

The Daniel R. Olsen Post 594 Minutes 09.16.25

Call to Order at 1900

1. Salute Colors in Place
2. Opening Prayer – Chaplain Jim Staloch
3. POW/MIA Empty Chair - SAA
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Preamble to the Constitution
6. Introduction of Guests –
 Janet Lorenzo – Department Service Officer (DSO)
 Jason Short – Assistant Department Service Officer (ADSO)

Commander's Report – First VC Mark Doble read the report from Commander

Adjutant's Report

1. Minutes of the July Meeting – Motion to approve made by: Pat Graham Seconded by: Jim Staloch **MC**
2. Vote – Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules Ballots were distributed and counted by Jim Staloch and Mike Peifer. 20 ballots were cast. Unanimous ballot to approve as presented. Thank you to Past Commander Wayne Beierman, Commander John Rayman and all who worked hard over the past two years to make this possible.
3. Every Third Saturday 2.3 Walk is coming up on 27 September. This is a walk to end suicide. If you are interested go to their website. If you cannot walk and want to sponsor the event, Cindy is walking and you can go to her fundraising page to support the cause
4. Getting the word out about our post – We now have professionally created postcards that connect veterans to our post. Please take some to distribute. We also have posters provided at the recent Department Convention in Willmar – information can be filled in and taken to various locations around the city for display.
5. Update on National Convention in Tampa – Cindy attended. There is a lot to learn! Next time it should be easier.
6. Signing in and including your volunteer hours – everyone gets hours at a minimum for attending these meetings. Take time to write down when and where you are volunteering in ways that make things better for veterans. It all adds up!
7. Endorsement of Wayne Beierman and Mark Doble for District Vice Commander 2026 and Barrett Kirchenwitz for 3 District Finance Officer.
 Moved by: Joe Dolan Seconded by: Bri Beltran **MC**
8. Thank you for tonight's treats! Thank you Mark and Jim S.

Past Commander's Report – Wayne is a District Vice Commander and was visiting one of the posts for which he has responsibility.

District Vice Commander – Our DVC is Marissa LaCourt. She was not in attendance

Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Street Cleanup – Joe Dolan **0830 on October 18 Fall Cleanup**. It takes about 1.5 hours. Joe has gear, wear sturdy shoes/boots, dress for the weather, bring buckets & pickup utensils. Joe provides vests and bags. We meet afterwards for coffee/breakfast.
2. Color Guard – Dan Seanoa – Color guard has been busy with football games and 9/11. There are upcoming events for Veteran’s Day as well. 3 or 4 events on November 11. Rotary Veteran’s Day Event is 5 November, **signup is required!** Watch for this via Signup Genius. *******REMEMBER!** If you don’t have an account all you have to do is email or text Cindy and she will sign you up. Dan also reported on providing breakfast at Fischer House across from the VA Medical Center. We received thank you letters from the VAMC for the service they provide to families staying at the house while a loved one is in the hospital
3. Blood Drive – Mike Peiffer Next drive is Tuesday, 14 October/Community Center Oasis Room. There will be a fee to use this room. 4 volunteers needed for each shift. There will be a Sign-up Genius for volunteers.
4. Colleen reports that there is a 2nd Tuesday Veteran’s gathering at the Eagan Community Center, 10am. This is an on-going event; all you have to do is show up. You may also be asked to join the senior center.

Motion to accept Committee/Task Force Reports in total: Moved by: Jim Peterson
Seconded by: Bri Beltran **MC**

Officer Reports:

1. Membership – 1st VC Mark Doble - Currently at 69.7% renewed. Letters to 1982 has gone well, three new members from that list.
2. Communications Committee – 2nd VC Bri Beltran – Professional flyers are now being made for every event. They will be available for all members to pick up and distribute. Streaming our meetings will be tested at the next Core Team Meeting. Rotary Veteran’s Event – 5 November.
3. Finance Officer: Paul Kovach - \$31,486. Fundraisers brought in income from Funfest/Union 32 and the VonHanson’s brat stand.
4. Post Service Officer: Neil Hetherington Introduced 2 new people Ted Daly and Peer Mentors are needed for Veteran’s Treatment Court for Dakota County
5. Historian/Webmaster: David Hammer (was not be present)
6. Auxiliary: Paulette – Disbanding effective first of the year. Continuation of Auxiliary Programming – Poppy Sales, Veteran Connection efforts locally? A separate motion is needed to disband – Paulette was not be present/No vote taken

Motion to accept Officer Reports in total: Moved by: Pat Graham Seconded by: Colleen Vaubel **MC**

Guest Presentation: Janet spoke about Fund 85 and the good work that fund does for veterans. The work begins at the post level. Eligibility – Honorable discharge or general under honorable conditions, or service-connected compensation. They also must be a resident of

Minnesota. The presentation made it much easier to understand the mission of Fund 85. We are grateful to Janet and Jason for attending our meeting tonight.

New Business:

1. Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Shelly Recer - Shelly reports that she has assumed leadership for this organization and is looking forward to work together with the American Legion Daniel R. Olsen Post 594, Dakota County Veteran’s Services, Department Veteran Services and the
2. Plan for Quilts of Valor – Cindy reports that the Commander, 1st VC are working to gather names for presentation at our November meeting
3. Yearly Event Planning Form – Cindy gave a brief explanation. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.
4. What’s Your Why? WYW – What is the compelling reason you are here?
5. Joint meeting – Commander, Adjutant, 1st VC, Chaplain to review the 1982 list and activate the Community Connections Task Force - Date needed/No date was selected in the absence of the Commander.

Meeting adjourned at 2021

Next Meetings:

1. Core Team Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 1830 – Lower Level Cedarvale Bowl
2. Regular Post Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 1830 Social Time/Cookies and water provided. Menu and drink service is provided by Fitz’s Bar & Grill. Post meeting begins promptly at 1900 Lower Level, Cedarvale Bowl