



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
POST MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022

The regular post meeting was held in the conference room at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan. A social hour was held from 1815-1900, with regular post business beginning at 1900.

Old Business:

- **Flag Inspection** occurred at Advent United Methodist church on September 26, 2002. Our sponsored scout troop 449 assisted with the flag inspection.
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony** was held on October 4, 2022, 1700, at Thomas Lake Park upper pavilion.
- **Fall Street Clean-up** occurred on Saturday, October 15, 2022.
- **Post Color Guard** presented the colors at Eagan High School football games on 9/23/22, 10/7/22, and 10/21/22, as well as Veterans Day ceremonies at Thomson Reuters, Eagan Rotary, Eagan Hy-Vee Foods and Eagan High School.
- **Fisher House** meal preparation resumed on Saturday, September 3, 2022. These meals will be served on the second Saturday of each month and volunteers will be needed. Meals were prepared by Post members on Saturday 10/1/22 & 11/12/22.
- **Core Group Leadership Meeting**, 10/18/22, 1800, Cedarvale
- **Blood Drive**, 10/21/22, Eagan Community Center – Mike Peiffer reported on the success of this event.
- **Communications Committee** consisting of Commander Beierman, Adjutant Rayman, David Hammer and Kevin Gutknecht, met on Thursday, September 8, to discuss improvements in website, social media, and other communications platforms. Possible areas of improvement include a post Gmail account, text communication for Post reminders and updates, a Post Evite account to assist in volunteer sign up, and remote access to Post meetings.

New Business:

- **Treasurer's report:** There is \$8,975 in the Post account. There has been income of \$5,383.50 and expenses of \$837.15. Most of the post revenue came from \$5,000 deposited from FunFest proceeds. Other income included \$133.50 in net membership dues, and \$250 in donations. Primary expenses included \$416.27 for the creation and mailing of 54 membership recognition certificates. Other expenses included \$212 for a new P.O. Box, Fall Conference registration/participation costs, and gift certificates provided to high school students who assisted with the 9/11 ceremony and The Wall That Heals. There were no questions or concerns regarding Post finances.
- **New Post Mailing Address:** Adjutant Rayman advised the Post mailing address has been changed to a P.O. Box as approved at the last core leadership meeting. This will allow a permanent address and continuity of operations as Post leadership changes, as well as provide a more secure mailing option. Before this decision, the Post address was usually the Adjutant's home address and needed to be changed each time that position changed. The website has been updated and State and National have been advised of the change. The cost to the Post is \$212 per year. There were no questions or concerns regarding this change.
- **New Sign-In Roster:** Adjutant Rayman explained the new sign in roster format. To better track information changes (e.g., email, phone number), and volunteer hours, the roster has been changed. Members are encouraged to track their involvement in post activities (e.g., meetings, events, special projects) as well as community volunteer hours, and note them on the roster when they sign in. This includes post meetings and core leadership meetings. This information will help us more accurately reflect the work we are doing in the post and community for the year-end report. There were no questions or concerns regarding this change.

- **Eagan Hy-Vee Foods** has agreed to provide the Post a monthly gift card of \$125 to support our efforts at Fisher House.
- **The Core Group** met on 10/18/22. Two measures were discussed, voted on, and approved at the meeting. 1) Any post expenditures that exceed \$250 need to be presented to and approved by the Post membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting unless the nature and timing of the expenditure prevent it (i.e., emergency); 2) The group approved an expenditure of \$212 to set up a post office box as the Post's permanent mailing address. Both decisions are documented in the meeting minutes, which are posted on our website.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussions are ongoing regarding possible areas of improvement in the communications area, including a post Gmail account, text communication for Post reminders and updates, a Post Evite account to assist in volunteer sign up, and remote access to Post meetings.

Special Guests:

- **Quilt of Valor Quilters** – Carol Schroeder and Janice Willems
- **Post 594 Auxiliary members** – Welcome Ladies
- **Wayne Olsen** presented information on his involvement and need for volunteers at the Dakota County Veterans Treatment Court. Wayne provided handouts for interested participants. He also highlighted a Netflix movie, “The Lost Battalion,” which follows members of Marine Corp 2/7 Fox Company, the company his son, Daniel R. Olsen, was part of, and their struggles they faced after returning from deployment.
- **Barrett Kirchenwitz**, former Vice Commander, was presented with the 2022 Post Legionnaire of the Year Award for his dedicated efforts at both the Post and State levels.
- **A Quilt of Valor Ceremony** five Post members were recognized for their dedication and passion for continued veteran's support and dedication to the goals of Post 594. Honorees were Colleen Vaubel, Danny Seanoa, Tom Mullen, Paul Kovach, and Joe Dolan. Each was presented with a personalized, handmade quilt.

Upcoming Events:*

- **Fisher House** monthly breakfast on 12/10/22 and 1/14/23
- **Core Group Meeting** 12/13/22, 1800, Cedarvale

*All of these events are posted on the event calendar on our website, www.post594.org and on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/EaganPost594.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023, 1900, Cedarvale Lanes