



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: November 4, 2025

Members in attendance: 14

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 Steve Tackett 2nd Anna Simpson. 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 October

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags
Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco Fun Run Eskimo Joes

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, Michael Saindon, along with James Bise and his family.

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.

17th Annual Ron “Radar” Brengman Auction 10/18. As we close out this fundraiser, we did miss all the cash donations that Frosty would gather for us. We also had a very low turnout. Please make sure to join us next year as we start in

2026 with the 1st Annual Morris “Frosty” Short Memorial Auction. Thank you for your support.

Auction date for 2026 – after discussion the new date will be April 18, 2026 (alternate date 4/11 if unavailable). Motion by Michael Saindon 2nd Anna Simpson. Motion passed.

Michael Saindon – effective today the Derby Food Bank is in dire need. On their Saturday drive through they usually have less than 25 people. Last Saturday was over 80. The Post will have a box at the Post. They request no canned vegetables as they have plenty. Need canned meat products, see email for items. We will collect through 12/14 and deliver 12/16.

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.

December is almost here and will be time to pay your dues.

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.

November Fabiolas ride – date to be determined

11/9 SAL/AUX Veterans Day breakfast

11/9 Flags at VA 6:30am

11/11 Veterans Day – numerous activities to participate in, check calendar and emails. Andover Middle School program 7:30am, Haysville Parade 11:15am, Meet at Post 1:30pm to go to Garrett Park. After activities, the SAL has the Keg for Veterans at the Post.

Let Toby Trott know if you are participating in the South Haven Parade so he can let them know.

11/15 The 2 ladies that shop and donate for our Christmas for Kids event will be dropping off TONS of toys!

12/5 SAL Christmas for the Kids set up at 6pm.

12/6 11:30am Set up stations for Christmas for Kids. Volunteers are welcome.

12/6 Derby Christmas Parade. Decorate your bikes! Volunteers needed for line up/parking.

12/20 Post Christmas Party

Rhonda Hundley – someone posted in the Derby Chatter that the base Chaplain is asking for food donations to supplement while servicemen/women are not being paid, due to needs due to government shutdown and possible lack of pay.

Micheal Saindon said that they are getting paid. Barb King will verify the need.

Rhonda made a motion to donate \$200 if there is a need and if monetary donation isn't allowed, we can purchase needed items and deliver. Anna Simpson 2nd. Motion passed.

ALA– meeting 11/10 11/6 we will have an Italian Dinner

ALC – meeting 11/3 Anyone with a vehicle that is 20 years or older is welcome to join. They must be an active member of another Post entity.

Terry Gowen – there will be a car show on the 22 or 23rd watch for email.

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 – 11/18 Leadership meeting. All are welcome to come to discuss meetings and communications. There will be discussion regarding combining meetings. 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 11/2 1pm

11/9 Veterans Breakfast and Wednesdays are Texas Hold-Em

11/11 SAL bought a keg of beer for Veterans to enjoy. Free draws from 3pm until gone.

11/13 Derby Veterans green team is providing a free breakfast at 8:30 am in the Pavillion at Madison Park.

11/15 Cornhole game against Post 136. We need players!

12/5 Set up for Christmas For Kids 6pm

12/6 Christmas For Kids

12/6 Derby Christmas Parade

Meat Raffle drawing will be in March.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you for all that help us with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes. Thank you to everyone that helped with the Pancake Feed!

Nominations for officers – please consider volunteering to fill any of these positions. The following have accepted the first round of nominations.

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

Barbara King – 12/4 Legion meeting will have the Fire Marshall presenting a fall Risk Program at 6:30pm. Encourage all entities to attend, we would like all seats filled if possible.

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 December 2nd at 7:00 PM

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

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm

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