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## DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594

### POST MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023

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, and concluding at 2030.

Neil Hetherington, Commander of Cadets at St. Thomas Academy presented the Wall That Heals hosted by STA in Mendota Heights on May 26-29 this year. He requested volunteers and passed out flyers for Post members to sign up and attend the event.

#### Old Business:

- **Sign-In Roster:** There is a new sign in roster format that allows for better tracking of information changes (e.g., email, phone number), and volunteer hours.
- **Oratorical Contest:** Paul Kovach
- **Post 449 Report:** Cindy Yanchury reported that Troop 449 is looking for assistance to work with scouts toward earning citizenship merit badges (community, nation, world, society). Anyone interested should contact Cindy and she will provide information regarding the process and time commitment.
- **Youth Outreach:** Cindy Yanchury shared the book “America’s White Table.” This is a children’s book that seeks to help children understand and appreciate the sacrifices of armed forces members and their families.
- **Post 594 2022 Accomplishments:** Commander Beierman presented a summary of Post 594 accomplishments in 2022. A proposed calendar for 2023 was discussed and approved.
- **Post 594 Goals for 2023:** The identified goals included.
  - Youth education/activities (e.g., scouts, elementary age students, high school and Legion Baseball);
  - Post social events (identified in the 2022 Post survey)
  - Veteran’s support (e.g., buddy checks, veterans’ home)
  - Post mentorship (succession planning for Post leadership).
- **Auxiliary:** Post 594 Auxiliary was present with the goal of ongoing collaboration to support the goals of Post 594 and the Auxiliary. To develop a respectful and beneficial relationship with the Post. With a Goal is to fill the role of 2nd Vice-Commander to coordinate social activities for the Post. This serves two purposes to:
  - Facilitate comradeship amongst members.
  - Create a family environment that may appeal to younger veterans with children and other activities.
  - Post to support the Auxiliary with fund raising & activities their community outreach & Poppy sales.

#### New Business:

- **The Core Leadership Group** met on February 28. FunFest, Fundraiser 2023 Look Ahead, Fundraisers Two measures were discussed, voted on, and approved at the meeting.
- **Treasurer’s report:** Adjutant Rayman. - \$10, 048.44. Income: \$750 membership revenue, \$500 EHS. \$180 Expenses: Membership transmittals to National & State Legion.
- **Membership report:** Vice Commander Graham report
- **Scoops for Troops:** Not at this time since Tribute to the Troops who supported Gold Star families has disbanded. Most went to Minnesota Wheels of Honor.
- **Communications/Media:** Core Group Recommendations: Discussed possible areas of improvement in the communications area, including a post Gmail account, text communication for Post reminders and updates, a Post Sign Up Genius account to assist in volunteer sign up, and remote access to Post meetings. David Hammer Post Historian and Communications Lead outlined that the Post is developing a Post email and twitter accounts to disseminate Post activities and updates, and a separate Post email account tied to a Post Sign Up Genius

account to facilitate organizing events and volunteer opportunities. Current cost is expected to be less than \$20 per month. These are priority items as look toward several Post events coming up this spring and summer.

- **Fisher House:** March 11, Danny & Cheryl Seanoa & Stuart Fobes.
- **Color Guard Hy-Vee Flag Raising:** Monday, March 13, Danny, John Rayman, Mark Frascione, Lance Ashland, David Hammer, Duff Duffina & Wayne Beierman. Collected 2 flags to retire.
  - **Need additional members.** Called Frank R, Steve T and Jerry Skala for uniforms.
- **Hastings Veterans Home:** March 15 Wayne & Paulette Stark met with Robert Vandenbos, Veterans Resource Coordinator to inquire how Post 594 can help there.
  - Holiday Decorating, Summer Cookout, fabricate a flag box for the Eagan City Hall, Service projects, Veterans Home Grounds Clean Up, Other activities?
  - Veterans Table with all the accoutrements.
  - Continue Birthday cards with lottery tickets – Auxiliary.
  - Holiday cards, instead of single cards, attached to a large poster board is more effective.
  - w/Paulette – Concentrate on Eagan retirement homes – New Perspectives and Commons on Marice.
- **Fundraisers**
  - **Poppy Sales:** May 19-21 - Sam's Club – Kim Hanson Ashland circulated a volunteer signup sheet.
  - **Eagan FunFest:** July 3 4-11 and July 4 Noon to 11 pm (July 2 at Vikings Lakes)
  - **Von Hansen's:** Aug 12 & 13 - Duff Duffina presented the opportunities to volunteer for this event.
- **Fun Fest 2023:** Members are urged to consider planning and how to make this a better event. Contact Commander Beierman or Adjutant Rayman if interested. Identified Speedy Pro Graphics.
- **Veterans Day on the Hill:** March 30, 2023,
  - **Coffee:** Doors open at 10:00am at The Armory, 600 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, 1 block from the Capitol
  - **Lunch:** 11:00am at The Armory, 600 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, on block from the Capitol
  - Veterans March to the Rally: 12:40 march to the State Veterans Service Building, 20 West 12th St, Saint Paul, a short walk from the Armory
  - Rally in the Rotunda: 1:00-2:00pm presented by CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO
  - Topics include:
    - Passing a clean veterans omnibus bill
    - Ensuring surviving spouses have access to property tax relief.
    - Fixing the post 9/11 service bonus to include all current resident veterans.
    - Increase the amount for the property tax value exclusion.
- **Auto Show:** April 4 at the Minneapolis Convention Center – Free for Veterans.
- **Blood Drives: Mike** – May 19 – Eagan Civic Center - Mike Peiffer
  - October 20, Eagan Community Center
- **Flag Inspection/Retirement:** Scheduled –
  - Inspection with Scout Troop 449 scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023, at Advent UMC.
  - Flag retirement ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Thomas Lake Pavilion.
    - Potluck 1700 & Ceremony 1800.
- **Boys State:** June 11-17, \$325 - St. John's University, Collegeville, Registration: To install the ideals of civic duty, Americanism, and an appreciation for democracy. Paul Kovach stated that so far no Eagan High School Boys have come forward. **A motion was made by Joe Dolan and seconded by Mike Peiffer, to approve funds (\$975) to send three (3) boys to Boys State, if that many come forward. Motion was unanimously passed by the members.**
- **Girls State:** June 11-17, 2023, \$300 - Bethel University, St. Paul. Application by April 1. To empower and educate young women across Minnesota in Americanism and city, county, and state government. Kim Hanson Ashland stated that at this time, no girls had been selected for Girls State.
- **Honor Flight:** Twin Cities Honor Flight to D.C. in September 2023. Looking for WWII or Korean War Vets?
- **Officer Elections:** May meeting: All positions are open. I plan to run for Commander for one more year.

#### Unfinished Business:

- **Fisher House** monthly breakfast April 8 & May 13
- **Core Leadership Meeting:** April 18, 1800, Cedarvale Lanes

\*All of these events are posted on the event calendar on our website, [www.post594.org](http://www.post594.org) and on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/EaganPost594](https://www.facebook.com/EaganPost594).

**Meeting closes at 1912 hours**

**Next Meeting:** May 15, 2023, 1900, Cedarvale Lanes