

**JOHN M WEST UNIT 408  
ALA MEETING MAY 8, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:**

Lesley Eliassen, Michael Saindon, Shonda Palmer, Connie Fox-Gowen, Jessi Stanislaw, Anna Simpson, Brian Simpson, Rhonda Hundley with our Guest Sharon Huddleston, Barbara King, Rosezetta Sullivan, and Terry Gowen.

**OPENING:**

- (3raps)
- Meeting will come to order
- With colors already in place, hand salute.
- Opening prayer was led By Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen followed by a moment of silence for our deceased.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Simpson.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Auxiliary.
- President Lesley Eliassen declared Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:00pm.

**STANDING ITEMS:**

- **Minutes**
  - \* The minutes of last month's meeting were shared via email and reviewed by members. No corrections made.
  - \*Motion was made by Barbara King to accept the minutes as read, Brian Simpson second, motion carried, motion accepted. Please remember all meeting minutes will also be posted on the Legion website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Jessi Stanislaw shared the report for the month of April. No corrections.
  - \*Motion was made by Barbara King to accept the report as reviewed, Brian Simpson second. motion carried. Report will be filed for audit.
- Bills to be paid: Not any at this time.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

- New officers will be sworn in tonight at the end of the meeting and will assume their positions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion, Jessi made the motion to donate funds (earmarked) to the Amazon wishlist to purchase items for the opening of the post. Anna Simpson second, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Rhonda Hundley to donate funds (earmarked) to the SAL, we told them we would, for the expenses for building the crosses for Hillcrest Cemetery. Anna Simpson second, motion carried.
- Jessi Stanislaw made a motion that we donate 2 stainless cups (both colors) to the Toy Run Auction and 2 stainless cups (both colors) to the ALA Auction. Anna Simpson second motion carried.

- May 4, 2023 was our Mexican dinner before the Legionnaires meeting, it was a success! Thank you to everyone that helped with food, labor, or attendance. The funds raised 10% to BOG funds and the remainder will go to the installation of the hood.
- May 5, & 6, 2023 was the PRCA Rodeo in Haysville. A great time was had. Friday help was done in parking and concessions Saturday all help was in parking. If asked to help again next year, there will need to be some changes in how things were done or we will not participate.
- May 6, 2023 Veterans from our post helped with the displaying of the colors at Kansas Speedway. However, they did not get to display colors.
- May 8, 2023 Haysville City Council meeting. Mayor Kessler is making a proclamation of Haysville becoming a Purple Heart City.
- May 15, 2023 at 5:15pm the formal celebration for Haysville becoming a Purple Heart City will take place at the Haysville VFW. If you can make time to attend, please do so!

The post is so close to opening. There are just a few things that need to be finished prior to getting our occupancy certificate. The only variance that has been granted is that the kitchen doesn't have to be fully operational with the gas cooking equipment, we can continue using electric cook equipment. If you are interested in seeing the procedures of the daily operations please request an email for review.

### REPORTS:

- LEGION: No report.
- BOG
  - \* The roof leak is fixed in the storage room.
  - \* Still collecting funds for the hood, still needing aprox. \$4,000.00.
  - \* The bar is looking good, most of the wood used is reclaimed from our building.
  - \* When we open for business, only service animals will be permitted to enter the building.
  - \* Amazon wishlist still needing items.
  - \* We will be holding the 5th District Convention and the 5th District Oratorical.
  - \* We are still looking for VOLUNTEERS to cook and bartend.
  - \* Target for opening is the end of May 2023.
  - \* Operating hours: Wednesday 2:00pm - 10:00pm  
 Thursday 2:00pm - 10:00pm  
 Friday 2:00pm - 11:00pm  
 Saturday 2:00pm - 11:00pm  
 Sunday 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Also, June 4, 2023 at 2:00pm the Wichita Wizards basketball game for Military Appreciation Night, the post has free tickets for Legion members and Military personnel get in free with your military ID. Games are very fun to attend! The team is trying to work a deal to get the Ft. Riley's team here to play that day! Please come out and support the Wichita Wizards and show some appreciation for our military!

- SAL
  - \*Still selling RADA Kitchen wares.
  - \* Need more members! Meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Entertaining the idea of changing meeting day/time to see if we can increase our attendance.
  - \* Completed making crosses for the Memorial Day event at Hillcrest Cemetery.
- ALR
  - \*May 29, 2023 **HUGE EVENT:** Memorial Day: 6:00 am Post 408 at the VA, set flags (usually swing in for breakfast somewhere after). Set up for Hillcrest Cemetery.
  - \*We need donations to replace 4 of the 3' x 5' flags. These flags can be purchased at Harbor Freight for aprox. \$7.00 they need to have nylon embroidered stitching

because they hold together better.

\* After Taps we will take the flags down at 5:00pm.

- **FUNDRAISING UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \* June 1, 2023 we will be having a potato bar 5:00pm - 6:30pm followed by the Legionnaire meeting at 7:00pm.

- \* June 9&10, 2023 we have the Smoke On The Plains BBQ. Will be serving trash can nachos and a sweet treat, possibly frozen fruit. We need volunteers for this event. Times will be announced at a later time.

- \* June 17, 2023 Golf Tournament. Volunteers still needed, contact Joe Dinino for more information.

- \* July 4, 2023 after the 4th parade head on back to the post for some grille ham and cheese sandwiches. More information coming soon.

- \* July 29, 2023 is pool night at Haysville swimming pool. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda.

- \* September 16, 2023 is hot dogs at Atwoods, they provide the product. We additionally add baked goods to earn more money.

- \* September is also the Peach sale. Dates and times to be announced.

- \* November 4, 2023 is drive thru pancake feed for Operation Holiday Derby at City Hall building.

Please check out all of our other fundraisers going on throughout all of the entities in our Legion Family!

ALA - Stainless cups, black/white or color \$25.00 ea

We have a few GI red shirts left and Auxiliary Coins \$10.00 ea

SAL - Rada catalog and red Friday shirts.

ALR - Challenge coins and Support Our Troops signs.

We received an appreciation letter from Robert Dole VA for the donations collected for our veterans. We would like to have another collection for the ladies.

Please go online and fill out the form to receive the ALA Magazine, it has some interesting articles.

Volunteer T-shirt arrangements are being made to order these on-line. They will be royal blue shirts with fluorescent green lettering. Long sleeve, short sleeve, and tank tops will be available for purchase. More information coming.

**UP COMING EVENTS:**

May 16, 2023 Legion Family meeting 7:00 pm

May 21, 2023 Flags and crosses will be installed at Hillcrest Cemetery. Please bring rubber mallet and people to put them out.

May 29, 2023 Memorial Day events. 6:15am flags will be put on display at the VA Hospital. 11:00am Memorial Service at Hillcrest Cemetery will take place (the Air Force Base Commander will be the speaker) please attend and show the respect that is deserved. 2:45pm Taps Across America will be taking place at Garrett Park in the Verteran's Memorial area. Please arrive BEFORE 2:45!

May 30, 2023 Fundraising meeting at 5:30pm

June, 4, 2023 Wichita Wizards Military Appreciation Day. Game starts at 2:00pm.

June 10, 2023 Smoke On The Plains BBQ at High Park. We will need volunteers to help with the load out, set up, work the event, tear down, and return the product to the post. Pick-up

trucks

will also be needed! Please let Rhonda or Pat when and what you are able to assist with.

- June 17, 2023 Golf Tournament. This event is in need of volunteers. Please reach out to Joe Dinino and let him know times you are available.
- June 28, 2023 Chief Lee is being honored with a retirement ceremony. This will be held at The Venue Madison Avenue Park. 11:30am - 1:00 pm. All Legion Members and family are invited and encouraged to attend!
- July 4, 2023 We are invited to participate in the City of Derby and the City of Haysville parades this year. Times to be announced.
- July 8, 2023 The Poker Run!!!!** There are still positions that need to be filled by volunteers. Everyone is welcome to participate, 2wheels, 3wheels, or 4 wheels!!
- July 29, 2023 Pool night at Haysville pool. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda.
- Sept. 16, 2023 Hot dogs at Atwoods, they provide all the product. We additionally add baked goods to earn a little extra money.
- Sept. 2023 Peaches will be sold. Date to be announced at a later time.
- Oct 7or21, 2023 Cash Savers Hot dog day, Haysville.
- Nov. 4, 2023 Drive thru pancake feed for Operation Holiday Derby.
- Dec. 2, 2023 Christmas for kids with SAL.
- Dec. 16, 2023 Legion Family Christmas Dinner. Going to decorate the post Nov 17, 2023 at 5:00pm and Nov 18, 2023 ?-whenever.

Membership, we are at 100%!!!! Please continue to invite friends and family to be part of our American Legion Family.

Barbara King is planning the Craft Fair for the Legion. Motion made by Jessi Stanislaw for the craft fair to be put on the books for March 8 & 9, 2024, second by Connie Fox-Gowen, motion carried. If you would be interested in helping with the planning, being a vendor, or volunteering please reach out to Barbara King.

**REMINDER:** NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING JUNE 12, 2023 AT 7:OOPM.

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Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen led us in the prayer for peace.

Colors already in place, hand salute.

This meeting of the Derby-Haysville Unit 408, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas, was ajourne at 8:19pm by President Lesley Eliassen.

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Officers sworn in by outgoing Vice President, Anna Simpson

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| President        | Lesley Eliassen    |
| Vice             | Jessi Stanislaw    |
| Secretary        | Shonda Palmer      |
| Treasurer        | Jessi Stanislaw    |
| Sergeant of Arms | Rosezetta Sullivan |
| Chaplain         | Connie Fox-Gowen   |

