

Bloomington American Legion Post 550

Monday, November 14, 2022 Minutes

- Meeting called to order Nov. 14 by Commander Luis Campero.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guest Mary Touve from Humana provided Information about veterans' healthcare coverage.
- Roll call of officers: Two were excused, Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander.
- Printed copies of the October minutes distributed. Mead moved, Welch seconded. Approved.
- Chaplain reported past or present members Demetrio Potente, Harry L. Burke Jr., Milan Broughton, and Ronald B. Minsaas have recently died. Prayers were offered for the deceased and the speedy recovery of Vice Commander Ron Nenovich and 2nd Vice Commander Clarence Bunkholt.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon, gave the Financial Report. Welch moved, Engstrom seconded, and the report was approved. Mead suggested moving all or some of the funds to bonds.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 is at 240 or 66% of the goal. We reached the Nov. 9 65% target but the Dec. 14 target jumps to 75%.
The discussion began regarding recruiting new members for the post. Including website upgrades, social media, and business cards for members to hand out to veterans.
This discussion is to continue next month.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report. Mead moved, Beste seconded, and the report was approved. Funds were approved to Common Bond, MAOSO and MACV. Scholarships awarded to Conner Ruch, Cordelia Ruch, and Imani Rogers.
- Gun Safety committee again thanked the American Legion Post 550 for its continued support with a note read by Commander Luis Campero.
- Jim Mead reported for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) membership is at 30.
- Honor Guard member Blaine Beste provided for our preview a complete set of the new uniform the American Legion Members of the Bloomington Honor Guard will be wearing next spring.
- The membership dinner is Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bloomington Event Center, 1114 American Blvd.
- The Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast at Wold-Chamberlain American Legion Post 99 in Minneapolis is from 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 11.
- The VFW/American Legion Christmas Party for Children is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Bloomington Veterans Center.
- Prayer offered.
- POW flag recovered
- Meeting adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson