



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: August 4, 2026

Members in attendance: 13

Meeting Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:30 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:

Secretary Brenda Paul: Motion Barb King 2nd Dickie Helzer Motion passed

Treasurer Rhonda Hundley: Read report. Motion Joe Dinino 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 July:

Flag lines/Escorts Post work Post entity meetings Fundraisers
Post food events Texas Hold-Em Bunco Operation Holiday Parades

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.

Anna Simpson – knee surgery Robert Nackers wife- surgery Toni Tackett

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.

Polo Shirts – fundraiser we will get \$15 per shirt ordered for each entity

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!

Operation Holiday was a huge success, thank you to all that helped!

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.

If you are a member of any AL, ALA 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.

Brian Simpson informed us that the website costs \$500 per year. Rhonda Hundley made a motion to contribute \$100 towards cost. 2nd Carrie Clouston motion passed

Brian Simpson – Casa Martinez has been a long time Derby restaurant, and their air conditioner has been down and needs replaced. Per their lease the landlord has no responsibility to repair or replace. Motion by Joe Dinino to donate \$500 2nd Barb King motion passed. Watch email for a ride on 8/8 to deliver the check.

SAL – the SAL Detachment of Kansas is requesting donations to support the A.L.F. stuffed dog project. (like the Josh dog in the past). They need a minimum of 144 dogs with an approx. Cost of \$1450. Motion by Joe Dinino to donate \$500 2nd Helen Helzer motion passed

ALR Fundraiser for October – after discussion there has been success with guns or meat. Barb King made a motion for a meat raffle 2nd Rhonda Hundley motion passed. For every 300 tickets sold = 1 bundle and we will request 900 tickets.

We need to come up with other fundraising ideas as we are no longer participating in the Thursday dinner rotation.

Terry Gowen - we will be setting up a day to make more crosses once it cools down.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/15 with rain date 8/22 - Foundation Steak feed - early tickets \$50, day of \$55. Split meals - early \$80, day of \$85. All day event with car show, cornhole, kids' events, live bands, etc. Grills fire up at 5pm.

8/22 Need help pulling cables

9/12 Golf Tournament – volunteers needed

9/26 FABIOLAS!! dinner ride, watch for email!

10/24– Mouse races are coming! You will be able to bet on races, roulette wheels, and more. You will also be able to “buy” a mouse and name it. When your mouse is up to race, they will announce the name of the mouse and who bought it. Volunteers will be needed to assist with sign-ins, etc. Will be serving sloppy joes and chili.

11/7 Operation Holiday Pancake Feed

11/8 Veterans Day breakfast

12/4 Set up Christmas for the Kids

12/5 Christmas for the Kids

12/12 Post Christmas Dinner

8/7/2027- Caldwell will be having their 100th anniversary parade and is asking us to attend. Anyone is welcome to RC, let Brian know.

ALC – Anyone with a vehicle 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! Flagpole and installation fundraiser is active. Walking tacos is on Thursday.

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!

LEG – check the calendar and watch for emails.

SAL – Watch website and emails for upcoming events

Post Commander Doug Sherwood – 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 September 8th at 7:30 PM

Motion to adjourn: Joe Dinino 2nd All motion passed

Closing Prayer Dickie Helzer

Meeting adjourned 8:29pm

