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**AMERICAN LEGION  
ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156  
Minutes From Stated Meeting May 16, 2024, 1900 Hrs. VFW Hall  
(with virtual link)**

1. Commander - Read Opening Ceremony - Colors were posted.  
Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Chaplain gave Opening Prayer
3. The Commander recognizes any visiting dignitaries - **None were present.**
4. Any Legionnaires here for the first time please stand and introduce yourself to include Military and Civilian professions. - **None were present**
5. Adjutant: Please read the roll call of officers and determine a quorum (8 members of Post)
6. Commander - The minutes of the ~~March-April meeting have been published on the website; Commander asked if there were any changes or edits? Hearing none, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as published.~~ had not yet been published. No vote taken.
7. **Commander-** introduced the new Service Officer Liaison – Mark Mangus. **Mark stood and gave a brief outline of his background.**
8. **Officer Reports**
  - a) **COMMANDERS REPORT:**
    - i) **Commander's Intent**

**Maryland State Convention July 16 – July 19, 2024, and any days in-between.  
(See earlier E-Mail)**

**Massing of the Colors at Ft. Meade, May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Post 300 fellowship at Mission BBQ on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Good Vibes and Voices Concert event Thursday June 6 (1800 to 2000) at Rockburn Branch Park Clover Hill House, Clover Hill Elkridge.**

**Inventory – Commander reported that the last inventory of the post’s storage area was done over a year ago by Izzy. Asked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice to perform an update on the inventory.**

2. **Commander-** Asked for a motion to suspend normal proceedings to allow the Judge Advocate and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commandant to present the current Slate of Candidates for Officers, open the floor for any additional nominations and finally hold the vote on the Positions to be voted upon at this meeting. **Motion was made, seconded, and approved.**

**Committee Chair presented the slate and requested any additional nominations. All positions other than Sergeant at Arms were accepted by acclamation of membership since there were no additional nominations. For the Sergeant at Arms position, an additional nomination was received from the floor causing the SAA position to be contested. A secret ballot was held and Bill Heit received the majority of the votes and was declared winner.**

3. **At this time, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to return to the normal order of business.**

a) **1ST VICE COMMANDER:**

i) **Membership Report – Our paid membership now exceeds 100%. Excellent job.**

ii) **Buddy calls: process and procedure- To take place in May.**

b) **2ND VICE COMMANDER:**

c) **Our next Flag Cutting and Retirement Ceremony takes place on June 14, 2024 (Flag Day) at the Howard County Landfill.**

d) **Our first major 2024 fundraising effort will take place at Mission BBQ, Clark’s Ace Hardware, and Lowes on Memorial Day weekend – 25, 26, 27 May 0800-1530 hours. Please help on Sign Up Genius. We need to beef up our coverage so that a handful of people are not carrying the load for the Post.**

e) **We will discuss and approve 2024 Charity Donations coordinated with Cory’s Annual Budget. After the general meeting.**

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f) 3RD VICE COMMANDER:

**Reported nothing new at this time.**

e) ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

1) **Very slow month for membership renewals. We had only had 2 mailed renewals all month to process. There were also 2 members who renewed online. Those membership cards have been mailed out.**

f) FINANCE OFFICER:

1 –**Corey presented the financial reports. We currently have \$15, 255 in our bank account. There are still several checks that need to be sent to approved charitable organizations. We had only 2 membership renewals. The Mission BBQ Raffle brought in \$70.**

**Commander- Announced that “if there are no changes or corrections to the Finance Officers’ report, the report will be accepted pending audit.”**

g) JUDGE ADVOCATE REPORT:

h) **Other than the Annual Election of Post Officers that was conducted this evening, I have nothing else to report.**

(h) PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER:

**Excused**

i) SERVICE OFFICER: -

**Newly appointed**

j) CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

**Chaplain reported that Marv Best was home and doing well.**

k) HISTORIAN:

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**Reported that he is putting together the Post's Annual Yearbook for submission to the Department.**

l) STANDING COMMITTEES:

1) Public Safety: - **John Spain indicated that the selections and awards have been made for 2 Public Safety Officers and he was waiting for an opportunity to present them.**

2) National Security report: Marv. S. / Alan M.- **Nothing to report.**

3) Boys/Girls State- **Will take place in June to include the High School Juniors that have been selected by the Post membership.**

4) Honor Flights –**Randy indicated they had attended one honor flight at BWI and distributed the upcoming schedule for flights. He encouraged the membership to attend an Honor Flight.**

m) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**None**

(n) LIAISON REPORTS:

1) VFW 7472 – **Paul Turlington announced that Gilchrist held a Welcome Home Vietnam Vets events at Martins West. Great event and well attended.**

**He also announced that Fleet Week will be the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> with the events taking place at Martins Airfield.**

2) MCL 1084 - Bill Swain –

**Memorial Day Weekend:**

**Saturday – Ellicott City Courthouse – VFW handling that this year. Sunday – St. Johns – C.A.P. has committed. Starts at noon.**

j) **Monday 0800 – Harriet Tubman Ceremony – Rev. Douglas Sands is the speaker.**

3) HoCo V&MF Commission- Robert Pelletier – **No report**

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4) Any unfinished business?

**There was none.**

5) Any New Business?

**Commander announced that a representative from the Vet Center in Pikesville will attend our next meeting.**

For the good of The American Legion.

**Nothing to add.**

Chaplain – Gave the closing prayer-

Adjourn – 2025 hours.