



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2022

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

Old Business:

- On September 1, 2022, Post 594, renewed the charter and partnership agreement with Boy Scout Troop 449
- Flag inspection was completed on September 26 with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 449
- Flag retirement ceremony was held on October 4 at Thomas Lake Pavilion
- Commander Beierman and Adjutant Rayman presented 11 flags to the City of Eagan. A discussion was held with the city representative, Mike Sipper, regarding future budgeting concerns in this area and the degree to which the Post is able to support the City's flag needs. The Post has agreed to supply flags to the Community Center, Tribute Plaza, Police Station, three (3) fire stations, for a total of six (6) flags per year. These will be provided to the City annually on July 4. The remaining flags will be addressed in the city budget. Currently, this will result in an annual cost to the Post of approximately \$400.

New Business:

- Post 594 finally received a \$5,000 check from the Eagan FunFest Committee which has been deposited in the Post account.
- The American Legion Fall Conference will be held October 27-29 in St. Cloud. Pat Graham, John Rayman, and Barrett Kirchenwitz will be attending. One of many topics to be presented, is suicide prevention. Discussed the need to pursue some type of buddy check program.
- The Post Color Guard will be busy with Veterans Day ceremonies, including 11/9 at Thomson Reuters and Eagan Rotary; 11/11 at HyVee and Eagan High School; and 11/14 at Good Samaritan in Inver Grove Heights.
- Blood Drive will be held on Friday October 21, at the Eagan Community Center
- Adjutant Rayman presented on changing the Post mailing address to a P.O. Box rather than a home address. This will cost \$212 per year. The change is suggested for security reasons as well as more efficient continuity of operations when Post leadership changes. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure for the P.O. Box. Being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.** Adjutant Rayman will work on getting that set up.
- Adjutant Rayman introduced discussion around Post expenditures and a proposal to implement a spending threshold that would require Post membership approval. **After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to implement a \$250 spending threshold. Any amounts at or above that threshold would require a vote. Being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.**
- Commander Beierman indicated efforts will be made to pursue annual donations from local businesses. He, Vice-Commander Graham, and Adjutant Rayman will meet to implement these efforts. Possible target businesses are Sams, Walmart, Costco, Target, HyVee, and Cub Foods.
- Wayne Olsen presented on the Dakota County Veterans Services court mentor program. They are in need of volunteers. This will be presented and promoted at the next Post Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Further discussion about the benefits of online membership renewal. Efforts will continue to promote this process. The need for an online tutorial to be accessed on our website or through a link was discussed.

Adjutant Rayman will check with State to see if such a tutorial exists. Otherwise, this will be a subject of discussion for our Webmaster/communications reps.

- Also in the communication area, and continued focus of our communications reps, is remote access to Post meetings, a Post Signup Genius account for volunteer activities, and a Post Gmail account to streamline email communications. These will all be addressed in a separate communications meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** February 21, 2022, 1800, Fitz's Bar and Grill (no December meeting due to the Christmas holiday).