer gave a quick update on what was happening with our Post 22 Baseball players as they get ready for the upcoming season.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (Chaplain Don Fuller): Don announced the death of a couple of our members: Marion D. Knutson and Jay M. Hawkinson. He also talked about the “wake list” where our members attend the wake of a deceased member and render a final salute. He asked that anyone who was interested in being on the list contact him: **715-425-5817**.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - PSO Van Delist gave his report. He talked about all that we had done for Veterans in the previous year. He interviews each person who contacts him and tries to link them up with the help that is available from all the different local agencies for financial help, materials, jobs, County Service Officer, etc. He explained that we do not give out gift cards anymore because that is similar to “giving someone a fish and feeding them for a day” instead of helping them with the root cause of their “requests”. It has worked out very well for Post 22 and the Veterans we’ve helped. It has also allowed us to give funds to some of the agencies who help the veterans in the local area such as: Supportive Services For Veterans and Families (SSFVF) in Rapid City (approximately \$10K) and the Mission. (See our FB page for all the donations we’ve presented over the last year).
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Van Delist/Harris).
    - Ongoing
      - Concrete work: The underlay and rebar has been put in place out in front of the building and we are waiting for warmer weather to pour the concrete. Thank you to the small group who helped with this latest portion of the project.
      - HVAC replacement: Still don’t have a delivery date on that last HVAC unit.
      - Roof: Still waiting for the HVAC installation before Black Hills Exteriors can finish the roof.
      - Lettering/emblem for front of bldg.: The lettering is in at the contractors, so we are waiting for the installation schedule.
    - Completed
      - Outside Paint.
- New Business
  - Post 22 endorsement of Doug Harris for SDAL Vice Commander (Districts 1-2).



- m. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) X X
- n. Chaplain (D. Fuller) X
- o. Historian (N. Dupont) 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)
  - o New members: Matthew Gorman (U.S. Air Force/Retired) Communications
  - o Guests:
    - Black Hills Sports to receive the **annual \$2,500 donation** (Harris)
      - Present the Check – pictures.
      - Treasurer Chris Kilpatrick and President Lyle Tolsma were present to receive the check.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 2/15/2023**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$
    - Benevolence: \$
    - Americanism: \$
    - SAL: \$
    - Honor Guard: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
    - Scholarship Account: \$
    - Building Repair Loan: **\$( )**
  - o **Membership** (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564**: Paid so far 509 = **90% of goal**
    - Recognition of Long Time Members
      - Patrick Roseland (50 Years). U.S. Navy Corpsman.
    - National Commander “Be The One” Recruitment pins – for recruiting 3 new members, **and Department “Go-Getters” pins \*** (same reason).
      - Chris Van Delist \*
      - Doug Harris \*
      - Lyle Tolsma \*
      - Gary Stanley \*
      - Ryan Skjoldal \*
      - Jason Skala (SAL)
    - **Department Commander Cap Pins** for the following categories:
      - Membership (recruited at least one member): \*indicates present and received.
        - o Christopher Van Delist\*
        - o Doug Harris\*
        - o Lyle Tolsma\*
        - o Gary Stanley
        - o Ryan Skjoldal\*
        - o Jason Skala (SAL)\*
        - o Don Dosch\*
        - o Don Fuller\*

- Randy Decker
- Ed Mills
- Mike Ball\*
- Paul Rodriguez
- Oratorical Contest
  - Lisa Jendry
  - Ernie Sanford\*
  - Frank Pilgrim\*
  - Rodney Rice\*
  - Jackie Miller
  - Julie Loofbourow
- Post Color/Honor Guard participation
  - Rickey Jendry\*
  - Kyle Skjoldal\*
  - Eric Nelson
  - Chet Westman\*
  - James Winjum\*
  - Dave Kelley\*
- American Legion Baseball program
  - Colin Hofer (SAL)
  - Tom Weaver
  - Steve Richey (SAL)
  - Wayne Sullivan (SAL)
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- **AL Riders Report** (M. Ball):  
Adopted a 1<sup>st</sup> grade class in Sturgis. The Spouses Auxiliary (ALA) were also there for Valentine's Day. Great opportunity to share Americanism. Member recently passed away.
- **Honor Guard Report:** Have been training and are working on fund raising ideas. They are also working on finishing up uniforms.

- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (TT. Fuller): Had special Valentine's function. Hosting a pancake breakfast on March 12 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Need more participation for weekly bingo.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Oratorical: Alex Vonderau competed at State Finals. He was awarded a \$200 scholarship from Department and a \$1,000 scholarship from Post 22.
  - Boys State: We currently have 4 Boys signed up.
  - Youth Trooper Academy: No students have currently signed up. If you know any H.S. Juniors or Seniors (Girls or Boys) who have an interest in Law Enforcement at any level, please let us know and we will talk to them.
- Athletic Officer (L. Tolsma): No change in baseball. Practicing for the season. Tickets will be on sale within the next month.
- **Sick call, relief, and employment** (D. Fuller): Former Post 22 member John Wheeler has passed away. His wake is at 1400 this Friday at the Lutheran Church. Mike Ball will be meeting with the family later this week. A "last man standing" memorial will be organized.
- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the American Legion party will be here at 1200. Will also be recognizing Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year.
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, post everlasting at 1400.
- **Post Service Officer report** (Van Delist): Department Midwinter convention was held last weekend. Commander Van Delist and Adjutant Harris attended for Post 22. Veteran Student Scholarship interviews will be this coming weekend. Checks will be awarded at next month's member meeting.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Concrete (Van Delist): Will pour after the ground thaws.
    - HVAC/Roof completion (Van Delist): All HVAC Units are in. Scheduled for installation in the last week of March. Hopefully, the weather cooperates.
    - Signage (Harris): The new Post 22 symbol and lettering have been installed on the front of the building. There may be room for other groups symbols (ALA, SAL, ALR) next to the new sign.
    - Post 22 presented checks to the SDAL Department at Midwinter for these 2 areas:
      - SDAL VAVS Fund (Popcorn Fund for VA nursing homes): \$250
      - SDAL Children and Youth fundraiser: \$300
      - We also presented a check for \$250 to the Michael J. Fitzmaurice SD Veterans Home in Hot Springs yesterday. This money is also for the Popcorn/Activities fund.
- **New Business**
  - Legionnaire of The Year  
Lyle Tolsma nominated: Out of our membership, Tolsma is able to "fill all the blocks" and has the best opportunity to win at the Department Level. **Motion to nominate Tolsma by Don Fuller, seconded by Ryan Skjoldal/motion carried.**  
Motion to close and approve nomination by Don Fuller, seconded by Doug Harris/motion carried.
- The **Good of the American Legion** (Any member):
- Our partners at the local DAV will be hosting several sessions to help local Veterans with claims. The information will be posted on our Facebook Page.
- The current SD legislative session is considering pay raises for the county VSOs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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March 15th, 2023 at 6 P.M.

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

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| r. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X |   |   |
| s. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)   | X |   |   |
| t. Adjutant (D. Harris)                         | X |   |   |
| u. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)               |   |   | X |
| v. Chaplain (D. Fuller)                         | X |   |   |
| w. Historian (N. Dupont)                        |   | X |   |
| x. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)                  | X |   |   |
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  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - o New members:
      - John Marshall (USA) – MP, Army Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve
    - o Guests:
      - Department Commander Doug Feltman
      - Scholarship recipients
        - \$1,000: Beth Hodges (USMC) from WDT.
        - \$500: Austin Hillestad (USAF/SD Air Guard)
        - \$500: Cody Marshall (USA) from SD Mines
      - Department Commander Pins:
        - Recruiting:
          - o Randy Decker
          - o Edward Mills – present and received
          - o Paul Rodriguez
        - HS Oratorical Contest
          - o Lisa Jendry – presented earlier in the day
          - o Jackie Miller
          - o Julie Loofbourow
        - Post Color/Honor Guard



- Eric Nelson
  - American legion Baseball
    - Colin Hofer (SAL)
    - Tom Weaver
    - Steve Richey (SAL)
    - Wayne Sullivan (SAL)
- Committee Reports
  - Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of**
    - Business: \$
    - Membership: \$ (pd \$794 for TAL emblem on bldg.; pd \$317 for TV; pd \$109 to TAL Flag and Emblem for Legion supplies)
    - Benevolence: \$ (pd \$250 to SD Vets Home in Hot Springs)
    - Americanism: \$ (pd \$555 to TAL Flag and Emblem for school medals etc.; Pd \$2,500 to Black Hills Sports for Post 22 BB)
    - SAL: \$ (pd \$200 to SDAL Children and Youth) – Sponsored Boys Stater
    - Honor Guard: \$
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
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  - Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
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    - Recognition of Long Time Members
      - 50 Year certificates to
        - Don G. Fuller
  - AL Riders Report (Fleming): went to Brown's school, Bingo night for 1<sup>st</sup> graders, and St. Patrick Day Party. Performed an escort during the last month and donated \$50 in quarters to Fort Meade veterans.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): participated in pancake breakfast with 40&8, BINGO Tuesdays, Terry is going to schools for Girl's State. Need more younger members to take things to the next level.
  - Americanism (D. Harris):
    - Oratorical Contestant Alex Vonderau will present his speech. Presentation of \$1,000 scholarship check.
    - Spring/Summer Programs:
      - Boys State: We currently have 6 boys from Stevens HS
      - Youth Trooper Academy: Still recruiting. One has signed up from Central H.S.
  - Athletic Officer (Lyle Tolsma): State Basketball tournament in Sioux Falls currently. Post 22 baseball tickets are now available. There are also Post 22 tickets at the bar, but it is requested that you always bring them back immediately following the game, so other members can use them.
  - Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal): going to be doing Post Everlasting ceremony on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Two funerals in the near future have also been scheduled.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Get well card sent to Ray Andrews. A sympathy card was sent to Ernie Sanford - wife passed away, Gary Gunderson also passed away. Post everlasting is at 2 p.m. (not 1 p.m. as previously reported) on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist): Nothing significant to report for the last month.
- Unfinished Business

- Facility Improvement projects update.
  - HVAC Units in. Planned install on the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> (weather dependent)
  - Concrete: Waiting for the big thaw (April?)
- American Legion Bday celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> (Harris)
  - Still building the attendee list. If you haven't RSVP'd but intend to be there, please let me know at the end of the meeting.
- Post Everlasting Ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> (Fuller)
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. Will last about 30 minutes.
- New Business
  - Nominations for 2023-2024 Post Officers
    - Post
      - Commander – Doug Harris
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – R. Skjoldal
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Rickey Gendry
      - Finance – Paul Rodriguez
      - Chaplain – Don Fuller
      - Historian – Kyle Skjoldal
      - Sgt-At-Arms – Don Dosch
    - EC (4 positions available)
      - 1 – Lyle Tolsma
      - 2 – Tom Smith
      - 3 – Ernie Sanford
      - 4 – Ryan Skjoldal
      - 5 – Don Dosch
      - 6 – Mike Ball
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - American Legion 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Post 22 on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 P.M. Lunch will be served. We will be honoring our LEO/FF of the year, as well as our Legionnaire of the Year. Please let Doug know if you plan to attend. He's trying to get a good number for food.
  - Post Everlasting ceremony on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. Previously reported as 1 P.M. Harris will send out a message to let everyone know of the change. Done.
  - District 2 Spring Meeting in Hot Springs on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 11:30 A.M. Lyle Tolsma will be competing for Legionnaire of the Year, so please join us.
  - Army National Guard member Dotson's family house was a total loss following a fire in Box Elder area, family injuries, **fund raising event Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. at Dakota Point Brewery - 405 Canal Street, Rapid City.**
  - Department Commander Feltman shared a few words with our members – “keep doing what you're doing”. Building a strong family. Post 22 is doing a good job.

Adjournment

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Membership Meeting - Minutes

April 19th, 2023 at 6 P.M.

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

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
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aa. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
bb. Adjutant (D. Harris)	X		
cc. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
dd. Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
ee. Historian (N. Dupont)		X	
ff. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)	X		

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  - o New members:
    - Harry Rossander – Transferred from Post 406 in IA. US Army Retired.
  - o Guests:
    - Presentation of \$500 Veteran Scholarship check to Cody C. Marshall
    - Presentation of \$250 Check for Sergeant Colton Levi Derr Foundation, to Post 22 member Ed Mills (representing the Knights of Columbus)...sponsor a hole at their upcoming golf tournament.
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of**
    - Business: \$ (The deposits from the pool tournament do not yet show)
    - Membership: \$ (\$133.13 purchase of quality microphone)
    - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 Deposit from business acct.; \$120 to Naja Shrine Circus for children’s tickets X 10)
    - Americanism: \$ (\$500 deposit from business acct.; \$3,175 donations deposited for Boys State)
    - SAL: \$ (donated \$325 to send 1 boy to Boys State).
    - Honor Guard: \$ (No deposits; \$862.58 spent on uniform items)
    - Capital Improvement Savings: \$
    - Scholarship Account: \$
    - Building Repair Loan: \$()
  - o Membership (Harris): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
    - Paid so far 521 = **92% of goal**
    - Recognition of Long Time Members
  - o AL Riders Report (Mike Ball) – Federation of the Blind flag presentation this weekend. Getting ready for Passing of the Flag at the National Cemetery on Memorial Day. They continue to work with students – this month is banana splits. Out-of-town riders will be visiting, and they will be taking them on a tour of the hills. Also, a POW MIA presentation at the 40/8 celebration.

- Honor Guard (Skjoldal): Nothing to report.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): Terry Curry has had a medical procedure and will not be able to host the BINGO this week.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Programs:
    - Boys State (currently 7 boys)
    - Youth Trooper Academy (Currently 1 girl...not yet selected)
    - School visits coming up next month – School awards to 7 different Middle Schools and HS's, to include ROTC awards at BHSU and SD Mines.
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Post 22 fund raising started in late March and April. They have been practicing and will have a double-header this weekend. Season passes are still available.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Robert Dorsey, William Crackle passed away within the last few weeks. Need help with funeral ceremony volunteering. Last man standing club was a success.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist) – referrals sent to VSOs. Also, there has been some community education regarding the PACT act. Reapply for benefits if you were exposed to burn pits.
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - New HVAC Units: **Completed**
    - Roof replacement: **Completed** during replacement of HVAC units.
    - Concrete: Tentatively scheduled for the first couple of weekends of May.
  - Upcoming
    - Repair of the front of the old building and reattaching downspouts/replace gutters in the back of the new building. Two bids were received and Post 22 accepted the Black Hills Exterior bid. Work to replace the downspouts/gutters on the back of the building will hopefully happen next week.
- New Business
  - A request was made by Chaplain Fuller to review the Bylaws' in reference to the election of Officers. They currently do not specify whom exactly is elected and who is appointed.
    - History: All listed officers are elected, with the exception of the Adjutant, who is appointed to serve at the discretion of the Commander. This has been the procedure at Post 22 for over 6 years...do we need to change that?
    - The body decided to leave things as they were and follow historical precedence.
    - Other appointments are for:
      - Athletic Officer: **Colin Hofer (SAL)**
      - Veteran Service Officer: **Harry Rossander**
      - Americanism Officer **Doug Harris**
      - Membership Officer **Don Dosch**
  - **Elections:**
    - Post Officers Nominations (from March Meeting)
      - Commander
        - Doug Harris
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander
        - Ryan Skjoldal

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander
  - Rickey Jendry
- Finance Officer
  - Paul Rodriguez
- Historian
  - Kyle Skjoldal
- Chaplain
  - Don Fuller
- Sgt-At-Arms
  - Don Dosch
  - Motion to Cease Nominations/Cast Unanimous Vote – Motion by Ed Mills, seconded by Doug Harris and Ryan Skjoldal, motion carried. **The above-mentioned nominees are now your 2023 – 2024 Officers.**
  - Adjutant: Appointed by the newly elected Commander. **Frank Pilgrim was appointed to be the new Adjutant.**
- Executive Committee Officers (**4 openings** following the Post officer election-The new Commander, Finance Officer and Adjutant are automatic members)
  - Currently nominated:
  - **Lyle Tolsma-winner**
  - **Don Dosch-winner**
  - **Tom Smith-winner**
  - **Ryan Skjoldal-winner**
  - Mike Ball
  - Ernie Sanford
  - Don Fuller – Nominated by Mike Ball, seconded by Ed Mills, motion carried.
    - Motion to cease nominations by Ed Mills, seconded by Ryan Skjoldal, motion carried.
    - The members were provided a ballot to vote secretly. The election judges were Paul Douglas and Colin Hofer.
- Swear in new officers: Alternate NEC Fred Nelson
- New Commander takes the podium to complete the meeting.
  - Commander Harris thanked those in attendance for their support and all they do for the American Legion. He thanked Past Commander Van Delist for all his hard work to make the facility look as good as it does, and all the projects he led to bring our facility up to it's current outstanding shape. He wished him well as he moves on to become the new SDAL Adjutant in Watertown.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Harris – Scam warning. There is an alternate MyLegion “app” out there (available for your phones) that has nothing to do with The American Legion and is charging a monthly fee. There is currently a legitimate app in the works for MyLegion, but it is not yet available. **DO NOT FALL FOR THIS SCAM.**
  - Don Fuller presented \$325 to Post 22 on behalf of the 40/8 for a Boys State scholarship (pays for 1 Boys Stater to attend SD Boys State).
  - Mike Ball stated that bar patrons are asking about for Tee It Up For the Troops tournament.

- Harris explained the steps Post 22 has taken so far in support of this upcoming event. We have 4 volunteers to play on our team and we will be sponsoring a hole in the tournament. This program has been a great benefit to Post 22. We will likely be asked to provide veterans as additional players to help fill other organizational teams. Let Doug Harris know if you'd like to participate.
- Cody Marshall – recommends building relationships for SDSM students. It would be great to share the benefits of using the Post 22 bar/facilities. Doug Harris recommends that we have a Welcome event at the beginning of the school year. Also, reinstate Vet's Club event or have video game event. Maybe a "homecoming" event. Garter drinks being offered? Award veteran's cord.
- This is Van's last meeting. He will be the Adjutant for the A.L. state leadership.
- New officers were sworn in by SD Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Mr. Fred Nelson of Spearfish SD.

Adjournment @ 7:33 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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): 17

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

gg. Commander (D. Harris)	X		
hh. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
ii. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
jj. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
kk. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
ll. Chaplain (D. Fuller)		X	X
mm. Historian (K. Skjoldal)		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)
  - New members: N/A
  - Guests: Rick Reynolds (Retired Army)
  - Chris Rendon (District 2 Commander)
  - Kevin Morello (Candidate for Department CC)
  - Courtney Steffen (Candidate for Department CC)
- Committee Reports

- Finance (Rodriguez): All as of 5/17/2023
  - Business: \$
  - Membership: \$ - Debits: Purchased Microphone \$133.13, Purchased computer & warranty for Adjutant \$756.13, Purchased Office Supplies \$35.67
  - Benevolence: \$ - Deposit of \$500 from Business Acct. and \$400 from a Golf team for TIUFTT; Check for Knights of Columbus to sponsor a Golf Hole.
  - Americanism: \$ - Deposit of \$500 from Business Acct and \$60 from District 1 for Orientation Pizzas; Debits of \$700 for Boys State Bus, and \$202.27 for Pizza.
  - SAL: \$ - Debit of \$250 for Childrens Miracle Network of the Black Hills; Will be purchasing the SAL sign for the front of the post.
  - Scholarship Account: \$ – **Will be awarding \$2000 for scholarship.**
  - Building Repair Loan: (\$)
  - Honor Guard: \$.
  - Capital Improvement Savings: \$: - Debit of \$14,790 for final payment on 3 Roof Top Units.
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2023 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 564.**
  - Paid so far 525 = **93% of goal.**
  - Recognition of Long Time Members. None present.
- AL Riders Report (J. Fleming): No member present.
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal): Memorial Day events – Pine Lawn, Mount Calvary, and Mountain View; New jackets.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No member present.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Programs:
    - Boys State (currently 8 boys) – starts 5/28/2023. Boys show up the following day. End the following Friday.
    - Youth Trooper Academy (Currently 1 boy)
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Nothing to report.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Nothing to report.
- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander):
  - Have you applied for VA Health care or VA disability?
  - All you need is a DD214 and a list of current diagnosis. Then make an appointment with your local county Veterans Service Officer (Pennington County has three of them).
  - If you have applied for and been granted a disability rating you can now access disability benefit claim decision notice letters electronically on the VA.gov website. Prior to this change, veterans had to wait for paper letters to arrive to determine if the VA approved disability.
  - More recently, the VA is working to assist veterans in avoiding home mortgage foreclosure. If a veteran falls behind on their mortgage payments, their mortgage servicer, which is the company that collects money for the lender can take the veterans house to cover what is owed. If you are a veteran or a surviving spouse of a veteran, the

VA provides financial counseling ever if your loan is not VA backed or VA direct. Veterans can contact a VA loan technician at 877-827-3702.

- I am available to help answer questions or concerns, please call me at 1-605-923-8955
- Unfinished Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - New HVAC Units: **Completed**
    - Roof replacement: **Completed** during replacement of HVAC units. There are still several leaks. BH Exteriors has been notified and continue to try to find and fix the leaks.
    - Concrete: This is an ongoing project. Commander Harris will be trying to hire a professional crew to finish the project.
- New Business
  - State Convention Resolution Review
    - SDAL 23-1/Selection of the Department Legionnaire of the Year
    - SDAL 23-2/South Dakota American Legion EMT of the Year
    - SDAL 23-3/Change to 38 CFR Chapter 1, Part 38; Burial Headstones and Markers: Medallions
    - SDAL 23-4/Changes to 38 CFR Section 4.101 Diagnostic Code 7107, Hypertension
    - Commander Harris will be attending the State Convention.
  - State Commander Election:
    - Kevin Morello/Post 311/Piedmont
    - \*Courtney Steffen/Post 136/Chester
  - State Vice Commander (West River) Election – \*Doug Harris
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
  - Chris Rendon thanked Post 22 for the assistance that we provide to other A.L. partners in Western South Dakota.

Adjournment @ 07:07 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 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 (D. Harris)	X
pp. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X



qq. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X	
rr. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X			
ss. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X			
tt. Chaplain (D. Fuller)			X	X
uu. Historian (K. Skjoldal)	X			
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)
  - o New members: Matt Burdis, Vietnam Vet will be transferring to Post 22 on 1 July.
  - o Guests: 2023 Boys Staters will speak. Those in attendance: 1. Samuel Barnes, Quinn Hasse, Samuel Kingsbury, Landen Matkins, Roman Slack and Jhett Waltman.
    - Show slides (Harris). Slides were shown of each Boys Stater showing their accomplishments at Boys State.
    - Announce winner of 2023 Boys State Scholarship: Quinn Hasse was the winner/recipient of our scholarship. He will receive it upon graduation from High School. Pictures were taken and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC>
- Committee Reports
  - o Finance (Rodriguez): All **as of 6/20/2023**
    - Membership Acct:
    - Americanism: (Deposit \$500 from Business acct; Xfer in \$2,000 from Scholarship acct; \$200 for YTA attendance; \$225 for 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Stater)
    - Benevolence: (Deposit \$500 from Business acct; \$700 to TIUFTT tournament...sponsor hole and team).
    - Honor Guard:
    - House Acct:
    - SAL:
    - Savings:
    - Scholarship:
    - Loan: ()
  - o Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is ?**.
    - Paid so far for 2023 526 = **93.2% of goal.**
  - o AL Riders Report (M. Ball): Mike reports that a flag line was conducted on 6/20 (with 10 Riders) for a sailor that recently passed away. Dined with the family afterwards.
  - o Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal): Will be providing the color guard for the upcoming Firecracker Tournament (Post 22 Baseball).
  - o Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller): No member in attendance.
  - o Americanism (D. Harris):
    - Programs:
      - Boys State: We sponsored 8 boys' total. They did an amazing job this year!! Highest office was Dale Kinyon as the **Lt. Governor** and Quinn Gorman as the **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court**. We also had two **Public Utilities Commissioners** (Roman Slack and Jhett Waltman), as well as two appointed to the **Governor's Cabinet** (Samuel Barnes and Quinn Hasse). Several were also elected as **Senators** (Sam Kingsbury

and Roman Slack); **Representatives** (Sam Barnes/Quinn Hasse/Dale Kinyon. Landen Matkins was selected as the **Samsung Scholarship winner** (amount to be announced at the National Fall Meetings in October). Several were party leaders and Quinn Hasse was selected as the **Keynote Speaker for the Nationalist Party**.

- School Awards: We gave school awards at North, South, Southwest, East, and West Middle Schools as well as STM and Rapid City Christian Middle and High Schools
  - Youth Trooper Academy – We are sending one boy from Douglas High School. YTA is 26 through 30 June and “blue hat” day is the 29<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending that day and encourage others to attend as well.
  - Post 22 won the **“Golden Eagle Americanism Award”** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year in the 351 and up category.
  - Post 22 was also awarded the **Certificate of Meritorious Service in Americanism** for having the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total points on our Americanism Report.
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Unable to attend.
  - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Unable to attend.
    - Moment of Silence for member Vern Erickson who has passed away.
    - Reminder - do not pay anyone to fill out the forms for veteran loved ones that have passed away. The county VSO and other veteran organizations will do this at no cost.
  - Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander): Nothing to report. Harry recently had surgery and is recovering.
  - Unfinished Business
    - Facility Improvement projects update.
      - Concrete: Completed
      - Roof replacement: Completed, but still dealing with leaks... repairs are ongoing.
      - Gutter and downspouts have been installed on the North side of the building. Work on the front of the old building has not yet started. No date has been set.
      - Emblems for the ALA/SAL/ and Riders have all been approved and are being made. No installation date yet.
  - New Business
    - State Convention Results/report
      - State Commander Election: Post 22’s vote went to Courtney Steffen, and she was the winner.
      - State Vice Commander (West River) Election – D. Harris ran unopposed and will be the 2023-2024 SDAL Vice Commander.
      - As we expected, Post 22’s nominees for Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year were awarded the State Level plaques. Our nominee for Legionnaire of the Year (Tolsma) was beaten out by the District 1 nominee. Also, our nominee for Educator of The Year was defeated by the District 1 nominee.
      - Post 22 Commander Doug Harris was selected and presented the Robert C. Gabrielson Memorial Leadership Award for 2023. This award "recognizes one Legionnaire from The American Legion Department of SD, each year, who has demonstrated superior and inspirational leadership while serving as a District Commander, Area Vice Commander or other Department Officers in the State of SD."

- **Post 22 Beer Tent.** This is our annual fundraiser for the Post 22 Baseball team and takes place during the Firecracker Tournament.
  - We are looking for volunteers to help Past Commander Tolsma erect the Beer Tents on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June at approximately 1 P.M. Ernie Sanford volunteered to assist.
- **Other volunteer opportunities:** Tee It Up For the Troops Golf tournament on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July (Monday). We will be on hole #3 to help with our new Drone Drop Game! Mike Ball and Kyle Skjoldal volunteered to assist.
- **Black Hills Veterans March:** Looking for volunteers near the end of the march (in September); Ryan Skjoldal volunteered to assist.
- **National Convention** will take place in August. Commander Harris will be attending as a “call-in” for the National Americanism Commission.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
  - Nothing to report.

Adjournment @ 7:01 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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.

ww.	Commander (D. Harris)	X		
xx.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
yy.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
zz.	Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
aaa.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)		X	X
bbb.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)		X	
ccc.	Historian (K. Skjoldal)	X		
ddd.	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)
  - New members: Matthew Masisca – Navy & Army Vietnam, Dale Varra - Army, BoJack – USMC. The members were presented with a Legion coin to welcome them to the Post.
  - Guests: Boy State Attendee: Dale Kinyon (2023 Boys State Lt. Governor)
- Committee Reports

- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 7/14/2023
  - Business Account (Rodriguez): \$ (\$10,000 of that is from the savings account).
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$
  - Americanism Acct: \$
  - SAL Acct: \$
  - Honor Guard: \$
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$
  - Loan: \$()
  - Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 527.**
    - Paid so far 221 = **42% of goal.**
- AL Riders Report (No representative present): Events presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Skjoldal
  - Cool Deadwood nights – 24-28 August 2023 in conjunction with the Lead Aux.
  - Flag Retirement Ceremony – TBD Possible September.
  - Escorts – 20 Jun 2023, Contacted Funeral homes about flag lines and escorts.
  - Wagner for Labor Day Celebration. Will lead the parade.
  - Adopt a class. The Riders will once again work with a class from Sturgis.
  - Request to review bylaws about the wall being donated to the riders.
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
  - Firecracker tournament: 5 different games worked.
  - Funerals / Color Guards as they come.
  - Honor Guard to lead the veteran's day parade. Our Honor Guard will be working with the VFW this year.
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> – will be sponsoring a coat drive for Walk for Warmth event.
  - Color Guard upcoming
  - Mid-West National Regional Legion Baseball during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
  - Breakfast feed once a month starting in October (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) in lower Post room from 9 AM to 1 PM.
  - Has requested help with the poppy's
  - Planning Possible Garage Sale – TBD
  - Planning Possible Craft Fair – TBD
  - Are willing to assist any other family members with their events.
  - Looking at hosting a possible Fall festival with Pumpkin painting.
  - Bingo starts on September 5<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday in the lower Post room.
  - There are new, younger members that have just joined. Expect increased activity.
- Americanism (D. Harris): Boys State and Youth Trooper are completed for 2023. Now looking for new Oratorical participants.
- Athletic Officer (C. Hofer): Unable to attend – the Post 22 season has been completed. However, there will be State regional games this weekend (both the Post 22 Hardhats and the Expos) and the following weekend will be the State competition in Yankton (if either wins at the

Regional level. Post 22 Hardhats will be competing in the Midwest National Regional Tournament the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August here in Rapid City. They are the host team.

- Chaplain - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Post 22 Member Patrick J. Miller has passed away. Let Don know if you would like to participate in the wake ceremonies.
  - Looking for new members for the last man standing club.
  - The VA Health Care System held a hiring event on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1200 to 1800 at Fort Meade.
  - Chaplain needs our assistance to help reach out to members who are hospitalized.
- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander):
  - The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023 directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to raise compensation for service-disabled veterans and the families of fallen service members through an increase in the cost-of-living adjustment equal to the annual Social Security increase. The bill was passed unanimously by Congress and signed into law by President Biden.
  - The Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) is a VA program that helps veterans and their beneficiaries through providing secure access to banking options and financial services that protect them from fraud and pension poaching. Contact your local county VSO for assistance with the program.
  - Post 9/11 combat veterans who served between 2001 and 2013 will have until September 30 to enroll in VA health care. The date will mark the end of a one-year special enrollment period outlined by the PACT Act. You can apply for VA Health care online, at the va.gov website, or by calling 877-222-8387
- Old Business
  - Facility Improvement projects update.
    - Emblems for the ALA/SAL/ and Riders have all been approved and are completed. Installation is scheduled during the week of the rally.
    - Facility update – current projects (Doug) – roof is still leaking. Doug is working with Black Hills Exteriors to complete repairs. We do not have any funds for new projects.
    - L. Tolsma will be checking on costs for the front patio railing.
  - Review the EC Minutes. Commander Harris reviewed the minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. The main topic was the closing of the kitchen. A group of EC members will meet soon to plan a partial reopening of the kitchen.
- New Business
  - **Post 22 Beer Tent.** The annual fundraiser was a success for the Post 22 Baseball team and takes place during the Firecracker Tournament. Over \$3000 raised. These monies will pay our annual \$2,500 donation to the team as well as the \$1,000 scholarship we plan to award to a Senior player. We are currently waiting on the applications from the team members.
  - **Tee It Up For the Troops Golf tournament** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July (Monday). We were on hole #3 to help with the new “Can you beat a girl golfer” Game! We helped raise over \$2,000 for the tournament. Doug Harris & Kyle Skjoldal assisted.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):

- SAL will be doing a car show on 29 July starting at 1 P.M. Burgers, Brats, and Beer will be available during this fund raiser.
- See Doug Harris for Beef raffle tickets. This is a fundraiser for the SD American Legion Foundation. Tickets are \$10 each. Top prize is a \$500 beef bundle, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (\$300), and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$200.
- Our 3 new members are all part of a company that is being built here in SD and will offer jobs to Veterans. This has the potential for a lot of economic boosts in our area.
- Today is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ricky's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The attendees sang happy birthday to him and there were cupcakes.

Adjournment @ 7:05 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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): 21.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

eee.	Commander (D. Harris)		X		
fff.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X			
ggg.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X	X
hhh.	Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)		X		
iii.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X			
jjj.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X			
kkk.	Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X		
lll.	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: None
  - Guests: None
- Committee Reports
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 8/15/2023
  - Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$ (\$300 check to SDAL Foundation cashed)

- Americanism Acct: \$ (No deposits; Check to Alex Vonderau cashed for \$2,000; Checks written for Baseball Scholarships (not yet cashed) - \$1,000 to Harrison Good and \$500 to Dylan Marsh.
  - SAL Acct: \$ (\$181 expenses for Car Show; \$250 to Rosenbaum Signs for Emblem; Deposit of \$700 from Car Show Fundraiser).
  - Honor Guard: \$ (Large payments to Gary Stanley and AJ Screening of Black Hawk)
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$ (\$1,000 Check to Emma Raisanen – Oratorical Scholarship winner in 2021; \$1,000 deposited from Americanism for Boys State Scholarship winner Quinn Hasse.
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$ (\$5,000 deposit as repayment of loan to the business account).
  - Loan: (\$)
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527).**
- Paid so far 300 = **55% of goal – up from 38% last month.**
  - 50 Year Anniversary – Arnold Thovson (U.S. Army – Korea)
  - New members recruited – Commander Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
    - Doug Harris (3)
    - Joe Aldentaler (3)
    - Ray Andrews (1)
    - Don Snyder (1)
- AL Riders Report (No representative present): Events presented by
    - Cool Deadwood nights – 24-28 August 2023 in conjunction with the Lead Aux.
    - Flag Retirement Ceremony – TBD Possible September.
    - Wagner for Labor Day Celebration. Will lead the parade.
    - Adopt a class. The Riders will once again work with a class from Sturgis.
  - Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
    - Will participate in the new VA CBOC grand opening on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.
    - Ask for volunteers for the **Black Hills Veteran March**. Volunteers needed for our rest stop on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September in Deadwood. **If you would like to help, call Ryan Skjoldal at 605-877-6874.**
    - Sponsoring coat collection. New/Gently used, and clean only please. You can bring your items into the Post and place them in the big box.
      - Will participate in the Salvation Army opening ceremonies for the Walk for Warmth.
  - Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
    - Breakfast feed once a month starting in October (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) in lower Post room from 9 AM to 1 PM.
    - Has requested help with the poppy's.
    - Bingo begins the first Tuesday in September at 1800.
    - Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be towards the end of September.
  - Americanism (D. Harris):

- Post 22 Baseball Scholarships Awarded (Show pics-Harris). These pictures can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Post22RC/>
      - **TAL 1: Harrison Good: \$1,000**
      - TAL 2: Dylon Marsh: **\$500**
      - **SAL:** Hayden Leighty: **\$250**
- Athletic Officer (L. Tolsma): Post 22 Baseball season is over. The Minnesota team went on the World Series. Fall ball is getting ready to start. Post 320 is looking for a new head coach.
- Chaplain - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Three Post 22 Members have passed away. Patrick Miller, Norman Noftsgger, Robert J Kress, Donald L. Range
  - Looking for new members for the last man standing club.
  - The VA Health Care System held a hiring event on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1200 to 1800 at Fort Meade.
  - Chaplain needs our assistance to help reach out to members who are hospitalized.
- Post Service Officer report (Harry Rossander): Nothing to report.
- Old Business:
  - Facility update:
    - The emblems (SAL/ALA/Riders) are now installed and look great. **Completed.**
    - The old “smoke shack” has been torn down and disposed of. Thank you to Tom Smith and Doug Harris for finishing that project. **Completed.**
    - Roof: Still a leak in the roof. Waiting for BHE to give a date for the fix.
    - BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing.**
    - Kitchen update (Harris): The kitchen has been dismantled and mostly cleaned. Expect completion by this Friday. The kitchen is expected to reopen to serve the Lions Club and host Wednesday Steak Night on 6 September. It will be open only on Wednesday evenings for Supper/Dinner.
    - Working on setting up food trucks for tournaments/events.
- New Business
  - Changes to the room rental agreements as of 1 August 2023.
    - The cost of renting the rooms did not change, but the cleaning fees rose from \$25/room to \$30/\$40/and \$60 depending on the size of the room or the use of both. This contract is now in effect and posted on our website. The rooms for Funeral/Celebration of life were also changed to reflect the increased cleaning fee. Members/Spouses of members still get to use the facility for free in the case of Funeral/Celebration of Life. They would still have to pay the cleaning fee.



- The National Convention will be held in Charlotte NC starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.
  - Legion Golf Tournament starting **8 and 9 September** here in Rapid City. Does anyone want to build a team? If you would like to put together a team or two, contact Doug Harris at 970-231-8556.
  - The District 2 Fall Meeting will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Hermosa. No meeting times yet announced.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
    - The grand opening of the VA CBOC is tomorrow at 1 P.M. It would be great if there were a lot of us there wearing our hats. Location: 2165 Promise Road on the Southside of town...off Mt Rushmore Rd.
    - I have raffle tickets for the SDAL Foundation. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$500 in beef certificates/2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$200 in beef certificates.

Adjournment @ 18:43 P.M.

The American Legion, Post 22  
 Membership Meeting - Minutes  
 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 (D. Harris)		X	X
nnn.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)	X		
ooo.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
ppp.	Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)		X	X
qqq.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
rrr.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
sss.	Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	X
ttt.	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: Jennifer Rollins [Air Force]
- Guests:
  - Jennifer Rollins with Ms. Veteran America Competition.
    - Raising money and advocating for homeless women veterans through Miss Veteran America and Final Salute Inc.
- Committee Reports
- Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 9/19/2023
  - Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$
  - Membership Acct: \$
  - Benevolence Acct: \$
  - Americanism Acct: \$
  - SAL Acct: \$
  - Honor Guard: \$
  - Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
  - Capital Improvements Savings: \$.
  - Loan: (\$)
- Membership (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527)**.
  - Paid so far 330 = **62% of goal**.
  - New members recruited – Commander Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
    - Doug Harris (3)
    - Joe Aldentaler (3)
    - Gary Stanley (2)
    - Casey Hanson (2)
    - Ray Andrews (1)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Don Fuller (1)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
- AL Riders Report (No representative present):
- Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
  - **Black Hills Veteran March.**
  - Sponsoring coat collection. New/Gently used, and clean only please. You can bring your items into the Post and place them in the big box.
  - Salvation Army opening ceremonies for the Walk for Warmth.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
  - Meeting Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30
  - Breakfast feed once a month starting on October 8th (2nd Sunday of the month) in the Post lower meeting room from 9 AM to 1 PM.
  - Has requested help with selling the poppies.
  - Bingo cancelled.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
  - Boys State, Youth Trooper, and Oratorical information being sent out to schools. Next program will be the Oratorical contest starting in December.

- Athletic Officer (No representative present):
- Chaplain - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Mike Ball is sick.
  - Dave Kelley is sick.
  - Harry Rossander is going through cancer treatment.
  - September is suicide prevention month. Check up with friends and family members.
- Post Service Officer report (No representative present):
- Old Business:
  - Facility update:
    - Roof: Still a leak in the roof. Waiting for BHE to give a date for the fix.
    - BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing.**
    - Kitchen update (Harris): The kitchen has been dismantled and cleaned. Reopened on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Wednesdays only.
- New Business
  - District 2 Commander Chris Rendon visited and passed the following information.
    - 9/11 Veterans VA deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 under the PACT Act.
    - National AL will increase dues by \$5 starting with the 2025 Membership year (1 July 2024).
    - The state membership goal is 16,261. Keep working on post membership.
    - Legion will may need to increase bus dues for Youth Trooper and Boys State this fiscal year due to rising price of bus and falling number of boys. District EC will keep us updated.
  - Legislative priorities are out for the State Veterans Council
    - Long term healthcare study for the state of SD
    - Increased reimbursement for county veterans service officers
    - Veterans' council is looking for a 5% tax reimbursement for 100% total disabled veterans.
    - Free hunting and fishing licenses for Purple Heart recipients.
    - MAJ Richard Star Act. Has already been allocated through appropriations
  - Black Hills VA is doing great things. Has 40 beds available and wait time for appointments is approximately 2 weeks.
    - Hiring for nursing jobs
  - AL Midwinter – February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Deadwood
  - Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation – Saturday, November 4th 2023, at Sturgis Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member):
  - No Junk Garage Sale – September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at 306 Crocus Ct, Box Elder, SD. See our FB page for the flyer.
- Adjournment: 6:43 pm

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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
uuu.	Commander (D. Harris)		X	
vvv.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) School)		X	Y (Military
www.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)		X	
xxx.	Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
yyy.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
zzz.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
aaaa.	Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	
bbbb.	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: Billy Lindsey/USA transferred from Fort Collins; Michael Bekaert/USA transferred from Post 109; Jennifer Rollins/USAF
  - o Guests:
    - Quinn Gorman (Boys State 2023) Douglas H.S.
    - Henry Garcia\* (recently returned from 12 month deployment)
- **Financial Report** (P. Rodriguez) as of: 10/18/2023
  - o Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$
  - o Membership Acct: \$.
  - o Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$1,000 to cover September and October; Deposit \$200 from Dacotah Bank-donation; debit of \$171.77 for the BH Vets March; debit of \$200 to Final Salute – Homeless Women Vets).
  - o Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$1,000 to cover September and October)
  - o SAL Acct: \$ (Deposit \$1,125 from fundraising).
  - o Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit \$100; debit \$46.72 for straight talk phone service).
  - o Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
  - o Capital Improvements Savings: \$.
  - o Loan: ()
- **Executive Committee** (EC) minutes (highlights). Reported by Commander Harris.
  - o The majority of every Executive Committee Meeting is spent on the financial status of the Post. We review our current accounts and the Profit and Loss Statement provided by our Finance Officer. We make decisions on how to spend our money. We also review and authorize expenditures to fix/replace equipment for the facility. We look at projects/ideas from our Legion Family members. Anyone who comes

forward with additional projects for Post 22 must also provide their “plan” for this project to include who will be the POC, how it will be funded, and the list of volunteers who will make it happen.

#### Kitchen issue

- Was closed for the Summer. June – August and reopened for Wednesday Nights only, to serve the Lion’s Club and Steak dinners (limited menu)
  - o Was rearranged and thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom. Jason spent about 2 months on this project.
  - o “New/donated” grill installed.
  - o “New/donated” electric oven/stovetop.
  - o Old and unused equipment/utensils/containers were donated/recycled.
- Now available for Catering and “Family” Fundraisers.
  - o Any group who uses the kitchen must thoroughly clean it and all equipment used following use. Failure to do so will result in privileges being revoked.
  - o There is now a Catering Menu posted to our website.

#### Food options:

1. It was decided to offer pizzas in the bar as our only food option the other 6 days of the week. The EC authorized purchase of two pizza ovens. Sales have been going well and we make a profit on every single pizza.
2. We authorized “potluck” for Sunday football days again.

#### Other:

1. The sale of drink chips has ended. Anyone who has a Post 22 drink chip has until December 31<sup>st</sup> to turn them in.
  - o We are still waiting on bids for the installation of railing around the new patio. Due to the financial hit, we experienced with the kitchen, this project has been delayed until next Spring.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527)**.
  - Paid so far 365 = **67% 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 (4)
    - Joe Aldentaler (3)
    - Gary Stanley (2)
    - Casey Hanson (2)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Don Fuller (1)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
    - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
    - Lyle Tolsma (1)
    - Chris Van Delist (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Director John Fleming):

- 10 December 2023 @ 1300 to 1600 – Pictures with Santa (Mike Ball) – 10 Kids with Rural Initiative or more groups with a total of 50.
- Christmas Party 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 6pm dinner and gift exchange and cards game. All family members are welcome to purchase a ticket and attend.
- Christmas Tree @ the Capital. Decorating from 9am to 1pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 23 all legion family welcome. Need to know how many by 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. POC is Melanie Martens: 605-484-6728.
- Just completed a 600-mile memorial escort from Montana to Vivian, SD
- Will be meeting with Sturgis 1<sup>st</sup> graders on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Jendry):
  - Participated/posted colors at Salvation Army Walk for Life. Donated coats.
  - Will have completed 3 memorial ceremonies at the B.H. National Cemetery in October.
  - A fund raiser will be held at Pizza Ranch on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m.
  - An Honor Guard Christmas party is being planned. Announcement to follow.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Football boards have been a great fundraiser.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
  - Next meeting on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October (6 P.M.)
  - Breakfast feed once a month starting on October 8th (2nd Sunday of the month) in the Post lower meeting room from 8 AM to 12 PM.
  - Has requested help with distributing poppies. Outside on Veterans Day (downtown).
  - Diaper collection will be taking place...play pen out in the lobby. Starting 10/17/2023.
  - Bingo cancelled UFN.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> of OCT 2023 @ 1300 doing a Halloween Party
    - Pumpkin Painting - 40 Pumpkins.
    - Game tables will be there. NO GLITTER ALLOWED!!!
    - Looking for candy donations.
    - Will supply all pies for Veterans Day dinner here at the Post.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - Boys State, Youth Trooper, and Oratorical information being sent out to schools. Next program will be the Oratorical contest starting in December.
    - Quinn Gorman has been identified for Oratorical Contest.
  - I attended and spoke at the Scouts BH Area Council last week to distribute information on the big 3.
  - Scout Troop 72 (members of) will be present at our Veterans Day dinner to help with the meal.
  - Commander Harris has received an appointment to the National Americanism Commission.
- **Athletic Officer** (no rep present): Nothing to report.
- **Chaplain** - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Two Post 22 members have passed away -
  - Charles Ward, Sturgis, SD

- Robert L. Simon of
- Ray Andrews
- Sick Call – Steve Vrabel & Harry Rossander
- **Post Service Officer** report (H. Rossander): Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**

Facility update:

- Roof: Still a few minor leaks in the roof. BHE was here before the big rain and hopefully fixed our worst leak. They have been back to look at the smaller leaks too. Don't know if we have a complete fix yet.
- BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing.**
- Doug has repaired holes in the walls in the two meeting rooms and painted.

- **New Business:**

- Preparation for Veterans Day Event.
  - Parade: need to find a car or truck for the parade.
  - The TAL/SAL/ALA/and Riders have met for the Turkey Dinner planning.
  - The event will be from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Details will be posted on the Post 22 website/Facebook site.
- Mike Ball made a **motion to cancel the November Members Meeting due to the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Event 4 days prior. Seconded by Paul Douglas. No discussion. Motion carried.**

- **The Good of the American Legion** (Any member):

- Volunteer opportunities:
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>: The Adult Day care center is looking for Veterans to come in to spend time with the resident veterans. Cake and coffee will be served. They are looking for 5+ people to come in around 1 P.M. Please let Doug know if you would like to attend following the meeting.
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>...Pinedale Elementary School has a Veterans Day program. 9 – 10 A.M. All Veterans invited.
- Annual Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation “We’ve Got Your Six” – Saturday, November 4th, 2023, at Sturgis Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm.
- November 7<sup>th</sup>, Veteran’s club chili cook off at School of Mines at 1100/lunch time.
- February 29<sup>th</sup> 40/8 will be giving scholarships. Tickets will be available immediately.

Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 7:11 P.M.

There was no meeting held in November 2023.

The American Legion, Post 22

Membership Meeting - Minutes

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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
cccc.	Commander (D. Harris)		X	
dddd.	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)		X	Y
eeee.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (R. Jendry)			X Y
ffff.	Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
gggg.	Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
hhhh.	Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
iiii.	Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	
jjjj.	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: Jason Zittel (USMC); Mike Austin (USAF); Tony Anable (USA) – Next Month/Bill Peterson
  - o Guests: N/A
- Financial Report (J. Gerry/P. Rodriguez) as of: 12/15/2023
  - o Business Account (Rodriguez): \$
  - o Membership Acct: \$ (will be reimbursing business account for money spent on Honor Guard supplies – flags/poles/stands etc. for \$562 in near future). Still haven’t received the online payment from Department for Sep and Oct. Lost in the mail.
  - o Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; debit of \$21.42 for cookies provided to Veterans Legislative Mtg).
  - o Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500).
  - o SAL Acct: \$ (Deposit from fundraising).
  - o Honor Guard: \$ (debit \$48.36 for straight talk phone service; deposits of \$200 for funerals).
  - o Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
  - o Capital Improvements Savings: \$. (There will be approximately \$4,550 transferred out this week to pay BHE).
  - o Loan: (\$)
- **Executive Committee** (EC) minutes (highlights). Reported by Commander Harris.
  - o Approved spending approximately \$562 dollars on purchasing flag poles/bases/finials/Space Force Flag/flag spreaders. Equipment was ordered and will be maintained by the Honor Guard. Paid for from Membership Account because it is for the members.
  - o Approved year-end donations from the Benevolence fund of \$200/each to 1). Youth and Family Services, 2). Club for Boys, and 3). Meals on Wheels Western SD.
  - o Approved replacing our “dated” camera surveillance system in the building. Waiting for a bid. This is currently our top priority due to safety and security.



- Researching bar chair replacement. Replaced 10 of the old black chairs with the “newer” green chairs for now.
- Approved replacement of internet hardware/software. Will cost about \$600.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545**.
  - Paid so far 462 = **86% 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)
    - Don Dosch (2)
    - Don Snyder (1)
    - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
    - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
    - Chris Van Delist (1)
    - Jason Skala (SAL) (1)
    - Cody Penning (SAL) (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Director John Fleming):
  - December 29, 2pm at Ft. Meade to serve pie and ice cream to veterans residing in the Community Living Center
  - We will be providing dinner and gifts for two families of four, one from Cornerstone Family Shelter and one from WAVI. Jane and Melanie will shop for the needed items.
  - Participated in Wreaths Across America at Black Hills National Cemetery is December 16
- **Honor Guard** ():
  - Participated/posted colors at Salvation Army Walk for Life. Donated coats.
  - Will have completed 3 memorial ceremonies at the B.H. National Cemetery in October.
  - A fund raiser will be held at Pizza Ranch on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Football boards have been a great fundraiser.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Curry/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.
  - New Years Eve Pizza party at Hot Springs Veterans Center.
  - Assist Legion Riders with children’s Christmas party.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
  - We have a competitor for the Oratorical Contest: Sophomore at Stevens H.S. She won the Post contest on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - District 2 Contest takes place at SD Mines on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. All three judges are from Post 22. Also assisting in the contest are Lisa Jendry, and Ernie Sanford.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma): A.L. Baseball, tryouts in the next few months.

- **Chaplain** - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller):
  - Two members have passed away in **December** -
    - George Tennyson
    - Bob Godfrey
    - Les Huebner
  - Members who passed away in **November** -
    - James W. Dowding
    - Oscar A. Rieger
    - David B. Kelly
    - Erney E Sharp
  - Sick Call – Mike Ball, Rod Martin, Mike Woods, Harry Rossander
- **Post Service Officer** report (H. Rossander): Reported on VA initiatives and changes.
- **Old Business:**
  - Facility update:
    - Roof: Project complete.
    - BHE: Completed the front of the old building (Facia/supports) – final bill to be paid this week. Also repaired wind damage to the facia on the East side of the new building (N/C so far).
      - ◆ Completes 2 ½ year project. Still tracking a couple of very minor leaks that BHE will chase down as they happen.
    - Still waiting for bids to complete the patio railing.
    - Placing a new flashing “open” sign in front entry when we can locate one.
    - Tom Smith has been working hard to repair the “new” grill/oven in the Kitchen. He also put tie-downs on the roof to hold the gas piping in place/off the roof liner.
    - Harris caulked/painted the newly repaired/supported front of the old building.
  - Veterans Day
    - We served over 200 members/guests at our Veterans Day dinner.
- **New Business:**
  - Looking for volunteers for the future project of dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building. This will be a Spring project.
  - Looking for a volunteer(s) to manage/help maintain the “green spaces” outside of our facility. Would involve weeding/trimming bushes and rock areas.
  - Looking for someone who would be willing to take over/manage our Americanism Programs (Boys State/Oratorical/Youth Trooper).
    - Contact Commander Harris at 970-231-8556 if you are interested in any of these projects/jobs.
  - Review and vote on a Resolution submitted by Post 22 member Christopher Van Delist.
    - Subject: **Credit for Service/Training**
      - In this resolution, The American Legion advocates for the recognition and appropriate awarding of academic credit or certification for military service.
      - Harris will read the resolution and the members will vote on whether Post 22 will support and submit this resolution to District 2 for approval and subsequent forwarding to Department for consideration at the Department Convention in June.

- Results of vote: **Don Fuller made motion to approve with the condition that required changes will be made; Lyle Tolsma seconded; Motion carried.**
  - A member asked if there was any movement on getting a new flagpole. Commander Harris said while the discussion has been brought up several times, no one has offered a plan on how to get one, pay for it, or install it. The EC has not taken this on because there are multiple other projects in the works with a higher importance since we already have a flag pole.
- **The Good of the American Legion** (Any member):
  - Volunteer opportunities: (see above in 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) 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.
  - DAV Department Commander Presentation (Christine Speirs): Conducted a review of the current legislation that is working its way through congress. HB1139/SB1140 – reinstate claim-shark protections for veterans, SB1545 – Healthcare Freedom; prioritizing veterans over undocumented residents; SB1975 – review of discharges for health conditions that might have affected the character of service.
    - DAV will be open January 6<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1100 to file claims. Also, their services are available Monday – Friday 11 – 3 to file claims. There is also a fundraising raffle available.
  - D. Fuller gave a reminder of the "last man standing" club.

Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 7:06 P.M.