



American Legion Riders
Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

April 19, 2008

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Meeting Minutes

(Informal Meeting)

19 April 2008

1. Commander Ralph Branham called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1010 on 19 April 2008 at Charley's Last Stand.
2. As this was an informal meeting, the minutes will be brief.
3. We transferred a new ALR member today. Richard (Hooter) Wilhelm transferred from Post 13 to Post 1340. His wife, Nancy, an Auxillary member, may also transfer. Say Hi and Welcome, the next time you see them.
4. 24 May 08, Norman Vet Center Visit. Commander Crash is coordinating this run and more info will follow. Tentatively, we will meet up at Charley's, ride to Blanchard to pay respects at Blanchard's Tony K. Burris Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial Plaza.
Below is from www.koreanwar.com/MedalofHonor.htm

***Burris, Tony K.**

Rank:Sergeant First Class

Organization:U.S. Army, Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division.

Place and date:vicinity of Mundung-ni, Korea, Oct. 8-9, 1951.

Entered service at:Blanchard, Okla.

Birth:Blanchard, Okla.

General Order No.:84, Sept. 5, 1952.

Citation:Sergeant First Class Tony K. Burris, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty on 8 and 9 October 1951, in the vicinity of Mundung-ni, Korea. On October 8, when his company encountered intense fire from an entrenched hostile force, Sergeant Burris charged forward alone, throwing grenades into the position and destroying approximately 15 of the enemy. On the following day, spearheading a renewed assault on enemy positions on the next ridge, he was wounded by machinegun fire but continued the assault, reaching the crest of the ridge ahead of his unit and sustaining a second wound. Calling for a 57mm. recoilless rifle team, he deliberately exposed himself to draw hostile fire and reveal the enemy position. The enemy machinegun emplacement was destroyed. The company then moved forward and prepared to assault other positions on the ridge line. Sergeant Burris, refusing evacuation and submitting only to emergency treatment, joined the unit in its renewed attack but fire from hostile emplacement halted the advance. Sergeant Burris rose to his feet, charged forward and destroyed the first emplacement with its heavy machinegun and crew of six men. Moving out to the next emplacement, and throwing his last grenade which destroyed this position, he fell mortally wounded by enemy fire. Inspired by his consummate gallantry, his comrades renewed a spirited assault which overran enemy positions and secured Hill 605, a strategic position in the battle for "Heartbreak Ridge," Sergeant Burris' indomitable fighting spirit, outstanding heroism, and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest glory upon himself, the infantry and the U.S. Army.

5. Christie, Post Quartermaster, updated meeting attendees about the new shirts the post is have created. She briefed the post on prices, quantities, and the design options of the new shirts. A motion was raised, 2nd, and passed to purchase 142 shirts for approx \$1388. Some of the shirts will have OK 1340

on them and some will not. The non- OK 1340 shirts will be available for anyone to purchase, but only members can buy/wear the ones designated with our Post Designation, OK 1340.

6. The Post donated some items to a fund raiser auction to beheld a wounded Vet from Tulsa. For more info, see item X1 of the meeting minutes of 1 April 08.
7. The 4th of July celebration was discussed. Wick has volunteered himself and his wife to create a quilt out of the misaligned post T-shirts. The quilt will be raffled off on the 4th.
8. Mel "Minka Mel", Post Finance Officer briefed the Post on the Thunder Run IV fund raiser results.

Gross Income from selling food and donations:	+\$2796
Cost of procuring food and other items necessary to sell:	-\$1351
Donation from ALR 1340 to MS Bridge	- <u>\$310</u>
Leaving the post a Net Profit of	+\$1135

9. The meeting was closed at approx. 1130.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 19 April 08 to Executive Committee by email to ExecCom@ALR1340.org. Exec Comm 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.

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