



American Legion Riders, Chapter 408 Minutes

American Legion Family Post 408

120 E. Washington

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: June 3, 2025

Members in attendance: 11

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:01 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 Michael Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Michael Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker 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 MAY

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

Post food events Texas Hold-em Bunco Hillcrest flags install/remove Memorial Day ceremonies

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.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Still waiting on back patches.

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.

Regarding the long-sleeved white t-shirt, we have only received 4 orders and need 8 more to order. We are changing the sleeve to just read POST 408. Order form attached

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.

AUCTION – 10/18. 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!

Rhonda Hundley – Auction is 10/18, Food will be sloppy joes, chips, potato and or macaroni salad for \$10.00.

Rhonda Hundley – Passageways supports veterans needs and made a motion to donate \$100 to help them. 2nd Michael Saindon Motion passed.

Rhonda Hundley – apron order is going in next week

0602 BBQ on the Plains meeting. All are welcome to attend

6/13-14 BBQ on the Plains will need volunteers to grill hotdogs. Golf Tournament same weekend

7/12 Operation Holiday toy run. Starts at the Fire Station with final card at the Post.

Upcoming fun/food ride suggestions are Fabiolas, Shindigs, Eskimo Joe's and a BBQ joint in Newkirk. Watch for emails!

ALR raffle discussion to be drawn 9/15. Anna Simpson made a motion to obtain 4 tickets to the Sat/Sun NASCAR race at KS Motor Speedway for Sept 26-28th. This is also the driver position race. Estimated cost \$645 plus tax. Sell 400 tickets at \$5.00 each. Michael Saindon 2nd. Motion passed. Brian Simpson will call for tickets and all details.

ALA– Bunco Friday 20th this month only, meat raffle tickets available will draw in 2 weeks.

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 monetize the pool table to help with potential future expenses such as felt replacement, sticks, etc. Are also working on a rule board for can and cannot related to the pool table. Are wanting to open the kitchen on event nights such as the poker night. Ways to use recent leftover foods, wings fries etc. We have a bar manager and a food manager now. The kitchen fridge is going away, and a new freezer will replace it. All fridge items will be stored in the walk in.

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

SAL – Michael Saindon – meeting moved in July due to holiday. Father's Day breakfast 6/15, need help. Fundraiser Blackstone Grill. For SAL members only Department has a new program where if you sign up a Legion member after July 1st, you will get a t-shirt that say, "I Got One".

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that help with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes. BBQ on the Plains, will need help and we will also be ordering peaches this year.

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 July 1 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Michael Saindon 2nd Anna Simpson motion passe

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm

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