

AMERICAN LEGION
ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156
Meeting Agenda / Minutes Thursday, February 19, 2026'
Convened: 1900 Hrs. VFW Hall with virtual dial in link.
Opening Ceremony

AL Post 156 Monthly Members Meeting

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1. The Commander recognizes any visiting dignitaries – **District 4 Commander Tim Causion**
2. Any Legionnaires here for the first time please stand and introduce yourself: **Josh Pollin (Army) and Matthew Singleton (USN)**
3. Adjutant: Do we have six members of Post 156? **YES**

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting are posted on our Web page. Any corrections to the minutes? **Minutes approved.**

Finance Officer's Report:

- **Will pay off the remaining \$1938.00 of the pledge to the Monument this month.**

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

Officer's Reports:

Commander:

- Membership renewals: **making good progress, but continue efforts.**
- Buddy Checks: **volunteers to help 1st Vice in this monthly effort.**
- Northern Central Region (NCR) meeting: **Commander attended.**
- Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting: **Commander attended.**
Continue focus on recruiting and renewals. Need volunteers from Post 156 to attend as representatives.
- Volunteer hours: **New link on Post website to enter hours monthly.**
- Events:
 - Blood Drive - **March 7, 2026, 0800 - 1300 – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Catholic Church, 10800 Old Court Road, Woodstock, MD 21163**
 - National Commander's Banquet - March 14, 2026

- Gilchrist Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans - March 22, 2026
Speaker: Karl Marlantes USMC – **Martin’s West, Baltimore**
- Department Oratorical Contest - March 22, 2026
- Northern Central Region (NCR) Banquet - April 11, 2026
- Flag Retirement Ceremony - April 18, 2026
- 4th District Meeting - April 19, 2026 1:00 pm
- HoCo 250th Anniversary of Army, USMC and USN. at the Historic Belmont Manor Elkridge, MD - April 19, 2026 from 11am to 4pm. Special Program with Guest Speakers; Reenactors; Static Displays; Vintage Vehicles; the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon; a military band; Voices of Vets performance; Food Trucks; and so much more. All HoCo VSOs are encouraged to setup an Information table & tents for this event
- Central Maryland Our Community Salutes - April 21, 2026 at Wild Lake High School - 6:30 pm
- Department Golf Inaugural Four - Person Scramble April 24, 2026
- 4th District NCR 3rd Annual Bull, Oyster & Clam Roast - April 25, 2026
- Howard County Veterans Monument Dedication - May 14, 2026 at 11:00 am
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 23, 2026 VFW hosting with lunch - Paul Turlington as Point of Contact (POC) at 11:00 noon
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 24, 2026 St. John's Church - Bill Swain / Lisa Terry as POC at 12:00 noon or after the services...
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 25, 2026 - Harriet Tubman vat 8:00 am
- Flag Day - June 13, 2026 at Waverly Mansion at 9:00 am
- Flag Day - June 14, 2026 VSO luncheon at VFW
- Boy's State - June 21 - 27, 2026 at McDaniel's College - Looking for Volunteers
- Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City July 14 - 16
- Raffle tickets
- Crest Lawn Special for Veterans - New Member Matthew Singleton Under Good of the Legion
- Finance: Boy's/Girl's State Funding- **Remains the same.**
- Anonymous Donor has generously donated \$3,062.00 toward our \$10,000.00 goal. Our finale payment is \$1,938.00.

1st Vice Commander:

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Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon; a military band; Voices of Vets performance; Food Trucks; and so much more.

- **We will have a tent for community outreach at a top location.**
- **Strong committee with Post 156 member representation of Paul Turlington, Ed Hall, Bill Swain, Greg Jolissaint.**
- **All HoCo VSOs are encouraged to setup an information table and tents for this event.**
- **Membership – above District 4 goal and doing well. Keep working.**
- **Memorial Day Ceremonies**
- **Buddy Checks – Will do every month now. Members can volunteer to help make the calls by contacting the 1st Vice Commander who will provide call sheet. The calls are making differences for our members and their family members.**

2nd Vice Commander:

- **Memorial Weekend Poppy Events – need volunteers to help man tables. One of our biggest sources of income that go directly to our Post charities.**
- **Flag Retirements – ceremony portion will now start at 1030, cut flags starting at 0900. Over 12,000 flags properly retired since 2021.**

3rd Vice Commander:

- **Oratorical Contest March 22, 2026 in Towson– one of our nominees, Justin Daub, advanced to Department level and will compete. Join us to support him that day.**

Adjutant (Including letters received and date of next meeting) - **on travel. Minutes recorded by Post member Wanda Riddle.**

Commander read the following notes:

- **Maryland Department Commander, Nikki Randolph sharing her thank you to Randy Bohn and the Post for her experience at the Lone Eagle reception event at the Hilton.**
- **Robert Gillette, President, Howard County Veterans Foundation, wrote to notify Post 156 that an anonymous donor had contributed \$3,062.00 towards our pledge of \$10,000. Remaining balance is \$1,938.00.**

Judge Advocate:

- **Nominations for Leadership Positions – email Judge advocate with your desire to stay on in position, run for different position, or run as a new candidate.**
- **Election in June.**

Chaplain: **via video**

- **John Spain – loss in family**
- **Todd Goff – loss in family**

Resource Officer:

- **Position Vacant. Andy Wolkstein acting. Looking for member to fill.**
- **Reminder to get a Will, Advanced Health Care Directive, and Durable Power of Attorney for Finances.**

Public Affairs Officer: **Excused**

Historian:

- **Working on Post history for fiscal year 2026.**

Standing Committee Reports

Honor Flights Report

- **28 March is the first flight and is arriving from Cleveland.**
- **New schedules will be linked to Post website for ease of access.**

Liaison Reports:

- VFW 7472: **Bill Milner**
 - **April Bull and Shrimp Roast at VFW**
 - **Burn Pit and Brews held in back of VFW building, 21 March ~1800, 24 May ~1800**
- MCL 1084:
 - **Ed Hall, Post 156 Past Commander and MCL member - greetings to group.**
 - **Shooting Schedule reviewed for WWII weapon shoot.**
- HoCo V:&MF Commission & Joint Military Council: **Next meeting is 5 March**
- Other Special Committees:

Unfinished Business

New Business

- First Vice Commander proposes that Post 156 be a sponsor for the 250th Anniversary Event at Belmont by making a \$500 contribution.
 - 2nd and Discussion then Vote – **Motion withdrawn**

For the Good of the American Legion

- **District 4 Commander Tim Causion comments:**

- Compliments to Post 156 3rd Vice, Len Leffner for running a wonderful oratorical program.
 - Compliments to Post 156 for membership and for strong community engagement.
 - Adjutant to receive a full package of every award given by AL.
 - Department Commander giving Challenge Coin for recruitment of 3 new members by an individual.
 - New medal for Just Cause.
 - Thank you to Post 156 for offering to host October 25, District Meeting at the VFW
 - Need volunteers for the upcoming Boys State program held at McDaniels College. Great experience for all.
 - Removing the gender requirement language for American Legion Auxiliary membership.
 - District has started a newsletter so if you want to share highlights of Post activities send a picture with caption or story.
 - Eric Warthen is running for Maryland Department AL Commander on platforms supporting: Women's Health as priority, The Women's Memorial, and supporting Baltimore Station.
- **Matthew Singleton (new member), Crest Lawn info:**
 - **Military Veteran Package Options for Crest Lawn Cemetery. Significant discounts for Veterans.**
 - **Wanda Riddle 2 items:**
 - **The Jesse Melton III, USMC, KIA Afghanistan, Scholarship Fund**
 - **Introduced to the Post for consideration by charity committee.**
 - **Several members committed on the spot to donate.**
 - **HoCo Veterans and Military Families Monument Update**
 - **On track for Dedication Thursday, 14 May, 1100, Lakefront – Legion caps and Legion attire recommended.**

Closing Ceremony

Adjournment for Refreshments: **2040 Hrs**