



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 April 2024, there are 8 of the original 50 still with us.

Date: September 5, 2025

Members in attendance: 11

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:00 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 Barb King Motion passed

Sgt. Of Arms/Ride Captain Toby Trott /Co-Ride Captain James Bice: Thank you for sending your reports and your time honoring our Veterans and activities.

Toby Trott reported that South Haven sends their thanks for riding in the parade.

The following activities were reported for the month of August

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags
Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco

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. Dickie Helzer will be having an aortic valve leakage repair on 9/11.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Back patches order was embroidered incorrectly, and they are redoing the order. Mindy King can do our memory bars, and we do have some in for Frosty for those that would like one at \$3 each.

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. Long sleeved white t-shirt order is being sent for printing.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Make sure to check the calendar on the website for any changes. Throughout the rest of the month, watch for emails.

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.

9/5 - see email re: Derby Panthers football game ride in. KSU 6:15p, line up south side of field. Must bring a kickstand pad for entry to field.

9/11 - Firehouse 8 for 9/11 ceremony. Meet at Post 8:10a flag up, KSU 8:30a. Park bikes at station for ceremony. Coffee and donuts will be available.

9/13 Golf Tournament

9/25 ALR Taco night we need desserts and volunteers, thank you

10/11 Atwoods hot dogs and checking to see if ALC can do a car show

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!

Barb will get with Rhonda to get the list of business donors that Frosty previously handled.

Discussion regarding the name change of our auction to Morris “Frosty” Short Memorial Auction. Brian Simpson will talk to the family of Ron “Radar” Brengman to see if they are opposed to this change prior to full implementation starting next year. Motion by Steve Tackett, 2nd Toby Trott. Motion passed.

10/25 Cook your own steak night hosted by the Foundation

11/1 Operation Holiday Pancake Feed at the Post. Rhonda Hundley-chairperson

11/9 Breakfast for Vets hosted by AUX/SAL

12/6 Christmas for Kid12/6 Derby Christmas parade

Barb – ALC is looking at dates for a Trunk or Treat and is inviting the ALR to join them.

South Haven parade was a blast, and they fed us well! We had 8 or 9 bikes and 3 Cruisers.

Caldwell parade was great and had good food as well.

Reminder that all are welcome to join any rides and cruiser shows as well.

Terry Gowen – Betty at the Museum ask if the Legion is interested in setting up a table around Veterans Day. Barb said she would help with it. We need exposure and member so every event we can set up at is good to do.

We have a person that is making placards for our sign holder for our functions. All supplies/work is being donated. Thank you!

ALA– meeting 9/8

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 – BOG has been discussing trying to get reporting timelier. They are interested in the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7p for their meeting time and ALR to start at 7:30p. Motion by Brenda Paul to keep our start time at 7p. 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed.

POC-point of contact – the BOG has set up a workflow for issues and requests. Contact your entity POC and they will take it to BOG.

ALR – Brian Simpson ALC – Terry Gowan SAL – Mike Bulger

AUX – Karon Watson LEG – Kevin Honn

Ribbit donated TV's and hooked them up in the Canteen.

BOG is looking at and updating By-Laws and annex, chairperson is Terry Gowan.

Dinners- inventory and tracking of waste

Buttons have been added to Square. For example: a burger is dropped on the floor. It will be added as \$2.00 waste and not a full meal charge. A second button will be for the purchase of leftovers, such as extra fried or patties at \$2.00 each.

Communication is a must between entities. For example, if you would like an entity to assist, do a ride in etc. Make sure to attend their meeting or send an email to the head of that entity so they can reach out to their membership.

RESTROOMS- if you are paying someone to clean for your timeframe make sure to check that it is being completed and assist in between cleaning dates as needed. If you are not paying someone, then your entity is responsible for the weekly cleanings and additional duties included.

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

Barb reminded us that the State Fair starts Friday, and we will again representation by 408 at the 5th District booth. If you missed the news, our new National Commander is Dan Wiley from Kansas! We do not know his stops yet for the National Tour but will advise if we are one as soon as we know.

SAL – meeting 9/7 1p., 9/7 Texas Hold-Em at noon, 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 October 7 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Steve Tackett 2nd Toby Trott motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm

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