



John M West Squadron 408 Sons of the American Legion Derby-Haysville Kansas

Meeting Minutes October 5, 2026

I. Call to Order

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

II. Roll Call

officers, members and guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 st Vice	Greg Lawless	Present
2 nd Vice	Ryan Mitchell	Present
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Blaine Johnson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Terry Gowen	Present
Chaplain	Mike Bulger	Absent
Judge Adv		

III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet.

Motion made by Ryan Mitchell second by Branden Heusted

discussion none

Motion passed

IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members

Guests: 0

New Members: 0

Motion to accept new members by _____ Second by _____

Motion passed Welcome to our new members

VI. Committee Reports

BOG: BOG REP. no report at this time

Bingo Commander Sherwood spoke on having a new committee and is starting to put things together to start out small and grow.

SAL Dinner Greg Lawless: Everything is set for the dinner October 29th. Will reimburse for supplies needed.

Mouse races: Michael Saindon has the date set for Oct 24th and we need help working We have sign up sheets Please get with Mike Saindon and sign up. We need help that night to make this work out. Kathy Saindon is making sloppy joes and chili for the night. We will just need the condiments to be purchased and Mike Saindon is handling that.

SAL Raffle update Brian Simpson We have got all but one packet out for selling and are starting a 3rd bundle. Brian Simpson made motion to proceed with purchase of 3rd set of bottles. Branden Heusted second Motion passed. Will get with Dale Rotramel to get 3rd set coming. Brian Simpson will get check made when ready.

SAL Veterans Breakfast update Brian Simpson We need help on Nov 8th for the Veterans day breakfast. Sign up sheet is out. We will be at the post that morning about 6:30 to get the ovens going and set up.

SAL Christmas for Kids Brian Simpson We will be setting up on Friday Dec 4th at 6pm We need help getting all the rooms set up and games ready. We will be reserving the conference room from Nov 14th to Dec 6th. Mike Saindon will be getting an email sent out for help to go and load up all the donated toys and stuffed animals again.

BOG: BOG REP. No report will find out on the TV and audio displays set up. Will need training on how to run for October mouse races.

ALA rep. Post Christmas party is Dec 12th needing 3 members from each entity to help on the committee. Please let Commander Sherwood or Coni Honn know if you like to be on the committee. If nobody volunteers, please remember that you cannot have any issues with what gets planned.

ALR rep Brian Simpson mad not of Past Commander Mike Turner passing away. Also Nov 11th is our day to put up flags at the VA 6:30am This is a Post 408 function not just a riders function. Please pass along and come help.

Nov 11th we will also be riding yo to Andover middle school again this year.
All are welcome Email will be going out.
Also, Nov 11th will be a ceremony at Gerrett park starting at 2pm Will meet at the post
1:15pm flag up and ride to Garrett Park

ALC Rep Trunk or traets going on at the post. Details will be sent out.

AL Rep. Commander Sherwood spoke on the Eisenhower pilgramge, department
homecoming (more to come) and working to get bricks in the front of post .
More to come.

Membership Mike Saindon We are very low on membership right now. We have a lot of
renewals to get. Brian Simpson will send out to anyone that wants a list to help
get our renewals turned in. Please note that department considers members to be
not in good standing as of Jan1. Need to have them sent in by Dec 15th to get
National to verify status.

VII. Finance Report

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept Ryan Mitchel

Second by Greg Lawless

Motion passed

VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call

Brian Simpson still healing from surgery Steve and Toni Tackett
Prayers for Mike Turner family

IX. Unfinished Business

Tery Gowen spoke on the kids from Haysville that came and helped clean the
post. They worked really hard and learned a few things. Jeffrey Gowen got 1st
place in the art show at State fair. He can paint a lot of things if you are interested.
Support our starving artists.

X. New Business

Remember Mouse races and other events we have coming up.

Upcoming events:

Oct 24 th	SAL 408 Mouse Races
Oct 29 th	SAL 408 Dinner at the Post
Oct 29 th	SAL 408 Raffel drawing at SAL Dinner at 6:15pm
Nov 1 st	ALR Meat raffle starts
Nov 8 th	Veteran's Day breakfast, Brian Simpson will head up
Dec 4 th	Christmas for Kids set up
Dec 5 th	Christmas for Kids

XI. **For the good of the Sons of the American Legion**

Next meeting will be November 2nd @
7:30pm

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.