



## 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 April 2024, there are 8 of the original 50 still with us.

**Date:** April 6, 2024

**Members in attendance:** 13

**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:** Anna Simpson

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Dickie Helzer Motion passed

**Treasurer Rhonda Hundley:** Read report. Motion Toby Trott 2<sup>nd</sup> Morris Short Motion passed.

Bills: none

**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 March

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

Post food events Texas Holdem Bunco 5th District

**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: Alvin Hook will be going back in for surgery on his leg due to a failed artery graft. Please remember these along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

**Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position**

**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.

**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

Post Cleaning – discussion regarding Commercial Pro Cleaning who has already been hired by the AUX and SAL units. Cleaning would be 2 times a week for \$425 per month. They can provide additional area cleaning for \$10 per hour. Motion Anna Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup> Toby Trott Motion passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> ALR TACO FEED - Rhonda and Terry will NOT be able to help. Please let Brian know what area you can help with for this event, and he will add you to the signup sheet. Rhonda and Brenda will do the set up. We will need a cashier, kitchen servers, beverage/condiment maintenance and clean up help. Thank you!

From the BOG – the Kitchen and storage areas are going to be labeled. Make sure to return all items to the correct area. Thank you.

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.

Meal/Fun Rides – James Bise is talking to a place to see if they can accommodate a ride in. Toby Trott talked to Fabiolas Mexican in Wellington. If we get at least 18 people to sign up they will open the taco/fajita bar for us. If we don't have that many sign ups, we will order from the menu. They will let us use the back room. Watch for an email for the 20<sup>th</sup>, after we eat, we can return to the Post for the activities scheduled that night.

Toy/Poker Run – In the early stages, will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please help by finding items for the silent auction, gift cards, basket items for men and women, etc.

Next Fundraiser: Ours will be in mid-June. What do you think we should do? Bring your ideas or let Brian know.

Auction – Please start getting donations! Gift cards, men, women, children and pet themed baskets. New and gently used items, certificates from massage therapist, tattoo artists, hair/barbershops, flower shops, pet stores, auto repair/oil changes/detailing.

July 4th parade - The VFW is the RC. They have asked us to participate. Bikes will be up front.

Memorial Day Hillcrest Cemetery - flags and crosses. We will check with Terry Gowan to see if he has made enough or needs help/more supplies, so we won't be short like last year.

May 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Post. The BOG is sponsoring a Contractors Appreciation Meal. All contractors that have helped will be invited to eat. It will be a burger burn and all are welcome to attend.

Music for meals. If there are any groups/individuals that would like to have a space to play/practice during our meal nights, have them contact the Post.

May 17-18 Cooks Airfield Trowbridge Fly in – SAL will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. Possible ride in. Flyer will be coming. This is a free event; all are welcome to come out. If you would like to help it is appreciated and the bonus, we will be right by the music!

**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 4/8 7PM** We are still selling cups and come enjoy Bunco the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, \$20 sign in and starts at 5:30p. The bar will be open.

**SAL – Meeting 4/21 1PM** SAL/ALA Breakfast 4/21 8a-11a. There will be a nondenominational church service at 11:15a, for any who would like to attend. We will also be serving a Mother's Day breakfast. Rada knife online orders see the website. 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention is this weekend at the Post. Please come, wear your Post 408 logo items, vests, Garrison caps etc.

**BOG** - The roof screening looks great! We have received several compliments.

**Fundraising** - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that help with the fundraising activities! Another round of volunteer T-shirts in Derby green is available by ordering online through Shamrock. See email for the link and cut off dates. Peaches will be coming again. We are still collecting old tennis shoes.

Smoke on the Plains will be June 7-8. We will have a meeting on 4/11 at 6p to figure out what to sell. All are welcome to attend the meeting and volunteer to help.

6/29 Haysville Pool night

7/20 Derby Historical Museum 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. They are open on Saturdays, and it is an amazing place to visit. Currently, they do not have heat or air in the building, and dress accordingly. They are asking for a ride in for the ceremony, Terry Gowan will RC.

Check the website – the Derby 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday will have Post 408 on the list, and we will have artwork on display.

**Other Business/Comments:**

**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** – 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 [tdtddl@aol.com](mailto:tdtddl@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

Co-Director

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

Motion to adjourn: Toby Trott 2<sup>nd</sup> by all motion passed

Flag salute

Closing prayer Chaplain John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 7:53PM

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