



American Legion Riders Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

June 3, 2008

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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Meeting Minutes

3 June 2008

I. Call to order

Vice Commander Jim Craig called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1900 on 3 June 2008 at Charley's Last Stand.

II. Prayer

The Post meeting was opened with prayer..

III. POW/MIA Empty Chair Assembly

Finance Officer Mel Crane performed the POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony as Vice Commander Big Jim Craig recited Resolution 288.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Commander Big Jim Craig led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance

V. Preamble

Vice Commander Big Jim Craig led the Post in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

VI. Meeting Declared Convened

Vice Commander Big Jim Craig declared Post No 1340 of Department Oklahoma, regularly convened.

VII. Roll Call

14+ members were present.

VIII. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Previous meeting minutes were read to the general membership and accepted.

IX. Introduction of guests and prospective or new members

We had 2 visitors:

Debra Dinsmore, 5th District President, American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of OK
And

Harley Burd, of Post 1000

Debra briefed that Post 1340 Aux has attained enough members to keep its charter.

Harley briefed the post membership on the Wounded Warrior Project and asked the post if we could organize a poker-run to raise funds for WWP on a day yet to be determined. He brought an example of the WWP signature backback and explained that for many wounded personnel only have the clothes on their back

when they first arrive at a medical care facility. The backpacks provide the basic necessities for the individual. For more info on WWP, please goto www.WoundedWarriorProject.org

I have cut/pasted the history of how WWP started.

Wounded Warrior Project began when several individuals took small, inspired actions to help others in need. One night while watching the evening news, veterans and brothers were moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq. **They realized that something needed to be done for these brave individuals** beyond the brass bands and ticker tape parades. They wanted to provide tangible support for the severely wounded to help them on the road to heal both physically and mentally. What they viewed as a small contribution compared with what the warriors had sacrificed, is now WWP's signature program; **WWP backpacks delivered bedside to wounded warriors.**

Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization.

X. Committee Reports

Finance Officer Mel Crane reported that ALR 1340 had an income of \$456.10, expenses of \$1904.22 leaving us a balance of \$1448.

Post Service Officer Ken Larcher reported that he has been 2 cases that he is currently working on.

John and Michelle Rose stated that another \$35 had been collected through the donation cans.

Quartermaster Christie Carter briefed that the new T-shirts are in and ready for sale. There are 72 white shirts, 72 black shirts. Of these, 12 are women's sizes. Shirts cost \$25 for short sleeve and \$30 for long sleeve. Shirts that have "OK 1340" are only for Post members but plain shirts are available for Post supporters to purchase. We are working on getting a cabinet to store the merchandise at the post.

XI. Unfinished Business

7 June 08. Post 1340 will be visiting the AL Children's Home. Lawton, Ponca City and Tulsa ALR chapters have been invited to attend as well. Ramona Crutcher is Point of Contact for this visit.

XII. New Business & Correspondence

Elections were held. The following personnel were elected as:

Commander: Jim Craig

Vice Commander: Henry Bass

Sgt at Arms: Steve Blair, John Rose, Gerald Hammond,

Executive Committee: John Rose, Rex Warlick, Steve Blair,

Hugh Langston, Mel Crane, Robert Wicker, Frankie Marshal

Vet center visit: Jim Lattig briefed on the 24 May08 visit to the Vet Center in Norman. The ride went well and several Post members spent about 3 hours visiting Vet Center residents. Activities included dominoes and cards.

Memorial Day Ride: the ride went well with only one incident. A splinter group of riders (not ALR) separated from the procession at the intersection of Lincoln and 13th St in order to ride around the VA hospital. One rider was struck (not seriously injured) by an automobile at the intersection. While Post 1340 provided road guards for the event, the cager driver ignored the road guard and proceeded through the procession striking the biker. Once again the Aux. served hot dogs (provided free by Charley's).

A motion was raised, 2nd, and passed to provide the Aux with \$150 in gratitude for the services to Post 1340.

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4 July 08. A planning meeting will be held on 10Jun08, 7pm at Charley's. A committee has been established to plan the July 4th event. Committee members are Jim Craig, Henry Bass, Steve Blair, Terry Williams and John Rose. A motion was passed to give plaques to first place winners and certificates to 2nd place finishers for the various competitions. Door prizes will be given away in a raffle. Henry Bass will be PoC (Point of Contact) for the Tattoo Contest. Jim Lattig will be the PoC for the Bike Games. Categories for the Bike Show will be:

Touring- American & Metric,

Cruising-American & Metric,

Sports – American & Cruising,

Rat Bike and People's Choice.

Charley Wills briefed that he and Ken Larcher helped a 5th grade student, Justin Wootin, celebrate his 5th grade graduation. Justin has cerebral palsey and has wished to ride a motorcycle. Due to Justin's medical condition, he can't ride a

two-wheeled scooter so Charley used his sidecar to fulfill the request. Charley picked up Justin and friend and proceeded to give them a ride home from the school. Ken Larcher took photographs of the ride for the family. Thanks go out to Charley and Ken for promoting a positive image of the American Legion Riders and giving Justin and his friend a ride to remember.

XIII. Closing

Closing prayer was performed and the meeting was closed by Vice Commander Big Jim Craig.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 4June08 to Executive Committee via email. Executive Committee members have 2 business days to contest the meeting minutes or request changes, after which, the updated/changes minutes will be released to the general membership.

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| Minutes approved by: | YES | NO | Commander Ralph Branham |
| | YES | NO | Vice Commander Jim Craig |
| | YES | NO | Mel Crane |
| | YES | NO | Steve Blair |
| | YES | NO | Hugh Langston |
| | YES | NO | Rex Warlick |