

American Legion Post 550 Minutes for February 2022

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Feb. 8 by 2nd Vice Commander Ron Nenovich
- Roll call of officers: 3 absent: commander, sergeant-at-arms, finance officer
- Guests: Judy
- Minutes from December 2021 and January 2022 meetings were approved.
- 1st Vice: No report
- 2nd Vice: Question raised on calendar needing to appear in the Trumpeteer. Adjutant replied it will going forward. Rick Warren brought up a joint picnic with VFW Post 1296 on Aug. 13. No action taken, but everyone seemed in agreement.
- Adjutant: Thank you letters read. He mentioned the need to fill out Consolidated Post Report, send boys to Boys State, the awareness of department scholarships and a Post 550 bowling team.
- Chaplain: Post 550 lost Alton J. Flugum, 78
- Athletics Officer: Bloomington Post 550 hosts the Div. I Junior State Tournament this summer and more members of the post should attend the games, as well as the All-Star game the following week. Adjutant mentioned Burnsville is hosting the Div. I State Tournament across the river, and Rochester is on track to host it in 2023.
- Gambling: Sales have been low, likely a result of COVID concerns and a rising cost of living. The Gambling Committee proposed payments for a 40&8 Voiture 1281 (west metro) scholarship, Bloomington Mites Hockey, an ROTC scholarship, commit to sending boys to Boys State upon receiving applications. Report approved.
- Boy Scouts: No report.
- Gun Safety: Program has opened to registration. It will be April 27 & 29. Age range is 11-18.
- SAL Squadron 550: 42 paid members.
- Post 550 membership: There are 346 paid members, but it is likely higher than that, said Dept. Membership Director Paul Hassing, because National has been slow to process membership, and it is affecting finances of posts and programs across the country.
- ALR Chapter 550: There is a 10th District Membership Rally at noon March 5 at Hopkins Post 320, and on March 26-27 the Riders will have a booth at the St. Paul Rivercentre. There is a ride at Bunker Hill Regional Park for the Magnus Foundation. There is the American Legion Foundation Fund 85 Ride (veterans assistance fund) on July 30. The Legacy Run is Aug. 24-28, which continues on to the Milwaukee National Convention.
- Unfinished Business: Rick Warren described the results of a recent gambling audit. The audit is freely available to any member who wishes to see it.
- New Business: Warren said the VFW has membership applications by the door, and he felt The American Legion should, too. Engstrom said he would take care of it.
- For the Good of the Legion: Jim Mead said two reps from the Czech Embassy would be by to honor WWII veterans at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Bloomington Veterans Center. He wanted a rep from Post 550 to be present. WCCO was coming. Don Alman noted the Appreciation Rally is in Forest Lake on March 12, and he would be going. Mead said the Honor Guard is providing assistance at Fort Snelling.
- Prayer offered and meeting adjourned.

— Adjutant Tim Engstrom