



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

Date: July 1, 2025

Members in attendance: 10

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

Salute Flag lead by Co-Director Joe Morris

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 Dickie Helzer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America lead by Co-Director Joe Morris

New Members/Applications: none

Guests: none

Secretary Brenda Paul: Motion Michael Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Michael Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker 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 June

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags
Final Mile escort Flag line & Celebration of Life for Morris "Frosty" Short Post
food events Texas Hold-em Bunco ALC Car show BBQ on Plains Golf
Tournament

Historian: open position

Chaplain Dickie Helzer: Please keep our troops and our country in your thoughts and prayers. Please remember these along with any others you are aware of in need of prayers. Dickie Helzer will be having heart surgery a week from tomorrow.

Veterans Affairs/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Back patches order was finally approved and sent to be made.

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. Long sleeved white t-shirt order is being sent for printing.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Volunteer work - Anyone that does volunteer work, attends meetings, attends food functions, flag lines etc., please write down your time, mileage and what you did for the year-end report, which you can email weekly or monthly.

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 – If you are a member of any AL, AUX or SAL and own a 250cc or greater motorcycle you are eligible to be a Rider. If you know of anyone that qualifies, please have them contact us.

AUCTION – 10/18. Please start gathering items from vendors/businesses such as monetary donations, gift cards, male and female related gift baskets, etc. Make sure to have a copy of the flyer as some businesses want to see it. Let them know they are welcome to attend as well!

Thank you to all that supported the ride in, flag line and celebration of life for Morris “Frosty” Short. Family members told us of his love and dedication to his Post and Post family.

7/3 Legion meeting

7/4 Parade Trifecta - We have 3 parades starting with Haysville, meet at Post at 7AM parade starts at 8AM. Leave Haysville for Derby, meet at the Powerhouse. Then we head to Mulvane and meet at the school by Dillons.

7/11 Wheatfest parade in Wellington we will meet at Post 90 in Wellington. Parade starts at 8AM. Watch for email

7/11 Bunco

7/12 Operation Holiday toy run. Starts at the Fire Station with final card at the Post.

7/13 SAL meeting

7/14 AUX meeting

7/24 ALR Taco night. Help is always appreciated and need desserts please.

Michael Saindon made a motion to raise the earmark for Wreaths Across America from \$450 to \$512, due to increase in price, to purchase 30 wreaths.

2nd Toby Trott Motion passed

ALR raffle discussion – Brian Simpson called KS Speedway, and it was not a favorable conversation. They were unwilling to discuss discounts or deals, the price on the website was not accurate. It is \$650 per person. They ask if Brian was military and he said no but I am calling on behalf of a veteran military organization. He was told to have someone that is military call. After discussion, the membership decided to skip this timeframe raffle, and it can be open to another entity if they would like to use it. We will still be responsible for the other rotation duties such as restroom cleaning, etc. Micael Saindon made the motion to skip this raffle 2nd Toby Trott Motion passed

ALA– Bunco 7/11

ALC – American Legion Cruisers – anyone with a vehicle that is 20 years or older is welcome to join. They must be an active member of another Post entity. Post 408 is the 1st and only chapter in Kansas currently.

The ALC is sponsoring Cruise In car shows the 3rd Thursday of the month. This is in conjunction with the City of Derby 3rd Thursday activities.

BOG – Are needing to get the push button lock installed on the service door as soon as possible. They are looking at reimplementing a Post work day once a month. Need to do extensive cleaning and other smaller items that need addressed.

Communication is a must between entities. For example, if you would like an entity to assist, do a ride in etc. Make sure to attend their meeting or send an email to the head of that entity so they can reach out to their membership.

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

SAL – 7/13 Michael Saindon – Fundraiser Blackstone Grill. On the 5th Thursday we will be hosting a Breakfast for Supper Buffet. All proceeds will go to support Christmas for the Kids.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you to all that help with the fundraising activities! We are still collecting old tennis shoes. Please see the new Peaches website to order this year. Go to the Post website to the Peaches flyer for the link.
<https://americanlegionfamilypost408fundraising.com/>

Other Business/Comments:

Upcoming Events – watch emails and the Legion website for updates/changes. Texas Hold-Em on Wednesdays, Legion meeting will be holding elections, Queen of Hearts on Saturdays. Remember to check the online calendar and emails.

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IMPORTANT- As of 1/1/25 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 tdtdd1@aol.com 316-518-7334

Please send Hours, Mileage and Expenses to:

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

Co-Director Joe Morris at KBOWSG@aol.com 316-749-7157

Our next meeting is Tuesday August 5 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Michael Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

