



**DANIEL R. OLSEN**  
**American Legion Post 594**  
**Eagan, MN**

**Regular Post Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2025**

1. **Meeting Call, Pledge of Allegiance, POW/MIA Presentation, Invocation.**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kevin G, seconded by Jon B, minutes approved.
3. **Welcoming of Guests or First-Time Attendees:** none present.
4. **Recognition and Oath of New Members:** New members Brianna Beltran, Jo Beltran, and Shelly Recer took the oath and were recognized.
5. **Officer/Chair Reports**
  - Adjutant: No report
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice/Membership: We are currently at 73% but should be at 80% by now. Will start sending out emails or letters to those who have not renewed in the next couple of weeks.
  - Post Service Officer: Not present
  - Chaplain: Regular chaplain not present, no report.
  - Historian/Communications: No updates.
  - Finance: Our current checking account is at \$20,446 plus we have a CD for \$5000. The bank changed from Home Federal to Alerus.
  - Color Guard: No upcoming events.
  - Auxiliary: Poppies will be sold May 16-18 at Sams Club. Visited Lexington Point veterans and have scheduled another visit for April 30. Sending Birthday cards with lottery ticket to Hastings Vet Home.
  - Past Commander/Third District: Mid-winter conference will be held this Saturday. Do we want to donate this year to Quilts of Valor, if so how much?
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - Buddy Checks – Committee needed. Chaplain and Post Service Officer to drive effort? 2-3 additional people. Requested volunteers.
  - Oratorical Contest – Paul sent name to Diane, Wayne will follow up. The student is Elijah Daniels.

- Boys State/Girls State – Paul has not received any info yet.
- Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the Year Applications: No update.
- Post Constitution & Bylaws: Wayne will send out proposed Constitution and By-Laws for review by membership.
- Dakota County Memorial Greenway: Wayne Olsen stated that they are looking for stories by relatives of MIAs.
- Dakota County Veteran Court: Wayne O. is a mentor, more are needed. Commitment is approximately 10 hours per month.
- MAC-V: working on more housing for vets. It was requested that we have a MAC-V person attend a meeting and update us and let us know how we might help.
- VA Hospital: Stewart said that more volunteers are always needed to greet, transport and other jobs. Four hours per week time commitment
- Fisher House: still making breakfast as scheduled, they only allow 4-5 people to help.

#### **8. New Business**

- Post Support of Nicols Pointe. Was mentioned but no action taken.
- More Proactive in our presence at other facilities (e.g. assisted and senior living in Eagan)?
- Partnerships with Other Veteran Organizations? (BTYR, MAC-V, ETS, etc.) that are doing work in and around Eagan. Are we duplicating efforts? Can we more effectively serve area veterans through active partnership? This was discussed but no action taken.
- Spring & Summer events (planning groups needed to lead these efforts)
  - a. May: Memorial Day (Local cemeteries; Never Forget Concert w/ Luke Spehar; Guest Speaker; EPD/EFD support; Parks & Rec)
  - b. June: Market Fest Community Day (Date TBD 4 p.m.-8:p.m.; Post 594 tent, volunteers, post info/pamphlets)
  - c. June 17: Blood Drive 9 am- 3 pm at ECC in Oasis Room.
  - d. July: Fun Fest (volunteers to run beer tent; decorating; set up/clean-up etc.)
  - e. August: Von Hansen's Brat Fundraiser

\*Commander Rayman and/or other Post leadership will be involved in the planning of these events to some degree.

#### **9. Event and Meeting Calendar:**

- January 25, 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> District Mid-Winter Conference
- February (?), 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Contest
- February 18, 2025: Core Leadership Meeting
- March 18, 2025: Regular Post Meeting

#### **10. Closing remarks/Invocation/Meeting Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.