

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1340 – OKLAHOMA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2026

Opening Ceremonies

The meeting opened with the Chaplain's prayer. Members were asked to uncover and remain uncovered through completion of the Pledge of Allegiance. The POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony was conducted in accordance with Resolution 2A-8, adopted at the 67th National Convention, as a continuing reminder of American prisoners of war and those missing in action who remain unaccounted for.

The membership joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. The Post 1340 General Membership Meeting was then declared regularly convened.

Membership and Introductions

New members and returning members were recognized and welcomed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval. Mike Marxen moved to accept the minutes as published. Jeff Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Financial Report

The current account balance was reported as \$2,875.12. It was noted that the Post was in a stronger financial position than is typical following the Legacy Run, due in part to strong support from throughout the state. This leaves the organization with funds available as it moves toward the next fiscal year.

The most recent pancake breakfast generated approximately \$772. The most recent spaghetti dinner was reported as the most successful spaghetti dinner held in several years.

The Treasurer's transaction report provides details of banking activity since the previous meeting. Members who had not received the report were to be provided a copy.

Mike Harris moved to accept the financial report. Clifford seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Upcoming Events

The next Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for September 18, 2026. A correction was made to the presentation concerning the October Pancake Breakfast: the correct date is October 3, 2026, not October 13.

Cow Patty Bingo

Members discussed the Cow Patty Bingo event at Post 12, including the significant amount of preparation, volunteer effort, and time required to conduct the event.

Ride With the Tribe

Discussion was held concerning the "Ride with the Tribe" initiative and its Native American and Indian Motorcycle imagery. It was noted that the design has received positive feedback, is intended to be respectful, and provides a recognizable theme for Oklahoma American Legion Riders camaraderie and fundraising.

2026 National Legacy Run

A report was provided on the 2026 National Legacy Run. Oklahoma had a strong turnout of riders and was reported as one of 15 Departments that raised more than \$20,000. The final national fundraising total was reported as \$1,011,563.

Oklahoma riders participated in J-Flight, traditionally consisting largely of Oklahoma and Kansas riders. With several new riders participating this year, the first day required some adjustment as riders became accustomed to one another. Group cohesion and riding performance improved significantly over the following days.

The final portion of the ride from Terre Haute toward Fort Knox was highlighted as particularly enjoyable, including travel along scenic two-lane Indiana roads and tree-covered stretches. The Run concluded at Fort Knox.

The meeting also recognized the tragic death of Mike Haas during the Legacy Run. Members discussed remembering Mike, supporting his wife Terri and family, and sending flowers or another appropriate expression of sympathy on behalf of the Oklahoma Riders.

Plaque Challenge

Participation in the chapter plaque challenge continues to grow. Filling and exchanging chapter plaques has become an effective way to encourage riders to travel, visit other American Legion Posts, build camaraderie, and support local Posts and Chapters.

New plaques have been ordered for additional locations and chapters, including discussion of Sayre as a potential destination for a future day ride. Members discussed potentially coordinating such a ride with a Post meal or other activity.

Ride With the Tribe Pins

“Ride with the Tribe” pins are available for \$20 each, with proceeds supporting the Oklahoma In-State Legacy Run. The financial distribution of proceeds was discussed, including a 15 percent allocation referenced during the meeting.

T-Shirt Sales

Funds from T-shirt sales have been deposited into the checking account and identified in the transaction memo so members reviewing the financial records can determine the source of the deposit.

Sick Call / Member Welfare

Rex was reported to be recovering and feeling better, although still somewhat rundown. The membership also recognized a member dealing with the recent loss of his mother.

The membership again remembered Mike Haas and discussed providing an appropriate expression of sympathy and support to Terri and the Haas family.

New Business

There was no new business brought before the membership.

Benediction and Adjournment

The Chaplain delivered the closing benediction. With no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
American Legion Post 1340