



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 July 2025, there are 7 of the original 50 still with us.

Date: February 4, 2026

Members in attendance: 15

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:36 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 Michal Saindon 2nd Robert Nacker Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Terry Marr 2nd Barb King Motion passed

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

The following activities were reported for the month of January:

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers VA Flags
Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco

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. Toni Tackett – illness and Connie Gowen – relative passed.

We received a certificate of Appreciation from Wreaths Across America for our support.

Veterans Affair/PAO: open position

Coins- available for \$10 each

Patches: Are available

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 want – 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.

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.

Meal rides – bring your suggestions on where we should go!

AUCTION – April 18th - please start collecting nice items, gift cards, gift certificates, cash donations, raffle items, silent auction items etc. to support this year's action. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

Make sure to check the calendar on the website for any changes. Throughout the rest of the month, watch emails. Reminder that all are welcome to join any rides and cruiser shows as well.

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 ask them to contact us.

VA Flags – Please help support Post 256 on Presidents Day 2/16 at 6:30 am. Post 408 heads 5/25 Memorial Day and 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/8 Super Bowl Party

2/13 decorate for dance

2/14 Valentines Day Dance

2/28 Haysville Senior Center Chili Cook Off 11-2. Hugh Clare is making the chili.

3/7 Food Bank Pancake Feed at Post. Set up starts at 7:30am. Contact Rhonda Hundley to let her know if you can help.

3/14 AL Birthday Party at Post

3/21 5th District in McPherson

4/18 ALR Auction

4/25 National AL Family Day – party for the community. Need a volunteer for 4/12 committee meeting from ALR - Carrie Clausen volunteered. We are planning a ride in.

4/30 SAL Dinner

5/10 Mother's Day breakfast

FND/ALA/SAL have discussed the Smoke on the Plains event. This was originally set up as a fundraising event. However, due to weather-related losses from the past couple of events and other factors, the discussion is to cease attending. National AL Family Day has started at the Post, and we can provide more activities. Terry Marr made a motion to discontinue event 2nd Barb King Motion passed

ALR Raffle starts on 3/15. After discussion, Dickie Helzer will put together a long rifle/pistol combo. Winners' choice, seller gets the other. Michael Saindon made a motion to spend up to \$750 2nd Toby Trott Motion passed.

ALR Food Night – we sold out of bierocks early and will do it again this month. We can order a maximum of 7 dozen. For April we are considering chicken enchiladas and checking to see if she can make 200.

ALC – Anyone with a vehicle that is 20 years or older is welcome to join. They must be an active member of another Post entity.

ALA - Join us for Bunco, we have a lot of fun!

Bingo Committee – Ryan Mitchell discussed how the Nation of Patriots handles the Haysville Bingo and the funds that it brings in for them. We would also offer pull tabs. Example: doors open at 3pm and serve food until 4pm; there will be a set limited menu. We would need to get entities to volunteer run concessions. Looking at 3 Fridays a month starting in January. There will be start up fees. Michael Saindon made a motion to donate up to \$500 towards start up fees 2nd Toby Trott Motion Passed

BOG – All are welcome to come to discuss meetings and communications.

Post cleaning days will be the 4th Saturday of the month. There will be a list of items to be addressed.

Fundraising - Rhonda Hundley – Thank you for our volunteers that help with the fundraising activities! Pancake Feed is 3/1.

LEG – 3/14 American Legion birthday party – check the calendar and watch for emails.

SAL – Meat raffle ends 3/14 with drawings on 3/19. We have sold enough tickets for 2 bundles and are close to a 3rd.

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

Other Business/Comments:

Make sure our Webmaster gets events early so they can be added to the calendar

Upcoming Events – Watch emails and the Legion website for updates/changes. Texas Hold-Em, Bunco, Food Nights, Queen of Hearts are ongoing events. Remember to check the online calendar and your 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 March 3rd at 7:30 PM

Motion to adjourn: Michael Saindon 2nd everyone motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

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