



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting February 2026.

At 7:30 pm February 10, 2026 a quorum was present with 23 Legion Members and 5 guests. The meeting opened with a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - present
  - Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
  - 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 5 guests present; no presentations
3. The January 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:** Dayle Dabney; minutes approved. **Motion passed.**
4. Finance report was read by Barbara King.
- a. **Motion to:** accept the Finance Report by Terry Marr
  - b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
- 1st Vice Commander Report:** Doug Sherwood reported on membership count
- 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported updates on POW/MIA.
- Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – renewals are at 76%, going very well, we are equal to the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Scholarship applications are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Family Day is Feb 12 at 7 pm. Post Service Officer report is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. American Legion Birthday is March 14<sup>th</sup>. District 5 Convention is March 21<sup>st</sup>. National Commander's Homecoming is scheduled on March 28<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest to be held at Oxford Vista post 444 Feb 21st; special note, Department Oratorical Contest will also be held at Oxford Vista March 7th.
- Post Service Officer Report:** Chuck Amason reported that the VA Service Officer will be at the Post tomorrow 3:30
- Chaplain:** Mike Bulger reported prayer for Wayne Groge
- Auxiliary:** Coni Honn reported Sat. Feb 14 the Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Valentine Dance; 3 Chords will be playing. Bunco has been rescheduled for Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Post Birthday Party will be March 14, Bash Brothers will be catering. It was suggested that the Post not participate in Smoke on the Planes going forward.
- SAL:** Mike Saindon reported membership is at 91.91%, additional report is attached. Meat Raffle Tickets are on sale.
- Legion Riders:** Brian Simpson reported a reminder that the Riders Auction will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. Need donations and need participation. May 17<sup>th</sup> the Riders will be placing flags at Hill Crest Cemetery. Memorial Day Service will be at 11:00 am. Riders will be next for Fund Raiser following SAL.
- Cruisers:** Terry Marr reported the Cruisers will contribute \$200 to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund. April 25<sup>th</sup> Family Day Cruise In.
- BOG:** No Report
- Foundation:** Steve Tackett reported that Foundation will be holding a Steak Feed Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be going to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund. Suggest the Post add to the event with a car and bike show and kid-friendly games. Also suggested was to have live music on site, suggest making this an annual event.
- Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported the Pancake Feed is scheduled for March 7 to benefit the Food Pantry.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am.

**Golf:** Hugh Clare reported that the Committee Chair has resigned. The committee is now made up of the following members: Daly Rotramel, Jason Halloran, Chuck Amason, Adam Beran, Kevin Honn and Hugh Clare.

**Parade:** No Report

**Bingo Committee:** Ryan Michell reported on updates with getting Bingo started at Post 408. There will be much needed support and volunteers to get this off the ground.

**Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Steve Tackett  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Sherwood. Motion passed**

6. Old Business:
  - a. Post 408 will be hosting corn hole tournament Feb 21. Trophy is currently at Post 408.
  - b.
7. New Business:
  - a. Bingo Committee – Each entity will need to help with “start up” suggest \$500. Motion to approve Legion put up \$500 was made by Terry Marr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Tackett. **Motion passed.**
  - b. Smoke on the Plains – participation; suggest that Post 408 not participate going forward, not enough funds raised and we have lost 2 canopies already. Motion to bow out made by Terry Marr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara King. **Motion passed.**
8. Are there any items to be brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – Reminder of 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention - none
9. Are there any members sick or in need of assistance – none
10. Is there any other business that should come before the membership – Post elections are due in March & April. Voting will happen in May.
11. Motion to close the business session – Unanimous approval. **Motion passed**
12. Hugh Clare - Commander declared the meeting closed 8:30 pm. Next meeting Mar 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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