



## **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:** December 5, 2023

**Members in attendance:** 14

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

We will be using microphones when anyone has the floor. Only the person with the microphone will be speaking.

**Salute Flag** lead by Director Brian Simpson

**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 Brian Simpson

## **New Members/Applications:**

### **Guests:**

**Secretary Brenda Paul:** Please see website. Motion –Steve Blake 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Tackett. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Rhonda Hundley:** Read report, 29 Thank You's were sent to auction donors. Motion Steve Tackett 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Gowen. Motion passed.

**Bills:** Rhonda Hundley – reimburse for stamps \$26.40 and pizza \$74.79. Motion Steve Tackett 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Blake. Motion passed

Steve Tackett inquired if we have already set up a mortgage earmark. Yes, we have.

**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 November -

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags

Post food events Pancake Feed set up and event Wichita Toy run

Deliver clothing to the Winfield Veteran's home Numerous Veterans Day events Andover Middle School ride in/program Haysville/Derby Veteran's Day ceremonies

**Historian Alvin Hook: excused** Has been able to salvage much more from his basement flooding.

**Chaplain John McCullough:** Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: John McCullough feeling better, Anna Simpson upper respiratory, Brian Simpson kidney stones and Steve Blake's brother-in-law (Kathy's oldest brother) bypass surgery. Please remember these along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

**Veterans Affairs Barbara King:** absent

**Hospitality:** none

**Patches Barbara King:** absent We have patches and coins available.

**Coins-** available for \$10 each

**T-Shirts Connie Bise:** 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. Orders will be online through Shamrock.

### **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

Nominations – we will vote in January. Please consider helping in these positions.

Director - Brian Simpson accepted Laurie Hinkle accepted

Co-director – Terry Gowen accepted Laurie Hinkle accepted

Finance - Rhonda Hundley accepted

Secretary - Brenda Paul accepted

Chaplain John McCullough accepted

Sergeant of Arms/Road Captain - Toby Trott accepted

Historian - Alvin Hook accepted

Veterans Affairs – No nominees

Hospitality – Steve Blake declined

Patches – appointed by Director

T-shirts – Connie Bice declined

ALR PAO (Public Affairs Officer)/Membership - Laurie Hickle appointed by Commander Brian Simpson

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Make sure to check the calendar on the website for any changes. Throughout the rest of the month, watch for emails.

The Post has started their Thursday night meals. The 4th Thursday of the month is the ALR. We will need all meal choices in advance for December, January, February and March, as the BOG buys all the food. Laurie Hickle will provide cornbread and chili for 12/28. We will need volunteers to provide crackers, cheese and onions etc. January 25th, Ham steaks, if they are available for us, biscuits and gravy. Lori Hickle will make the gravy. February 22nd, Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes. March 28th, Lasagna and salad. We will need help with the meal nights, please volunteer.

January 1st Frostbite Ride depending on the weather - meet at the post from 10:45 to 11:00 AM. There we be ham and beans at approximately noon. Thoughts on a raffle or silent auction? This will be a Post family event. Terry Gowen made a motion for a couple raffle items. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toby Trott. Motion passed. Leslie Hinkel volunteered to donate a gift basket from her shop. We would probably want a man's item also.

December 16th through January 31st. It is the ALR's turn to clean the Post. On the 15th the banquet hall is rented, so Saturday morning we will need volunteers to clean. Several times a week we need to stop in and clean restrooms, flush toilets and pour water down the floor drains. Also sweep floors and take out the trash out. Please flush toilets every time and run water down the floor drain. It takes approx. 45 minutes total and even less with two people.

12/16 - Raffle for the Grill. Tickets will be \$5 each. It needs a starter/ignitor switch and knob. Brian Simpson will look it over and order the parts.

12/16 Christmas Party at the Post, starting at 4:30. Check flyer online and emailed.

12/16 Wreaths Across America information emailed

12/17 Meet at the Post at 1:30 PM, leave at 1:50 PM to El Paso Cemetery to place the wreath on John M W Gravesite.

Regarding the Food Bank donation - an e-mail was sent out with suggestions for items that they rarely get, that are very much needed. Such as: Boxed milk, cooking oils, spices, tea, coffee, sugar, flour, pet food, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, etc. We will collect through December and then deliver in January.

**Post Commander** Steve Tackett – All are welcome to attend any entity meetings. Check on the Post website for any updates, changes or cancelations.

**ALA** - We are still selling cups. Meeting next Monday

**SAL** - Michael Saindon - -Christmas for Kids is 12/12 and we still have the Rada knife online orders see the website.

**BOG** - Michael Saindon - We now have an official form to show event sales and the sales tax due and it is to be completed at every event.

**Fundraising** - Rhonda Hundley – 12/12 is the All You Can Eat Taco Bar.

### **Other Business/Comments/Thoughts:**

Please make sure to send in your volunteer hours, especially from last month.

**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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**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 [ttdddl@aol.com](mailto:ttdddl@aol.com) 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

Director Brian Simpson at [simpsy408@gmail.com](mailto:simpsy408@gmail.com) 316-304-4046

**Our next meeting is Tuesday January 2, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

Motion to adjourn: Steve Tackett 2<sup>nd</sup> Toby Trott motion passed

Flag salute

Closing prayer Chaplain John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 8:05PM

