



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting February 2026.

At 7:30 pm February 10, 2026 a quorum was present with 23 Legion Members and 5 guests. The meeting opened with 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 Hugh Clare and the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session was 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
 - Service Officer, Chuck Amason - present
 - Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
 - Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
 - Historian, vacant
 - Executive Committee, Dick Helzer (present), Steve Tackett (present), Buddy Russell (present)
 - Public Relations Officer: vacant
 - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present
2. Guests and Presentation: There were 5 guests present; no presentations
3. The January Meeting Minutes were ready to be read, posted to website.

- a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes was made by Steve Tackett
 - b. **2nd by:** Dayle Dabney; minutes approved. **Motion passed.**
4. Finance report was read by Barbara King.
- a. **Motion to:** accept the Finance Report by Terry Marr
 - b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
- 1st Vice Commander Report:** Doug Sherwood reported on membership count
- 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported updates on POW/MIA.
- Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – renewals are at 76%, going very well, we are equal to the 5th District. Scholarship applications are due by February 15th. Family Day is Feb 12 at 7 pm. Post Service Officer report is due by March 1st. American Legion Birthday is March 14th. District 5 Convention is March 21st. National Commander's Homecoming is scheduled on March 28th. 5th District Oratorical Contest to be held at Oxford Vista post 444 Feb 21st; special note, Department Oratorical Contest will also be held at Oxford Vista March 7th.
- Post Service Officer Report:** Chuck Amason reported that the VA Service Officer will be at the Post tomorrow 3:30
- Chaplain:** Mike Bulger reported prayer for Wayne Groge
- Auxiliary:** Coni Honn reported Sat. Feb 14 the Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Valentine Dance; 3 Chords will be playing. Bunco has been rescheduled for Feb 27th. Post Birthday Party will be March 14, Bash Brothers will be catering. It was suggested that the Post not participate in Smoke on the Planes going forward.
- SAL:** Mike Saindon reported membership is at 91.91%, additional report is attached. Meat Raffle Tickets are on sale.
- Legion Riders:** Brian Simpson reported a reminder that the Riders Auction will be April 18th. Need donations and need participation. May 17th the Riders will be placing flags at Hill Crest Cemetery. Memorial Day Service will be at 11:00 am. Riders will be next for Fund Raiser following SAL.
- Cruisers:** Terry Marr reported the Cruisers will contribute \$200 to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund. April 25th Family Day Cruise In.
- BOG:** No Report
- Foundation:** Steve Tackett reported that Foundation will be holding a Steak Feed Aug 15th. All proceeds will be going to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund. Suggest the Post add to the event with a car and bike show and kid-friendly games. Also suggested was to have live music on site, suggest making this an annual event.
- Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported the Pancake Feed is scheduled for March 7 to benefit the Food Pantry.
- Public Relations:** No report.
- Children and Youth:** Dayle Dabney reported
- Boys State** – May 31 – June 6th
 - Girls State** – Registration \$425 and attendee pays \$25.
 - Cadet Law** - Salina HP Training Center 6/15 - 6/20

Oratorical – Post 444 will be hosting District 5 Oratorical this year again, Feb 21; Department of Kansas Oratorical will also hold the contest at Post 444 March 7th 9:00am.

Golf: Hugh Clare reported that the Committee Chair has resigned. The committee is now made up of the following members: Daly Rotramel, Jason Halloran, Chuck Amason, Adam Beran, Kevin Honn and Hugh Clare.

Parade: No Report

Bingo Committee: Ryan Michell reported on updates with getting Bingo started at Post 408. There will be much needed support and volunteers to get this off the ground.

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Steve Tackett
2nd by Doug Sherwood. Motion passed

6. Old Business:
 - a. Post 408 will be hosting corn hole tournament Feb 21. Trophy is currently at Post 408.
 - b.
7. New Business:
 - a. Bingo Committee – Each entity will need to help with “start up” suggest \$500. Motion to approve Legion put up \$500 was made by Terry Marr; 2nd by Steve Tackett. **Motion passed.**
 - b. Smoke on the Plains – participation; suggest that Post 408 not participate going forward, not enough funds raised and we have lost 2 canopies already. Motion to bow out made by Terry Marr; 2nd by Barbara King. **Motion passed.**
8. Are there any items to be brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – Reminder of 5th District Convention - none
9. Are there any members sick or in need of assistance – none
10. Is there any other business that should come before the membership – Post elections are due in March & April. Voting will happen in April.
11. Motion to close the business session – Unanimous approval. **Motion passed**
12. Hugh Clare - Commander declared the meeting closed 8:30 pm. Next meeting Mar 10th, 2026 at 7:30 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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