



## **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 July 2025, there are 7 of the original 50 still with us.

**Date:** March 3, 2026

**Members in attendance:** 12

**Meeting Agenda:** Meeting called to order at 7:39 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:** Terry Gowen

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

**New Members/Applications:** none

**Guests:** Claude Godfrey new ALR Director Post 136

**Secretary Brenda Paul:** Motion Barb King 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Tackett Motion passed

**Treasurer Rhonda Hundley:** Read report. Motion Barb King 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Tackett 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 February:

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers

Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco 5<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical

Meeting with Derby Chamber Mid-Winter Forum Mouse Race meeting

**Historian:** open position

**Chaplain Dickie Helzer: Excused** 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. Toni Tackett – illness, Dickie Helzer and Helen Leake – illness and Brenda Paul –sisterinlaw passed

**Veterans Affair/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.

Polo Shirts – fundraiser we will get \$15 per shirt ordered for each entity

## **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.

Meal rides – bring your suggestions on where we should go!

AUCTION – April 18<sup>th</sup> - please start collecting nice items, gift cards, gift certificates, cash donations, raffle items, silent auction items etc. to support this year's action. We have received a few nice donations but need much more. Examples thank you. Nice duffle bag that you can have anything added (ex: logo), wood flag with the Pledge of Allegiance on it and a flag afghan. Kathy Saindon will be making the sloppy joe mix again. We will have her make 15lbs. Please send Brian Simpson a photo of larger/nicer items that we can post to the website so people can see some of what we will offer in the auction.

## **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, ALA 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.

VA Flags – Please help support Post 408 5/25 Memorial Day at 6:30am.

Rebecca Miranda with Wichita River Festival events would like Post 408 to be a part of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Night. They are looking at having a ride in with members of all Posts. After discussion we are interested in participating.

ALR Food Night 3/26– We are considering chicken enchiladas and checking to see if she can make 200. We are requesting a taste test prior as well.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

3/7 Food Bank Pancake Feed at Post. Set up starts at 7:30am. Contact Rhonda Hundley to let her know if you can help.

3/14 AL Birthday Party at Post – meal provided please bring a dessert

3/15 SAL Meat raffle ends

3/16 ALR Gun Raffle starts with a long rifle and pistol. Must be at least 21 yo and pass a background check.

3/21 5<sup>th</sup> District in McPherson

3/26 ALR dinner

4/18 ALR Auction

4/25 National AL Family Day – party for the community 10 to 5. We are planning a ride/cruise in at 8am. Cruisers are serving hot dogs. Car and Bike show in The COOP parking lot. Bouncy house, kids games, firetrucks, police cars, possible K9. Music will be 1 or 2 bands. See sign up sheets for volunteer areas needed, this is an all Post event and we need help.

4/30 SAL Dinner

5/10 SAL Mother's Day breakfast

5/17 Hillcrest 4PM to put up flags and crosses. Hillcrest has asked if we could add flags around the circle – would need approx. 24 more flags.

5/25 Memorial Day Ceremonies

6/21 ALA Father's Day breakfast

June Leadership College in Emporia– Carrie Clouston has volunteered to attend

8/15 with rain date 8/22 - Planning the next steak feed. Will be an all day event with a possible ride/cruise in, kids activities etc.

Claude Godfrey introduced himself as the new ALR Director of Post 136. This Friday they are having a chili cookoff, and Saturday is the VA Banana Run.

Micheal Saindon gave updates and information regarding the Mouse Races and the need for volunteers to help.

**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.

**ALA** - Join us for Bunco, we have a lot of fun!

**Bingo Committee** – Moving forward with 3 Fridays a month. Will need volunteers to be runners, raffle tickets. Consecctions, etc.

**BOG** – All are welcome to come to discuss meetings and communications.

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

**Fundraising** - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you for our volunteers that help with the fundraising activities! Pancake Feed is 3/7.

**LEG** – 3/14 American Legion birthday party – check the calendar and watch for emails.

**SAL** – Meat raffle ends 3/14 with drawings on 3/19. We have sold enough tickets for 2 bundles and are close to a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

#### **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, Bunco, Food Nights, Queen of Hearts are ongoing events. Remember to check the online calendar and your emails.

#### **American Legion Family Post 408**

**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 [tdddd1@aol.com](mailto:tdddd1@aol.com) 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

Director Brian Simpson at [simpsy408@gmail.com](mailto:simpsy408@gmail.com) 316-304-4046

Co-Director Joe Morris at [KBOWSG@aol.com](mailto:KBOWSG@aol.com) 316-749-7157

**Our next meeting is Tuesday April 7th at 7:30 PM**

Motion to adjourn: Michael Saindon 2<sup>nd</sup> Barb King motion passed

Closing Prayer Brian Simpson

Meeting adjourned 8:31pm

