

AMERICAN LEGION ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156

Meeting Agenda Thursday, March 19, 2026

AL Post 156 Monthly Members Meeting

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VFW Hall (with virtual link)

1. Opening Ceremony
2. The Commander recognizes any visiting dignitaries -
3. Any Legionnaires here for the first time please stand and introduce yourself to include Military and Civilian professions.
 - a. **Alex Durlieux**
 - b. **Stan Gadlewski**
 - c. **Virgil Bauser**
4. Adjutant: Do we have six members of Post 156: **Quorum present**

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting are posted on our Web page. Any corrections to the minutes? If none, the minutes are approved.

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."

Officer's Reports:

Commander:

- Welcome and Initiation of any new member: **One new member. We will conduct initiation event next month**
- Membership renewals: **Emphasized importance of renewing membership**
- Buddy Checks: **First vice leading this effort**
- Volunteer hours: **Emphasized importance of documenting volunteer time**
- Events:
 - Shirts available to order.
 - Gilchrist Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans - March 22, 2026 Speaker: Karl Marlantes USMC
 - Department Oratorical Contest - March 22, 2026.
 - Northern Central Region (NCR) Banquet - April 11, 2026: **The Post has reserved one table. The VFW is having a Bull and Oyster Roast on the same day from 2-5pm.**

- Flag Retirement Ceremony - April 18, 26: **Baltimore Sun reporter is planning to attend this event.**
- 4th District Meeting - April 19, 2026 1:00 pm: **We will not be present d/t the 250th celebration event.**
- Howard County 250th Armed Forces Celebration - Belmont Manor - April 19, 2026 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm: **Volunteers needed to man an information table on this day starting at 1100 hrs.**
- 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: **The Post has a table reserved. Please see the Commander for tickets.**
- Howard County Veterans Monument Dedication - May 14, 2026 at 11:00 am
- Memorial Weekend Poppy Events: **Funding raising will take place on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.**
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 23, 2026 VFW hosting with lunch - Paul Turlington as Point of Contact (POC) at 1100 hrs
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 24, 2026 St. John's Church - Bill Swain as POC. **This event will take place at 1200.**
- Memorial Weekend/Day Event - May 25, 2026 - Harriet Tubman ceremony at 8:00 am
- Flag Day - June 13, 2026 at Alpha Ridge Landfill starting at 9:00 am
- Flag Day - June 14, 2026 VSO luncheon at VFW. **Time TBD**
- Boy's State - June 21 - 27, 2026 at McDaniel's College - Looking for Volunteers: **First Vice is volunteering for this week**
- **Girl's State - Jun 21-26, 2026 at Salisbury University. Looking for volunteers**
- Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City July 14 - 16: **Shirts are available for ordering. See the Commander for additional details.**
- **A blood drive was organized earlier in March in conjunction with other local community organizations. Twenty nine units of blood were collected.**
- Raffle tickets: **This is a fundraiser to support District 4. Tickets are \$1, 6 tickets for \$5. Please see the Commander for raffles**
- Storage of Historian stuff: **Seeking a storage solution for Post documents to keep. We will check for storage space at the VFW post.**

1st Vice Commander:

- Membership: **95% membership. Renewal at ~90%. Buddy checks ongoing. Please touch base with the First Vice to assist with buddy checks**
- Review HoCo 250 Armed Forces Celebration of the Army, Navy and USMC.
 - We will have a tent for community outreach at a top location.
- Memorial Day Ceremonies

2nd Vice Commander: **Excused**

- Memorial Weekend Poppy Events: **We will conduct fundraising at Mission BBQ (Corey Regelin), Lowes (Paul Turlington) , and Ace (Len Leffner)**

3rd Vice Commander:

- Oratorical Contest March 22, 2026 in Towson. **The Post's candidate will represent our Region**
- **The third Vice Commander will take the lead for the 18 April Flag Retirement event**

Adjutant (Including letters received and date of next meeting)

- Veterans Day Parade: **Scheduled for 8 NOV starting at 0930**
- **Reviewed mail received. Insurance reinstated. Letter acknowledging Howard County monument donation received.**
- **Volunteer hours reporting: Summary of reports received and instructions on how to report discussed.**

Judge Advocate:

- Nominations are open for Leadership Positions

Chaplain:

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Resource Officer:

- **Summarized resources available involving gun safety and the new American Legion flyer discussing why veterans should belong.**
- **There is a VA claims office located on Rt 1. POC is Katherine Perks, 410-313-0229**

Public Affairs Officer:

- **Shared that many family members from the Persian Gulf are coming through the USO.**
- **Provided information on content and frequency of constant contact messaging.**
- **Shared that the PAO and Webmaster are updating the webpage.**

Historian:

- **Emphasized the importance of making sure the Post has an accurate email address.**
- **Shared information on the use of Facebook to document our Post history.**
- **Provided information on the work to maintain a Post yearbook that summarizes the Post activities for the past year.**

Standing Committee Reports

Honor Flights Report:

- **There will be over 100 honor flights this year.**
- **Contact the historian if you are interested in attending an honor flight this year. Our Facebook page has the new Honor Flight link listed in which you can electronically select which Honor Flight(s) you wish to attend. This is a new process.**

Liaison Reports:

- **MCL 1084:**
- **VFW 7472:**
 - **Third annual Good Vibes event takes place on 4 June at 1830-2030. There will be a table for the VSOs.**
 - **Sunrise Assisted Living picnic will be taking place on 12 AUG. See Tim Ruland for additional details.**
 - **Alzheimers Association Caregiver support group takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Sunrise Assisted Living. Patients and their caregivers are welcome.**
- **HoCo V&MF Commission & Joint Military Council:**
- **Other Special Committees:**

Unfinished Business

New Business

For the Good of the American Legion

- **Legionnaire Wanda Riddle encouraged attendance**
- **Legionnaire Post 156 alumni John Sheldon identified other Legion Resource officers that can help. Also mentioned was his involvement in the Legion Shooting program. Youth and adult volunteers requested. Please contact him for additional information.**

Closing Ceremony

Adjournment for Refreshments