



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting November 2025.

At 7:00 pm November 6, 2025 a quorum was present of 16 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 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 - excused
Adjutant, Dayle Dabney- present
Finance Officer, Barbara King- present
Service Officer, Chuck Amason - present
Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (present); Ashley Church (excused)
Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
Historian, vacant
Executive Committee, Dick Helzer (excused), Steve Tackett (present), Buddy Russell (present)
Public Relations Officer: vacant
Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- absent

2. Guests and Presentation: There were 3 guests present; no presentations

3. The October 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:** Dan McKelvey; 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:** Mike Bulger. **Motion passed**

5. Officer and Committee Reports:

1st Vice Commander Report: Doug Sherwood reminded all members to renew membership for 2026 as soon as possible.

2nd Vice POW/MIA Report: Hugh Clare reported POW/MIA as 2nd Vice was excused from this meeting.

Adjutant report: Dayle Dabney reported – new members to vote in: Stacy Allen, Sean (last name not provided)? Reminder of Mid Winter Forum January 30 - Feb 1st. Attendees need to make hotel reservations early as there are other events happening the same weekend. District 5 Oratorical will be held at Post 444 again this year.

Post Service Officer Report: Chuck Amason reported there were 36 new claims filed last month.

Chaplain: No Report

Auxiliary: Coni Honn reported the dinner tonight was great. Next meeting is Monday 11/10.

SAL: Mike Saindon reported the SAL will be serving breakfast Sunday and all Veterans eat for free. 8:00 – 11:00. There will also be a keg available at 3 pm for all Veterans, first come first serve until it is gone. Derby-Haysville Food Drive is now being collected – please no corn or green beans. Christmas for Kids part is Sat., Dec 6th, set up Friday Dec 5th. All help is needed and much appreciated. Membership is at 61.3%

Legion Riders: Brian Simpson reported all Cruisers and Riders are invited to participate in the South Haven's Veterans Day Parade. There are numerous events for Riders to participate on Veterans Day (11/11) to include Flag set up at VA Hospital @ 6:30 and Andover Ride In at the Middle School and the Haysville ceremony at the Memorial Park in Haysville.

Cruisers: Terry Marr reported the Cruisers will have a Cruise in on Nov 22 with registration Food Drive 10:00 – 2pm. Cruisers voted to waive the 20 year classic car requirement for potential members to join.

BOG: Brian Simpson reported recommendation for a consolidation of meetings, a meeting has been scheduled for Nov 18th for all leadership to discuss how to reduce the number of meetings.

Foundation: Steve Tackett reported Steak Feed was a great success, all proceeds will go to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship.

Fundraising Committee: Rhonda Hundley reported thanks to all who came out to volunteer for the Pancake Feed. The Chamber reported \$920 will go to the Roof Fund. The next Pancake Feed will be March 7, 2026.

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 7th 9:00am.

Golf: No report

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Mike Bulger
2nd by Doug Sherwood. Motion passed

6. Old Business:

- a. Wreaths Across America – membership voted to purchase \$500 – Barbara King to order
- b. Legion Raffle – Nov 1 – Dec 15; tickets \$5 for 1 and \$20 for 5
- c. Christmas Party, Legion will provide the meat for Christmas party – 3 turkeys and 3 hams.

7. New Business:

- a. Suggestions on what to do with the wheel chairs in the front foyer – Steve stated he would call the Wichita Medical Closet who take donated prosthetic equipment. Sat. need volunteers to help load up and the equipment will be taken to the Closet.
- b. Insurance update, Barbara provided an update of the meeting with the Insurance Agent. Dale was checking on a few numbers to be provided and the policy premium will be handled.
- c. Steve Tackett shared ideas about a tee shirt program and cost to the Entities.

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 7:45 pm. Next meeting Dec 4th, 2025 at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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