



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting November 2024.

At 7:00 pm November 7, 2024 a quorum was present of 13 Legion Members and 0 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 Post Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by the Commander. 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-absent
 - Service Officer**, Chuck Amason-present
 - Sgt. of Arms**: Kevin Honn (present); Terry Gowen-absent
 - Chaplain**, Michael Bulger-present
 - Historian**, Open
 - Executive Committee**, Morris Short absent, Dick Helzer & Steve Tackett - present
 - Public Relations Officer**: Mike Saindon- absent
 - Judge Advocate**: Terry Marr- present
2. Walmart Service Team presented a check donation of \$350 to Post 408.
3. The November meeting minutes are not ready, will be provided next month.

- a. **Motion to:** forego reading the minutes by Steve Tacket
 - b. **2nd by:** Steve Hinds, motion passed.
 - c. **Discussion:** None

4. The finance report was read by Commander Clare.
 - a. **Motion to:** accept the Finance Report; by Steve Tacket
 - b. **2nd by:** Dale Dabney, Finance report approved, motion passed,
 - c. **Discussion:** None

5. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice – membership report:** no report
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Doug Sherwood reported – attached
 - Adjutant report:** Mike Brady reported membership is at 60%
 - Motion to:** accept report; by John Macera
 - 2nd by:** Steve Tacket, vote accepted; motion approved
 - Discussion:** None
 - Post Service Officer Report:** Cost of living increase 2.5% next year.
Any follow up claims needing adjudication need to be filed now or VA may not accept them in 2025
 - Auxiliary:** No report
 - Chaplain Report:** Mike Bulger nothing to report
 - SAL:** John McCullough reported Veteran Breakfast 11/10 will be free to all Veterans; serving from 0700 – 1100.
 - Legion Riders Report:** No report
 - Cruisers Report:** Terry Marr shared the November Meeting Minutes
 - BOG:** Finance report; none provided
 - Foundation:** No report
 - Fundraising Committee:** No report
 - Public Relations:** No report
 - Children and Youth:** No report.
 - Boys State–** 2 recruits
 - Cadet Law**
 - Oratorical –** Post
 - Golf:** No Report.
 - Parade:** No report
 - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Mike Brady
motion to accept committee reports;
 - 2nd by:** Steve Tackett
 - Discussion:** None; motion approved.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408”
 - a. Membership drive – need to review Post 58 to see if any need to be transferred to Post 408. Send out letters; may offer a meal.
Motion to approve: Motion was made to offer a Thursday meal to bring new members/transfer members to join Post 408, presented by Steve Tacket **2nd by:** Sean Aspedor; motion approved
 - b. Vice Command (James Kellogg) dinner 11/12/24 Social at 1800 and dinner served at 1830, cost is \$15.00. Menu is Bash Brothers BBQ

- c. Cruisers requested to be in rotation for raffle; propose to take Legion's timeslot since there wasn't a raffle item identified at the present time. Rotation will start Dec 30 through Feb 15. Legion will take Feb 15 through March 30th. Motion made by Terry Marr, 2nd by Steve Hinds.
 - d. Chaplain – Veterans Day weekend – Veteran's POW Wow 2 pm 2525 N Rock Road.
 - e. SAL Breakfast – Meat Raffle.
8. **Next meeting will be held Thursday Dec 5th, at 7:00 pm**
9. **I will now accept a motion to close this business session** – Dale Dabney made the motion; 2nd by all. Motion passed.
10. Commander Clare declared the business session closed @ 1955 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Attendance
- 2. POW/MIA Report
- 3. BOG Finance Report