



# June 2019



## NEWSLETTER



# Commander's Notes

Welcome again to another issue of the John M West Post 408 monthly Newsletter. We have a lot of items on tap to keep us busy and to bring the membership back to active participation. During our May Planning and strategy meeting your elected officers meet on May 21st along with the officers of the SAL and the AUX. As part of the process of promoting the American Legion Family in the Derby—Haysville community I have meet with the Derby Chamber of Commerce and the Major of Derby to propose a partnering of resources to support several social events evolving the younger generation of our community. I have attended the Derby City Council meeting and shared with them our future plans. Everyone is excited about the upcoming year and expresses their gratitude for the American Legion and the work we have done in the past and the plans we have for the future. We will remain focused on events that will be family oriented allowing our members to fell comfortable bringing their children and grand children to enjoy the best in comradery, while promoting good sportsmanship and good old American Value.



Two major events happen in May, our Mothers Day Breakfast supported by the Sons of the American Legion and our Memorial Day services. I want to thank everyone who came out to the services and give a special shout out to our quest speaker Col Phillip Heseltine Jr., Commander of the 931 ARW, Jim Howell, Sedgwick County Commissioner, Mayor Randy White, Mayor of City of Derby, Mark Staats, CEO Derby Chamber of Commerce, Jay Boyle Commander of VFW 7253, Members of The American Legion Post 408, and the Members of VFW 7253. It was because of you that we were able to honor those that have paid the ultimate satisfice.

Next, I would like to share with the membership that our Post family has already agreed to participate in the Smoke on the Plains BBQ this weekend, June 8th, we will man a promotional booth from 9AM till 3PM, provide volunteers in the Military Tent and provide a Ride in on bikes for the closing Ceremony. Additionally we will host what we hope to be an annual Summer Splash for all students of USD 260 at Rock River Rapids, June 22nd from 7:45PM till 9:30PM, Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available, suggested donation. Admission will be free to the public. We will repeat this event for the City of Haysville to conclude the summer event before school starts back up. Flyers to follow.

Lastly, last month I informed you that the membership, at a regularly scheduled business meeting in May had a lengthy discussion as to weather or not we continue our relationship with the Derby VFW. In my letter to you my words “the Legions values and family inclusiveness are contrary to those held by the VFW” were perceived by a few as an insult to the values held by the VFW. For this I apologize, as it did not come across as intended. I was referring to their operational procedures and not their values or beliefs in the programs we support. I am and always will be a member of the VFW as well as the American Legion. That being said, even though we are not sharing the same Building we still share many of the same goals and objectives and we are both Veteran Service Organizations serving our veterans, youths and community. We must appear unified in the publics eye as it is they who will judge us as being a vital part of their community.

I would also like to inform all members of John M West Post 408 that the subject of the separation of the American Legion Post 408 and the VFW Post 7253 was addressed again last night at our June business meeting and the original vote was reaffirmed without a single vote in opposition to the termination of the operational agreement with VFW 7253 and our original separation date of 30 June 2019 still stands. Furthermore the membership gave permission for the Commander and Finance Officer to engage in non binding negotiations on various real estate options as they come up. Should a solid lead develop a written notice will be communicated to the membership 15 days prior any meeting scheduled to gain memberships authority to pursue further.

If anyone has any questions regarding the above please fell free to give me a call.

*Bryan L Page*

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**Memorial Day  
Ceremony  
Hillcrest Cemetry  
May 27th 2019**



**American Legion Post 408 assisting  
VFW 7253 at ElPaso Cemetary on Memorial Day**



**VFW 7253 assisting American Legion Post 408  
at Hillcrest Cemetary on Memorial Day**

Need volunteers, Please contact Bryan Page at 316-259-1838



**John M West Post 408**

**Derby-Haysville**

**INVITES**

**STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

**OF DERBY USD 260**

**TO A**

**FREE**

**FAMILY SWIM NIGHT**

**@ THE**

**ROCK RIVER RAPIDS**

**JUNE 22ND**

**7:45 - 9:30 PM**



**THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO**



**HELPED CARE FOR OUR VETERANS**



**AT HILLCREST CEMETERY**



## **SIX BOYS AND IWO JIMA**

My Dad, a B-29 pilot, 23yrs old, had to make an emergency landing on Iwo Jima due to having one of his engines shot up and on fire barely two weeks after the battle and the island still had not yet been secured from pockets of resistance. (My Mother had a nightmare about it at the EXACT SAME TIME!). Bomber pilots were especially despised by the Japanese and had the resistance spotted my Dad and his crew...they would have been slaughtered, plus there would have been two less Priests in the world--his navigator, the future Fr. Tom Maney and me



Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable. ??

On the last night of our trip, we were at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II. Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.'

It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night .

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.) 'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys yousee behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it (He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men. 'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He knew he was talking to little boys.. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.' 'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?' So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm.

. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada . Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press ??? 'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain. 'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless. One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is . . . that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13.

When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.?? ??

Great story - worth your time - worth every American's time. Please pass it on



## Derby Bandits Summer Schedule

6-4-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs Andover in Andover*

6-6-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs El Dorado in El Dorado*

6-8-2019 11:30 AM and :30PM

*Derby Bandits Garnett Tournament*

6-10-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs Rose Hill in Rose Hill*

6-13-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs Hutchinson in Hutchinson*

6-18-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs Andover in Derby*

6-22-2019 TBA

*Derby Bandits El Dorado Tournament*

6-26-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs El Dorado in Derby*

6-28-2019 6pm and 8pm

*Derby Bandits vs Rose Hill in Derby*

7-13-2019 A Zone Tournament

7-20-2019 State Tournament



# Derby Bandits



## American Legion Baseball 2019







# Smoke on the Plains

## DERBY BBQ & MUSIC FEST

JUNE 6, 7 & 8 AT HIGH PARK

Proceeds benefit the McConnell Air Force Base Airman & Family Readiness Center.

### JUNE 6, 6 TO 10PM CARNIVAL KICK-OFF

- Northwest parking lot
- \$25/all-you-can-ride or \$3/ride

### FRIDAY JUNE 7

- Carnival, 6 to 10 p.m.
- Paramount, 7 to 10 p.m.
- BRG Precision Products Steak Contest
- Food Trucks
- Cornhole Tournament
- Beer Garden

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8 9AM TO 3PM & 6 TO 10PM

#### CARNIVAL

- Noon to 5 p.m. & 6 to 10 p.m.
- Northwest parking lot
- \$25/all-you-can-ride or \$3/ride

#### SECURITY 1ST MAINSTAGE LINEUP

- Haymakers, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Morrison County, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Mountain Deer Revival, 7 to 10 p.m.

#### FOOD TRUCKS

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 6 to 10 p.m.
- Visit [DerbyBBQ.com](http://DerbyBBQ.com) for a list.

#### VERUS BANK, A BRANCH OF CITIZENS BANK OF KANSAS / CREEKSTONE FARMS PEOPLE'S CHOICE CONTEST

- 1 to 3 p.m.
- \$5 for eight, 1 oz. samples of competition-quality pulled pork.
- Purchase plates at tent south of the main stage.
- Sampling tent north of enclosed shelter in ADA parking lot.

#### KCBS COOK-OFF

#### FIDELITY BANK BACKYARD BBQ COOK-OFF

#### DERBY NOON LIONS CLUB BEER & BEVERAGE TENT

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 6 to 10 p.m.
- Budweiser and Pepsi products
- Beer may be carried around the park but cannot be taken into the Kids Corner.

#### DERBY ORTHODONTICS KIDS CORNER

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- East of the pond
- Face painting, meet-a-princess, inflatables, climbing wall, caricature artist, Derby Fire Spray House, Derby Recreation Center activities.

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



Special thanks to Joe, Karen, John and Lesley for all the help in making our Spaghetti feed a Huge success. We served over 55 guests on Wednesday May 29. Again Thanks to everyone that helped and to everyone that came out and enjoyed a delicious meal.

Thanks to chefs Joe and John for your hard work

Bryan





We would like to invite everyone to breakfast on Sunday 9, June 2019. All fathers eat for free!



We would also like to welcome our newly sworn in officers:

President - Anna Simpson

Vice- Lesley Eliassen

Sec/Treas- Melissa Burton

Historian- Brenda Marr

Chaplain- Rosezetta Sullivan

Sgt of arms- Heather Torres Aranda

Jr Sgt of arms- Brianna Burton

We as a unit are looking so forward to the upcoming Year of the American Legion Family! We are excited to participate in all of our community events and cannot wait to see the response and support we receive from our City.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 408 wishes everyone a wonderful June! And may peace be with you all.....

Lesley Eliassen

Anna Simpson

President

John M West, Unit

408

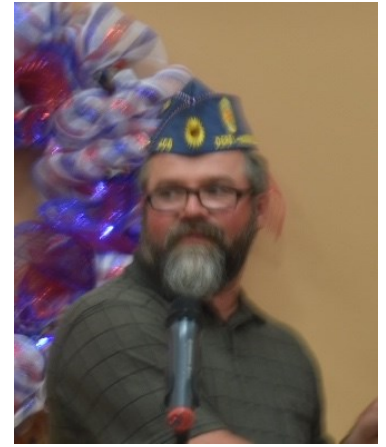






Greetings Sal members,

May was another busy month for the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 408. It started out with the Sons of The American Legion putting on Mother's Day breakfast we're all mothers ate free. We had an outstanding turn out of both mothers and families. The Sons of The American Legion volunteered to serve them, thank you very much.



The Son's have a gun raffle going on right now for a AR-15 and a 380 winner gets choice the gun, if you haven't got a ticket for these guns please contact myself or any of the officers. They are selling for \$5 each and the ticket sales are limited to 300. We will draw for the winner when all tickets are sold.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Sons of The American Legion members that took time out of their day to put flags on the graves El Paso cemetery and Hillcrest Cemetery.

The memorial services at both El Paso Cemetery and Hillcrest Cemetery was very nice and had lots of people from the community came out to support. Great job to everyone that supported this mission.

The American Legion family will be hosting a summer swim party at Rock River Rapids on June 22th. Hope you come and bring your family. It's going to be a great time for all.

Thank you for all you do

Bryan LaCount

Commander

Sons of The American Legion

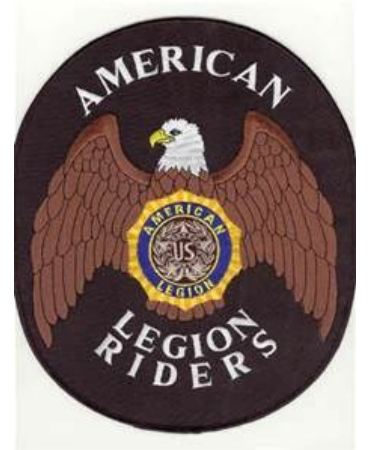
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Area American Legion Riders give a proud send off to WWII Veteran and one of four surviving Veteran of Iwo Jima, Charles Elias





## Adjutant's Report for June

You will be receiving your 2020 dues notices from National soon, they will have the incorrect mailing address on them as they were printed before our address change. Please note the new mailing address, 620 N Rock Road Ste 230-316, Derby KS 37037, the Post Office will forward mail for the next 90 days but it would be best to start using the new address just to be sure we get your renewal or any other correspondence. Remember we will be starting the new Legion year (2019-2020) July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 dues will be due starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. I know that the year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> is confusing to most of us since we did not join in July but the American Legion is on a fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) not calendar year. Please pay your dues as soon as possible and help us reach 100% next year.



Just a reminder that if you have not renewed your membership for 2019 National has placed you in inactive status, all benefits are expired. We ended the 2018 year with 323 total renewed, transferred and new members, 33 short of our goal of 356 set by Department. We are behind our goal this year with only 303 renewals and new members, (we picked up 7 new members,) with only 1 months to go in this Legion year we are behind 53 members.

You can mail your dues to the post or pay online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew), we are only at 85.11%, if you are a Kansas Life member and have not renewed your membership please remember there was a change in your membership a couple of years ago requiring KLMs to pay \$18.50 per year to keep their membership current, if you have any questions call me at 681-3181 or Bryan Page at 259-1838. You cannot renew on line if you are a Kansas Life Member, you must renew through the post.

**Remember memberships not renewed by the end of December were placed in inactive status by National and your Legion benefits were suspended.**

**Remember the new Legion year starts July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2020.**

You can take the official American Legion Basic Training course by going to [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei). The course is free, but there is a small fee to get your pin, you will learn History & Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children and Youth and course conclusion explaining how all the pieces of the American Legion fit together to best serve our veterans and country. I have taken the course twice and highly recommend it to everyone, we have several members that have taken the course, one has taken it several times, and they felt the course was well worth taking, it only takes 2 to 4 hours, you can leave the course at any time and return to it later, you do not have to complete it all at once.

There have been discussions of having several flag retirements, one in Haysville and one in Derby. If you have never attended a flag retirement ceremony you should come to one of these, when the dates are confirmed we will send out the information.

Remember the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum is now open in Columbus Ohio. The 53,000 square-foot museum allows visitors to trace the service and sacrifice of U.S. veterans from the Revolutionary War through the war on terrorism through the words of the veterans themselves. You can learn more about this museum at [www.nationalvmm.org](http://www.nationalvmm.org).

The state convention was held May 17, 18, 19, 2019 at the Atrium Hotel 1400 N Lorraine in Hutchinson.

The American Legion Leadership College was held May 31, June 1,2, 2019 at Cloud County Community College.

District V is still in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Department membership standings as of May 31st.

If you have any ideas for fundraisers please contact any Post officer, we need more ideas and participants to help raise money to benefit veterans and/or their families. Volunteers are needed to help at the Robert J. Dole VA on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Don't forget our monthly business meeting Thursday July 11th at 1900 hrs. (7pm). We will meet in the large meeting room at the Derby Public Library.



John M West, American Legion Post 408

# Membership

## WE ARE IN A NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR

As we move into the final month of membership year 2018-2019 we will continue to reach each out to all of you and encourage you to renew your membership early to avoid those renewal notices that tend to be a distraction throughout the year. If you failed to renew last year (2017-2018) it is not to late to keep you membership current before entering the new membership year.

### Now is the time to take action

To make it as simple as possible to renew your membership we have provided you with three methods:

1st: [RENEW MEMBERSHIP ONLINE](#)

2nd: Mail a check in the amount of \$40 to

American Legion Post 408

Attention: Adjutant

101 S Baltimore, Derby Ks 67037

3rd: Call me at 316-259-1838 or send me an e-mail at [bpage@aaa-alliedgroup.com](mailto:bpage@aaa-alliedgroup.com) and I will provide you with a self addressed, stamped envelope or make arrangements for payment at your convenience.

Please drop me an e-mail and let me know how we can make the process as easy as possible or if you decide to renew online.

Membership Dues	
American Legion	\$40
Women's Aux Seniors	\$20
Women's Aux Juniors	\$5
Sons of American Legion	\$20
Under 18	\$10

# ***REMEMBERING OUR POW / MIA***



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**POW-MIA Chairman: Bryan Page**



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**POW-MIA Chairman: Bryan Page**

**From the month of May 2019**

***The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of 18 U.S. servicemen, missing from the WWII and or Korean War have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.***

***More than 82,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. Out of the 82,000 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.). The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation.***

# ***REMEMBERING OUR POW / MIA***

FOURTH ANNUAL

# VETERANS AWARENESS

# EXPO 2019

**Connect with 50  
community  
programs that  
serve veterans!**

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**Saturday | 3 August 2019**

10 am - 3 pm

Mid-America All-Indian Center

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1:00 PM Program with **McConnell AFB Leadership** as  
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# AMERICAN LEGION

## 2019 CENTRAL STATE CAMPORAMA



August 2nd thru 4th 2019

Marion Reservoir,

Marion Kansas

Cotton Wood Point



*If comradeship is what you want come and join your friends for a weekend of Camping, Fishing, Fun in the water and even late night of smores around the camp fire.*



Event Host located at site 83, plan and reserve your site early

Chaplin services will be held on Sunday for all interested

For More information contact

5th District Commander, Bryan L Page 316-259-1838

4th District Commander, Randy Franks, at 620-381-0710

7th District Commander, Jeremy Ehart, 620-899-0010

Unable to camp, no problem you can pack up your ice chest, lawn chairs and come out for the day.

Group games played throughout the day Saturday,



bragging rights goes to winner



SOCIALALIZING

*Fantastic Camping*



FUN ON THE WATER

Saturday evening meal will be provided by District, Hamburger & Hotdogs



Please bring side dish to share, Chips, Watermelon, potato salad etc..

# SPECIAL OFFERS

Offers good online only through 12/31/19 at participating Kansas Papa John's restaurants; prices may vary. No triple toppings or extra cheese. Not valid with any other coupons or discounts. Limited delivery area. Delivery fee may apply. Customers responsible for all applicable taxes.

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25% off all regular menu priced orders with 10% of each ticket sale to be donated to...  
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**\$23.00** for Two Large 2-Topping Pizzas with **\$1** from each sale donated to **Kansas Honor Flight**.  
Visit [papajohns.com](http://papajohns.com) and click on "SPECIALS" to order.



## PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

- 3236 N. Rock Rd. STE 120 - Wichita
- 8620 W. McCormick Ave. - Wichita
- 2530 S. Seneca St. - Wichita
- 220 W. Douglas Ave. STE 7272 - Wichita
- 8918 W. 21st St. N. - Wichita
- 7800 E. Harry St. - Wichita
- 420 S. Andover Rd. - Andover
- 625 N. Rock Road - Derby
- 1700 N. Main - Newton
- 1650 S. Ohio St. - Salina
- 501 E. 17th Ave. - Hutchinson
- 1010 Wyatt Earp Blvd. - Dodge City
- 1016 N. Main St. - Garden City

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# We still have shirts available

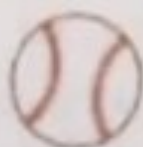


It's not too late to get you RED Friday t-shirts, in just over two weeks the SAL Squadron 408 has sold over 90 of the initial order. To get yours contact any SAL Officer or Call Mike Saindon at 316-993-6416. Prices are \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

# Derby Twins \$5 Taco Nite



2019



Meet the Derby Twins summer college players, get autographs, have dinner and enjoy our new Derby  
**Warren Riverview Park**  
**321 W Market—Derby**

**Cost: \$5** per plate (3 tacos hard or soft, beans, chips & salsa and tea, water, lemonade)

**When: Monday, June 10th 6:00-8:00pm**

**Front of the line access** with pre-purchase of your meal tickets. Text 316-788-7038 or email [sandyderbytwins@gmail.com](mailto:sandyderbytwins@gmail.com) by **June 8th**

**\$5 per ticket (non-refundable) cash, check, Venmo @DerbyTwins or Credit Card(.50 fee) per ticket**

**Autographs—bring or buy a ball there.**

**All proceeds to Derby Twins Baseball**

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# AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Missions are in Black, Food in Blue, and Meeting in Red**

**(6-4-2019 Tuesday) ALR 408 (Derby-Haysville)** as you know that June 4th is our regular ALR meeting and we have serious business to discuss but we also have the very first Game of our new Legion Baseball Team (19 and Under), (The Derby Bandits). The Game will be played at the Andover High school 1744 North Andover Rd. Andover Kansas, and the First Game starts at 6pm. It would be great if we were there for the first 15 to 20 minutes of the game to show our support. Meet up at the Quick Trip on 71st St and K-15 at 5:00 p.m. with kick stands up at 5:15 for the ride to Andover High School. After spending about 20 minutes or so, we will ride back to the post for our Monthly meeting. The meeting will start at or about 7:30 p.m. June 4th. Please show support for our Derby Bandits. Cages are welcome along with two wheels. R.C. Clyde Wittsell "weezil". Bring Your flags for we will pull over about a block from the school flag up and ride into the game. There is a chance of rain, so dress according.

**(6/4/19 Tuesday) ALR 408 meeting at the post at 7pm.**

**(6/5/19-Wednesday) – ALR 408 (Derby- Haysville)** Burger Burn at Post 408 (101 S. Baltimore) – HALF POUND hamburgers and cheeseburgers (the way Mama used to make 'em) with real homemade french fries for \$6.00 each from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please take the night off from cooking and come enjoy a burger at our Burger Burn. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy

**(6/5/19- 6/9/19) Kansas Legacy Run.** Wednesday June 5th from 6:30-8 PM at the American Legion 4 in Wichita, Kansas, we will have a table set up for riders to check in and also will have a table set up the next morning, Thursday June 7th from 6:30-8AM, there will be coffee and doughnuts available in the morning. Have your bikes gassed up and ready to roll. All riders must check in and KSU will be shortly after 8AM before we start our journey. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**(6/6/19 Thursday) American Legion 408 meeting at the Derby Library at 7pm**

**(6/7/2019 Friday) VFW 7253 Derby, Steak Night 5:30pm till 8pm.**

**(6/8/19 Saturday) - American Legion Family post 408** Smoke on the Plains BBQ - promotional booth - 9am to 3pm

**(6/8/19 Saturday) ALR 4 (Wichita)** ARMY Major JD Sizemore Memorial 12/17/1948 - 4/18/2019, Midway Baptist Church, 5135 S. Broadway. Meet @ Dillons Fuel Center 47th South and Broadway @ 9:30 AM KSU @ 10:00AM Flagline in place @ 10:30 AM, Service @ 11:00 AM. BLU will carry the flags for us John Cartland RC, Cages welcome, Please wear your black shirts. Major JD Sizemore is the father of Post 4 member Chanda Womack and father-in-law of Henry "Sarge" Womack. Let's all come together and show our support and honor this veteran and father of fellow post member

**(6/8/19 Saturday) VFW 7253 Derby Fried Chicken w/side \$5.00 noon till sold out**

**(6-8-2019 Saturday) ALR 408 (Derby-Haysville)** Will be conducting a ride in for the Awards ceremony for the Derby Smoke on the Plains BBQ. Meet at south entrance to High Park, (Madison Street Entrance) at 2:45 P.M. to flag up and get ready to roll out at exactly 2:58PM. Entrance will be barricaded but bikes will be allowed thru. All rider programs are welcome to join us. RC is Michael Saindon

**(6-8-2019 Saturday) ALR 4,** Please join us at Post 4 on Saturday the 8th of June at 3:00pm for Tim Patterson's memorial service. Tim was one of our newest members. He joined the SAL and Riders in Oct. of last year. Tim passed on May 18th and is now with his son and brother in Gods arms. God Bless you all.

**(6/9/19 - Sunday) S.A.L.408/ AUX 408 (Derby-Haysville)** ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Breakfast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Pattie Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits. Sausage Gravy, Fruit Coffee, Tang and Water. 8am till 11am for only \$7.00. **ALL Fathers Eat Free.**

**(6/9/19 Sunday) S.A.L. 408 meeting at the post at 11:30am.**

**(6/9/19 Sunday),** KS Legacy Run will end at El Dorado Post 81 at approximately 12 pm. pulled-pork lunch will be served for donations. Look forward to seeing everyone.

**(6/9/19 Sunday) VFW 7253 meeting at the post at 1:00pm.**

**(6/10/19 Monday) VFW 7253 meeting at the post at 7:00pm.**

**(6/11/19-Tuesday) ALR 4 (Wichita)** invites all for a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner includes a Huge Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, choice of green beans or corn, dinner roll and dinner salad. All for \$10.00 start serving at 6PM until gone. If bringing a large group and would all like to sit together call us and let us know and we will try to accommodate your par-

**(6-12- 2019 Wednesday) KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT DEPARTING**

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**(6/12/19-Wednesday) – VFW 7253 (Derby) Breakfast for Dinner, SXXX on the Shingle, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits. (101 S. Baltimore) – for \$7.00 for all you can eat, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please take the night off from cooking. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy**

**(6/14/19 Friday) KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT RETURN, "WICHITA HEROES WELCOME HOME"** Everyone is invited to come out and help welcome home our Kansas men & women veterans. BIG IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR! ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY WE ARE TO PARK IN PARKING GARAGE LEVEL 4. Please make your way to the inside far east part of the terminal building. This is where all the magic happens...! Bring your WELCOME HOME signs!! FRIDAYS WE ARE STILL LIMITED ON GATE PASSES ISSUED, STILL NEED A NUMBERED CARD TO GET A GATE PASS.

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**(6/14/19 Friday) ALR 4 (Wichita),** Flag Day, we are to setup the Flags at the VA. We will stage at Scotch and Sirloin at 5:30am, KSU at 5:50am. We will set up the flags at 6:00am. Claude will RC this mission.

**(6/14/2019 Friday) VFW 7253 Derby, Steak Night 5:30pm till 8pm.**

**(6-15-19 Saturday) ALR 90 (Wellington) Flag Day Ceremony at Cowley College, Wellington, Meet at the Post 90, Wellington, at 8:30a.m. for short ride to College. Stage 9:00a.m. at Cowley College, ceremony at 9:30a.m**

**(6-15-19 Saturday) Memorial service Post 401** will be taking lead. We will meet in front of Cheddar's 13th and K-96 to flag up at 10:15 am AIS at 10:30 to head to Wood ridge Christian Church at 12111 E 13th. Post 401 will provide flags for flag line. All vehicles are welcome.

**(6/15-19 Saturday) VFW 7253 Derby Fried Chicken w/side \$5.00 noon till sold out**

**(6/15-19 Saturday) Wayne G. Austin Post #2 Newton American Legion, 400 S. Spencer**

**Newton, Kansas 67114. Invitation to Celebrate Post #2 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

June 15, 2019 beginning at 6.00 pm, We will be serving Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coffee, Tea and Water. This will be free; however, we will have a donation container available. Please RSVP by e-mail to: [2newtonamericanlegion@gmail.com](mailto:2newtonamericanlegion@gmail.com) by June 11, 2019 so we have enough food for everyone. Come and enjoy the fun and time together and we will honor a few members with over 70 continuous years membership in Post #2.

Please help us celebrate the first Kansas Post 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday along with The American Legion.

**(6/15-19 Saturday) American Legion Post 73** is planning an event on June 15, 2019, at the Community Building on 314 E. Clay Street Valley Center, Kansas. It will start at 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. As we have elected a new Commander (Larry Strelow) we would like to help him get started in the right direction. He has also planned a 60-day review of the old post to rejuvenate this post. However, we need your help in getting this accomplished. The Community Center has asked the American Legion to show the past to the future on display in the Lobby and a July Patriotic Display. The Post would also like to present a small program to everyone from the community and serves coffee and Cookies, Donuts. We also hope to have some door prizes for the individuals. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can plan for you to speak at the program and any other Commanders from the different post in the surrounding areas.

P.S. Please past this on as I have only your e-mail that I can forward this in another post. Thank you. Ronald L. Colbert, 316 755-2824, 50th Vietnam War Commemoration

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**(6-16-19 Sunday) American Legion 90 (Wellington) Breakfast from 7am till 10am**

**(6-16 till 6-22-19)** The National WWI Museum and Memorial presents the sixth annual Taps at the Tower each evening at sunset (8:45 p.m.) from Sunday, June 16 - Saturday, June 22, 2019. Taps at the Tower links the beauty and simplicity of the Taps bugle call with the symbolism of the Liberty Memorial. People are invited to come and use the grounds each evening, have a picnic, play games and enjoy the outdoors. At sunset, people will gather at the Liberty Memorial Tower to experience Taps being played during a brief, moving ceremony. The event will occur rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Paul Sunderland Bridge inside the Museum and Memorial. The National WWI Museum and Memorial is a civic pillar in Kansas City, and is a point of pride to the people in the region. Rising from patriotic and citizen initiative, the Memorial is a gathering place for ceremonies and memorials that honor those who served the nation. For more information on the WWI Museum and Memorial, please visit - <https://www.theworldwar.org/> Where: National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64108, (816)888-8100, June 16-22, 2019, Cost: **FREE**

**(6/17/19 – Monday) AL AUX 408 (Derby-Haysville) Meeting at 7pm**

**(6/19/19-Wednesday) – VFW 7253 RIDERS Taco feed at Post 408 (101 S. Baltimore) –\$5.00 for 3 tacos from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please take the night off from cooking. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy

**(6/21/2019 Friday)** The Derby Fire Station Ribbon cutting is attentively scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30

**(6/21/2019 Friday) VFW 7253 Derby, Steak Night 5:30pm till 8pm.**

**(6/22/19 Saturday) VFW 7253 Derby Fried Chicken w/side \$5.00 noon till sold out**

**(6/22/19 Saturday)** at 9:30 am. Annual Reunion Ride to the Veterans Reunion will be June 22nd this year. PLEASE NOTE, the Reunion Committee has changed the dates. We will start staging at Post 81 in El Dorado at 07:00. Biscuits and Gravy will be served from 07:00 to 08:30. \$3.50 for a half order, \$5.00 for a full order. Please come join us.

**(6/22/19 Saturday) American Legion Family Post 408** Invites ALL students and families of USD 260 to a FREE night of swimming at Rock River Rapids from 7:45pm till 9:30pm.

**(6-26-2019 Wednesday) KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT DEPARTING**

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**(6/26/19-Wednesday) –VFW 7253 AUX (Derby) Country Style Ribs, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans and Corn. Serving from 5:00pm till 7:00p. all for ONLY \$7.00 per Plate.**

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**(6/29/19 Saturday) VFW 7253 Derby Fried Chicken w/side \$5.00 noon till sold out**