



American Legion Riders Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

November 3, 2009

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 November 2009

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1900 at Charley's Last Stand.

II. Prayer

The Post meeting was opened with prayer

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Post recited the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Preamble

The Post recited The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

V. Meeting Declared Convened

Commander Big Jim Craig declared Post 1340 regularly convened.

VI. Roll Call

Members present were 2 SAL, 1 AUX, 9 Legion.

VII. New Members and Guests

Pete Walker transferred to Post 1340 and Linda Murphy, the new owner of Charley's Last Stand came up and met the Post members. She stated she is more than willing to work with us and is a great supporter of Veteran Issues. She also is planning to join our Auxiliary Unit.

VIII. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Previous general membership meeting and executive committee minutes will be posted on the web site. Membership voted to accept them.

IX. Committee Reports

Legion Finance: starting balance \$7027.62, Sept. income \$286.57, expenses 152.93, leaving a balance of \$7161.26

SAL Commander thanked the Post for the support provided to him after his bike accident.

Aux. Treasurer briefed that Legion Donation cans brought in \$22 The Auxiliary will hold a bake sale on Veterans' Day as well as sell Poppies.

The VA Hospital clothing went well. Tom Eudey pulled a trailer was full of donated items. Approx. 27 bikes registered for the run. Once at the hospital, Richard Maxey briefed the riders on the OKC VA Medical Center and the riders visited with the patients. We returned to Charley's and handed out prizes to the winners of the run.

Youth Shooter Program. Big Jim and Mike Sloan will plan to shadow another post to see how the program works.

X. **Unfinished Business**

The Post voted on our big ticket raffle item, establishing a cap of \$1000 to be used to procure vacation packages to Las Vegas. Big Jim will be looking into getting at least 1 trip for 2 people to Las Vegas and possibly 2 trips. The cost of the trip/trips are not to exceed \$1000 total. The Prizes will be given away during our July 4th Ride and Rally. Volunteers will be needed to sell raffle tickets once the details are worked out.

The Blue Star Mothers and Downed Bikers Association have asked for Post 1340 support during a Scavenger Run. The Run will be used to gather items to send to deployed troops. The Post passed a motion to get more info on the run and to support it. The Scavenger Hunt Run will be December 5th.

XI. **New Business & Correspondence**

Annual ALCH Christmas visit-the Post voted to give Wal-mart gift cards to the ALCH residents this year. The Post will visit the ALCH during the ALCH Christmas party. The ALCH Christmas Party is December 17th. We will leave from Charley's at 1:30 pm with a stop at the Guthrie Love's Gas station for fuel then onto the ALCH.

Steve Hopper of the Foresters Organization donated \$1,000 to the Post to be used for the ALCH.

Jim Craig Jr. contacted Burger King in Ponca City and they are sending some coupons to the Post.

Harvey "T" Parrish also asked for support from the Post with his Cub Scout Pack. His Scout's will be retiring Flags and would like for Military Members, current and past, to be presented. He also stated it would be nice if we could have some bikes presents as the area to be used to retire the Flags is not lighted and he thought it would be nice to have the bikes to light up the area. More info to follow concerning location, times, and the date.

Just in: flag retirement ceremony will be held 17 November 2009 from 1900 - 2030 hrs at Northridge Elementary located at 8501 NW 82nd St in OKC.

Please bring all your active duty, reservest and veteran friends that you can as this is to honor YOU. I would also love to have any any family members of those currently deployed anywhere in the world. Contact Harvey 'T' Parrish at 405-205-9793 if you have any questions.

The Post will be participating in the ABATE Veterans' Day Run to the Capital on November 11th. Wick will send out another email with the details.

Membership Renewals are due to Wick by December 31st.

Steve Blair won \$33 in the 50/50 drawing this evening.

Post voted to start a bi-monthly newsletter to be mailed to members without email capability.

XII. Sick Call

Michelle Rose asked we keep her son, Chad, in our prayers as he progresses through his Army training. He won't be able to return home until after the holidays so this will be his first time away from home during the Christmas season.

Closing

Closing prayer was performed the meeting was closed.

Minutes submitted by Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker to the 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 Jim Craig.
	YES	NO	Vice-Commander Henry Bass
	YES	NO	Ralph Branham
	YES	NO	Rex Warlick
	YES	NO	Steve Blair
	YES	NO	Hugh Langston
	YES	NO	John Rose
	YES	NO	Charley Wills
	YES	NO	Michael Sloan
	YES	NO	Michael Marxen
	YES	NO	Ron White