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American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting July 2025.

At 7:00 pm July 3, 2025 a quorum was present of 14 Legion Members and 2 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain Mike Bulger and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 1st Vice Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by Commander Clare. Commander Clare declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

1. Roll call:
 - Commander, Hugh Clare - present
 - 1st Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
 - 2nd Vice, Kevin Honn - present
 - Adjutant, Dayle Dabney- present
 - Finance Officer, Barbara King- present
 - Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
 - Chaplain, Michael Bulger- excused
 - Historian, vacant
 - Executive Committee, Dick Helzer (present), Steve Tackett present, Vacant
 - Public Relations Officer: vacant
 - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- excused
2. The June Meeting Minutes were ready to be read, posted to website.
 - a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes was made by Doug Sherwood

- b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church; minutes approved, motion passed.
- 3. Finance report was read by Barbara King.
 - a. **Motion to:** accept the month's Finance Report by Joe Dinino
 - b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church. **Motion passed**
- 4. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice Commander Report:** Doug briefed the National Commander – challenge to members 250 hrs walking – track and record on the Legion.org website.
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported updates to POW/MIA– attached
 - Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – presented 3 new members for vote to be accepted. **Motion made** by Steve Tackett; **2nd by** Debbie Womack; new members accepted. Membership drive started July 1 – 2026. Make sure to keep track of volunteer hrs, this is reportable.
 - Post Service Officer Report:** No report
 - Chaplain:** No Report
 - Auxiliary:** Rhonda Hundley reported Bunco Friday night
 - SAL:** No Report
 - Legion Riders:** No Report
 - Cruisers:** No Report
 - BOG:** No Report
 - Foundation:** Steve Tackett – report delivered furniture to Passage Ways, Fire Pup will be stopping by the Post during our Thursday night dinner.
 - Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda reported Smoke on the Plains was rained out. Peach orders – started collecting now. Will be delivered late July or sometime in August.
 - Public Relations:** No report.
 - Children and Youth:** Dayle Dabney reported
 - Boys State** – received thank you cards from 3 of the candidates.
 - Boy Scout of the Year** went to Sean Hayes
 - Girls State** -
 - Cadet Law** -
 - Oratorical** -
 - Golf:** Joe Dinino shared that the Golf Tournament was cancelled due to the rain. Rescheduled for Sept 13th at 9:00 am, there will be no raffle.
 - Parade:** No Report
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 - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Steve Tackett
 - 2nd by:** Deb Womack
- 5. Old Business:
 - a. Commander Clare reported that a Celebration of Life for Morris (Frosty) Short was held at the Post on July 26th.
 - b. Toy Run next Saturday Jul 12, 2025
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Commander Clare shared that everyone stepped up and made Frosty's Celebration of Life a success – Thank you
 - b. Smoke on the Plains – pop up was damaged, a bid to replace it has been received \$2,278.81. This canopy will display the American Legion logos.

Motion was made to pass the hat and then have the other “entities” do the same. \$600 was collected from the Legion members.

- c. Commander Clare reported a vacancy on the Post Executive Committee and nominated Robert Nacker to fill the vacancy. **Members voted - approved**
 - d. Steve Tackett commented that the emblems above the stage needed to be updated to include the Cruisers and the Foundation. Question was asked where we could get the emblems for the Cruisers and the Foundation, as these have already been designed and approved. Steve shared he would get a price to have those two emblems made, the others can be purchased from Emblem Sales. **Tabled for next meeting.**
- 7. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – none
 - 8. Any member sick or in need of assistance – Mike Brady’s son passed away – Celebration of Life scheduled for Jul 27th. Keep the family in our prayers. Dick Helzer is going into the hospital for surgery, keep him in our prayers.
 - 9. Motion to close the business session – Unanimous approval. **Motion passed**
 - 10. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 7:50 pm. Next meeting August 7th at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Attendance
- 2. POW/MIA Report
- 3. BOG Updates