



American Legion Riders  
Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

February 5, 2008

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

## ***Meeting Minutes***

5 February 2008

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

Commander Ralph Branham called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at 1910 on 5 February 2008 at Charley's Last Stand.

### **II. Prayer**

Rick Short 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**

Roll call was not taken but more than 10 members in good standing, as required by by-laws, were present.

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

Previous meeting minutes were unavailable as the previous meeting was informal.

### **IX. Introduction of guests and prospective or new members**

There were no guests or prospective or new members

### **X. Committee Reports**

Finance Officer Mel Crane reported that ALR 1340 had a total income of \$24,111.83 and \$20,139.07 in expenses leaving a balance of \$3,972.76 for calendar year 2007.

He also reported an income of \$621 and expenses of \$94 from 7 Jan 08 – 5 Feb 08 leaving a new total balance of \$4,531.59, of which \$917.71 belongs to the Auxillary

A motion was raised, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed to accept the finance report.

Quarter Master Christie Carter reported that the current prices of shirts sold by the Post did not generate enough profit to be feasible. It was decided to raise the

prices of items sold by the QM. Short sleeve shirts \$20, long sleeve shirts \$25, patches for beret's \$5, shoulder patches \$15, back patches \$40, and license plates \$10

**XI. Balloting on Applications**

No applications were available for balloting

**XII. Sick Call, Relief and Employment**

It was reported that Joe and Tanya, who had been an accident, had finally left the hospital and were recovering. Joe suffered some cracked ribs.-OPEN

It was reported that the mother of Larry Guidry had passed away on 5Dec07. It was decided that a card would be sent to Larry.-OPEN

It was reported that Kenneth Gibson, WWII vet and ALR member of 8 years, had passed away on 26Jan08.\_OPEN

A letter of condolences (Wick) will be sent to Larry. Sympathy cards will be sent to Joe & Tanya and to the widow of Kenneth Gibson (Dina)-OPEN

It was reported by John and Michelle Rose that \$173.10 was raised for the vets at the vet home. Great job-Closed

**XIII. Post Service Officer's Report**

The PSO's report was unavailable.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

Robert Wick Wicker was appointed as the new Post Adjutant effective immediately-CLOSED

**XV. Initiation of Candidates**

No candidates were available for initiation

**XVI. New Business & Correspondence**

It was reported that deployed ALR member Doug Carter was doing ok but it was agreed upon that post members should send him email/correspondence to increase/boost morale. Doug's email address is [Doug.Carter@kbr.com](mailto:Doug.Carter@kbr.com) -CLOSED

Adj. Wicker reported that the Post had many US Flags that need to be properly retired. Several members mentioned that the Boy Scouts may wish to dispose of the flags for us.-OPEN

The Shawnee post wants their 20 ft power cord and small refrigerator/freezer returned.-OPEN

It was reported that some wished the Saturday meetings to be changed from 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs. It was decided that the meetings would stay scheduled for 1000.-CLOSED

16Feb08 meeting will be held at 1000, after which post members will assemble at the storage rental unit to move items to a smaller, cheaper unit.-OPEN

Big Jim reported the Post has a new planning calendar with events designed to promote the image of the Post and positively impact the community. Events will be coordinated with the AUX and SAL. This will be an evolving process.

A ride to support the SAL on 19Apr08 was motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Rick Short reported that Eric of Thunder Road House would like ALR1340 to be a food vendor during their bike rally from 4-6Apr08. Information was inadequate at this time for the post to commit. Big Jim will contact Eric for more information after which a decision will be made by the post/exec committee on whether or not the Post can support this fund raiser.-OPEN  
It was stated that the Post membership needs to come up with ideas for a July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser.-OPEN

**XVII. Memorial to a Departed Post Member**

A memorial was not held as the post did not receive notice of the passing away of Mr. Kenneth Gibson until just prior to the meeting.

**XVIII. The Good of the American Legion**

It was generally agreed upon that the Post needs to be more involved with other organizations in an effort to promote the growth and well being of the Legion Adjutant Wicker & Exec Committee/Webmaster Rex Warlick will develop an email listing/roster of similar organizations to achieve this goal.-OPEN

**XIX. Closing**

The meeting was closed by Commander Crash.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 7 Feb08 to Executive Committee by email to [ExecCom@ALR1340.org](mailto:ExecCom@ALR1340.org). Exec Comm 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	<del>NO</del>	Vice Commander Big Jim Craig
	YES	<del>NO</del>	Finance Officer Mel Crane
	YES	NO	Steve Blair
	YES	NO	Hugh Langston
	YES	NO	Rex Warlick
	YES	<del>NO</del>	Boyd West