



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting December 2024.

At 7:00 pm December 5, 2024 a quorum was present of 16 Legion Members and 0 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by the Commander. Command Clare declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

1. Roll call:
  - 1st Vice, Laurie Hickle- excused
  - 2nd Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
  - Adjutant, Mike Brady- present
  - Finance Officer, Joe Dinino- present
  - Service Officer, Chuck Ammons- excused
  - Sgt. of Arms, Kevin Hohn (present); Terry Gowen (excused): -
  - Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
  - Historian, vacant
  - Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Dick Helzer present, Steve Tackett present
  - Public Relations Officer: vacant-
  - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- excused
2. Introduction of guest and prospective members as read by Commander Clare.
  - New member Jerry Sanders

3. The month minutes meeting ready to be read.
  - a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes was presented by Joe Dinino;
  - b. **2nd by:** John McCullough; minutes approved, motion passed.
4. Finance report was read by finance officer, Joe Dinino.
  - a. **Motion to:** accept the month's Finance Report by, Barbara King
  - b. **2nd by:** Dayle Dabney. Motion passed,
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
  - 1st Vice Commander Report:** No report
  - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Doug Sherwood reported – attached
  - Adjutant report:** Mike Brady reported - \$760 membership fees sent to National. Motion presented to identify members in Post 56 who live in or near Derby/Haysville; need outreach to invite to our Thursday night dinners to assist with transfer to Post 408.
  - Post Service Officer Report:** No report
  - Chaplain:** John McCullough – Steve Hinds fell at home, was taken to ER and checked out. He is doing ok but banged up.
  - Auxiliary:** No report
  - SAL:** Greg Lawless reported – Reminder of Kids Christmas Party Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Flyer on website. Membership 81 members for 121% met/exceeded goal.
  - Legion Riders Report:** No report
  - BOG:** Joe Denino reported on building update activities.
  - Foundation:** No report
  - Fundraising Committee:** No report
  - Public Relations:** No report
  - Children and Youth:** Dale Dabney reported – reached out to Derby HS for candidates for Oratorical. Need to reach out to Haysville and surrounding cities.
    - Boys State – 2 potential candidates**
    - Cadet Law**
    - Oratorical - recruiting**
  - Golf:** No report
  - Parade:** No Report
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  - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Joe Dinino
  - 2nd by:** Dale Dabney
6. Old Business: None
7. New Business:
  - a. Commander Clare – received “thank you” card from Vice Commander for dinner Post 408 hosted in November.
  - b. Operation Holiday Pancake Feed
  - c. Post Christmas Dinner planned for Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Social 4-5 pm with dinner served at 5 pm. Menu: Ham/Turkey; bring 2 dishes to pass. Cash Bar
  - d. Legion Dinner – Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Meat loaf \$10.00.

- e. Wreaths Across America \$400; motion to purchase – Steve Tacket/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara King
  - f. Lost a member – John Collins
  - g. Need to identify families in need for sponsor for Christmas – Joe Dinino
  - h. Public Relations Officer position - vacancy
8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408”
- a. A request was made to purchase flowers for Pat Kitterman who is in the hospital – suggested to wait as she was not doing well. Suggestion was made to hold off sending flowers to the hospital.
9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by all. Motion passed
10. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 7:45 pm. Next meeting Jan 2, 2025; business session closed @ 7 pm.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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