



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting March 2026.

At 7:30 pm March 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 1st 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- excused
 - 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 February 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:** No report
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Kevin Honn reported updates on POW/MIA.
 - Adjutant report:** Members: with new included 312 registered @ 89%. District is at 87%.
Following voted on and approved for membership: Becker, David and Antoniya Innes, Ryan Morgan
Kansas Depart. PUFL – Finance Officer coordinating with Michelle at Dept. for how to correct National database.
Department Adjutant newsletter reviewed (Posted at the Department website)
Numerous Kansas legislative proposals, more than normal
Boys State 17 registered from District. One from Derby self-paid.
89th Anniversary.
District 5 Convention. McPherson, 21 Mar. Reservations submitted. Authorized 7 delegates.
Cadet Law is same week. N/c in students
Open House Family Day, 25 Apr, Saturday.
Insurance confirmed, Bounce House ALA funding, FD-PD-EMS confirmed, Event Map planned, Signs confirmed, COOP is still available, Games on the green north of post, Matt Frandsen coordinated ABC inside alcohol for non-members, hot dogs & buns funded for 300, Boy Scout troop will bring pop-up and demonstration scout skills & possibly cook chili for hot dogs (for a small donation), more in work.
Roof Goal: \$24,023 raised
Post Service Officer Report: 2025 good year. 28 Mar 10 AM – 2 PM VSO day at Post, Matt Frandsen providing chips, water
2nd Vice – possible Strataca overnight in Hutchinson for veterans.
Standby for more.
Chaplain: No report
Auxiliary: Coni Honn reported Sniff & Paint fundraiser May 3. Birthday party.
SAL: Membership 91.99%.
Hillcrest requested project for avenue of flags in front for Memorial Day this year Child Well Being award recognizing squadron noted
Meat raffle fund raiser, 100 tickets left, drawing on 19 Mar at Burger dinner
Mouse races on schedule.
30 Apr Burgers.
10 May – Mothers day breakfast free for all moms

17 May Hillcrest flags out day.

SAL Dept adjutant rename details coming

Legion Riders: No report

Cruisers: Car show 25 Apr at the Open house. 2 May car show at Vickers in Haysville 33 members, now open to any year vehicle at Post 408. Last Friday was Final Friday Cruise-in

If new Post family member joins – the ALC will provide first year free dues

BOG: Kevin Honn reported Queen of Hearts at \$16,000. BOG voted to have a set aside for audio visual for the building to support Bingo, etc.

Foundation: August Steak fundraiser tickets are \$50 and splits for a couple is \$80.

Similar to Open house – open to community

Discussion of using pool table for small tournament.

Purchase of collapsible picnic tables approved.

Fundraising Committee: Rhonda reported 7 Mar Pancake Feed with Chamber of Commerce successful.

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: event scheduled on 12 September, Derby Club. Carts secured and flyer in work.

Parade: No Report

Bingo Committee: Meeting weekly

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Steve Tackett 2nd by Terry Marr. **Motion passed**

6. Old Business: No old business to discuss

7. New Business:

a. Bataan March Ruck. Motion made to provide \$300 for water and fruit at a stop off station if Post is a stop rest point. Discussion included amendment for sponsorship of \$500 by Steve Tackett, 2nd by Debbie Wolmack for tshirts, water and fruit. Motion passed for \$500.

b. Motion made, Ashley Church-Jacobs, to set up a Venmo, Paypal account venue to accept payments. 2nd by Christa Fransen. Amended to include Apple pay, Cashout by Ashley and 2nd by Christa. Discussion about using flyers with QR codes and no cost. Only person with access will be the finance officer responsible for funds. Passed.

c. 2026 Officer Nominations:

Nomination for Sgt-At-Arms for Ashley Church Jacobs, made by Steve Tackett Ashley accepted.

Nomination for Sgt-At-Arms for Jason Holloran by Steve Tackett. Jason did not accept.

Nomination for Sgt-At-Arms for Mark Blake made by Ashley Church-Jacobs. Blake accepted.

Nomination for Finance Officer for Hugh Clare by Ashley Church Jacobs. Clare accepted.

Nomination for Adjutant for Dayle Dabney by Doug Sherwood. Dabney accepted.

Nomination for Buddy Russell as **2nd Vice**. Russell accepted.

Nomination for 1st Vice for Kevin Honn by Ashley Church-Jacobs. Kevin Honn accepted.

Nomination for executive committee for Dick Heltzer made by Terry Marr, for Doug Sherwood by Steve Tackett, for Debbie Womach by Ashley Church-Jacobs. Accepted.

Nomination for commander for Doug Sherwood made by Ashley Church-Jacobs. Accepted.

8. Are there any items to be brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – Reminder of 5th District Convention - none
9. Are there any members sick or in need of assistance – Remember Adam Beran in your prayers, lost a family . Steve Tackett’s wife with cancer.
10. Is there any other business that should come before the membership – Post elections are due in March & April. Voting will happen in April.
11. Motion to close the business session – Unanimous approval. **Motion passed**
12. Hugh Clare - Commander declared the meeting closed 8:30 pm. Next meeting April 14th, 2026 at 7:30 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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