



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting December 2025.

At 7:20 pm December 4, 2025 a quorum was present of 17 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 1st Vice Doug Sherwood and the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session was convened.

1. Roll call:

Commander, Hugh Clare - excused
1st Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
2nd Vice, Kevin Honn - present
Adjutant, Dayle Dabney- present
Finance Officer, Barbara King- present
Service Officer, Chuck Amason - excused
Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
Chaplain, Michael Bulger- excused
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 November Meeting Minutes were ready to be read, posted to website.

- a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes was made by Terry Marr
- b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church; 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: No Report

2nd Vice POW/MIA Report: Kevin Honn reported POW/MIA as 2nd Vice was excused from this meeting.

Adjutant report: Dayle Dabney reported – renewals are at 68% with 55% new member applications. There are 3 new members to vote on during this meeting. Motion to accept new members was presented by Anna Simpson; 2nd by Terry Marr

- a. State Bowling Tournament to be held in Manhattan
- b. Mid Winter Forum – Jan 30 – Feb 2nd in Dodge City
- 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: No Report

SAL: Mike Saindon reported the SAL membership is at 75% Wreaths Across America there were 195 donations. Christmas for Kids set up will start on Friday Dec 5th at 6 pm with Post opening on Sat Dec 6th from 1–3 pm. Parade (Chamber) parking – 4:30 Dec 6 with parade starting at 6 pm. SAL meeting moved from 1 pm to 11:00 am.

Legion Riders: Brian Simpson reported all Cruisers and Riders are invited to participate in the Flag set up at the Robert J Dole VA Medical Center Dec 7th at 6:30 am. Wreaths Across America on 12/13. Sunday Dec 14th Riders will meet at 9:15 and ride down to Post 136 to ride together to Winfield. Riders presented a check to the Legion for the Roof Fund. Frostbite Ride Jan 1 meet at the Post at 11:00; first rider out at 11:15 am.

Cruisers: Terry Marr reported the Cruisers membership is at 28. The Cruisers voted to combine meetings with the Riders with a 6:30 – 7:30 meeting time starting CY 2026.

BOG: Matt Frandsen reported there will be a Christmas Party in appreciation of the Bartenders, 12/20 at Noon. All are welcome to attend. Jan 26th will be a cleaning day at the Post (4th Saturday of each month going forward). Proposed to combine meetings 1st full week (Monday and Tuesday) Riders/Cruisers and SAL/Aux; 2nd full week BOG/PEC meet and Foundation/Legion. This should help to reduce the amount of meeting times for individuals who attend multiple meetings.

Foundation: No Report

Fundraising Committee: No Report

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: No report

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Steve Tackett
2nd by Ashley Church. **Motion passed**

6. Old Business:

- a. Guitar Raffle – Legion
- b. T-Shirt sales: Steve reported this could be a fund raiser for each entity. Cost for shirts as follows: 4 oz \$25.00; 5 oz \$30.00. POC to place orders for the Legion is Doug Sherwood.

7. New Business:

- a. Nominations and Elections for Foundation
Anna Simpson or Hugh Clare – Anna Simpson voted by hand/accepted 3-year term
- b. BOG – Kevin Honn nominated and voted by hand 3-year term.

8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – none

9. Any member sick or in need of assistance – none

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

11. 1st Vice Doug Sherwood declared the meeting closed 7:45 pm. Next meeting Jan 8th, 2026 at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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