



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 2024, there are 9 of the original 50 still with us.

Date: March 5, 2024

Members in attendance: 10

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Director Brian Simpson.

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:

Co-Director open position:

Secretary Brenda Paul: Motion Anna Simpson 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Morris Short 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed.

Bills: Rhonda Hundley \$60.15 for roaster liners and taco shells. Motion Anna Simpson 2nd Toby Trott Motion passed

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

The following activities were reported for the month of February

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

Post food events Texas Holdem Bunco

Historian Alvin Hook: excused

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 had not heard from Harold Huff in some time with the phone number he had not working and was getting concerned. Harold did call him, and he is better. He plans on coming to Thursday's meeting. John now has an updated phone number for him. Please remember these along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Patches: patches are available.

Coins- available for \$10 each

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 are wanting – style, colors etc. Orders will be online through Shamrock. Request was made for a black zip up hoodie with white lettering on the sleeves.

PRE-NEW BUSINESS – Exciting news, AVA has been installed and is being tested. Who is AVA? She is our closed caption program. Please make sure to say your name prior to speaking and speak clearly.

OLD BUSINESS

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

We have a few positions open, please contact Brian Simpson for details if interested in volunteering.

Fundraisers- see website and emails

Rhonda Hundley – 3/28 is our next Taco feed. Please arrive between 3:30p to 4p to help prep/set up. We also need dessert donations.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Brian Simpson – received an email from Laurie Hickle resigning her position.

3/16 Birthday Party – please bring 2 of your favorite sides, meats will be provided. The set up is Friday 3/15 at 6pm. Social hour from 3-4p, Meal at 4p, then program.

Open Discussion: Last fall Brian Simpson was accused of not doing his responsibilities as Director. Membership voted him in knowing he also has a full-time job. There were some that wanted him to resign and/or shut down the Riders Chapter. No one wanted to volunteer or step up. Brian also received the most votes for this year as Director. Recently Brian was out of state and forwarded information to Co-Director Laurie Hickle to be sent out to membership in his absence. This was not forwarded to membership by her until after she resigned. If people want to accuse the officers of not doing their jobs, then step up and volunteer. We are ALL volunteers, and there are times when the Officers need help. Some of the Officers have full-time jobs and are unable to leave work when they would like to. We are adults and need to act as such. We are the ones that people see and hear. If it can't be discussed like adults, then it does not need

to be said. As volunteers we need to help each other make this Post a success. Our Riders Chapter is one of the best and we need to continue as such. Please help us get the focus back on the Veterans and our Mission. Maybe you are not able to stand long to help set up, serve or clean up. You can still come and support the event, donate, maybe bring a dessert, it does not need to be homemade! Come and socialize with our guests as well. Please remember One Dream One Team One Mission.

May 17-18 Cooks Airfield Trowbridge Fly in – SAL will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. Possible ride in. Flyer will be coming.

Communications – If any event is posted on our Facebook page, you are more than welcome to share it on your feed and add comments inviting anyone to attend.

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

ALA – Meeting 3/11 7PM We are still selling cups and come enjoy Bunco 3/8.

SAL – Meeting 3/17 1PM SAL/ALA Breakfast 3/17. There will be a nondenominational church service at 11:15fa, for any who would like to attend. We will also be serving a Mother's Day breakfast. Rada knife online orders see the website.

BOG - Terry Gowen, the roof screening should be completed this week. We recently hosted a couple of bands, and we were full up! We might think about having a band or even an individual performance for our dinner nights.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that helped at the Pancake feed! It was appreciated. We are looking at another order for Volunteer T-shirts, they will be greed for Derby with white printing.

Other Business/Comments/Thoughts:

Tom Leahy – has anyone heard anything more on the Legislation passed in December? No one is aware.

Michael Saindon sent Brian an email to let us know there will be an email forthcoming to order your Post 408 apron.

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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IMPORTANT- As of 1/1/24 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 – 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 . 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 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

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

Co-Director

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

Motion to adjourn: Anna Simpson 2nd Toby Trott Motion passed

Flag salute

Closing prayer Chaplain John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 7:59PM

