



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: Aug 5, 2025

Members in attendance: 10

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 Robert Nacker Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Anna Simpson 2nd Robert Nacker 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.

The following activities were reported for the month of July

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags Final Mile escort Flag line Several Parades Haysville, Derby , and Mulvane. Plus Wheat Festival in Wellington

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. Brenda Paul's father fell

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Back patches order was finally approved and sent to be made. Should see soon

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

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.

Steve Tackett spoke on the Cruisers starting to participate in parades and such with riders.

Steve Tackett spoke on getting the building signs updated with the ALC emblems. The cruisers spoke on it and think all entities get involved and pay 1/6th of the cost for new sign on building. Each entity can update their own logo decals if needed.

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!

7/24 ALR Taco night. Help is always appreciated and need desserts please.

State Rally Sept 12-13th Post 19 Gardner, Ks More info attached

ALA– Bunco 8/8

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. All are welcome to cruise in and participate with motorcycles.

BOG – Will be getting handicap auto door installed soon and SAL is posting up to 3000.00 for this door. They are looking at reimplementing a Post work day once a month. Need to do extensive cleaning and other smaller items that need addressed.

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.

Post Commander – Not present no report

SAL – had raffle and Anna Simpson won the grill choice. Brian Simpson sold winning ticket. Congrats. We will be having Veterans Day breakfast Nov 9th All Veterans eat free. Any and all welcome to come eat or help out Texas Holdem every Wednesday 6:30

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that help with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes. Peaches are done and was successful

Thanks for the help

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 Sept 2nd at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Steve Tackett 2nd Anna Simpson motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 7:49pm

