



# American Legion Riders Post 1340

## General Membership Meeting

December 2, 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.

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## ***Meeting Minutes***

2 December 2008

### **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 by Chaplain Col Hugh Langston.

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

POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony as Resolution 288 was recited/performed.

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

The Post recited the Pledge of Allegiance

### **V. Preamble**

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

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

Commander Big Jim Craig declared Post 1340 regularly convened.

### **VII. Roll Call**

In attendance were: AUX 3, SAL 1, and ALR 12.  
New AUX members: Nancy 'Bag Lady' Wilhelm.  
Doug Carter was back from Iraq for vacation.

### **VIII. Sick call.**

Rick Vasquez reported that his uncle, a Vet passed away. A minute of silence was held.

### **IX. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.**

Previous general membership meeting and executive committee minutes were read to the general membership and accepted.

### **X. Committee Reports**

The Exec Comm members briefed the general membership on the Post's new Mission Statement. Wicker said he would post the mission statement on the post web page.

Finance Officer Mel Crane briefed finance report:  
Beginning balance = \$7825.47, Income = 4222, expenditures = \$1202 leaving a final balance of \$10,835.28

The dice run raised over \$2900 dollars. The post will buy 64 each \$40 gift cards from wal-mart and our sponsored ALCH youth will get the rest of the money.

Christie Carter, Aux, briefed that she handed out Poppies and garnered \$137 in donations. It was briefed that Terrance D., age 16 years and our ALCH sponsored child would like a couple of hoodies (not blue or red), a boom box, and a sleeping bag for Christmas. Dina Lattig will get the gifts. Dina will also purchase the gift cards for the kids. Each child is to get a \$40 wal-mart gift card and Terrance will also get the above mentioned gifts.

Vet Center Cans--John and Michelle Rose reported \$44 in donations for November 2008 totaling \$300.74. A motion was raised and passed that Finance Officer Mel Crane would write a check for \$300 to John so that John and Michelle could begin to purchase items for the Vets at the Norman Vet Center. John and Michelle visited the Vet center and asked the residents what they would like for us to get them. The Vets said they would like some new DVDs, music CD (esp. Patsy Cline), OU ball caps, playing cards, quality dominoes, and they also need the normal stuff like stamps, stationary, hygiene items, socks, t-shirts, blankets, etc. A donation barrel is located at Charley's for folks wishing to donate items.

Kevin Sherwood's Veteran's Day party and run to Clinton Vet center was a success.

Wicker briefed about his visit to the District 5A/5B conference. He talked about the ALCH needing a horse trailer. He also briefed about the Feed The Kitty Program that gives grants to organizations that support children. In 2008, the ALCH received \$68,000. The Feed the Kitty donation can is located at Charley's. The goal is \$50.

#### XI. **Unfinished Business**

A Public Relations program needs to be started to promote Post 1340 events. Henry Bass and Wicker said they would help.

The post's kitchen supplies are still for sale. Ellie, owner of Charley's, will look through the trailer to see if there are any items she may be interested in.

#### XII. **New Business & Correspondence**

Jan 22, Warren Cruther, active duty Army and Post 1340 member, will be returning from his deployment. The post has been asked to escort him from the airport to his home/other destination. More info to follow.

Naysayers toy run to be held on 7 Dec. members wishing to go on the run can meet at Charley's at noon or at the Joe B. Barnes park at 1300. Barnes park is located on corner of Reno and Douglas. Those going on the run bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy for the parade. NO ONE is to dress as SANTA.

Mel, Finance Officer, briefed the post membership on BACA (bikers against child abuse) needing helping providing gifts for needy families. The post voted to adopt one family. The family consists of mom, pop, 2 boys and 2 girls. The BACA suggested gift guidance is \$75 per each child and \$50 for the parents. The post voted to spend \$400 on the family.

### **XIII. Closing**

Closing prayer was performed the meeting was closed.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 4 December 2008 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 Jim Craig
	YES	NO	Vice-Commander Henry Bass
	YES	NO	Ralph Branham
	YES	NO	Mel Crane
	YES	NO	Steve Blair
	YES	NO	Rex Warlick
	YES	NO	Hugh Langston
	YES	NO	John Rose
	YES	NO	Gerald Hammond