



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting January 2026.

At 7:00 pm January 8, 2026 a quorum was present of 23 Legion Members and 3 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 - absent
 - Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (absent); Ashley Church (absent)
 - 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 3 guests present; no presentations
3. The December 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:** Dan McKelvey; minutes approved. **Motion passed.**
4. Finance report was read by Barbara King.
 - a. **Motion to:** accept the Finance Report by Steve Tackett
 - b. **2nd by:** Joe Dinino. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice Commander Report:** Report covered in Adjutant's report
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported POW/MIA.
 - Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – renewals are going very well, we are equal to the 5th District. Continue to reach out to members. There are 4 new members to vote in during this meeting. Motion to accept new members was presented by Steve Tackett; 2nd by Doug Sherwood
 - a. State Bowling Tournament to be held in Manhattan
 - b. Mid Winter Forum – Jan 30 – Feb 1st in Dodge City list of hotels are available. Send in money for food if you plan to at at the Dodge City Post
 - c. 5th District Oratorical Contest to be held at Oxford Vista post 444; special note, Department Oratorical Contest will also be held at Oxford Vista.
 - Post Service Officer Report:** No Report
 - Chaplain:** No Report
 - Auxiliary:** Coni Honn reported allocated \$500 to help workers at McConnell AFB Food Pantry. VA sent "Thank You" for the cancer bag donations as well as "Christmas for Vets. Next month Auxiliary will be serving soup for dinner.
 - SAL:** Mike Saindon reported the Christmas for Kids was a huge success. SAL will start selling meat raffle tickets. The winning ticket "seller" will receive 10 lbs of bacon wrapped fillets. October 24th SAL will be sponsoring Mouse Races. 5th District Convention has been moved to March 21st in McPherson. Leadership College has been revamped. New meeting schedule for the Post will include joint meetings for Auxiliary 1st Monday starting in February at 6:30pm; SAL will meet at 7:30.
 - Legion Riders:** Rhonda Hundley reported a reminder that the Riders Auction will be April 18th.
 - Cruisers:** Kevin Honn reported the Cruisers will participate in April 25th Family Day. Update: Eligibility to be a member has opened to all vehicle types.
 - BOG:** Matt Frandsen reported a new ice machine is needed and will be on site this weekend. BOG I purchasing soda guns for the Canteen. Post Clean Up day will be Jan 24 show time is 9:00 am.
 - Foundation:** No Report
 - Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported the Pancake Feed is scheduled for March 7; Smoke on the Plains is scheduled for June 8 – 10.
 - Public Relations:** No report.
 - Children and Youth:** Dayle Dabney reported
 - Boys State** – May 31 – June 6th
 - Girls State** – Registration \$425 and attendee pays \$25.

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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: No report

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Mike Bulger
2nd by Doug Sherwood. **Motion passed**

6. Old Business:

- a. Discussion among entity leadership to combine meetings to reduce the amount of meetings that are currently spread through out the month. Suggest that the meetings be either combined or consecutive. Auxiliary/SAL will convene starting the first full 2 weeks – Monday and Tuesday. Motion to accept the changes to combine entity meetings made by Steve Tackett; 2nd by Kevin Honn.
- b. Flag box for retirements – status, the box is ready to be picked up by Steve Tackett.
- c. Holiday Party was not well attended. Need to consider having it earlier in the month of December or in January. It was suggested that each entity discuss at their next meeting.

7. New Business:

- a. Bingo Committee – need a volunteer to be on the committee. Deb Womack volunteered to represent the Legion on this committee.
- b. Friendly feud with Post 136 to be held Jan 24 at 1 pm.
- c. Haysville Chili Cook Off, Feb 28th 11:00 am – does Post 408 want to participate? Hugh Clare, Commander reported that Post 408 will participate, he will bring the “winning chili”.
- d. National American Legion Open House April 25th. Suggest a committee to put this together, discuss at your next meeting. Dayle Dabney will chair the committee. Date of meeting to be determined.

8. Are there any items to be brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – Reminder of 5th District Convention

9. Are there any members sick or in need of assistance – none

10. Is there any other business that should come before the membership - none

11. Motion to close the business session – Unanimous approval. **Motion passed**

12. Hugh Clare - Commander declared the meeting closed 7:45 pm. Next meeting Feb 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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