



American Legion Riders, Chapter 408 Minutes

American Legion Family Post 408

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<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: June 2, 2026

Members in attendance: 13

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:30 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 Barb King 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Barb King 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed

Sgt. Of Arms/Ride Captain Toby Trott /Co-Ride Captain James Bise: 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
Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco Cruise In Chamber meeting
Steak feed meeting Convention Fabiolas ride Memorial Day events
Patriot Guard Service

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. Toni Tackett – illness Brian Simpson – kidney stone

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!

ALR Gun Raffle – Purchased price \$485.58 Sold tickets \$1615.00 Net \$1129.42

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.

7/11 Toy run – still need a couple of volunteers for locations. Kevn and Connie Honn will be the final sweep.

7/4 Watch for emails. Haysville 7am, Derby 10am and then Mulvane

We are looking to add a shed at Hillside Cemetery to store flag poles and crosses. Terry Gowen is heading this up through the SAL.

American Legion College is this weekend.

August Foundation Steak feed= early tickets \$50, day of \$55. Split meals early \$80, day of \$85. All day event with car show, cornhole, kids' events, live bands, etc. Grills fire up at 5pm.

Michael Saindon - 7/4 SAL/Cruisers for the USA 250th Birthday are proposing from 11-2 free hotdogs and a bottle of water. Motion to donate up to \$200 2nd Barb King Motion passed

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/5-7 American Legion College, \$100 to attend in Emporia. There will be more classes on gambling, liquor, new laws and regulations, officer training, etc.

Accommodations available, you will need to bring towels, sheets, shower curtains, pillows, etc. As they will only provide the twin bed. You can also pay \$50 and obtain your own hotel arrangements.

7/4 Haysville, Derby and Mulvane parades

7/20 Nation of Patriots flag exchange 12:30pm. BOG provides food. Please plan on attending to help with tours etc.

8/15 with rain date 8/22 - Planning the next steak feed, \$50 or \$80, watch for details. This will be an all-day event with a possible ride/cruise in, kid's activities etc.

10/24– Mouse races are coming! You will be able to bet on races, roulette wheels and more. You will also be able to “buy” a mouse and name it. When your mouse is up to race, they will announce the name of the mouse and who bought it. Volunteers will be needed to assist with sign-ins, etc. Will be serving sloppy joes and Chili. Anna Simpson made a suggestion to sell mouse race t-shirts for sale. We would need to have the supply on hand. May look into it if this goes well.

ALR FOOD NIGHT 6/25 - sloppy joes and potato salad. Please help provide desserts.

ALC – Anyone with a vehicle 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! Baked potato/Salad Bar on Thursday

Bingo Committee – Moving forward with 3 Fridays a month. Will need volunteers to be runners, raffle tickets. Concessions, etc. From Brian Simpson for Ryan Mitchell- the committee has a proposed business plan/budget that will be presented to the Legion.

BOG – All are welcome to come to discuss meetings and communications. Post cleaning days will be the 4th Saturday of the month. There will be a list of items to be addressed.

BOG received 2 different quotes for the new audio/video system. Approx. \$3200. We can reduce the cost with volunteers to help pull wires.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you for our volunteers that help with the fundraising activities! We will still be doing the Pancake Feeds and Atwood's.

LEG – check the calendar and watch for emails.

SAL – This year the I Got One for the Legion shirt will be bright pink to support Breast Cancer awareness.

Congratulations to Michael Saindon who was elected as the new SAL State Financial Officer!

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.

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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 7th at 7:30 PM

Motion to adjourn: Barb King 2nd Anna Simpson motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

