



# American Legion Riders Post 1340

## General Membership Meeting

May 6, 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.

# ***American Legion Riders Post 1340***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

6 May 2008

### **I. Call to order**

Commander Ralph Branham called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1911 on 6 May 2008 at Charley's Last Stand.

### **II. Prayer**

Col Hugh Langston led the Post in prayer.

### **III. POW/MIA Empty Chair Assembly**

Vice Commander Big Jim Craig performed the POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony as Commander Crash Branham recited Resolution 288.

### **IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commander Crash Branham led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance

### **V. Preamble**

Commander Crash Branham led the Post in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

### **VI. Meeting Declared Convened**

Commander Branham declared Post No 1340 of Department Oklahoma, regularly convened.

### **VII. Roll Call**

20 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**

One new member, Jeff Leimer joined the post and Wilson McWhirter returned to the post.

It was announced that the Auxiliary had 5 new/returning members allowing them to keep their charter.

Ken Larcher, Post 1340 member and DEC (District Executive Committee) member spoke about upcoming elections and his continued desire to serve the Legion on the DEC for another term.

## **X. Committee Reports**

Finance Officer Mel Crane reported that ALR 1340 earned \$896 at Thunder Run IV, \$90 was raised from the Wild West Run, and \$50 was earned selling Post merchandise. Account balances are: Riders Post \$5956.91, Aux. \$947.71

John and Michelle Rose stated that another \$116 had been collected through the donation cans bring the total collected so far up to \$389.20.

Quartermaster Christie Carter briefed that the T-shirt design is still awaiting approval from AL National. Once approved, about 140 shirts will be printed and offered for sale to Post members and supporters.

## **XI. Sick Call, Relief and Employment**

Mel reported that he will be having a procedure performed at the OKC VAMC on 8 May 08.

The Freedom Run team came through OKC. They visited post members at Charley's and went to the VA Hospital to visit residents. Crash, Jester and Jester's daughter Cheyenne attended the hospital visit. The Post donated \$150 to the Freedom Run and raised another \$60 during a cookout at Charley's.

The Freedom Run is used to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Foundation, which assists wounded veterans and their families, the Sunshine Foundation, which grants wishes to seriously ill and abused children, and the Challenged Athlete Foundation, which assists disabled athletes.

More info on the Freedom Run can be found at [www.USFreedomRun.com](http://www.USFreedomRun.com)

## **XII. Unfinished Business**

10 May 08. The post is having a poker run to raise money for AL Post 12's baseball team. The run will leave from Charley's. Registration starts at 1100, last bike out by 1200. Prices are \$15 for rider and \$5 for passenger/extra hand.-OPEN

24 May 08. ALR Post 1340 Vet center visit. We will leave from Charley's at 1200, ride to Blanchard and then run over to the Vet center in Norman to visit with the residents. WE WILL BE GOING TO THE VET CENTER, RAIN OR SHINE.

26 May 08. Memorial Day ride to the OK Capital. ALR will assemble and leave from Charley's at 1000. The plan is to ride to the Skyline Restaurant as a group and meet up with the other procession riders. The procession leaves from the Skyline at 1100. ALR 1340 will provide the road guards for the event. The post has ordered a Poppy Wreath to place at the memorial. The Aux. will provide 300 hot dogs for the riders after the event at Charley's. 200 single Poppies have been ordered for the Aux. to sell at the event.

7 June 08. Ramona Crutcher is planning a visit to the American Legion Children's home in Ponca City. Wick is getting the background investigation

paperwork needed by EACH post member who wishes to give bike rides to the children.

4 July 08. A committee has been established to plan the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. Committee members are Jim Craig, Henry Bass, Steve Blair, Terry Williams and John Rose.

**XIII. New Business & Correspondence**

Nominations were held last night and elections will be on 3 June 08 at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Nominations are:

Commander: 'Big' Jim Craig

Vice Commander: Henry Bass

Sgt at Arms: Jim 'Jester' Lattig, Steve Blair, John Rose,  
Gerald 'Buckwheat' Hammond,

Executive Committee: John Rose, Rex Warlick, Steve Blair,  
Col. Hugh Langston, 'Minka' Mel Crane, Robert Wicker

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**XIV. Closing**

Closing prayer was performed and the meeting was closed by Commander Crash.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 7 May 08 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.

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