



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2023

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:

- Paul Kovach reported no student committed to the Oratorical Contest and therefore the Post had no entrants in this year's event.

New Business:

- SCOUT TROOP 449.
 1. As the sponsoring agency, our name needs to be added to the Troop Bank Account. Adjutant Rayman will work with Jen Williams on getting this accomplished.
 2. There may be an opportunity for Scouts to participate in Fun Fest cleanup as a possible fundraiser.
 3. Eagle Scout of the Year nomination material was provided to Troop leadership to see if there are any possible nominees.
 4. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Sunday, March 5, 2023, 0830-1200, Advent United Methodist Church.
- AUXILIARY UPDATES:
 1. Follow-up discussion about Girls State, an Auxiliary sponsored event. Auxiliary president Paulette Stark was present and provided necessary information regarding registration. Paulette will contact state and can work with Paul Kovach on soliciting nominees. Girls State will be held June 11-17, 2023 at Bethel University.
 2. Auxiliary will continue their practice of sending birthday cards to Post members residing at the Hastings Veterans Home. A lottery ticket is included in each card. This has an annual cost of approximately \$200.
 3. Auxiliary will be looking for Post assistance to conduct their annual Poppy fund raiser. This will be held May 19-21 at Sam's Club in Eagan. More information about volunteer opportunities will be presented at the next Post meeting.
 4. With our recent efforts to include Auxiliary in Post meetings and events, the question arose about how to manage the finances of each organization. Ultimately, it was decided that the Post and Auxiliary will maintain distinctly separate accounts and any fundraising or other revenue will be deposited into the sponsor organization's account. Requests for financial assistance will be addressed on an ad hoc basis, with requests being addressed and voted on by the Post.
- EAGAN ROTARY: Our relationship with Eagan Rotary has started to take root. The Post has provided color guard and flag presentations at their Veteran's Day luncheon the last two years. Commander Beierman will be the subject of a veteran interview program conducted by the Rotary this fall. They have also taken note of the many community collaborations our Post has developed. In recent conversations, the Rotary President has indicated a desire to provide a generous donation to the Post to support our activities.
- BLOOD DRIVE: Mike Peiffer has blood drives line up on May 19, 2023, at the Eagan Civic Arena, and October 21, 2023, site TBD (community center?).
- HONOR FLIGHT: Commander Beierman has talked to Honor Flight Coordinator Jerry Kyser. WWII vets are almost always chosen. Korean War vets are also frequently honored. We will scour our membership for vets in those categories to see about a nomination.

- **COLOR GUARD:** Danny Seanoa indicated HyVee has requested Post 594 raise their new flag outside the store. This is a very large flag and will require several people. The date will be Monday, March 13, 2023, at 0800. Available members of the Color Guard will participate.

Unfinished Business:

- **BOYS STATE:** Paul Kovach indicated there have been no inquiries about Boys State. He will continue to monitor and promote this event.
 - **FUN FEST:** Fun Fest July 3-4, 2023. Post planning will need to begin soon. We will need to identify an event chair/co-chair and begin discussion about how we enhance the experience for 2023. Adjutant Rayman indicated he would like to gather a small group of people to discuss and plan for the event. This will be discussed at the next Post meeting.
 - **HASTINGS VETS HOME:** Commander Beierman has reached out to the Hastings Veterans Home. He will meet with the new resource coordinator, Robert Vandenbos, to discuss how Post 594 can support their mission. This will include the construction of a flag deposit box to be placed at the community center.
 - **COMMUNICATION:** David Hammer and Kevin Gutknecht updated the group on our ongoing efforts to establish a Post email and texting account. The current focus is on a web program called “Constant Contact.” To effectively use the program, it will cost the Post \$10 per month at current pricing. Texting would be an additional charge, but there are other programs, including free ones, that may be suitable if we choose to establish text communications. All present agreed the cost could be justified. Commander Beierman and Adjutant Rayman will continue to work with David and Kevin on this issue.
 - **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** Adjutant Rayman will provide a list of local businesses providing financial or other significant support to the Post to David Hammer so they can be highlighted on our Website. Kevin Gutknecht indicated he would contact these businesses to see if company logos could be used on the website.
 - **BUDDY CHECKS:** Commander Beierman continues to have a goal to set up a buddy check program. Ideally, we would have multiple volunteers from the Post that would be willing to make phone calls. This is something we will again discuss at the next Post meeting.
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- **Next Meeting:** April 18, 2023, 1800, Fitz’s Bar and Grill