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NEWS LETTER

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ELECTIONS! June 14, 2003

There was a general membership meeting held at Stokers last Saturday on may 17th. One of the more important items discussed was the upcoming election process. Specifically chosen were the nominations for the officers, which will serve you for the next year. According to the rules of the election process, the election must be held to within thirty days of the state convention. The convention is to be held on 11-12 July, so the post elections have been set for Saturday 14 June 2003. The nominations were opened and the following nominations were brought up and accepted.

Commander; Ken Larcher

Vice Commander; Henry Bass

Sergeant at Arms; Michael (Dutch) Orcutt) and Rick Coley

The nominations for the executive committee are:

Billy May, Melvin Crane, Steve Blair, Julie Larcher, Michael O'Keefe, Jason Wilson, and Dean Lukes.

The nomination process is NOT completed. The post nominations will be re-opened on the floor at Stokers at 10.00 A.M on election day, If you wish to nominate someone for office or wish to nominate yourself; this will be your last chance for a year.

The elections are to be held at Stokers beginning at precisely 11:00 A.M. The doors to Stokers will be closed and secured at 11:00 a.m. for the closed "members only" election. I am told that no one will be admitted after the locking of the door. So please do come early. Every vote is absolutely necessary as our electorate is not yet very big.

There have been several requests from other riding organizations for our participation on their runs and activities. We should consider very carefully the runs that we lend our name to, however we should support those activities and runs that we as a group, believe in. If you have such an activity that you feel the American Legion Riders Post 1340 should support, Please by all means talk it over with the members and present it to the activities committee (A/C) and get it on the talking agenda. In that note, Angela of the Auxiliary presented to the general meeting the annual JDM Spring Poker Run. This run is in support of the J.D. McCarty center for children with developmental disabilities. The run is set for May 31, 2003 from the JDM center at east Alameda and 12th Ave. NE in Norman. It was decided at the general membership meeting that 1340 should support this activity as an organization. The Post will meet at Stokers at 09:30 to arrive around 10:00 A.M. we should be leaving the center about 11:00 A.M. This activity is considered a black shirt event and all members are requested to wear our post 1340 shirts. For further information contact Uwe Von Schamann at the JDM center Tele: 405.307.2804

Memorial Day is the 26th of May (right around the corner) The ABATE run From the Skyline to to the Capitol is on and we have been honored with an invitation to participate in the parade and the calling of the names of those individuals from Oklahoma who have given the ultimate sacrifice in battle. There is a request for individuals to help call out the names. If you feel like you would like to assist, please contact Billy May. The Post will meet at 09:00 on the 26th at Stokers. We will then proceed to the Skyline and be assigned a place in the parade. This is also to be a black shirt event.

The State Convention is to be held at the Biltmore Hotel at Meridian and I-40 on July 11 and 12. The American Legion Riders Post 1340 is hosting a Hospitality suite during that event. During the general meeting it was decided that the suite needed to be a good and properly stocked event (in the developing tradition of Post 1340) and that the members would donate ten dollars for this event. In addition the membership voted to add \$100.00 from the post fund for the hospitality suite. The entire attending membership chipped in. We could use a little more help on this, as we need to look good for the state convention. I am told that Mel donated his Bike for this event, WAY TO GO Mel! He then tells me for display purposes only. Please come to the convention and make us known within the larger American Legion.

On June 20th The United States Postal Service is commemorating the new Purple Heart Stamp. There will be some awards and dedications for Purple Heart recipients. The ceremony will be held on Friday June 20th at 10:00 A.M. at the Main Post Office (320 S.W. 5th) in Norman. There will be an opportunity for the media coverage, so wear your 1340 shirt if you attend.

There was some discussion surrounding the 4th of July run and the plan for that event. The most I can say about the run, up front is that it will be great, but we need to put some effort into the front end of the thing. We need some real participation. Each and every member's name of Riders Post 1340 has been placed in at group or team. Each team has a team leader. You will be notified as to who your leader is via this newsletter in the next edition. However, we need all of the members to come out and participate as much as they can. Your team leader will have the latest and greatest information as to what is going on between the letters. So, stand by, the list is on its way. This 4th of July poker run "Carnival" is designed to be team efforts and each stop and each activity within the event will be by team effort. So Please come on out and give us a hand for a great run. There will be much more information and discussion after the elections at Stokers on the 14th of June. See you there.

Auxiliary News Brief

Know your Auxiliary officers:

Mary Orcutt	President	848-6513
Angela	Vice President	(call Mary O.)
Kim Wilkerson	Secretary	(call Mary O.)
Sherry Spencer	Chaplain	
Shorty Haney	Historian/treasurer	799-4693
Julie Bass	Sergeant at Arms	
Julie Kirtley	Executive Committee	
Diane Randall	Executive Committee	
Kaye Melvin	Executive Committee	
Teresa Bell	Benevolent Person	

Mary Orcutt will be providing poppies for donations on Memorial day.