



American Legion Riders Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

July 10, 2012

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

Minutes for American Legion Post 1340 meeting on 7-10-2012
Meeting held at VFW Post 9265, 4605 S. Penn

- Commander opened meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- POW MIA Chair – Mike Marxen
- Present: 14 members, 2 Sons, 4 Auxiliary, 1 Visitor
- Visitor Judy Jackson was introduced and encouraged to consider Auxiliary membership.
- Post Financial Report: Our cash raffle for the 4th of July showed a total loss of lost \$480.99 due to slow ticket sales. Fortunately the poker run registration had a good turnout and took in \$1200. After all expenses were covered we ended up with an overall gain of \$576.

Monthly Report

Prior Balance	\$2652.86
Income	\$3323.00
Expenses	\$3240.00
Current Balance	\$2735.86

(Detailed breakout is available by request to the Financial Officer)

- Auxiliary – Financial report: \$1632.32. 14 current members. Teresa needs email and phone numbers to update the records and ensure information is getting out to all members. The Auxiliary garage sale is scheduled for 9am to 3pm on Aug 10th and 9am to ?? on Aug 11th. Item donations and volunteers are still needed
- Sons – New membership cards are in. Renew your dues now and beat the rush! No financial report available.
- Post membership renewal is also underway and the annual membership fee is still \$40. Online renewal is available at www.legion.org/renew, however, if at all possible we recommend dues be paid at a meeting or mailed in to the post. When you pay your dues directly to the post we gain immediate access to the post portion of the funds (\$16). When you pay online it can take 2 months or more for the state to process the renewal and provide the post with our share of the fees. Either way, please try to renew as soon as you can. With our current membership numbers we receive about \$944 in renewal fees which helps tremendously with our annual budget and if we can plan on it early it will reduce the number of other fundraisers we need to organize.
- VFW Post 9265 will host a fundraiser Poker Run on Jul 28th. Registration is \$20 for rider, \$5 passenger with a 10am sign in. Please support the post that serves as our host!

- It is once again time for our annual post officer elections. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for a post position please let Wick know as soon as possible. If no volunteers or nominees are identified the current officers will retain their positions if desired.
- Our Thursday night dinner ride this month will be on the 12th to the Saltgrass Steak House at 1445 W. I-240 Service Road. We will meet there at 6pm. If you plan to attend please give [Wick](#) a heads up so we can make sure we have tables available.
- ***The Nation of Patriots tour ride is this coming weekend, July 14th & 15th.*** Riders will be meeting at the Love's, exit 157, Guthrie for an 8am departure north on I-35 to the Blackwell exit. We will meet the contingent bringing the flag from Kansas and ride back with them to Harley Davidson World at Reno & I-40. The flag will be passed to Post 1340 at that time. Sunday morning riders will meet in the Lowe's parking lot at I-240 & Santa Fe for a 7:30am departure. We will escort the flag from there to Frontiers of Flight Museum near Love Field in Dallas. The flag will be passed to the Texas contingent for the next leg of the tour and we will adjourn to Stokers for refreshment. All riders are welcome. ***A \$5 donation is recommended.***
- Several ideas were discussed for future fundraisers and ways to increase membership. We need to take advantage of any media coverage we can drum up for our events and get the post name out in the public as much as possible to generate interest. All members are encouraged to ***attend the meetings*** and ***provide input*** on fundraising as well as fellowship opportunities.
- Legacy Run is next month. Discussion was held on our annual donation. Our last year's donation was \$1000. Because our fundraising efforts this year were not as successful it was not felt that we could support that amount of contribution this year. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$500 to the Legacy Fund this year. Our Auxiliary and Sons made a commitment at that time for \$500 and \$250 respectively for a total donation of \$1250.
- There will be an Executive Committee meeting at 6:30 am on Aug 14th, prior to the general membership meeting; to review current Executive Committee positions that may need filled.
- POW MIA Chair Retired – Mike Marxen
- Flag Salute
- Adjournment

YES NO Cmdr Robbie Wicker
 YES NO Jim Craig
 YES NO Hugh Langston
 YES NO Charley Wills

YES NO Vice-Cmdr Mike Marxen
 YES NO Rex Warlick
YES NO John Rose
YES NO Tom Eudey