



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

Date: March 7, 2023

Members in attendance: 16

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: 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, as posted on the website, by Toby Trott 2nd Pete Peterson Motion passed. Discussion: none

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Motion made by Pete Peterson to accept the treasurer report as read. 2nd Barb King Motion passed. Discussion: none

Bills: none

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 Feb -

Flag lines Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags

Mid-winter convention Meeting with Sherwin Williams Super Bowl Party

Meeting with Derby COC Chili cookoff Dinner at Post Dinner at Madrocks

Meeting with Derby Police Dept

Historian Alvin Hook: absent

Chaplain John McCullough: Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Brian Simpson- kidney stone surgery. Along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

Veterans Affairs Barbara King: none

Hospitality Connie Fox-Gowen: excused none

Patches Barbara King: We have patches and coins available. Ordering additional memory bars for Steve Hundley and Legion patches.

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. Advised that Toby hasn't gotten a return call yet from the gal in Wellington as they have a large order from the City School to fulfill asap.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Fundraisers- see website and emails

NEW BUSINESS

We have a position open for Flag truck. Please let Brian or Terry know if you are interested in filling in.

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

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. Trashcan nachos and Pancake feed were both successful.

Saturday is the Legion birthday party. April 6th Breakfast for Supper and in May Mexican Food. There will be another Pancake feed, June will be CashSavers hotdogs, July is the Toy Run and we have Red Friday bags, along with upcoming Peaches, Atwoods hotdogs, and VA clothing drive and Haysville Pool night.

Brian Simpson – Jim Culver, the owner of Klondike Motorcycle Medivac is selling his business due to his health. March 25th is a Poker Run for him. Last count 1400 participants were expected. It will start at Club rodeo. Harley Davidson in Milwaukee has donated several items as he has worked with them delivering bikes.

Brian Simpson – Auction is 10/14, everyone please start now to help gather nice donations for our biggest fundraiser of the year. This can be cash, checks, gift cards/certificates or merchandise.

Brian Simpson – John McCullough reconsidered his nomination for Chaplain and has decided to accept. Motion by Michael Saindon 2nd Terry Gowen Motion passed

Michael Saindon – July 8 Operation Holiday Poker Run. Please make sure to fill out the registration form and turn it in to Rhonda with your payment.

5/8 Haysville VFW 7pm Purple Heart City Proclamation. Please wear Legion logo wear to support them.

5/15 Haysville VFW 5:15pm Purple Heart City Ceremony. Please wear Legion logo wear to support them.

4/1 District 5 Lindsborg/Marquette

5/21 Hillcrest Flags

5/29 Hillcrest Memorial Day Ceremony

06/2-4 State

6/17 Golf Tournament

John M. West Post 408 AL Foundation is sponsoring the Derby K9 vest purchase. Law Dogs in Ark City has donated \$500. If we get enough donations, we hope to purchase 2 cooling vests, one each for Deby and Haysville K9's at \$300 each.

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 – Meeting is Monday. We are still selling cups.

SAL – Sunday 1pm. Mike Saindon won the AM15 raffle. Rada online - knives and kitchen items fundraiser continues as well.

Other Business/Comments/Thoughts:

Terry Gowen – This room is great; it is getting exciting! Please come help or even stop by to harass us or even supervise. There are many small things needing done such as cleaning, touch up painting, vacuuming, etc. The patio posts are up, and the TVs are up in the bar. I would love some help to crawl along the floor adding trim along the walls.

Terry Gowen - still looking into the rifle shoot at Lake Afton gun range. They have a \$15 all day rate. Looking at a group discount for a fun shoot day, we will keep you updated.

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.

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

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

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 tdtddl@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 April 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Steve Tackett 2nd Morris Short

Flag salute

Closing prayer Chaplain John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 7:43PM

