

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS
ALR 1340 LADIES AUXILIARY
Friday, December 12, 2008

Due to the press of time because of the holidays and your Auxiliary Secretary's husband being home for R&R, the November and December meeting minutes have been combined.

On November 23, 2008, members met at Teresa Wicker's home to put the gift bags together for the American Legion Children's Home (hereinafter, "ALCH"). Those present for the filling of the gift bags were Teresa Wicker, Michelle Rose, Chelsea Wicker, Ramona Crutcher, and the undersigned.

Teresa Wicker sewed together 64 very nice cloth bags for the children, which included a place for their names. She made pink and purple ones for the girls, and blue and navy ones for the boys. They were really nice bags, especially since the kids had previously received their gifts in paper gift bags in the past. Thank you, Teresa, for your hard work in sewing them.

Auxiliary members filled the bags with candy, popcorn, and a few other little trinkets. On the morning of the trip to the ALCH on December 6th, the Post bought enough \$40.00 gift cards so EACH CHILD could have one, and those, too were added to each of the gift bags.

Dina Smith-Lattig was responsible for obtaining the gift cards, as well as purchasing items for our sponsored child. He wanted a stereo for his room, a sleeping bag, and a couple of hoodie jackets. Thank you, Dina, for handling that shopping for us!

On 12/06/2008, the following Auxiliary members, along with several Post members, traveled to Ponca City to hand out the gift bags to the children at the ALCH. Auxiliary members included: Teresa Wicker, Michelle Rose, Chelsea Wicker, Ramona Crutcher, and the undersigned. Doug Carter served as Santa while he was home on R&R, and he appreciated the phone calls made to the ALCH on his behalf to schedule this visit while he was home as he enjoys this project so much. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making this happen.

Your Auxiliary Secretary put her husband back on the plane to Iraq on December 12th, and the Auxiliary members decided to have their December meeting that day so the undersigned would have some friends rallying around her as she prepared for another four months on her own. We met at Charley's Last Stand, and then went to Shorty Small's for dinner. Those present were Teresa Wicker, Michelle Rose, Chelsea Wicker, Ramona Crutcher, Dina Smith-Lattig, and the undersigned. Later on, the girls decided that they should take their Auxiliary Secretary to Graham's for a little "boot-scooting" to cheer her up. Terry Williams and Becky Chapo joined us there later. It worked quite well, and was very much appreciated. Plus, we got to see some "interesting" sights.

We did discuss the fact that Keith Crutcher will be returning home from Korea on Thursday, January 22, 2009, and the Post and Auxiliary members are urged to meet him at the airport for his homecoming. Ramona Crutcher will advise us of the exact time and flight number so we will be located in the correct part of the airport to greet Keith home. From the undersigned's experience, it is very important that we all do our best to attend Keith's homecoming, because it means a lot to the soldier/civilian contractor who is serving/working so far from home.

Unfortunately, due to the strain of the situation, we did not decide when our January meeting would be held. This will probably be dictated by weather constraints, as Oklahoma has already seen some severe cold spells. We did, however, again discuss that we have SO much more fun at our meetings than the Post members do!!

We also did not formally close the meeting, so we remain in an open meeting status!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 1340 AUXILIARY

By: *s/Christi Carter*

Christi Carter, Secretary

APPROVED:

 Ramona Crutcher, President

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