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# AMERICAN LEGION

## ADAMS, HANNA, MOORE MEMORIAL POST 156

### Minutes for Stated Meeting

August 15, 2024

1900 Hrs. – VFW Hall

1. Opening ceremony
2. The Commander asked if there were any visiting dignitaries. **There were none.**
3. Any Legionnaires here for the first time please stand & introduce yourself to include Military and Civilian professions. **There were none.**
4. **Adjutant:** Read the Roll Call of officers and determined there was a quorum present (8 Members of the Post).
5. **Commander –** Announces the minutes of the June meeting have been posted to the website. Asked if there were any changes or edits? **There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as published.**

#### 6. Officer Reports

##### a) COMMANDERS REPORT

- i) Presented information from the Maryland State Convention held last month. Presented Awards and Decorations received at the Convention.
- ii) Presented information from the Commanders' training last Saturday. The Post accepted two plaques from the Northern District (NCR) for the Howard County Fire Fighter and EMS Provider of the Year.
- iii) Commander thanked Mike Blum, Post Adjutant for the past six (6) years. Mike has requested to step down as Post Adjutant for personal and family reasons. In the meantime, Mike will work with his replacement for a smooth transition. To fill this vacancy, the Commander asked if there are any volunteers or nominations from the floor. John Spain was nominated to fill the Adjutant's position. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A vote was taken, and John Spain was appointed to fill the unexpired term as Post Adjutant. That leaves an opening for Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commanders' position. The commander asked if there were any volunteers or nominations from the floor? Paul Turlington was nominated to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commanders position. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A vote was taken, and Paul Turlington was appointed to fill the unexpired term as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.
- iv) The Commander then presented awards to Mike Blum and John Spain for outstanding service to the Post and to Randy Bohn for winning an award for the Annual Post History Book at the Convention..
- v)

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The Commander introduced our Guest Speaker, retired Navy Captain, Wanda Riddle.

**Wanda presented a slide show on the Veterans Memorial to be dedicated in downtown Columbia. She answered some questions from members present.**

vi) The Commander opened a discussion of a Donation to the Howard County Veterans Monument. After much discussion it was decided to donate \$25,000 from Post 156, paid in annual increments of \$5000 a year over the next 5 years. There was also a discussion relative to a possible coalition of Post 300, VFW Post 7472 as well as the Marine Corps League to join in that commitment in some way. The Commander will discuss with the appropriate Commanders and Commandant.

#### **Officers Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Report- **The VFW is sponsoring a picnic on 18 September for Veterans from the surrounding Assisted Living Homes.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Report- **Absent due to illness.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: Report- **Currently working on securing speakers for future Post meetings.**

Finance Officer: Report- **The current balance in our checking account is \$11,414. The entire finance report is available by contacting the Finance Officer.**

**Commander – If there are no changes or corrections to the Finance Officer's Report, the report will be accepted pending audit.**

Adjutant's Report: The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families received 50 free Chromebooks to distribute to eligible veterans. If you or someone you know meets the eligibility requirements, have them contact Lisa Terry for an appointment. Adjutant will put copies of the requirements on the side table you can pick up after the meeting.

Judge Advocate: Report-**Absent**

Chaplain: Report- **"I'm back and doing well."**

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Service Officer: Report (explain the new job title) **The Service officer will be the Resource Officer going forward. He was absent for this meeting.**

Public Affairs Officer: Report-**Excused**

Historian: Report-**Reported the details of the Annual History Book which was presented at the Department Convention.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Honor Flights: Report – **Flight will be increased in September and October.**

Liaison Reports:

VFW 7472 – Robert Pelletier **Absent**

MCL 1084 – Bill Swain/Ed Hall-**Absent**

HoCo V&MF Commission & Joint Military Council – Greg Jolissaint-**Excused**

Other Special Committee Reports:

**Is there any Unfinished Business?**

**There was none.**

**Any New Business**

**There was none.**

**For the good of the American Legion?**

**There was none.**

**Chaplain, gave the closing prayer –**

**Adjourned**