

Bloomington American Legion Post 550

Monday, August 8, 2022 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Commander Luis Campero
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Tenth District Commander Bill Gordon of St. Michael Post 567 provided a brief introduction and requested input regarding ways to continue improving the American Legion in District 10 and Minnesota.
- Roll call of officers: All present.
- Printed copies of the July Minutes distributed. Mead moved, Nenovich seconded, approved.
- 2nd Vice Commander Clarence Bunkholt reminded us about the Aug. 13 Picnic at Moir Park. Door prizes and a raffle are planned. The Membership Dinner scheduled for Nov. 15 and may be rescheduled due to the Saluting Community Heroes Dinner scheduled for the same evening in Hutchinson.
- Chaplain Jim Mead reported the passing of Richard Fawver, a 96-year-old Army veteran.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon gave the financial report, Warren moved, Mead seconded, approved.
- Athletics Officer, Ron Nenovich, reported the D1 Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament held in Bloomington was a huge success and was won by New Prague. St Michael was the winner of the D1 Sr. Legion Baseball Tournament held in Burnsville.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 is starting strong.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom reported Post 550 helped a homeless veteran with temporary lodging, food, gas and job searching. There were no new approvals as gambling funds are lean in the summer. Mead moved, Nenovich seconded, approved. Sports Page will continue to be a pulltab-bingo site for Post 550. However, the Green Mill will no longer be a Post 550 pulltab site. Post 550 worked with the Bloomington Lions for an amicable transition, Warren moved, Mead seconded, carries.
- Gun Safety class of 25 will be at the Bloomington Armory Tuesday, Aug. 23 and Thursday, Aug. 25 from 5:30 pm to 8 p.m. both nights. The Field Day is Saturday, Aug. 27, at American Legion Post 435 Range in Elko. Info: Bloomington Firearms Safety Training (Facebook) or Kirk Whiting 612- 201-2248
- Mead reported for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) membership is 45
- American Legion Riders' Paul Hassing discussed the upcoming ride events including the Aug. 19 kickoff in Anoka for the Minnesota Legacy Run.
- National Convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin starting Aug. 26 and ending Sept. 1. Post 550 will have members in attendance.
- Rick Warren emphasized the importance of the American Legion contributing to the Veterans Memorial in Bloomington.
- Tenth District Commander Bill Gordon requested a donation for his initiative Haven for Heroes in Anoka.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW Flag was recovered

- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson