



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion
Summary of Previous Meetings

**June 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting and
July 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting
July 11, 2023**

The following is a summary of the June 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting and July 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.


June 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the May 16, 2023 General Membership Meeting and June 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting were provided for member review on the Post website and presented at the meeting. The following **correction** was made under paragraph 7. Good of the Legion:

- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$300. The number drawn was 197 belonging to Legionnaire Sherry Connelly. Legionnaire Connelly was present and donated the \$300.00 to the Post. The jackpot will be \$20 at the June 20, 2023 meeting.

2. Officer Reports:

- a. Membership (1st Vice): As of June 15th, the Post achieved 101% of its renewal target.
- b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice): No report
- c. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): EOM May - Gross Income: \$63,813.00; Donations/Restricted Uses: \$10,980.97. Donation Target: \$6,381.30. Totals for the CY year: Gross Income: \$269,919.45; Donations/Restricted Uses: \$31,857.80; Donation Target: \$26,991.95; +/- Target: \$4,865.85 [18% above target]. See Attached Financial Report (Encl1)
- d. Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM May - Total Income: \$93,583.07. Total Expenses: \$85,491.28. Net Income: \$8,091.79. (See Encl 1 for details)
- e. House Committee:
 - Repairs and repainting of the Administrative Office spaces is on-going. The Post Administrator, Margaret Nesbitt, has a new office location. The ALA and SAL will be co-located in the former Post Commander's Office and the Post Commander has moved into the space previously occupied by the Post Administrator.

- One of the Canned Drink Coolers will soon be replaced as the refrigeration unit has failed and is uneconomically repairable. These coolers are provided courtesy of the Pepsi-Cola Distributor at no cost to the Post.
- We continue to replace defective security cameras. Latest storm caused a power outage which damaged a camera and shut down the electronic sign on the City Point Road side of the Post.
- f. Service Officer: No report
- g. Chaplain: Legionnaire Roy King passed away on June 16th. visitation will be held on Thursday, June 29th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Bliley's Funeral Home (6900 Hull St Rd, Richmond, VA 23224). A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 29th 2023 at 12:00 PM at the same location.
- h. Historian:
 - June 6, 1944 - **D-Day**, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.
 - June 14, 1775 - **The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army** consisting of six companies of riflemen, **was established by the Second Continental Congress**. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army. 
 - June 24, 1948 - **Soviet Russia began a blockade of Berlin**. Two days later the Allies responded with an emergency airlift to relieve two million isolated West Berliners called the **Berlin Airlift**. During the Berlin Airlift, American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal and medical supplies. A plane landed in Berlin every minute from eleven Allied staging areas in West Germany. The Russians lifted their blockade of Berlin on May 12, 1949, however the airlift continued until September 30th.
 - June 25, 1950 - **The Korean War began** as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full scale invasion of South Korea. Five days later, U.S. ground forces entered the conflict, which lasted until July 27, 1953, when an armistice was signed at Panmunjom, formally dividing the country at the 38th parallel into North and South Korea.
- i. Sgt-at-Arms: No report
- j. Judge Advocate: No report
- k. Executive Committeemen: No reports

3. Correspondence: No correspondence received
4. Old Business: (Cdr): None presented
5. New Business (Cdr): None presented
6. Good of the Legion (Cdr):
 - 50/50 Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): John Whitehead won \$14.00 in the 50/50 drawing.
 - Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$20. The number drawn was 430 belonging to Legionnaire Christopher Vollbrecht. As Legionnaire Vollbrecht was not present, the jackpot will be \$40 at the July 18, 2023 meeting

July 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

1. Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the June 6, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The meeting summary was reviewed and approved.
2. Officer Reports:
 - Membership (1st Vice):
 - The American Legion began the 2024 Membership Campaign on July 1st. We will begin processing renewals in mid to late July as soon as the 2024 Membership Cards are received. 2023 Membership cards remain valid until December 31, 2024.
 - There is no new information about the proposal for a multi-year membership.
 - Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice): No report
 - Bingo (3rd Vice):

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – JUNE

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Auth Uses	Available for Donation
June	\$50,215.25	\$5,021.53	\$2,300.00	\$2,308.68	\$4,608.68	\$8,000.00
As of Jun 30	\$320,134.70	32,013.47	\$12,400.00	\$24,066.48	\$36,466.48	+/- Target \$4,453.01+

Bingo participation was about average in June, with a weekly average of a bit more than \$12,500.00. Monthly Authorized Uses was \$4,453.01; with a year-to-date total of \$36,466.48 or about 3.9 percent ABOVE the state mandated 10 percent target.

- Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM June - Total Income: \$65,753.09. Total Expenses: \$64,838.40. Net Income: +\$914.69. (See Encl 1 for details)

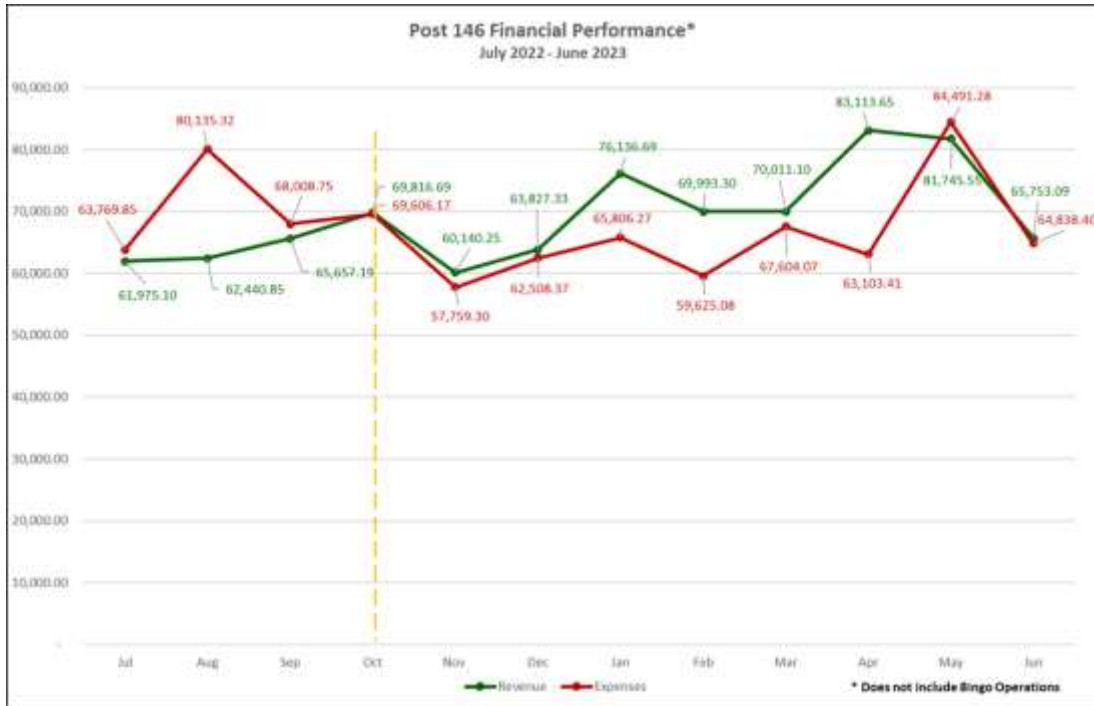


Chart 1 – 12 Month Financial Performance

The Finance Officer discussed a special financial report (Chart 1, above) which analyzes revenue against expenditures for the 12 month period July 2022 through June 2023. Over the period, the Post realized a net profit of \$23,354.52 or 2.89 percent. This includes proceeds from the Armed Forces Appreciation Golf Tournament. Of interest is the change seen beginning in October 22. Although August historically is a “lost revenue” month for the Post (-\$17,695), it is interesting to note that a marked turn around begins at the point when Amy Hall was hired as kitchen manager and Tonya Payne assumed full duties as Bar Manager. Additionally, the Post experienced an increase in Legion Hall rental activity over the same period.

- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - Staff Shortages: Still trying to recruit additional Bartender/Servers. Currently, the need is for three bartenders/servers.
 - Roof Leaks: We plan to encase the crown of the Legion Hall façade (one piece, no breaks). Norman Wall, planned contractor, has not contacted the Post. The committee has contacted other possible roofing companies.

- Admin Office Changes: Work on the Post Administrator's newly updated office is complete. Other relocations will occur as rooms are cleaned and updated. Work was done by SAL. The SAL and ALA are purchasing their office equipment with their own funds.
- Insurance Claim: All repairs have been made and bills from vendors received for electronic equipment damaged in the February power spike and outage caused by a truck striking the power pole across the street from the Post. Repairs cost in excess of \$5,000. We are requesting reimbursement (minus the policy deductible).
- Service Officer:
 - Continuing to work a number of VA Claims cases
 - Working with the Post Adjutant on a proposal to establish a “Work-Study Program” for Culinary School students/cadre at Ft. Greg-Adams in which the military member would work part-time at the Post. We are developing a presentation (briefing) which will show such a program is a “win-win” for the military and the Post. More to come as this project is still in early stages.
 - More Post 146 hats are available. As many have asked for them, currently researching possible vendors for polo shirts and long sleeve shirts with embroidered American Legion and Post 146 logos on them.
 - Continuing to attend Crater Community Veterans Engagement Board meetings.
- Chaplain: No report
- Judge Advocate: Looking for the Golf Tournament Sponsor Banner and placements. Part of the benefits of sponsoring the tournament was that the Post would display the sponsor banner and use placemats to recognize and advertise the various tournament sponsors.

ACTION: The commander directed members to find the banner and placements and begin using them, as was promise. [NOTE: the banner and placemats were located with the banner hung immediately after the committee meeting and placemats planned for use beginning the following Friday evening.]
- Historian:
 - The **2023 Virginia American Legion Family Leadership College** will be held, August 4-6, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Richmond-Midlothian. The training is open to all. Every officer is encouraged to attend. The registration fee is \$100.00. It is long-standing Post policy that the Post will reimburse the cost of registration for all Post Officers attending Legion College. A copy of the Registration Form was provided. Members were informed that registration should be submitted so it will be received at Department not later than July 14th.

- Special dates/events:

- July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, **George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.**
- July 4, 1776 - **The Declaration of Independence** was approved by the Continental Congress.
- July 13, 1787 - **Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance establishing formal procedures for transforming territories into states.** It provided for the eventual establishment of three to five states in the area north of the Ohio River, to be considered equal with the original 13. The Ordinance included a Bill of Rights that guaranteed freedom of religion, the right to trial by jury, public education and a ban on slavery in the Northwest.
- July 16, 1945 - The experimental **Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 am in the New Mexico desert** creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.
- July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as **Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon.** As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.
- July 20, 1975 – **The American Legion granted a Post Charter to Hopewell Memorial Post 146 in Hopewell, VA.** The 'new' post took the place of Post 80 which lost its charter sometime in the late 1950s because the membership 'aged out'.



"Fat Boy – Test Atomic Bomb



- Sgt-at-Arms: Quarterly New Member Initiation is planned for July's General Membership Meeting. However, as a number of the officers who must participate are new and that invitations have not gone out to the previous quarter's new members, it was recommended that the initiation be postponed until the August 15th General Membership Meeting.

ACTION: Committee members concurred with the recommendation to move the New Member Initiation to the August 15th General Membership Meeting.

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Year Executives: No report

3. Correspondence:

- Letter from Jacob J. Pearson VFW Post 637 announcing the Annual Jerry Ellis Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2023 at Cardinal Golf Course at Ft. Gregg-Adams. Entry fee: \$100/individual and \$400/team. Proceeds

will support the Richmond VA Medical Center, VFW Programs, The Tri-Cities Community, and Richmond Fisher House.

- Notice from Crater Community Hospice announcing their 19th Celebrating Life Every Day Golf Tournament planned for Thursday, September 28th at The Highlands Golf Course. Team applications are \$400/individual applications are \$100.
- Letter from Branchester Lakes Neighborhood Watch (Prince George) announcing their participation in the National Night Out on August 1, 2023. They requested a donation to help support this year's event. As this organization is not a 501(c) 3 recognized nonprofit, the Post cannot make a donation to them.

4. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):): Received a letter from the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation requesting a donation - no amount specified. We have yet to make donations to Crater Community Hospice or the VA War Memorial Foundation. Last year, the Post made a sizable donation to the Virginia Legacy Run. We have not donated to the Run this year (see Encl 3). Recommend the following:

Crater Community Hospice	\$ 500.00
VA War Memorial Foundation	\$ 250.00
Four Chaplain Memorial Foundation	\$ 550.00
Virginia Legacy Run	\$1,000.00

Total: \$2,300.00

NOTE: We still haven't received requests from Hopewell High School Athletic Teams

ACTION:

- a. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to donate \$500.00 to Crater Community Hospice, \$250.00 to the VA War Memorial Foundation, \$550.00 to the Four Chaplain Memorial Foundation, and \$1,000.00 to the Virginia Legacy Run.
 - b. Committee agreed to support the *VFW Post 637 Golf Tournament* (Friday, Sept 15th) and the *Crater Community Hospice 19th Hole Celebrating Life Every Day Golf Tournament* (Thursday, Sept 28th). In both cases, team sponsorship is \$400.00 and hole sponsorship is \$100.00. Larry Gammon volunteered to coordinate Post 146 participation in both tournaments.
5. Old Business: None presented
6. New Business: None presented
7. Good of the Legion:
- 2ndYr Executive, John Whitehead reported that he visited with the former chaplain of Post 120 (Disputanta) a number of times while he was hospitalized


and attended services when he passed away. He has also been helping a church in Petersburg with maintenance. He stated that when he did these tasks, he made sure to inform people that he was doing so on behalf of Post 146 and The American Legion, and that he would report the hours as community service.

- Jinx Traina reported that some visiting Legionnaires presented him with “license plates” from their respective Legion Posts and, as we no longer display them, he could not give them one in return. The commander related that he had experienced such a situation, himself. The commander stated that he believed the Post should have such ‘license plates’ on hand to reciprocate when Legionnaires from other posts visit the Post146. License plates are available from Flag & Emblem Sales at \$98.00 for a box of 25.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to purchase 25 Legion License Plates from Flag & Emblem Sales.

- It was reported that the outside flags are looking worn and frayed. Replacing the flags was referred to the House Committee for action.
- It was proposed that the Post Adjutant be authorized to award a Post 146 Challenge Coin to Scott Maddrea, Chair, Department Membership Committee, for his support to the Adjutant and the 1st Vice Commander. Proposal was approved.

Official Summary of the Meeting/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

Post 146 Summary Financial Report

June 2023

Post Business and Administration

Income

Gaming	\$41,523.00	
Earnings	<u>\$24,230.09</u>	
Total Income		\$65,753.09

Expenses

Donations	\$ 2,300.00	
Personnel	\$15,810.38	
Club Supplies	\$13,732.99	
Reimbursements	\$ 1,445.03	
Electronic Game Fees	\$21,857.90	
Rental Refunds	\$ 250.00	
Printing/Postage	\$ 463.00	
Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 3,886.65	
Membership Dues	\$ 87.00	
Insurance	\$ 754.00	
It Services	\$ 711.84	
Sales Taxes	\$ 1,441.32	
Other Taxes	\$ 1,646.60	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 451.69</u>	
Total Expenses		\$64,838.40

Total Net Income \$ 914.69

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