



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: January 3, 2023

Members in attendance: 18

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: Roberta Hook

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

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Motion made by Steve Tackett to accept the treasurer report as read. 2nd Ryan Mitchell Motion passed. Discussion: none

Bills: Rhonda Hundley pizza \$93.26 floor mats \$194.31 = \$287.57 Motion Alvin Hook 2nd Gary Chaput Motion Passed.

Sgt. Of Arms/Ride Captain Ryan Mitchell/Co-Ride Captain Toby Trott: Thank you for sending your reports and your time honoring our Veterans and activities.

The following activities were reported for the month of Dec -

Flag lines Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags

Craft project- snowflakes Pearl Harbor Ceremonies Wreaths Across America

John M. West wreath laying Shopping for Food Bank Christmas for Kids

Christmas Parades Deliver food for Food Bank to Post Flag meeting

Chamber of Commerce meeting Haysville City meeting Pick up Auction items

Derby Foundation meeting Post Christmas party

Veterans Affairs John McCullough: none

Historian Alvin Hook: none. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers though my medical procedures and recovery.

Chaplain John McCullough: Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Morris Short: flu and Pete/Patricia Peterson: not feeling well. Along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

Hospitality: open position.

Patches Lanae Mitchell: excused. We have patches and coins available. The large backpatch is in and more will be ordered. Barbara King has volunteered to take over patches for us.

Coins- they are 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.

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

Nominations 2023

Director - Brian Simpson accept

Co-director - Terry Gowen accept

Treasurer - Rhonda Hundley accept

Secretary - Brenda Paul accept

Sergeant of Arms/Ride Captain -Toby Trott accept

Chaplain – John McCullough - declined

Historian - Alvin Hook accept

Veterans Affairs - Barbara King accept

Hospitality - Karen Chaput declined Connie Gowen - accept

Patches – Barbara King appointed by Director Brian Simpson

T-shirts – Connie Bise appointed by Director Brian Simpson

Motion by Michael Saindon to accept Barbara King and Connie Bise appointments
2nd Alvin Hook Motion passed.

Toby Trott made a motion to appoint James Bise Co-Ride Captain 2nd Alvin Hook
Motion passed.

All officers were sworn in by Commander Steve Tackett.

Steve Tackett- regarding the gift cards for the base Christmas, any follow up? The Derby Chamber is responsible for notifying them and they will also have the AL logo included with the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2023 activities- please check the Post website for updates and changes.

2023 VA Flag schedule -

1/16 Post 136

2/20 Post 256

5/29 Post 408

6/14 Post 4

7/4 Post 256

9/11 Post 136

10/9 Post 4

11/11 Post 256

12/7 Post 408

They will be checking with the VA on if Banana Runs can be restarted. Our Post decided to bow out of the VA and will do the Derby/Haysville Senior Centers.

Michael Saindon – motion to refill the earmark of \$450 for Wreaths Across America and order early. They are having a sale buy 2 get 3 free until January 14th.
2nd Toby Trott. Motion passed.

Brian Simpson - regarding our earmarks we have some changes.

Reduce – VA Christmas from \$200 to \$100

Increase - Bar build \$1018 to \$2018

Delete – Flyover \$300

Reduce - T-shirts \$500 to \$200 motion Connie Bise 2nd Toby Trott motion passed

Reduce - Treasurer, Hospitality/Chaplain and Historian to \$25 each

Michael Saindon made a motion to accept all changes 2nd Steve Tackett.

Motion passed

Reminder: The mortuaries do ask each family if they would like a flag line at the Veterans service. We do not contact the families and if they do contact us, we need to refer them back to the mortuary. Each mortuary has a list of which Post handles areas and who to contact if the Veteran is a member of a Post. Currently Post 408 is only providing a rifle salute for our Post members.

We currently have Facebook pages for the Post and entities. It has been decided that we can best serve our members and community by having one page for all information under American Legion Family Post 408. This will help as we only need to maintain one page. All other pages will have a memo added to redirect them to our Family page. We also have an Instagram account.

Michael Saindon -

1. BOG -when the post opens the BOG is in control of the Post. Each room and the bar must be scheduled for activities.
2. Regarding the next Riders meeting. It lands on Tuesday July 4th. Discussion to move to 11th. Motion by Dan McKelvey to change to 7/11 at 7PM 2nd Alvin Hook Motion passed
3. Food collected can be taken to the food bank anytime this week. We will need volunteers to help sort and deliver.
4. 2/12 Super Bowl party – watch for email
5. 2/18 from 11-2 Chili cook off at Haysville Senior Center. Steve Tackett will be cooking the chili.

6. 3/4 - Chamber Pancake feed. Rhonda Hundley and Michael Saindon met with the Chamber regarding the pancake feed. We will need to load supplies on 3/3/23 at 6PM.
7. 3/18 - American Legion Birthday party watch for email

BOG elects a new 3-year person every year, the others move up. New for the Legion - Hugh Claire, Auxilliary - Barbara King and Sal - Brian LaCount.

Terry Gowen - will be checking with the base to see if we can put flyers, applications, etc., in areas such as the activities center, store, gym etc. Will also check if we would be able to do fund raisers such as burger burns on Guard weekends. Barbara King said she can also check with the Guard.

1/17 Family meeting – please attend, we need input from all entities for activities and things we can do to help our Post.

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.

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 - 1/9 after the Fundraiser meeting

SAL – 1/8 We do still have the AM15 raffle, will draw when all tickets are sold. Rada online - knives and kitchen items fundraiser continues as well.

Other Business/Comments/Thoughts:

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!

2-3-4 Wheel Tuesdays - Plans are to start this back up. Let us know good eating spots. It does not have to be just on Tuesday evenings.

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 in December: **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 tdtdl@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 February 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Steve Tackett 2nd Dick Helzer

Flag salute

Closing prayer John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 8:10PM

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