

The Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594 Minutes 20 January 2026

Meeting Called to Order by Commander Rayman
Introduction of Guests and Welcome to those new to the Post

Salute to the Colors in place

Opening Prayer – Cheryl Seanoa – Moment of silence held for Post member Esther

Sgt-at-Arms Mike presents the POW/MIA flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to the Constitution

Reports of Officers and Committees

1. Adjutant's Report – 22 members attending. 5 online

- a. Approval of Minutes Moved: David Hammer 2nd Joel Duffina Motion carries
- b. Permanent Nametags in process. They will be order under the budget being proposed tonight for post improvements
- c. Anyone have a label maker we could borrow? Mike Peiffer – thank you!!
- d. High School Newspaper features many post members – Paul brought copies to pass around
- e. Remember to log your volunteer hours for the past two months.

2. Commanders Agenda

- a. Outreach to the Community – Cyber Security presentation – February 26, 6:30 – 8:00pm at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Rahn Road. Working with MACV to promote it to Veteran's Village. Veteran's Village – 13 residents so far and more moving in. Outreach to Senior Living Facilities, one a month someone will meet with the veterans living there in a small group. We will make efforts to broadcast the meetings via Zoom in their community rooms. Nichols Point – Resident manager Harry is working with us to reach veterans who live there
- b. Continuing Capital Improvements and investment in equipment -
Expand our reach via Zoom – 360-degree camera with microphone. One time expenditure of approximately \$450. Bluetooth wireless speaker for outdoor events – One time expenditure of about \$225 with 2 mics. Post merchandise for promotion – Creation of a post specific brochure as well as merchandise to handout/chip clips, notepads, pens are the three top choices from those present. \$1200 total needs approval
Motion – Cheryl Seanoa 2nd – Kevin Gutneckt Motion carries
- c. Event Signups – We have 9 main events that need leadership. Three have already had post members sign up as points of contact.
- d. One event Commander wants to see come back is post presence at the beginning of the Funfest Parade. Since the route is a long one a discussion was held concerning the use of a flatbed towed by a truck. Kevin G. will serve as POC for this event – thank you Kevin!

3. First Vice Commander - Membership update – Post currently stands at 87.89% have renewed. Thank you and hats off for getting your memberships in!

4. Second Vice Commander – Communications update/Bri not present – Get well wishes!

5. Finance Officer – Paul Kovach – Current balance \$31,606.87 balance. Will be looking at investing some of these funds as well as supporting community organizations. See attached report.

6. Post Service Officer – Neil Hetherington – Reminder to check in with your County Veteran's Services to who will review your records – always good to do this every few years. Promoting the need for most post members to serve as a peer mentors. Wayne Olsen serves and we need more. Veteran's Treatment Court meets at the Apple Valley Service Center. 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. They Assemble at 1:00. Court begins at 1:30. Lasts about 3 hours.

7. Event Reports:

- a. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Chairperson Shelly Recer reports they meet on the first Tuesday of the month/Meeting location – City Hall, 7:00pm They recently provided a luncheon for the Eagan Police Department. They are still in need of a secretary and treasurer. If you're interested in serving contact Shelly

- b. Color Guard – Dan Seanoa – nothing coming/last one was Veteran Village ribbon cutting.
- c. Fischer House Breakfast – Dan – 2nd Friday of the month. Make and serve breakfast. Hy-Vee donates gift cards to pay for the food.
- d. Blood Drive – Mike Peiffer – No dates set
- e. Auxiliary – Dona Stanull - She would like to use up the cards that she has and mail them to veterans living in Eagan Senior housing – on hold until we have permission to share names and contact info
- f. Website/Historian – David Hammer - Please go to the website and “like” the post as well as the Facebook Page.
- g. Flag Retirement – Tuesday, June 16 at Blackhawk Park - Details to follow
- h. Other? None

Motion to approve reports as presented: Motion: Duff moves 2nd David Hammer Motion Carries

Continuing Business

1. Female Veteran Statue progress – Goal is \$35,000 Currently at \$1,850 internal donations. Reaching out to local businesses and service organizations. Statue is on track to be installed on Memorial Day. Newspaper articles published. All members were encouraged to make a donation and promote this project to friends, family and any business connections they may have. Reach out to veterans you know who aren't yet a member of the American Legion – it shows them the value of connection via the Legion Family as well as the value of connecting with fellow veterans when they join. Thank you for spreading the word about this important project!
2. 250 USA Anniversary – FunFest will take this into account

New Business

Nominating Committee – Positions Open for 2026: Elections are in May

- a. Post Commander
- b. Second VC for Communications & Promotions
- c. Post Service Officer
- d. Sergeant-at-Arms

If you are in one of these positions currently, please let the Nominating Committee know your intentions as soon as possible

Family Event – This is a new event to be held on our regular July meeting date. Date: July 21, 2026
Location: Blackhawk Park. Time will most likely be earlier than our regular meeting to allow time for games, activities and food. Limited business! Blackhawk has a covered shelter, fire pit, large playground as well as full kitchen.

Closing Prayer ~ Cheryl Seanoa

Retiring of MIA flag and Salute to the Colors in Place

Next Core Team Meeting ~ 17 February/1830 – Lower Level Cedarvale Lanes

Next Meeting: 17 March ~ 1830 Social Time/1900 Meeting. Wear something green!

- **Please Note: Agenda items are due NLT 3 February 2026**