

ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156

Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 18, 2025

Convened: 1900 Hrs. VFW Hall (with virtual link)

Opening Ceremony

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 to include Military and Civilian professions: **None**

3. Adjutant: Do we have six members of Post 156: **Yes, we have a quorum.**

1907 Hrs. – Motion to suspend the meeting to introduce two attendants from Girls State 2025:

- **Celia Land**
- **Jennet Yoo**

1920 Hrs. – Meeting resumed.

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

Finance Officer's Report:

- **VFW rent donation paid**
- **Donation to VFW for Assisted Living picnic paid**
- **HOCO flag purchased donated to VFW**
- **Sponsor donation made for Veterans Day Parade**
- **Received 20 deposits for membership**
- **\$85 received from MBBQ basket raffle**
- **Other smaller deposits received**

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

Commander:

- Welcome and Initiation of any new member: **No new members.**
- **Reviewed the AL pamphlet, Why You Should Belong, and discussed the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Post activities fall into one or more of the following categories and officers while making reports should indicate which category:**
- **The Four Pillars of the American Legion - Veterans Strengthening America (Volunteering, Mentoring, and Giving)**

- **Pillar 1: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**
 - **Pillar 2: National Security**
 - **Pillar 3: Americanism**
 - **Pillar 4: Children and Youth**
- **Please review the Constitution and Bylaws of American Legion Post 156 (posted on our web page) dated July 18, 2024 and our Standing Rules dated March 21, 2024. Report any inconsistencies or errors to Commander.**

Comments:

Are minutes to be taken at EXCOM as stated in the C&BL?

Mesh the list of committees listed with what we are actually doing.

District 4 Commander confirmed importance of reviewing and posting approved C&BL and Standing Rules.

- **Membership renewals: Our 1st Vice commander and Adjutant are working hard to get to 102%. All need to partake. More later from the 1st Vice Commander**
- **Support our Events throughout the month - 1st Vice Commander will review**
- **Post Audit Review – conducted by Adjutant at last meeting.**

1st Vice Commander:

- **Membership: On track with monthly Post goals through 15 December.**
- **Plan:**
 - 1. Contact members with expired membership.**
 - 2. Contact those who are active but will expire in 2026**
 - 3. Community outreach through high visibility events**
 - 4. Scan QR code for payment. Have that and membership form in pocket.**
 - 5. Volunteers needed to help call and/or support this effort.**
- **Events looking for Volunteers:**
 - **9/19 POW/MIA Ceremony - VFW**
 - **9/27 0930 Forrest Bathing morning**
 - **9/27 1200 Veteran Owned Small Biz Expo and Fall Festival - assist in manning a table**
 - **10/18 Flag Retirement Ceremony - VFW**
 - **11/01 US 250th Anniversary - Belmont Manor POC Paul Turlington**
 - **11/09 Veterans Day Parade - POC John Spain**
 - **11/11 Veterans Day - ?**
 - **12/12 National Security Forum - Table Greenbelt**
 - **12/17 Holiday Party - POC Paul Turlington**

2nd Vice Commander: **Excused**

- **Flag Retirement Ceremony - Saturday, October 18, 2025**
- **District 4 Commander invited to attend, 0900 flag preparation, 1100 ceremony**

3rd Vice Commander:

- **Oratorical Contest:**
 1. **Sent information and announcement letters to all schools and JROTC units.**
 2. **Maryland Department Oratorical Information link on website is broken. Sent notice to Department.**
 3. **Next contest scheduled for 10 Jan 2026, VFW Hall, 1200 – 1500 (after Flag retirement Ceremony).**
 4. **Need volunteers**

Adjutant: **Excused**

- **Commander reviewed 3 letters received:**
 1. **Donation check and Thank you note from a woman on behalf of her Veteran father and provided a flag to be retired.**
 2. **Thank you note from Chuck Custer's widow for Post member attendance and ceremony at his funeral.**
 3. **American Red Cross requesting a donation.**
- **Minutes recorded by Member Wanda Riddle**

Judge Advocate: **Excused**

- **Review Constitution and Bylaws, and Standing Rules**

Chaplain:

- **Checked on Dennis Thorton who is recovering well**

Resource Officer:

- **Position vacant and looking for member to fill.**
- **Look for recent changes in PACT Act for Vietnam Veterans.**
 1. **Additional presumptive illnesses added**
- **Lots of Certified Service Officers available in area to assist in officially filing claims. Includes VA, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion.**
- **Everyone should be enrolled in VA Health Care regardless of whether you think you qualify for care. Gets your name in the system should anything change in the future.**

Public Affairs Officer: **Excused.**

Historian: **Reported on events since last meeting. Posted on fb page.**

- **9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at MBBQ**

- **Monthly Mission BBQ Luncheon**
- **Honor Flight Kansas arrival attendance Randy, Carol, Marv Best, Ernest Puls**

Standing Committee Reports

Honor Flights Report:

- **October schedule is published with over 32 flights planned**
- **Lots of Lone Eagles**
- **HF Nevada Dinner reception hosted at VFW.**
 1. **Very moving event with shared stories from the Veterans and a native Vietnamese woman who spoke about the immense gratitude for the US troops who came and helped them. She and her family were able to come to the U.S. because of those troops.**
- **Those who would like to attend an arrival flight to contact Randy Bohn who will help coordinate.**

Liaison Reports:

VFW 7472: Senior Center Picnic at VFW rescheduled due to Covid outbreak at Assisted Living facility. Date TBD.

MCL 1084: Not present.

HoCo Veterans Commission and Joint Military Council: Paul Turlington is AL 156 POC for HOCO 250. 1 November 2025, Belmont Manor Celebration of Service, 1100. No cost with program including color guards, exhibits, music and entertainment. Motion for AL156 to be co-sponsor (no cost involved). Motion carried.

Other Special Committees:

- **Holiday Party December 17, 2025. Invitation to District 4 Commander.**

Unfinished Business

- **Software Package for tracking events: Not pursuing the commercial software package due to cost. Bill Spencer is developing a potential tracking system. Could use something already in existence from Department. District 4 Commander advised Post to contact Russell Myers, Dept Adjutant.**
- **Donation to VFW basement project: Post has already voted to support. Amount TBD.**

New Business:

- **Tim Ruland discussed plan for an Open House at VFW in conjunction with both AL Posts and MCL if they would like to join. Tim is POC and coordinating.**
- **The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be at the Windsor Fire Department 8 – 13 October. It will be open 24hours/day. Exhibits to**

include Agent Orange information, Vietnam Nurses, Service Dogs, and artifacts left at DC Vietnam Wall.

For the Good of the American Legion:

- **District 4 Commander Tim Causion comments:**
 1. **Kudos on achieving 65% goal to date.**
 2. **1 November is Four Frenchmen Ceremony 1100- 1200. He will be attending, but expects to be able to stop by Belmont Manor afterwards.**
 3. **Emphasized importance of having Constitution and Bylaws and the Standing Rules available and ready for review.**
 4. **Will connect further with our POC on Oratorical Contest to offer assistance as he is very familiar with the process and program.**
 5. **This year, District 3 and 4 are going to be more united and working together.**
 - Want to establish a standing, ready Post Everlasting Group to attend funerals as needed. Asking Post Chaplain to be a member.**
 6. **North Central Region has 37 Posts and he wants to bring them all together for an event prior to the Department convention. Limited tickets to be available.**
 7. **Covered upcoming dates for District meetings.**

Closing Ceremony

Adjournment for Refreshments: **2024 Hrs.**