

**Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594
Post Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025**

Prior to meeting start Chaplain & 2nd Vice encourage the wearing of nametags and have everyone sign in.

Meeting Called to Order by Commander Rayman at 1900

Salute to the Colors in Place – Sgt-at-Arms Mike Peifer

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Jim Staloch

Sgt-at-Arms Mike Peifer presents the MIA drape.

Post members recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution.

Introductions around the room. Carol new member found out about us at Funfest!

Swearing in of Post Officers ~ Commander Beierman/3rd District Vice Commander Area 3

Adjutant's Comments –

- **Thank you, Mike, for tonight's treats!**
- **Award received at Department Convention – The value of signing in!**
- **Postcards**
- **Newsletter**

Commanders Comments – Thanks to all who have volunteered recently. Conversation around the use of funds. This will be a topic at the next Core Team meeting and be presented at the September post meeting.

Reports by Post Officers

1. **Membership (1st Vice) ~ Mark Doble -** Goal to be at 100% membership for this year. The post needs to endorse Cindy Yanchury for Department Chaplain next year.
Mark Doble moves to endorse Cindy, Jeff Staloch seconds. Motion carries Cindy Yanchury is endorsed for the position of Department of Minnesota Chaplain
2. **Connections (2nd Vice) ~ Bri Beltran –** No report, but if you need a flyer contact her.
3. **Post Service Officer ~ Neil Hetherington –** works with Dakota County in Peer Mentorship for Veteran's Court. To know more reach out to Neil. Works with all of the County CVSO's. Office in West St. Paul. Encourages everyone to do a benefits review with a County Veteran's Service Officer. Veteran's Memorial Greenway is partially open. Go check it out! A great interactive tribute to

veterans. Food RX program has started for veterans experiencing food insecurity. Food boxes are ready to give away. Contact him, Cindy, Wayne, or John if you know anyone who needs food. The veteran's art project had to be canceled due to lack of signups. They'll try again next year with more promo. Janet Lorenzo, Department Service Officer scheduled to come in September to discuss Fund 85. Request for assistance – from Eagan City Administrator. A veteran needs help clearing out their home and property. Owner has until November to clear up. This will count as service hours. Bri Beltran reports that her company works with a company that will de-choard homes for veterans.

4. **Finance** ~ Paul Kovach \$24,580.18 balance. Check for \$5000 for the Funfest beer tent has been received. Check received from Hy-Vee and cash tips from FunFest. Some additional funds may be deposited in a CD with a term of one year or less. This will be discussed at the next Core Team meeting and then presented to the post in September for approval.

Motion to approve officer reports by Jim Staloch/Frank Caldwell seconds/Motion carries

Reports of Committees

1. Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules – Cindy reports that a vote will be held in September. Remember this is a living document.
2. Color Guard – 2 requests have come in. One for next Wednesday for a Legion Baseball game. Dakota County Fair – raise the colors at the fair. Tuesday, August 5 @ 0800. Report at 0730. Looking ahead to fall football games for Eagan High School.
3. Auxiliary – Disbanding the Unit but will attend until the end of the year.
4. Blood Drive – 34 pints collected. 2 no-shows. In addition, Mike shred information about the September 6, Military Appreciation Day at Sutton Farms, in Jordan MN. Free event for veterans. Low cost for spouses. October blood drive – date TBD
5. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Shelly Recer has said yes to serving as president of the organization to revitalize the Eagan Chapter. Paul continues as secretary/treasurer until someone else can be found to take over.

Motion to approve Committee reports made by Joe Dolan Colleen Vaubel seconds Motion carries

Completed Business

1. Eagan Marketfest – John offered thanks to those who volunteered. For next year promo items are needed. The postcard was handed out and at least four veterans did scan the QR code
2. Eagan Funfest – Thank you to all who volunteered.

New Business

Report from Department Convention –

- Barrett is the new Finance Officer for 3rd District. Also, on the committee for 5-year plan for the department. Two resolutions presented – Grant writing and

communications plan. Both resolutions presented were rejected so it's back to the drawing board. Please go on the Department website to review the plan particularly around communications plan. Working on rewriting and will present at the Fall Conference in October.

- Mark Doble reports it was a whirlwind and learned a lot! He is also the chair of the Sports Committee. Immersing himself in all things Legion.
- Cindy Yanchury is now on Law & Order Committee for the Department as well as Children and Youth Committee for the District.
- 3rd District Vice Commander Wayne Beierman Report – Third District has noticed us, as had the Department and National. Consolidated Post Report (CPR) gives reports to congress. \$21 million awarded to VA in 2024. VA wouldn't exist without the American Legion. Fall Conference in October. Encourages everyone to take the National American Legion Basic Training. Mark Doble and Cindy Yanchury have recently completed it. It's very helpful in understanding how the Legion works. Wayne will offer a course on the CPR at Legion College in April.
- Fundraiser at Union 32 Craft House tomorrow night, 1800 – 2200 – 10% of all proceeds will go to the Legion. Carl Troje is the person helping us with this. He's a Marine Corps vet. Looking for lots of post members to show up and invite everyone you know to stop by.
- Fundraiser at Von Hansens ~ August 9/10 Signup Genius is ready to go and will be shared soon.
- Boys State letters of thanks received from Thomas Gainor & Ankit Mukhopadhyay. Transformative for youth. Ankit Mukhopadhyay is willing to present at the September meeting.
- To put items on the agenda, contact Cindy Yanchury or John Rayman NLT 12 August.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Staloch

Retrieve the MIA Drape

Retire the Colors – Hand Salute

Meeting Adjourned at 2015

Upcoming Meetings:

Core Team – 19 August 2025

Post Meeting – 16 September 2025

Communications – TBD

Member Connections - TBD

1800 Cedarvale Bowl

1830 Social 1900 Meeting Cedarvale