



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting October 2, 2025.

At 7:00 pm October 2, 2025 a quorum was present of 17 Legion Members and 0 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
Service Officer, Chuck Amason - absent
Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
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: none

3. The September 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 Steve Tackett
 - b. **2nd by:** Sean Amedon. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice Commander Report:** No report
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** No report
 - Adjutant report:** Dayle Dabney reported – Be the One program; District has reported 56% membership renewal. New mailer will be going out this week. NEC Vice Commander Dinner Oct 22, Post 136 6:00 pm Social HR; 5th District Homecoming October 25th at 11:00 am Post 136, Mulvane.
 - Post Service Officer Report:** No report
 - Chaplain:** No Report
 - Auxiliary:** No report
 - SAL:** No report
 - Legion Riders:** No report
 - Cruisers:** No report
 - BOG:** No report
 - Foundation:** Steve Tackett reported Oct 25th “Cook Your Own Steak” feed. Cost is \$40 - \$45. Menu: steak; baked potato; Beer Garden. Proceeds to benefit the Pat Kitterman Scholarship.
 - Fundraising Committee:** No report
 - Public Relations:** No report.
 - Children and Youth:** Dayle Dabney reported
 - Boys State –**
 - Boy Scout 683** – Pop Corn sales have started, support the Boy Scouts, please and thank you.
 - Girls State -**
 - Cadet Law -**
 - 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.
 - Golf:** The Golf Tournament raised \$15,899 this year, 2nd round due to the rain out.
 - Parade:** No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Steve Tackett,
2nd by Mike Bulger. **Motion passed**
6. Old Business:
 - a. Amazon merch \$28,000. Items to donate have been identified.
 - b. Challenge from Post 136 – 408 – Horseshoes October 18th.
 - c. Comedian Arizona Lou, Oct 7th at Post 408; Oct 8th at Post 136 – free.
7. New Business:
 - a. Post received a “Thank You” from Passage Ways for the donations.

- b. Wreaths Across America for Winfield Cemetery, orders due by Friday Nov 21. Wreaths can be ordered online at <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/SVVCW> or mailed donations to Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Winfield, PO Box 626 Winfield, KS 67156. For every 2 wreaths ordered a 3rd will be provided at no additional cost,
 - c. Cost to replace the Entity Emblem over the stage. Steve to research the cost. Emblem Sales has 4 of the emblems, need to know what the cost for the Cruisers and the Foundation will be.
 - d. Expenditures by Commander Hugh Clare as follows: U haul Rental for Amazon pallets \$135.72, \$104.81 = \$240.53. Request to be reimbursed. Motion made by Ashley Church, 2nd by Steve Tackett. **Motion passed.**
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 Nov 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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