



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

Date: October 3, 2023

Members in attendance: 12

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: Laurie Hickle – Pete Peterson presented her with her Rider name “Senior Soaper”

Guests:

Secretary Brenda Paul: Please see website. Motion –Steve Tackett 2nd Dickie Helzer. Motion passed.

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report, no questions Motion Steve Tackett 2nd Terry Gowen. Motion passed.

Bills: none

Rhonda Hundley – Square is set up; however, we have usage charge, suggested we set up a Venmo account. Motion Steve Tackett 2nd Terry Gowen. Motion passed. Pete Peterson- what is Venmo? It is similar to Square but there is no user fee and can be tied to our bank account.

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

The following activities were reported for the month of September -

No reports were provided – Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings
Fundraisers VA Flags Blood Drive Several 911 ceremonies Peaches delivered
Atwoods & CashSavers Hotdogs Band at the Post Fun ride Derby Food
Drive

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: Steve Hines – heart issues, Mike Brady- knee replacement and Rosetta Sullivan – heart issues, received a pacemaker. Please remember these, along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers.

Veterans Affairs Barbara King: absent

Hospitality Connie Fox-Gowen: excused

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 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. Orders will be online through Shamrock. Connie - If anyone would like to take over this position, they are more than welcome.

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

Brian Simpson – Our Auction is on 10/14, please help by bringing donations, cash, gift cards and gently used household items. If you have a larger ticket item, please be sure to add a note to it with the minimum bid. Set up is at noon, please come help.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Laurie Hinkle – 10/12 All are welcome to join us fill and deliver 95 care bags to the Winfield Veterans Home. On 10/28 we will be doing a Fun Run to Durham KS for a Burger Burn.

Brian Simpson – 10/28 Post Garage Sale – watch for emails.

SAL Texas Hold'em every Wednesday night

10/9 Columbus Day Flags at the VA 6:30a

10/15 SAL/ALA Breakfast 8-11:30a SAL meeting to follow

10/15 National Commanders Dinner 5p

10/17 ALF Meeting 7p

Terry Gowen – will be going to Lake Afton on Thursday to obtain info for the 10/29 Gun Fun Day at the Shooting Range. Watch for emails \$15.00 for the day.

Rhonda Hundley – Thursday Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches 5-7p, prior to Legion meeting.

10/7 CashSavers in Haysville Hotdogs. Load supplies at 9a.

10/14 Auction

10/28 Garage Sale

Commander Steve Tackett – We have started posting commercials on loop tv. We would like to start adding flyers as well. They will need to be in landscape format.

BOG – Brian Simpson – BOG is now in charge of ALL bills. The earmark was changed to \$4038 to carry a minimum balance. The \$3200 that was transferred to meet this will be reimbursed as funds allow. We must repair the roof before we can shop insurance companies. We need to add roof screens to hide the AC units. There is a 5K grant we can apply for anything over 10K.

Amy was approved to be paid \$30.00 per shift for bartending. If you are at the Post and she is busy, please ask her if you can assist. If she says yes, then you can go behind the bar and help wash glasses, bus tables, get ice etc.

Venue Rental - Amended to add cancelations Policy. If less than 30 days no refund, 30-60 days 50% refund and 61+ days full refund.

Work day will be 10/28

Pete Peterson –Where were the cleaning supplies moved to?

Steve Tackett – Brooms, dustpans etc. are in the tool room. Bathroom kit in kitchen under the veggie sink.

Canteen – Sundays 12-10 or when football is over. If there is a big enough crowd that wants to stick around, then later. Monday 3-10, Tuesday closed, Wednesday/Thursday 3-7, (can stay open later Thursday as well for Football), Friday 3-12 and Saturday 12-12.

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 10/9 7pm. We are still selling cups.

Pete Peterson – Could Laurie and I get a list of ALR members phone numbers?
Brian Simpson will send an email out to members asking if they want to opt out of sharing their information first.

Brian Simpson – would like to entertain a motion to add a Membership position. Rhonda Hundley made the motion, Terry Gowen 2nd. Motion passed. Laurie Hickle suggested it be called ALR PAO (Public Affairs Officer). Brian Simpson entertained the motion to appoint Laurie Hickle, motion Steve Tackett 2nd Terry Gowen Motion passed.

Remember nominations are next month and we will vote in January.

Bring ideas next month for a December Fundraiser

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 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

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

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Steve Tackett 2nd Pete Peterson

Flag salute

Closing prayer Chaplain John McCullough

Meeting adjourned 8:03PM

