



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2021

The Core Team consists primarily of elected Post Officers, although Committee Chairs and Project Leads are included as needed to provide updates and enlist leadership support.

New Business:

- John Rayman provided a treasurer's report. The Post currently has \$3,075 in the account.
- Vice Commander Kirchenwitz will be sending membership renewal reminders to all Post members. A separate letter will be sent to the residents of the Hastings Veterans Home advising the Post will no longer be paying annual dues. Financial hardship will be considered on a case by case basis to determine if Post funds should be used to pay the membership.
- Fall Conference is October 21-23 in Mahanomen, Minnesota. Wayne will be attending. The core team had no specific questions or concerns to address relative to the conference.
- The Post will be involved in several Veterans Day activities. The color guard will be involved in raising the colors at Thompson Reutters; a program at Eagan High School; and a program sponsored by the Rotary Club at Lost Spur Golf Course. St. John Neuman Catholic Church will be sponsoring a veterans appreciation dinner and wants to know how many Post members may be interested. Wayne Beierman will get more details, and John Rayman will send out a notice.
- Mike Pfeifer is working on the second blood drive of the year. Core team settled on Friday, December 10 as the date for the next drive. Mike will coordinate with Red Cross and advise accordingly.
- Discussion around fall flag inspection and retirement. Decided flag inspection will occur on October 27, 2021, at 1800, and flag retirement will occur October 30, 2021, at 1400. Wayne will finalize with the city. Efforts will be made to include Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, and/or AL Auxiliary. Also discussion on future flag burning. Rob Calahan noted concerns about air quality and the general ecological soundness of this practice. The group agreed alternatives should be looked at, and Rob will see about the cost of third party destruction of flags. Future events could still be held but with a smaller number of flags that are vetted so no polyester is being burned.
- The Hastings Veterans Home will allow small groups of 5 members at a time to come to the home to decorate for holidays. This could occur late November or early December. Participating members must have proof of vaccination and a picture id.
- A proposed calendar for the 2022 calendar year was presented by Commander Beierman in the hopes of getting it on the website sometime in December. The Core Team reviewed and approved the calendar and were encouraged to let Wayne know of any additional confirmed events. The calendar will be updated as new events arise.
- Lengthy discussion about communications. Thanks to David Hammer, the website has been updated and reconfigured. We should continue to get new updates and pictures to David to keep the website up to date and relevant.
- Adjutant Rayman suggested the Core Team spend some time answering the question posed on the website – "Who Are We?" If we can answer this question it can guide post activities going forward, much like a mission statement. All agreed we should work on accomplishing this. To that end, Rob Calahan agreed to put together a Survey Monkey survey that will be sent to members to answer a variety of questions about how they would answer this question, what they believe the focus of the post should be, and what time, talents, or expertise they might possess that they might be willing to share with the Post in the interest of member engagement. Goal is

to have this survey completed by December 1. Results will be fashioned into a mission statement and considered for future post activities as we move into 2022.

Upcoming Events:

- Blood Drive, December 10, 2021, Eagan Civic Arena. Details TBD
- Fall flag retirement ceremony Saturday, 10/20/21, Thomas Lake Park Pavilion.
- Veterans Day Program, 11/10/21, 0930, Eagan High School
- Veterans Day Program, 11/10/21, 12:00, Lost Spur Country Club
- Veterans Day flag raising 11/11/21, 0730, Thompson Reutters

- **Next Meeting:** December 21, 2021, 1800, Cedarvale Lanes (subject to change due to Christmas holiday)