

AMERICAN LEGION

ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156

Meeting Agenda Thursday, January 16, 2025

1900 Hrs. – VFW Hall (with virtual link)

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Opening Ceremony

The Commander recognizes any visiting dignitaries

**\* Department Commander, Dave Heredia**

**\* Department Historian, Charlie Joy**

**\* District Adjutant, George Delaney**

Any Legionnaires here for the first time please stand and introduce yourself to include Military and Civilian professions.

**\* Mark Frickman**

**\* DJ Anderson**

**\* New member Lisa White was unable to attend due to inclement weather.**

**We will conduct a short form initiation in FEB to bring her on board.**

Adjutant: Determine quorum (8 Post members): **Quorum present**

Minutes: After the minutes of the last meeting have been read by the Adjutant, the Commander asks, "Are there any corrections?" If none the minutes stand approved as corrected."

1. Finance Officer's Report: After the finance officer's report, the commander says, "If there are no questions or corrections, the report will be filed for auditing."

**\* Finance officer was excused. A full report reconciling expenses and accounts were shared with EXCOM members. Specific details of interest will be shared at the next meeting.**

2. Officer's Reports:
  1. Commander's Report:

**\* Great job on the Holiday Party and especially the Holiday Party Committee!**

2. 1st Vice Commander:

**\* Excused. Summary of buddy calls action provided by the adjutant. All members contacted/ in the process of being contacted. Records updates and coordination with the resource officer working.**

3. 2nd Vice Commander:

**\* Flag Retirement Ceremony January 25, 2025, Bill Swain will fill in if unable to make it back for the event.**

4. 3rd Vice Commander:

**\* Oratorical Competition - Event cancelled due to cancellations by candidates. The one remaining candidate unable to attend on the scheduled date will be transferred to Post Vice Commanded collaborating with Post 300 (Howard County VSOs).**

5. Adjutant's Report:

**\* Summary of buddy calls actions provided in the absence of the 1st Vice.**

**\* An example of the poster being created by the Student Partners with Veterans to familize staff with veterans at rehab/nursing homes as circulated. We will look to create a poster for an interested member being admitted for long term stays.**

**\* An overview of actions to document volunteer hours electronically summarized. Member Todd Goff leading this effort. Coordinated with AL senior leaders underway to provide awareness and support.**

**\* Need to find proper storage of Post records discussed. Historian Randy Bohn currently storing them. Past Commander Ed Hall shared previous actions to acquire climate controlled storage. This will be an action item for the Post to address in the coming months.**

**\* Several flags donated for the retirement ceremony including a 30 ft by 65 ft flag from the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology). Sargeant at Arms Billy Heit shared that he found a flag**

flown over Congress as well as a flag with all the names of 9/11 in the disposal bins. The adjutant will ask the teenage volunteer writing a story about the County VSO Flag Retirement Events to include this within the article.

**\* Member Marlin Benton has volunteered to help maintain the website. Member including PAO, Greg Joillissaint, Historian, Randy Bohn, and pending webmaster Marlin Benton will have administrative access to the website. The Post will nominate Marlin for webmaster at the FEB meeting for Post consideration and approval .**

**\* Three public service award nominees were submitted for consideration to the district.**

**\* Thanks offered to Todd Goff for providing virtual access to the meeting via google. Changes in audio capture will be taken at future meetings. Google information will be shared in advance of the meeting to encourage those unable to attend physically to join virtually.**

Judge Advocate Report: **Nothing to report**

6. Chaplain's Report:

**\* An update was provided on Bruce McCurdy. Randy provided an update on Bill Milner.**

7. Resource Officer Report:

**\* The Post membership approved the nomination of John Sheldon to serve as the resource officer.**

8. Public Affairs Officer Report: **Excused**

9. Historian Report:

**\* Randy provided an overview of this Post's historical records. He has created a binder with select documents and pictures for members to review. He will bring this to the next several meetings for members to look through.**

1. Standing Committee Reports

1. Honor Flights

**\* Details on upcoming Honor Flights were shared by Randy. Specific details on location of the local bus honor flight program were provided.**

**2. Liaison Reports: Skipped in light of the meeting running late.**

1. VFW 7472: Robert Pelletier -
2. MCL 1084 – Bill Swain/Ed Hall -
3. HoCo V:&MF Commission & Joint Military Council – Greg Jolissaint
4. Other Special Committee Reports

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Cemetery Plots - John Sheldon**

**\* John provided a summary of the actions underway to make the double plots available to a Post member. If there is no interested the offer will be extended to other Howard County veterans. The plots will be put up for sale and funds donated to a worthy veteran cause as a last resort if there is no interest by any county veteran.**

**B. Bailey's Bundles**

**\* The Post is seeking a volunteer(s) to take over the management of Bailey's bundles so that it can maintain this activity for deployed service members.**

**New Business: Fund Raising & Party announcements**

**\* Two sets of Raffle Tickets: American Legion Dept. of Maryland Americanism Fundraiser (pay \$50.00 top sell all tickets) plus two bottles of Liquor.**

**\* 2nd Annual 4th District (NCR) Raffle Fundraiser (two packets of 125 tickets each).**

**\* Northern Central Region Reception March 1, 2025 at 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Towson Post 22 \$45.00 per person.**

**\* National Commanders Banquet Saturday March 15 \$40.00 per person (5:30pm - 10:00pm) and Breakfast on March 16 \$15.00 per person (9:00 am - 10:30 am) at American Legion Post 39, Bel Air.**

**\* 4th District (NCR) 1st Annual Bull, Oyster & Clam Roast and Fundraiser April 26, 2025 2:00 pm - 6:00pm at Post 276, Severn \$60.00 per person.**

**\* Maryland State Commanders Project: Celebration of Champions Gala Choices from \$250.00 up to \$5,000.**

**\* Department of Maryland "A Celebration of Champions" Inaugural Gala  
April 19, 2025 (6:00 pm - 10:00 pm) \$100.00 per person \$150.00 per couple  
at Water's Edge Events Center, Belcamp, MD.**

For the Good of the American Legion :

**\* John Sheldon shared information about the organization of The American Legion and highlights from the constitution and by laws. Points of emphasis included that there is no rank and reference to past military rank is not appropriate. Additional protocol and traditions will be shared in future months.**