



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
POST MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021

The regular post meeting was held in the conference room at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan.

Post Officer Installation:

- Officers elected at the Post meeting in May were officially sworn in by past commander, John Flynn and witnessed by District 3 Commander, Bob Hart.
 - Commander: Wayne Beierman
 - Vice Commander: Barrett Kirchenwitz
 - Adjutant: John Rayman
 - Sergeant at Arms: Mike Peiffer
 - Chaplain: Cindy Yanchury (not present)

Old Business:

- The Eagan High School military recognition ceremony was held May 26, 2021. 12 Eagan High School students who are entering military service after high school (4 Marine Corp, 3 Army, 2 Air Force, 2 Army National Guard, and 1 Navy) were recognized. New 3rd District Commander, Bob Hart was the guest speaker.
- The Post sponsored blood drive was held May 28, 2021, at the Eagan Civic Arena. Mike Peiffer organized the event. With the assistance of Dan Seanoa, Colleen Vaubel, and Kathy Heiser, the Post helped collect 55 units of blood - 125% of the goal.
- A Memorial Day tribute was held May 31, 2021, at the Eagan Community Center Memorial Plaza. Post Adjutant John Rayman was the guest speaker. Approximately 80 people were in attendance.
- At the request of Jong Lee, manager at the Starbucks located at 2040 Cliff Road, Dan Seanoa set up a POW/MIA table in the restaurant.
- Flag inspection was held at Commander Wayne Beierman's residence on June 13. Ten post members helped inspect over 700 flags in preparation for the flag retirement ceremony. The retirement ceremony was held June 15, at Thomas Lake Park pavilion, with the assistance of Eagan Girl Scouts.
- There were no community activities or parade associated with Fun Fest this year. The Post will focus on planning for next year's event.
- Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the year nominations will be pursued by John Rayman with criteria obtained from State and provided to local agencies.
- Caleb Daniels was our Post sponsored representative to Boys State this year. Paul Kovach will work on getting him to the next meeting to discuss his experience.
- Wayne Beierman and Barrett Kirchenwitz attended the state convention. John Flynn received the Silver Brigade award. Third District won the Premier Race Award.

New Business:

- John Rayman provided a treasurer's report. The Post currently has \$3,200 in the account. Lack of fundraising due to Covid has limited incoming money. Due diligence in terms of expenditures will be necessary going forward. In the interests of transparency, John Rayman intends to provide detailed financial information at upcoming meetings in the form of a report or spreadsheet.
- Discussion was had regarding post vision and goals. Focus going forward will be on membership engagement – how do we get more people involved in post activities, as well as reinventing how we interact with the

community, publicize our efforts, and reimagine fundraising. There will be many opportunities in the near future which will be presented to the Post for consideration.

- Commander Beierman will again be participating in the annual Legacy Run. A motion was made and seconded for the Post to solicit donations and provide matching funds up to \$500 to support the Legacy Fund. There being no objections, the motion carried.
- Colleen Vaubel presented some information regarding Kids n' Kinship and a request from that organization for a donation to support their efforts. After discussion, it was decided more information was needed. It is uncertain as to whether the goals of the organization fit with the Legion pillars/goals. Colleen will make arrangements for a representative of the organization to present at a future meeting.

Past Commander Recognition:

- John Flynn was recognized for his leadership and vision as past Commander of Post 594 for the last 5 years. John was provided a certificate of recognition as well as a hand crafted wooden flag, emblazoned with the American Legion emblem and his dates of service.

Upcoming Events:

- Fisher House monthly breakfast is still on hold.
- 9/11 ceremony at the Eagan Community Center Tribute Plaza will be planned in collaboration with the Eagan Lions Club.
- Probable Veterans Day ceremonies. Details TBD.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021