

The Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594 Meeting Minutes

17 March 2026

Meeting Called to Order by Commander Rayman

Introduction of Guests and Welcome to those new to the Post – Ryan, Mike, Jerry

Salute to the Colors in place

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Jim Staloch

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

Preamble to the Constitution

Moment of Gratitude:

- Mr. Bob Holton, Eagan Noon Rotary Club – Mr. Holton presented information on the opening of the new military museum in Little Falls. He's making arrangements for a bus trip with lunch provided by Lost Spur. Date for the trip is Friday, September 18th. As of this date the estimated cost is \$42.00/check or cash only. Details will be shared once they are known.
- Auxiliary – the auxiliary has disbanded and they presented a check to the post for the female statue project in the amount of \$1000.00. This was warmly welcomed and the auxiliary members were offered our deepest thanks for their years of service to veterans and the community

Reports of Officers and Committees

1. Adjutant's Report

- a. Approval of Minutes Motion Needed Bri moved Mike seconds **MC**
- b. Remember to log your volunteer hours for the past two months.
- c. Endorsements: Cindy Yanchury – attend National Convention, Wayne Beierman – attend National Convention Motion – Jim Staloch Second – Pat Graham **MC**
- d. Additional Requests for Funds via snail mail and email - Tabled for Core Team discussion with vote in May

2. Commanders Report – Female statue update – \$10,049 raised so far. Dedication on Memorial Day

3. First Vice Commander - Membership update – Membership is proceeding well we are at 91.1%. This is good, it would be great if we could recruit a few new folks to join us. Our meetings are lively and generally run about 1.15 hours which isn't bad considering how much we get done. **Invite.Invite.Invite!**

4. Second Vice Commander – Bri reports there 17 Senior living places in Eagan. We are looking for volunteers one for each building. This is a great opportunity for veteran outreach and member connections. If you can spare an hour a month, contact Bri Beltran:

briannabeltran@synergyhomecare.com

5. Finance Officer – Balance \$38,000/\$10,000 for statue – Paul presents a motion to move \$5000 to a six-month CD at Blaze Credit Union.

Jim moves Pat seconds

MC

6. Post Service Officer – Not present/no report

7. Reports:

- a. Chaplain – Jim Staloch/Buddy Check – In recognition of this week as “Buddy Check Week” Chaplain Jim is seeking volunteers to call those members we don't see at meetings as well as any on the “1982” list. If you are willing to help please contact him at jimstaloch@gmail.com
- b. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Shelly Recer BTYR in Eagan is disbanding. Rosemount will take on any responsibilities
- c. Color Guard/Fischer House – Dan Seanoa Girls Flag Football Game, May 10th 4:00pm Memorial Day at the Tribute Plaza as well as three other places where colors are presented. Danny & Cheryl are the coordinators for the Fischer House breakfast every second Friday of the month. Let him know if you would like to volunteer at dseanoa@comcast.net
- d. Blood Drive – Mike Peiffer – No report. However, there was a request that the post create a way to track post members who give blood at sites other than the blood drives we host. Barrett has a template for one used at his VFW post and will email it to Cindy.
- e. Website/Social Media – David Hammer – no report

- f. Children & Youth Support – Cindy Yanchury C & Y Report signature needed/Jo Beltran will be the signatory
- g. Roadside Cleanup – Joe Dolan – May 9th – 0830 – completed (usually about an hour – spring can take longer to clean up winter debris. Meet in the Walmart parking lot bring gloves and a grabber if you have one. City provides reflective vests. We have coffee afterwards at McDonalds.
Commander calls for a motion to approve these reports as given – Pat Graham moves
Barrett Kirchenwitz seconds **MC**

Continuing Business

- 1. Support for Eagan Trap Team - Monetary support for materials needed for new members of the team. A patch was created, Jo Beltran ordered. They'll arrive in the next 10 days. Vote tabled on monetary donation for discussion at the next Core Team meeting so we have time to work out details. A proposal will be presented at the May meeting for membership vote
- 2. Promotional materials – Discussion on promotional materials for the post. Materials chosen are hi-lighted in yellow. **Materials to be ordered ASAP**
 - **Javelin pen** – minimum order is 250 @ .45/piece + setup fee \$112.50 + setup
 - **Potato chip clips** – minimum order 250 @ 1.07 + setup fee \$267.50 + setup
 - **Post-it Notes** – minimum order 250 @ 1.01 + no setup fee \$252.50
 - Band-aid Holders – minimum order 250 @ 1.00
 - Pizza cutters – minimum order 250 @ 1.79 + \$40 setup fee
 - Ice Scraper – minimum of 250 @ \$1.60
 - Bottle Openers – minimum of 250 \$290.00

Motion by Jo Beltran to increase the dollar amount to spend on promotional items should additional funds be needed. Increase to \$500 by \$250. Second by Shelly **MC**

Please Note: Total cost for the three items hi-lighted will be 632.50 + setup fees (unknown amount)

New Business

- 1. Boys/Girls State – Paul Kovach - There is one candidate for Boys State with the possibility of two more. Without an auxiliary the one girl who wants to attend will go under the auspices of Apple Valley Post 1776. Appreciation is expressed for all that Paul does to coordinate activities for youth in Eagan.
- 2. Book presentations – Cindy Yanchury Letters were sent 10 elementary schools in Eagan asking if they'd like copies of the book, "America's White Table". Cost via Amazon for the book is \$12.06 - First meeting with a school principal (Red Pine Elementary) is scheduled for March 31.
- 3. LEOY and FFOY – names and paperwork submitted

Nominating Committee – Positions Open for 2026/27:

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| a. Commander | One Candidate – Mark Doble |
| b. First Vice Commander/membership | One Candidate – Briana Beltran |
| c. Second VC | Open |
| d. Post Service Officer | Open |
| e. Sergeant-at-Arms | One Candidate – Mike Peifer |
| f. Nominations from the floor | None |

Family Event – Blackhawk Park – July 21 stay tuned for details!

Hosting Third District Mid-Winter Conference – January 2027

Closing Prayer – Chaplain Staloch

Retiring of MIA flag and Salute to the Colors in Place

Next Core Team Meeting ~ 21 April 2026/1800 – Lower Level Cedarvale Lanes

Next Meeting: 19 May 2026/Social Time @ 1830 with Meeting Time @ 1900 Election of Officers

- **Please Note: Send agenda items to Adjutant one week prior to the Core Team Meeting**
Adjutantpost594@gmail.com

Note: Items hi-lighted in green are action items