



DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594
CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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 students have expressed interest in Boys State or Girls State.

New Business:

- SCOUT TROOP 449. The Scouts will participate in Fun Fest cleanup as a fundraiser. It is estimated this may raise up to \$3,000 for the troop.
- EAGAN ROTARY: Several members of the Eagan Rotary were present to request a partnership with Post 594 to identify veterans who can be honored at their annual Veterans Day event. They are also interested in finding other ways to collaborate on community events in Eagan in the future.
- 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: Color Guard will present the colors at the Eagan Athletic Association kick-off and alumni event on Saturday, April 22, at 1200.
- MEMORIAL DAY: On May 29, Color Guard and post members will hold Memorial Day vigils at St. John's Cemetery (1000); Christ Lutheran Cemetery (1020); and New Perspectives Assisted Living (11:20). The day will culminate at the annual Memorial Day event held at the Eagan Central Park Memorial Plaza. Paul Kovach is working on lining up trumpet players and vocalists to perform taps and the national anthem at these events. A guest speaker is yet to be lined up.
- SOCIAL: Auxiliary was asked to look into the possibility of a Post bowling night at Cedarvale at some point during the summer.
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES:
 - Adjutant Rayman suggested we make a concerted effort to connect with the Eagan American Legion Baseball Team. This could include a donation, attending a game or two, providing background and/or education to the players re: The American Legion. Adjutant Rayman will work to contact the coach to have that discussion.
 - Chaplain Yanchury presented the idea of presenting The White Table book to District 196 elementary schools this fall. The idea was unanimously supported by the group. Paul Kovach will work to make contact with the school principals to gauge interest.
- STREET CLEANUP: The annual street cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 0830, meeting in the South end of the Walmart parking lot.

Unfinished Business:

- FUN FEST: Fun Fest July 3-4, 2023. Post planning will need to begin soon. A planning group will be assembled to brainstorm ideas to improve the experience. Mike Peiffer volunteered to head the effort at the beer tent with the assistance of last year's chair. 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.
- COMMUNICATION: Concerted effort should be made to establish the Post email and Sign Up Genius accounts to help facilitate the many events coming up between May and November. Kevin Gutknecht will coordinate with David Hammer to prioritize this matter.

- **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.
- **AUXILIARY BANK ACCOUNT:** Adjutant Rayman has reached out to Jen Williams, Treasurer for the Women's Auxiliary, to be added to their bank account as the sponsoring agency. To date, there has been no response. Adjutant Rayman will continue those efforts.
- **AUXILIARY POPPY SALES:** There are still volunteers needed for the annual poppy sale that will occur May 19-21, 2023, at the Eagan Sam's Club.
- **FLAG RETIREMENT:** Flag inspection will occur on May 15, 2023, 1830, at Advent United Methodist Church in Eagan. Boys Scout Troop 449 will again assist. The flag retirement ceremony and potluck will be held June 14, 2023, Thomas Lake Park Pavilion, starting at 1700. Post funds will be used to purchase burger and brats. The Auxiliary will handle organizing the rest.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** The blood drive is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023, 0830-1700, at the Eagan Civic Arena. Another blood drive will be held in October at the Eagan Community Center. Mike Peiffer, POC.

- **Next Meeting:** June 20, 2023, 1800, Fitz's Bar and Grill