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American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting April 2025.

At 7:00 pm April 3, 2025 a quorum was present of 35 Legion Members and 6 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 Lauri Hickie. 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:

1st Vice, Laurie Hickie- present
 2nd Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
 Adjutant, Mike Brady- present
 Finance Officer, Joe Dinino- present
 Service Officer, Chuck Ammons- present
 Sgt. of Arms, Kevin Honn (present); Terry Gowen (excused)
 Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
 Historian, vacant
 Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Dick Helzer present, Steve Tackett present
 Public Relations Officer: vacant-
 Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present

2. Introduction of 6 - guests and 0 - prospective members as read by Commander Clare.
3. The March minutes meeting were posted and ready to be read. Correction made for the spelling of 2 names: Service Officer – Chuck Amason; Sgt at Arms Ashley Church.
 - a. **Motion:** forego the reading of the minutes from last month was presented by Steve Tackett
 - b. **2nd by:** Joe Dinino; minutes approved; motion passed.
4. Finance report was read by Finance Officer, Joe Dinino.
 - a. **Motion:** accept the month's Finance Report by, Steve Tackett
 - b. **2nd by:** Mike Bulger; finance report approved; motion passed.
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice Commander Report:** Laurie Hickle – no report
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Doug Sherwood reported updates to POW/MIA– attached
 - Adjutant report:** Mike Brady reported – 48 new members from last month. There are 61 members who have not renewed membership as of this report.
 - Post Service Officer Report:** No report
 - Chaplain:** Mike Bulger reported Terry Gowen's mother passed; Mike Saindon having surgery. Prayers for the families.
 - Auxiliary:** Rhonda Hundley reported the Auxiliary is having a meat bundle raffle for their fund raiser.
 - SAL:** Greg Lawless reported membership is at 130 for 190%. Fund raiser – RED Shirts; SAL and Aux are hosting an 80's Dance Party April 19, 2025.
 - Legion Riders Report:** Rhonda Hundley reported the Riders are hosting a Dinner Ride – watch for emails.
 - Cruisers:** Terry Marr reported the Cruisers will be having "Cruise In Car Show" April 26, 2025. Burgers and drinks. Cruisers will pick up the 3rd Thursday dinners from the BOG and will be serving chicken fried steak sandwiches. Fund Raisers – pins and patches are available.
 - BOG:** No report
 - Foundation:** Rhonda Hundley reported April is the Month of the Military Child Foundation has set aside \$200.00.
 - Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported – received a letter from the Food Bank "Letter of Thanks". June 13 & 14 – Smoke on the Plains, this coincides with Golf Tournament. Need volunteers to help with set up.
 - Public Relations:** No report
 - Children and Youth:** Dale Dabney reported
 - Boys State** – 2 applications so far
 - Cadet Law** – 1 application
 - Oratorical** -
 - Golf:** Joe Dinino reported there are currently 36 teams and 3 on the wait list. Next meeting is 4/15/25
 - Parade:** No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Joe Dinino

2nd by: Dale Dabney; motion passed

6. Old Business:

- a. Voting on the changes to the Constitution were suspended due to timing of the March minutes were not posted for 30 days. Hold for next meeting – May.

7. New Business:

- a. Commander Clare – Election to fill Officer positions for 2026 – Nominees:
 - i. Commander: Huch Clare and Joe Dinino
 - ii. Vice Commander: Doug Sherwood
 - iii. 2nd Vice Commander: Kevin Honn
 - iv. Adjutant: Dale Dabney
 - v. Finance Officer: Barbara King

Terry Marr – Staff Judge Advocate ran the voting, paper ballots were passed out for Commander votes – Hugh Clare was elected for the Office of Commander.

“Motion to suspend voting and instruct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous vote for the additional officer positions” 2nd made by Laurie Hickle Vice Commander. “Swearing in” of new officers was conducted.

- b. It was reported that the Legion will not be conducting a raffle in this cycle. The Auxiliary would like to take the rotation and run it consecutively with their rotation (2 cycles). Motion made by Mike Bulger; 2nd by Joe Dinino. Motion passed. Discussion: does this include the “cleaning of the Post”? The decision was made that the Legion would still honor the duties of cleaning the Post during this cycle.
- c. Dale Dabney reported, The Council would like to know if the Post wanted to continue to support the local Boy Scout Troup 683, and does the Post want to support both a Girl Scout Troup and a Boy Scout Troup? Motion was made by Sean Aspedon to sponsor just the Boy Scout Troup; 2nd by Dan McKelvey. Discussion, could the Auxiliary sponsor the Girl Scout Troup? The response was that it would need to be brought up at the next Auxiliary meeting.
- d. Chaplain Bulger requested a moment of silence for the American Servicemen lost in Lithuania tank exercise.

8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” - none

9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2nd by Morris Short. Motion passed

10. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 7:55 pm. Next meeting May 1st, 2025; business session closed @ 7:00 pm

ATTACHMENTS

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