



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: December 2, 2025

Members in attendance: 13

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 Dickie Helzer. Motion passed

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

The following activities were reported for the month of November

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

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. Kevin Honn, Connie Gowen's brother passed, Brenda Paul's father fell.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Are available

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 want – 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.

Derby Food Bank thanked the Post for 146lbs of food. We will collect through 12/14 and deliver 12/16.

Wreaths Across America – our goal was 100 wreaths and we exceeded that with a total of 195 wreaths.

Nominations for officers – please consider volunteering to fill any of these positions. The following have accepted the final round of nominations. We will vote and swear in at the next meeting. Unfilled openings will be appointed.

Director Brian Simpson

Co-Director Joe Morris

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley

Secretary Brenda Paul

Chaplain Dickie Helzer

Sgt of Arms/Road Captain Toby Trott

Co-Road Captain James Bise

NEW BUSINESS

Make sure to check the calendar. on the website for any changes. Throughout the rest of the month, watch 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 ask them to contact us.

12/5 SAL requests help to set up Christmas for Kids

12/6 Christmas for Kids arrive to help at noon activities are 1-3pm

12/6 Derby Christmas Parade 6pm. Decorate your bikes and yourself! Help for parking please arrive at 4:30pm.

12/13 Wreaths Across America meet at the Post at 9:15am

12/14 Lay wreath for J. M. West. Ceremony at 1pm

12/20 BOG will be having a bar staff appreciation at noon. All are welcome to join before the bar opens at 3pm.

12/20 Post Christmas dinner. Meat provided, please bring 2 sides.

1/1/2026 Frost Bite Ride – watch for email

1/6/2026 ALR meeting voting and new officers swearing in

Michael Saindon – Motion to make amendments to our By-Laws.

1. Strike Directors limited to 4 consecutive terms. 2nd by Anna Simpson
motion passed
2. The Assistant Director needs to say Co-Director. 2nd by Anna Simpson
motion passed

We will vote in February – copy attached for review

Steve Tackett – made an offer to the Post for shirt printing. Polos - 5oz \$30 (cost \$21.50) and 4oz \$25 (cost \$16.00). If we want a shirt, we will fill out an order form and collect money. We send him the cost and keep the difference. We would need a person to be the contact person and handle the orders. Anna Simpson volunteered. Steve will send a copy of the order form for distribution.

Rhonda Hundley – We have a Post support fund of \$600. Motion to add \$400 and give \$1000 to the Post roof fund. 2nd Steve Tackett. Motion passed

Rhonda Hundley – Chamber of Commerce provides gift cards for the single airmen who can't go home over the holidays. Motion Anna Simpson to donate \$500 towards gift cards. 2nd James Bise. Motion passed

Rhonda Hundley – Harper Justice Ivy was the little girl that died when a car hit the gas pumps at Quik Trip. They are having the 2nd annual fundraiser in her name to purchase bikes/scooters for kids. Motion by Michael Saindon to donate \$200. 2nd Anna Simpson. Motion passed.

AUCTION – Steve Tackett made a motion for April 18. 2nd by Anna Simpson. Motion passed. Request was sent to add to the Post Calander. We need to start now and especially in January, to procure donations from businesses and obtain items. Think of maybe a larger ticket item for a raffle.

January 22 dinner suggestions – will be looking into pricing for bierocks.

ALA–

ALC – Anyone with a vehicle that is 20 years or older is welcome to join. They must be an active member of another Post entity.

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 – All are welcome to come to discuss meetings and communications. The discussion regarding combining meetings will hopefully start in Feb or Mar. Meetings will be the first and second full week of each month.

1st week Monday SAL 6:30pm/AUX 7:30pm. Tuesday ALR 6:30pm/Cruisers 7:30pm. Discussions on joint ALR/ALC. We will need volunteers to do the Riders report at the AUX and Legion meetings.

2nd week Monday BOG/PEC joint 6:30pm. Tuesday Foundation 6:30pm/Legion 7:30pm.

Post cleaning days will be the 4th Saturday of the month. There will be a list of items to be addressed.

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

SAL – meeting moved to 11AM due to the Poker tournament. Upcoming events are Christmas for Kids and meat raffle drawing will be in March.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you for all that helps us with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes.

Other Business/Comments:

Make sure our Webmaster gets events early so they can be added to the calendar

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 January 6th at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: everyone

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm

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