



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting September 2025.

At 7:00 pm September 4, 2025 a quorum was present of 14 Legion Members and 5 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 2nd 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- excused
2nd Vice, Kevin Honn - present
Adjutant, Dayle Dabney- present
Finance Officer, Barbara King- present
Sgt. At Arms, Jason Halloran (excused); Ashley Church (present)
Chaplain, Michael Bulger- absent
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 to

- a. Passageways Representative Jennifer Garrison, check – donation of \$710.00. Jennifer provided information about Passageways and how it

helps homeless Veterans with housing and jobs. Invited Post members to come visit the site at 1202 West Douglas – Old DAV Kan Vets location. They are accepting car donations along with many household items. Also, they will be sponsoring their 9th Annual Fund Raiser, Sept 13th.

- b. VA-VSO Adam Santiago shared information about filing claims for service-connection. To date he has assisted approximately 45 Veterans with claims. Mr. Santiago is at Post 408 every 4th Thursday at 9:00, first come first serve.
 - c. 5th District Commander Joe Hulse – present for Post meeting.
3. The August 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 August Finance Report by Ashley Church
 - b. **2nd by:** Steve Hinds. **Motion passed**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
- 1st Vice Commander Report:** No report
- 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. Eisenhower Pilgrimage – October 11th, don't forget to log miles and hours donated. New members/transfer for vote to accept Joshua Paul - 2. **Motion made** by Terry Marr; **2nd by** Steve Tackett; members accepted. Debbie Womack is our newest PUFL.
- Post Service Officer Report:** Chuck Amason reported effective Sept 30, 46 veterans have been assisted by VA-VSO with 12 cases won, approx. \$9800 per month in compensation was awarded.
- Chaplain:** No Report
- Auxiliary:** Coni Honn – Auxiliary Fund Raiser – Bowling Nov 15th.
- SAL:** Brian Simpson reported Nov 9th 8:00 – 11:00 am Veteran's Day Breakfast at the Post, Veterans eat for free. Kids Christmas Party Dec 6th.
- Legion Riders:** Brian Simpson reported Brian Simpson reported on Sept 5th Riders meet at VFW at 5:45 to flag up to ride to Panther Stadium. Sept 11th Ride In at Fire Station 81 for 9/11 Memorial Service. October 18th is the ALR Auction to raise money for the Kids Christmas Party.
- Cruisers:** Terry Marr reported on Sept 12th the Cruisers will be at the Derby
- Assisted Living for a cruise in. Sept 18th “3rd Thursday, Cruise In at the Post. Oct 11 Cruisers will be attending the Eisenhower Pilgrimage. Meet at the Post at 8:00 to ride up to Abilene. Oct 25th Trunk or Treat at the Post.
- BOG:** Kevin Honn reported BOG members have been assigned for each entity to bring issues to BOG. Please use your POC.
- Foundation:** Steve Tackett reported Oct 25th “Cook Your Own Steak” feed. Cost is \$40 - \$45. Menu: steak; baked potato; Beer Garden.
- Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda reported Oct 11th 9:00 am Hot Dog Feed at Atwoods. Don't forget, November 1st Pancake Feed to support the Chamber.

Public Relations: No report.

Children and Youth: Dayle Dabney reported

Boys State –

Boy Scout 683 – meeting Monday Sept 8th in the Post Dining Hall

Girls State -

Cadet Law -

Oratorical –

Gun Safety – trying to organize an event for kids.

Golf: Reminder Golf Tournament was rescheduled for Sept 13th at 9:00 am, there will be no raffle.

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Ashley Church
2nd by Chuck Amason. **Motion passed**

6. Old Business:

- a. Pop-up donations are up to \$1500,
- b. Automatic door opener for handicap has been installed. Paid for by SAL.

7. New Business:

- a. 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 6th. Each entity needs to make a list of chores to be done. Motion made by Terry Marr; 2nd by Ashley Church.
- b. Legion's next cleaning/raffle rotation will be Nov 1st – Dec 15th.

8. Items brought up for the "Good of Post 408" – Terry Marr reported the new National Commander is Dan Wiley.

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 8:20 pm. Next meeting Oct 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm, business session closed.

ATTACHMENTS

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

Recorded by
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