



American Legion Riders, Chapter 408 Minutes

American Legion Family Post 408

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Derby KS 67037

<https://americanlegionfamilypost408.org/>

On 12/7/2007 the Charter for Post 408 was established with 50 members. As of July 2025, there are 7 of the original 50 still with us.

Date: October 7, 2025

Members in attendance: 8

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Director Brian Simpson.

Salute Flag lead by Co-Director Joe Morris

Moment of Silence: Recognize the POW/MIA Table - The moment of silence is for our POW/MIA's and our brothers, sisters and the ALR members who have passed on before us.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Dickie Helzer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America lead by Co-Director Joe Morris

New Members/Applications: none

Guests: none

Secretary Brenda Paul: Motion Steve Tackett 2nd Dickie Helzer. Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Steve Tackett 2nd Dickie Helzer. Motion passed

Sgt. Of Arms/Ride Captain Toby Trott /Co-Ride Captain James Bice: Excused

Thank you for sending your reports and your time honoring our Veterans and activities.

The following activities were reported for the month of September

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags

Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco Helped 2 veterans with mowing lawns

Historian: open position

Chaplain Dickie Helzer: Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers. Please remember these along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers. John McCullough checking on heart issues and Michael Saindon throat surgery.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Back patches have arrived!

T-Shirts: we have a few T-shirts left and a lot of yellow welcome home T-shirts to give to welcome home recipients. We can do our layout on any style of shirt, hoodie, etc. Please let us know what you are wanting – style, colors etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Bring your fund raiser ideas to the meeting or email our director, co-director or fund-raising committee with them.

Volunteer work - Anyone that does volunteer work, attends meetings, attends food functions, flag lines etc., please write down your time, mileage and what you did for the year-end report, which you can email weekly or monthly.

17th Annual Ron “Radar” Brengman Auction is 10/18. Small items can be delivered early and stored in our office. Larger items can be delivered at noon on Saturday. Food starts at 5pm, auction 6pm. Gift cards, gift certificates, cash/check donations

are items we are needing as well. This is the last year for this auction, let's end with a great auction! Next year, in honor of all Frosty did for our Post and auction, we will begin the 1st Annual Morris "Frosty" Short Memorial Auction. Thank you for your support.

NEW BUSINESS

Make sure to check the calendar on the website for any changes. Throughout the rest of the month, watch for emails. Reminder that all are welcome to join any rides and cruiser shows as well.

Brian Simpson – If you are a member of any AL, AUX or SAL and own a 250cc or greater motorcycle you are eligible to be a Rider. If you know of anyone that qualifies, please have them contact us.

The kitchen will now be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

10/11 Atwoods hot dogs set up at 9AM.

10/18 17th Annual AUCTION – Please start gathering items from vendors/businesses such as monetary donations, gift cards, male and female related gift baskets, etc. Make sure to have a copy of the flyer as some businesses want to see it. Let them know they are welcome to attend as well!

10/19 Sunday morning ride to Eskimo Joes. Watch for email.

10/20 7pm. Foundation Steak Feed volunteer meeting

10/23 5-7pm ALR Taco Feed. Volunteers and desserts needed.

10/24 1 pm. Prep potatoes for steak feed

10/25 - a full day of activities please consider helping with these fundraisers.

8:30 to 4:30 Cruisers Sit and Sew

10:00 to 3:30 Cruisers Trunk or Treat and car/bike show

5:00 Foundation Steak Feed – public is invited and we will need additional help serving beer, pick up trash, monitoring areas, checking ID's etc.

November Fabiolas ride – date to be determined

11/1 Operation Holiday Pancake Feed – dine in, carry out & drive through

11/9 SAL/AUX Veterans Day breakfast

11/15 The 2 ladies that shop and donate for our Christmas for Kids event are dropping of TONS of toys!

12/5 SAL Christmas for the Kids set up 6pm.

12/6 11:30am Set up stations for Christmas for Kids. Volunteers welcome.

12/6 Derby Christmas Parade. Decorate you bikes! Volunteers needed of line up/parking.

12/20 Post Christmas Party

ALA– meeting was 10/6

ALC – American Legion Cruisers – anyone with a vehicle that is 20 years or older is welcome to join. They must be an active member of another Post entity. Post 408 is the 1st and only chapter in Kansas currently.

The ALC is sponsoring Cruise In car shows the 3rd Thursday of the month. This is in conjunction with the City of Derby 3rd Thursday activities.

BOG – Looking at ways to combine meetings for main announcements then split off for individual entity issues. For example: ALR/Cruisers, SAL/AUX, BOG/PEC and Legion. This would help free up individuals time and not have to be at the Post multiple times a week for an evening.

Bathrooms are being cleaned twice a week. If it is your entity responsibility, please make sure to check to see if there are cleaning/refill needs between cleanings.

Lori Ohmes is the person in charge of room reservations.

Post Commander – All are welcome to attend any entity in meetings. Check on the Post website for any updates, changes or cancelations.

SAL – meeting 10/5 1pm., 11/9 Veterans Breakfast and Wednesdays are Texas Hold-Em

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that help with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes. Coming up will be hotdogs at Atwoods.

Other Business/Comments:

Upcoming Events – watch emails and the Legion website for updates/changes. Texas Hold-Em on Wednesdays, Legion meeting will be holding elections, Queen of Hearts on Saturdays. Remember to check the online calendar and emails.

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IMPORTANT- As of 1/1/25 you must have your membership card and ID with you. By law we must have these as we are a private club. You can bring a guest, but if you leave then they must leave. You can also take a picture of your card with your phone, just make sure it's the current year.

Dues – Please make sure to pay each entity first, prior to paying your ALR dues.

REMINDER: Please keep officers informed of any phone, mailing address, name or e-mail address changes.

Remember on your volunteer hours to add in your dollars spent. Count your time/mileage from the time you leave your home until you return. It is also tax deductible. You can turn them in for each entity as they all track this.

Volunteer information can be emailed daily, weekly or monthly. Monthly is preferred as it takes time to compile. You can also add them to the monthly sign in sheet.

Please send Ride Reports to: Road Captain Toby Trott at tdtdd1@aol.com 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

Director Brian Simpson at simpsy408@gmail.com 316-304-4046

Co-Director Joe Morris at KBOWSG@aol.com 316-749-7157

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 4 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Steve Tackett 2nd Dickie Helzer motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

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