

The Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594 **Meeting Minutes 07.21.26**

Meeting Called to Order by Commander Rayman @ 1900

Introduction of Guests and Welcome to those new to the Post – Immediate Past Department Commander Linda Dvorak was introduced. New member Ken Mitchell, Army veteran introduced himself. Another new member, David Ross, a Navy veteran was unable to join us. Welcome to both new members!

Salute to the Colors in place

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Jim Staloch

POW/MIA Drape – Sargeant-at-Arms Mike Peifer

Preamble to the Constitution

Moment of Gratitude: Commander- Commander John Rayman spoke of his gratitude for the post and the work we do together.

1. Adjutant's Report

- a. Approval of Minutes Jim S. Seconded by Barrett K. **MSC**
- b. Remember to log your volunteer hours for the past two months. Forms are available on the info table. Also please sign in when you arrive
- c. Fall Conference Dates: 22-24 October 2026
- d. Correspondence received: Cindy read a variety of flyers sharing news from around the community and the American Legion including Legion Riders upcoming rides, the food shelf at the VAMC, the American Legion Hospital Association and more
- e. Endorsements:
 - Wayne Beierman – Third District Commander
 - Barrett Kirchenwitz – Third District Finance Officer
 - Motion made by Pat G. Seconded Jim S. **MSC**

f. A meeting quorum was established: 24 Members in attendance

- 2. First Vice Commander – Membership Time is here! Now is the time to get your 2027 memberships in please! **Invite. Invite. Invite!**
- 3. Second Vice Commander – Bri Beltran Volunteers needed for Veteran Discussion Groups in senior residences. If you're interested, please email
- 4. Finance Officer – Paul Kovach Paul's report will be attached to these minutes.
- 5. Post Service Officer – Position Open - John spoke of working with the county to find someone. In the meantime, if a post member would like to fill this spot they can work with the Assistant Department Service Officer – Alex to get information needed.
- 6. Reports: Officers report on any upcoming events under their purview
 - a) Blood Drive – Mike P. Next Drive will be Tuesday, October 13 Location TBD
 - b) Color Guard– Danny S. Dakota County Fair, 0800, Date: Tuesday, August 11 Fischer House – 2nd Friday of the month Hy-Vee Eagan supports this effort. Shop at Hy-Vee!
 - c) Birthday Phone Calls Update – Chaplain Staloch has begun making calls to members on or around their birthday. It's going well and it's an easy process.
 - d) Legion Baseball – John had a great convo with the coach; we provided patches for the team at the game last week. We donate \$1000/yr to support the team

and they can now provide scholarships for players who need assistance with fees.

Commander calls for a motion to approve these reports as given
Motion made by Kevin G. Seconded by Joe D.

MSC

Continuing Business

1. New website update – 1VC Doble reports that everything requested by Legion Social has been submitted and it's being worked on it now. We still need a couple of bio's from officers along with head shots.
2. Upcoming Events: **Brat stand 08.15 & 08.16.26 @ Von Hansons in Eagan. Signup Genius is live!** Rob K. will once again provide tables and canopy.
3. Bus Trip to Minnesota Military Museum **09.18.26 2VC Beltran** is the POC for this event. Bri shared that the trip is now free thanks to a generous donation, but signup is required. Commander Linda shared that she's on the BOD for the museum and is available to answer any questions.
4. Discussion regarding 09.11.26 **ACTION ITEM – POC needed if we are going to move forward with this. It is noted that this the date for the annual police golf tournament so they won't be available. Fire has said they'll provide whatever we need.**

New Business

1. Installation of Officers – Past Department Commander Linda Dvorak. Thank you, Commander Linda!
2. Remarks by Post Commander – Mark thanked everyone for the trust they've placed in him. He looks forward to leading our post for the next two years. The post responded with a round of applause!
3. Awards received at Department Convention – Several awards were received and put on display. Firefighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year. We also received an award for the number of volunteer hours our members provide. Thank you to all of those who give so generously of their time and talents. Cindy invited all members to consider the ways they might serve Veterans and our community. Cindy then shared that Paul Kovach is this year's recipient of the James Oldinger Award for Service to Children and Youth.
4. Cedarvale Connection – Honorary Membership to Tony/Manager? Motion Needed: Motion made by Cindy Seconded by Jo Beltran **MSC**
5. September Meeting 09.15.26 – Veteran Open House Cindy spoke of the
 - I. Location – several possible sites were share – Mt. Calvary Lutheran, City Hall, Wescott Library. Cindy will check on the cost for City Hall
 - II. Communication – Website, socials, etc.
 - III. Provide food/beverages – donations from community businesses?
 - IV. Raffle
 - V. Other?
6. Hosting Third District Mid-Winter – Approved by Third District. **Date 01.16.27** A committee for this will be put together at our August Core Team Meeting. POC needed.
7. Mike reported on the Veteran's Turkey Hunt – free for veterans. Looking for donations for the Camp Ripley hunt. Tabled for further discussion.
8. Pat Graham stepped forward to assume the remainder of Mark's term as First Vice Commander. Mark appointed Pat Graham to fill the empty position as First Vice Commander. Thank you, Pat!

9. Other? None

Closing Prayer – Chaplain Staloch

Salute to the Colors in Place

Meeting Adjourned at 2005

Next Core Team Meeting ~ 08.18.26 Location and time TBD

Next Post Meeting ~ 09.15.26 Cedarvale Bowl Lower-Level Banquet Room & Zoom

Please Note: Send agenda items to Adjutant two weeks prior to the Core Team Meeting
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