



American Legion Riders 1340

General Membership Meeting

**November 10, 2020**

**Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion**

*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

To maintain law and order.

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.

To make right the master of might.

To promote peace and goodwill on earth.

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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## *American Legion Riders 1340 Meeting Minutes*

Minutes for American Legion Riders 1340 meeting on Nov 10, 2020  
Meeting held at American Legion Post 12, 6101 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street; OKC, OK

- Commander Marxen opened the meeting at 7:00pm.
- Prayer - Chaplain Mike Harris
- POW/MIA Chair Ceremony - Sgt at Arms John Mockles
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of Preamble
- Present: 12 members
- In honor of the USMC 245<sup>th</sup> birthday the oldest Leatherneck present, Michael Marxen, provided and cut a Marine Corps birthday cake and presented the first piece to the youngest Leatherneck present, Ronald Mathews. In order to keep the peace, the cake was then shared with all.
- A brief discussion was held with the Son's members present concerning the change in state/national dues for Son's members. Past dues for state/national was \$10. For 2021 the dues have been increased to \$15. Post dues to cover the cost of state/national and provide funding for the squadron was \$30. It was agreed by those members present that the total dues will remain \$30 for adults and \$15 for those members under 18 for the 2021 membership year.
- Finance report presented:

### ALR 1340 Income & Expenses:      2020

Category	Credits	Debits	Balance
D Donations	\$200.00	\$3,705.00	-\$3,505.00
F Fund Raiser	\$5,205.00	\$300.00	\$4,905.00
M Regular Membership	\$911.39	\$640.00	\$271.39
S Son's Membership	\$60.00	\$75.00	-\$15.00
O Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$309.00	-\$309.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,376.39</b>	<b>\$5,029.00</b>	<b>\$1,347.39</b>
		BOY Bal:	\$662.21
		<b>Current Bal:</b>	<b>\$2,009.60</b>
Projected Debit - Gun Raffle		<b>\$260.00</b>	<b>\$1,749.60</b>

- Discussion for and approval of the continued practice of purchasing needed items for the VA Home was held. \$500 will be used to acquire items needed

and delivered to the home.

- We have been invited to join Post 12 for their annual Christmas dinner. The date/time will be Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Family friendly potluck dinner. This will be a covered dish type dinner so if you would like to attend please let us know as soon as you can and provide the type of dish you will be bringing. The dinner will also include a White Elephant gift exchange. Gift exchange rules: Minimal rules. Not sexual or inappropriate for families. Fun. Traded 3 times. Nominal value. Something from your house that you would like to get rid of, that you would consider whimsical and fun. We are looking at this thing as yearly tradition and something where you can bring a gift and whoever gets it brings it back the next year for someone else to get.
- Oklahoma tax exemption for the post has been applied for and received.
- A thank you letter (attached) was received and presented to the members present for our donation to Special Olympics Oklahoma.
- A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist in Post 12 Poppy sales was provided for post members who were able to assist.
- Information was provided for the annual Veteran's Day ride to the memorial.
- Dept of Oklahoma Mid-Winter conference schedule was confirmed for January 22-23 and the agenda provided. If you did not receive the email the agenda will be posted on our website.
- A brief discussion of Resolution 19 and its key points was held. The resolution itself is a consolidation of previous guidelines. Of primary concern was representation of the American Legion as riders. Bottom line is do not debase your post attire with things that do not represent the values of the American Legion and while wearing that attire do not behave in a way that reflects poorly on the Legion. Use common sense. The resolution itself is available for reading [here](#).
- Mike Harris presented a fundraising proposal in the form an American Legion Riders coin embedded in coasters made of concrete. This proposal originated from Post 12 Cmdr. Robert Haugh. Robert has a concrete business and frequently has excess concrete. He has made functional coasters before and the generated interest was good. The proposal is to purchase the insert coins and Robert will make the coasters at no cost to the post. These can then be sold in sets for \$10. The cost of the coins was estimated at less then \$150 with set up included. A motion was made by Mike Harris and seconded by John Mockles to spend the initial outlay if the cost does not exceed \$150. Passed by a vote of those present.
- John Mockles provided information on a veteran's-based group called Flagpoles Honoring Vets. This group provides and installs flagpoles by

request for veterans at no cost. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this worthwhile organization you can find additional information or their [Facebook page](#) or by contacting John Mockles.

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm
- Next meeting, Red Neck Date Nite, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at H&H gun range for a little firearms practice at 6pm and adjourned to the Frosted Mug for dinner and drinks.
- Closing Prayer – Chaplain Mike Harris
- Flag Salute
- Meeting closed

**YES** NO Mike Marxen  
**YES** NO Mike Harris

**YES** NO Rex Warlick  
**YES** NO John Mockles



October 23, 2020

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Dear Special Olympics Friends:

On behalf of the *Special Olympics Oklahoma* family...a family that includes 11,600 athletes...we want to THANK YOU for your \$200 contribution. We appreciate your generous support!

Our athletes are just like other athletes. They train and compete. They learn to win and to lose. They strive to do their best. They inspire us. However, you do not have to be an athlete to inspire greatness. You inspire greatness when you make a donation or volunteer at a competition.

Since 1969, Special Olympics has changed many lives – the lives of athletes, families, coaches, volunteers and supporters. We appreciate your continuous support of this dynamic organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Cain".

Derek Cain  
VP Development & Marketing

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