



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting March 2025.

At 7:00 pm March 6, 2025 a quorum was present of 25 Legion Members and 3 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 2nd Vice Commander Doug Sherwood. The American Legion Preamble was led by Commander Clare. Commander 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 Amason- excused
Sgt. of Arms, Kevin Honn (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- present

2. Introduction of guests and prospective members as read by Commander Clare.

3. The February meeting minutes were posted to the website and ready to be read.

- a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes presented by Steve Tackett
- b. **2nd by:** Joe Dinino; 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:** Steve Tackett. Motion passed,

5. Officer and Committee Reports:

1st Vice Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice POW/MIA Report: Doug Sherwood reported updates to POW/MIA– attached

Adjutant report: Mike Brady reported - There are still members who have not renewed as of this report. PSA – if you renew at the Post the money stays local. Reminder of 5th District Convention 3/29/25 in McPherson; State Convention 5/30/25 in Topeka. Make reservations at the Ramada soon as the rooms fill up fast.

Post Service Officer Report: No report

Chaplain: No report

Auxiliary: No report

SAL: Mike Saindon reported current membership is 122 for 182%; SAL Mother's Day Breakfast is coming up; Father's Day Breakfast and as a reminder SAL has Texas Hold'em every Wednesday.

Legion Riders Report: Rhonda reported that the Riders are doing a raffle this month.

Cruisers: Terry Marr reported the Cruisers will be doing a Car Show for Family Day 4/26. There will be hot dogs and drinks available for purchase. The Cruisers will be supporting the Mulvane HS Prom with car escort to the front door for student attendees 4/12.

BOG: No report

Foundation: It was reported that the Foundation is working on a donation for April **Month of the Military Child** in the way of backpacks for the children of deployed parents. The Amazon letter was turned in and there are 4 pallets available to pick up.

Fundraising Committee: Rhonda reported the Pancake Feed served 268 breakfasts and collected \$1305 for a net profit of \$602.

Public Relations: No report

Children and Youth: Dale Dabney reported

Boys State – possible 2 boys

Cadet Law – still recruiting

Oratorical – District winner is Vanessa Coleman

Golf: Joe reported meeting schedule to be determined (33 teams)

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Joe Dinino

2nd by: Steve Tackett; no discussion motion passed.

6. Old Business: none

7. New Business:

- a. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Legion Family Day – 4/26/25
 - ii. Hillcrest Cemetery – 5/18/25 Post Flags (Brian Simpson Ride Commander)
 - iii. Memorial Day 5/26/25 – get with McConnell AFB for speaker
 - iv. July 4th – Independence Day Parade
 - v. SAL Christmas for Kids
- b. Proposed change to Annex C of the By-laws regarding Fund Raising – “food based: raffles and fund raisers word change from % to variable goes to the BOG. Motion to include “all fund raisers” made by Steve Tackett; 2nd by Joe Dinino – no discussion; motion passed.
- c. Changes to the Constitution - Commander Clare reported he reviewed and corrected punctuation in the Pre Amble; add Space Force under “Eligibility”; cut back Rider’s Mission and add Cruisers. Motion to make changes to the Constitution made by Steve Tackett; 2nd by Terry Marr; vote tabled until next meeting (April 3, 2025).
- d. Delegates for 5th District Convention: Dale Dabney, Terry Marr, Steve Hinds, Dan McKelvey, Barbara King, Mike Bulger.
- e. Nominees for Officers: 2026
 - i. Commander – Hugh Clare
 - ii. 1st Vice – Doug Sherwood
 - iii. 2nd Vice – Kevin Honn
 - iv. Adjutant – Dale Dabney
 - v. Finance Officer – Joe Dinino
 - vi. Chaplain – Mike Bulger
 - vii. Sgt at Arms – Jason Halloran; Ashley Church
 Nominations will be voted on next meeting (4/3/2025)
- f. Legion dinner – chicken fried steak dinner for the next 3 months.
- g. Post Competition between 408 and 136, Corn Hole Tournament; roster for Post 408 is filled.
- h. Boy Scouts – Chili Feed this Saturday
American Legion Birthday – Social starts 3 pm – 4 pm; program starts 4pm and dinner served at 4:30. Bring a dish to pass.

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

9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2nd by Morris Short. Motion passed

10. Meeting closed 8:10 pm. Next meeting April 3, 2025;

ATTACHMENTS

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