



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting August 2025.

At 7:00 pm August 7, 2025 a quorum was present of 14 Legion Members and 2 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 1st Vice Commander. 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:
  - Commander, Hugh Clare - present
  - 1st Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
  - 2nd Vice, Kevin Honn - present
  - Adjutant, Dayle Dabney- present
  - Finance Officer, Barbara King- present
  - Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (present); 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. Presentation to Boy Scout of the Year Troop 683: Sean Shayse
3. The July 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:** Ashley Church; minutes approved. **Motion passed.**
4. Finance report was read by Barbara King.
- a. **Motion to:** accept the month's Finance Report by Steve Tackett
  - b. **2nd by:** Ashley Church. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
- 1st Vice Commander Report:** Doug briefed the Membership renewal still being conducted.
- 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported updates to POW/MIA– attached
- Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – 93 members completed; reminder to reach out to past members for renewal. New members for vote to be accepted - 2. **Motion made** by Terry Marr; **2nd by** Mike Bulger; new members accepted. National Convention this month in Tampa Florida. National Commander Homecoming will be Sept 21 – 25. Candidate Dan Wiley – Kansas State Representative. Post 408 standing by the ready to serve.
- Post Service Officer Report:** Chuck Amason reported effective Sept 30, tinnitus will no longer be considered a service-connected condition, it will need to be associated with another hearing impairment. CPAC compensation % could be reduced going forward.
- Chaplain:** No Report
- Auxiliary:** Coni Honn – Faye Evans Auxiliary President 5<sup>th</sup> District is asking for assistance for a Veteran badly injured in a motorcycle accident. Wife is pregnant – Lesley is heading up the “Bags for Cancer” with a Meat Raffle.
- SAL:** No Report
- Legion Riders:** No Report
- Cruisers:** Terry Marr reported there were 47 charter members; now there are 42. Cruisers voted to donate \$400 toward the pop-up. Cruise In schedule August 23 ride to South Haven for Assisted Living and Haven parade 3 – 5 pm. Dinner to be served. Sept 12<sup>th</sup> the Cruisers will be at the Derby Assisted Living for a cruise in. Oct 11 Cruisers will be attending the Eisenhower Pilgrimage.
- BOG:** No Report – A contractor has been hired to install the handicap automatic door opener.
- Foundation:** No report
- Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda reported Peach sales
- Public Relations:** No report.
- Children and Youth:** Dayle Dabney reported
- Boys State** – received thank you cards from 3 of the candidates.
  - Boy Scout of the Year** - Sean Shayes, Troop 683
  - Girls State** -
  - Cadet Law** -
  - Oratorical** –
  - Gun Safety** – trying to organize an event for kids.
- Golf:** No report. Rescheduled for Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, there will be no raffle.
- Parade:** No Report

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

6. Old Business:
  - a. Thank you cards from Frosty's family for the Celebration of Life hosted by the Legion,
  - b. Pop-up donations are up to \$1500, motion was made by Terry Marr to have Legion pay the balance of the money owed to purchase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen. **Motion passed**
7. New Business:
  - a. Mulvane Old Settlers – needs volunteers for Rodeo Parking, see Buddy Russell.
  - b. Air conditioner in the Dining Hall has failed. MJB replaced the a/c unit; per the By-laws, the BOG would be responsible for the bill. Need a motion to share the cost between all of the entities. The Legion will write the check, acceptable to MJB. Motion to pay \$5,500 made by Ashley Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Amason. **Motion passed.**
  - c. Commander Clare reported he toured Passage Ways, they are currently assisting homeless males, working on opening a house to assist homeless female veterans. Motion to use the \$650 collected by the Batton Death March, motion made by Steve Tackett; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dayle Dabney, **Motion passed.**
  - d. Work Day – there has not been a work-day scheduled in some time. There are things that need to be fixed all around the Post. Clean up and repairs scheduled for Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Each entity needs to make a list of chores to be done. Motion made by Terry Marr; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Church.
  - e. Emblems need to be updated – Steve Tackett made motion to have each entity purchase their emblems; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Gowen. **Motion passed.**
  - f. ALR – signage for events to be advertised can be placed in the parking lot @ COOP – **Info Only.**
  - g. Steve made motion that an SOP will need to be drafted to list rules for using the pop up to safeguard it's condition. Hugh Clare tasked the PEC to set up rules for usage. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Amason. **Motion passed.**
  - h. Flag Retirement Box – Kevin Honn found a USPS mail box – purchased. Terry Marr suggested to purchase a wrap (\$100.00), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buddy Russell. **Motion passed.**
  - i. All entities need to be represented at the Legion meeting.
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. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 8:15 pm. Next meeting Sept 4th at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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