



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 January 2022, there are 9 of the original 50 still with us.

Date: February 7, 2023

Members in attendance: 14

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Director Brian Simpson.

Salute Flag lead by Co-Director Terry Gowen

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: Open Position Interim Chaplain John McCullough

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America lead by Co-Director Terry Gowen

New Members/Applications:

Guests:

Secretary Brenda Paul: Motion made to forgo reading the minutes by Steve Blake 2nd Steve Tackett Motion passed. Discussion: none

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Motion made by Michael Saindon to accept the treasurer report as read. 2nd Joe Morris Motion passed. Discussion: none

Bills: Rhonda Hundley Wreaths Across America \$453.00 Motion Steve Blake 2nd John McCullough Motion Passed. Michael Saindon let us know that purchasing early was a great decision as the price is now \$17.00 per wreath.

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 Jan -

Flag lines Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags

Frostbite ride New Year's Day Food Floor Meeting Pancake Feed Meeting

Sort/Deliver Food to the Food Bank

Historian Alvin Hook: absent

Chaplain OPEN POSITION: Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Everyone who has been dealing with the crud that is going around. Along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

Veterans Affairs Barbara King: none

Hospitality Connie Fox-Gowen: none

Patches Barbara King: We have patches and coins available. Ordering more of the large backpatch. Legion Patches are in.

Coins- available for \$10 each.

T-Shirts Connie Bise: we have a few T-shirts and hoodies available in limited sizes. We can do our layout on any style of shirt, hoodie, etc. Please let us know what you are wanting – style, colors etc. Toby Trott brought in samples of shirts. Attendees agreed that burgundy is a good color for the next shirt. A signup sheet will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

Bring your fund raiser ideas to the meeting or email our director, co-director or fund-raising committee with them.

Fundraisers- see emails

NEW BUSINESS

We have positions open for Chaplain and Flag truck. Please let Brian or Terry know if you are interested in filling in.

Michael Saindon: Motion to increase the earmark for Taxes & Insurance from \$1500 to \$2500 as it will increase as we open. 2nd Pete Peterson Motion passed.

Steve Tackett: He is ready to start purchasing bar materials. He will make the purchases and provide the receipts for reimbursement.

Brian Simpson: There will be an e-mail tonight from Post 4 for a funeral on Friday. Please try to attend, this gentleman was at almost every funeral. There will also be a cemetery ceremony.

Brian Simpson: Please watch your emails for short notice for services for a member of the Greg Blencoe family as one of the family is nearing end of life.

20th is Flags at the VA, Post 256 in charge.

Fundraising Rhonda Hundley - in addition to ongoing fundraisers, we have a car wash raffle with Club Carwash, it is a \$480 value. We will draw 3/18 at the Legion Birthday party.

Super Bowl Party – Our 1st event in the Dining Hall and the ONLY time you will be able to BYOB! Bring a snack to share. Betting squares will be available.

2/18 - 10:30am to 2PM Haysville Chili Cookoff with our own Steve Tackett making our entry. Please wear a Volunteer T-shirt.

2/21 Prior to Family Meeting we will be selling Trashcan Nachos from 5pm to 6:45pm. This is a HUGE amount of food for \$10. We may also do these at BBQ on the Plains.

3/4 Drive thru Pancake Feed at City Hall. Meet there at 7am. Serve 8-10:30am. Meet at Post Friday to load supplies and take over.

3/18 American Legion Birthday Party. Set up at 1pm, social 3pm and dinner 4pm. Please bring 2 sides. The speaker will be the Haysville Mayor.

Michael Saindon – last night at our Fundraiser meeting we discussed the need to add a convenience fee to help cover the fees charged when using a credit card.

Michael Saindon- In March, we will be partnering with BG Products with Garment Raising for the VA. This will be for new clothing for patients in the hospital. Donations will be accepted from 9-3 on Saturdays and Sundays. T-shirts and underwear must be new. They mainly have males some females. Other clothing items need to be in like new or in very good condition.

Michael Saindon - regarding Hillcrest flags - we need to make sure to find out what we need and get them ordered by March 1st.

Michael Saindon - please make sure you get your dates reserved on the room schedule calendar. What day would we like to have the auction? The membership chose October 14th.

Post Commander Steve Tackett – All are welcome to attend any entity meetings. Check on the Post website for any updates, changes or cancelations. Please come help, there are small easy things needing done up to larger projects. Everyone is welcome to help, even if not a Post member.

ALA – Postponed due to several illnesses. Watch for rescheduled time. We are still selling cups.

SAL – Sunday 1pm. We do still have a few AM15 raffle tickets. Rada online - knives and kitchen items fundraiser continues as well.

Other Business/Comments/Thoughts:

Please make sure to send in your time and miles. We know there is more being done than turned in.

If you have not had the opportunity to tour the Post lately, please do! We are getting so close! Please come help us finalize all the areas!

Terry Gowen – the floors are done and look amazing; we are so close!

2-3-4 Wheel Tuesdays - Plans are to start this back up. Let us know good eating spots, hole in the wall, other Posts, restaurants etc. It does not have to be just on Tuesday evenings.

We are planning on doing 50/50 at the next meeting, please come prepared to WIN!

Upcoming Events – watch emails and the Legion website for updates/changes

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Post work - Saturdays and Sundays from 9AM to 3PM unless otherwise notified

Sunday SAL 1pm

20th VA Flags Post 256 in charge

21st Family Meeting- please attend we will have a guest speaker

22nd BOG Meeting

27th Foundation Meeting

Then it is March already!!!

Dues – They are DUE now! 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 (53 cents a mile). 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 tdddl@aol.com 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

Co-Director Terry Gowen at D.Gowen@cox.net 316-208-6215

Or

Director Brian Simpson at simpsy408@gmail.com 316-304-4046

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Steve Tackett 2nd Dick Helzer

Flag salute

Closing prayer John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 7:58PM

