

Meeting Minutes



American Legion Post #124 Meeting

Date: 05 May 2025
Time: 1900
Meeting called to order by: Commander Sandra

GUEST SPEAKER

None

Order of business

- Roll Call to determine if quorum is present (quorum is 9). Roll call was performed, and a quorum was established.
- Reading of minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes to previous months' meeting have been distributed via email distribution. A hard copy is made available at each meeting at the sign-in desk for review if needed. A motion to accept meeting minutes as presented was made and seconded. All present voted yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance (Tim)

| Period 1 September to 30 September 2024 | | | | | |
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| Post Checking Account | | Money Market | | Building Fund | |
| Starting Balance | \$35,660.74 | Starting Balance | \$5,445.11 | Starting Balance | \$25,255.53 |
| Ending Balance | \$29,774.97 | Ending Balance | \$5,450.80 | Ending Balance | \$25,371.54 |
| Notes: Nothing to Report | | | | | |
| A motion was entered into and seconded to accept the financial report pending an audit. All present voted yes. | | | | | |

- Americanism (JD) – No Report
- Ceremonials (Jim) – No Report
- Membership (Lee) –
 - We have 175, maybe 176 members signed up.
 - We're five or six away from our goal of 100%.
- They raised us by 5% from last year. Our goal is 181 people.
- Public Relations (Phil P.) – No Report
- Legislative (Sandra) –
 - The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2025: Currently, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers only earn credit toward their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits when they mobilize and deploy for federal missions. National Guard and Reserve servicemembers activated under state orders do not accrue eligibility for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.
 - ☐ National Guard and Reserve servicemembers have been increasingly called upon to confront unique and dangerous challenges. They often leave their families and civilian employers for lengthy periods of time, sometimes taking

significant pay cuts. Yet, despite all we ask of them and all they contribute, they are often denied a cornerstone benefit of service: the GI Bill.

- □ This bill proposes to count every day spent on weekend drills, annual training, attending military school, participating in an exercise, or responding to a disaster toward GI Bill eligibility. The American Legion firmly believes that every day in uniform counts. Guardsmen and Reservists who serve alongside their active-duty counterparts deserve the same GI Bill eligibility.
- Find Legislative actions:
<https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/AmericanLegion/home>
- Oktoberfest (JD) Next meeting: 8 May 1830, Downtown Depot
- Service (Keith S.) – Nothing Reported
- Historian-Gary W.) Nothing Reported

BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS:

- No applications.

SICK CALL

- No Reported Sick Call

POST EVERLASTING

- No Reported Post Everlasting

OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt A highway.
 - Adopt A highway is the 17th May and Josh is in charge of that.
 - Same time and location. See website for details
- Scholarship raffle.
 - We did not break even. PEC will deal with it
 - The drawing was held this weekend, and the winners were notified
- Memorial Day
 - 9:30, 26 of this month. We'll be conducting Apex's Memorial Day ceremony.
 - Setup is going to start between 8 and 8:30 depending upon when the truck with the equipment shows up.
 - It is expected to be very similar to previous years.
 - Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies with the fire department providing the flag and with a wreath laying at the service.
 - The guest speaker is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.
 - His biography will go up on the website in a few more days when I get the script finished and it should last about 45 minutes.
 - If there's an interest in having another parade for Veterans Day, we'll need to get with Jim about an honor guard and love to see at least double the number of post members this time that we had last time.
 - Last time we had about 15 altogether.
 - When we get 30 this time in ball caps and garrison caps, that would be fantastic.

- The scouts will be there and burglars from troop 210.
- We're not going to have as many chairs to put up. Only about 50 chairs. So setting up and tearing down should be fast.
- If it's raining, it'll be inside the firehouse

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- NC Annual Convention
 - The North Carolina annual Convention is the 18th through the 21st.
 - It is at the downtown Hilton down in Raleigh on Wake Forest Road.
 - Really the 19th through the 21st of June.
 - We get five delegates, five votes.
 - There will be an election for the next department commander.
 - There will also be elections for the division commanders.
 - Nominated delegates: David Blair, myself, Lee Harris, Tim Muhs and Barry Bloch
 - Nominated alternates: Make, JD and Phil
 - Motion was made and seconded that the names, as I stated, will be the
 - alternates and the alternates to the convention in June
- Election of officers:
 - Commander: Lee Harris
 - First Vice Commander: Dennis Schmidt
 - Second Vice Commander: Josh Herald
 - Adjutant: Phil Prinzi
 - Finance Officer: Tim Muhs
 - Historian: Gary Ward
 - Chaplain: Lashonda Harris
 - Service Officer: Brandon Baker
 - Sergeants at Arms: Carl Helton, Jim Speidel
 - Judge Advocate: Barry Bloch
- Furniture Donation (Carl)
 - Thank everybody who helped out on the furniture donation over in Garner.
 - We sold the stuff that was donated.
 - We sold for \$2860. We had \$72 cost for the pod, but we cleared \$2,158
 - Remember the vehicle for vests?
 - Anybody's got an old vehicle or anything like that, get in touch with Carl.
- Coffee with Cops
 - Showed example of cups to be used.
 - Will be on a Monday and details will follow.
 - We invite all the police department, the sheriff's department, the state police, everybody.
 - Last time we had this, about a year ago, we had almost 30 different police officers from different units, and it really went over big.
 - And you could tell they appreciated it.

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- Next week's will be at Highcroft. It is on the 13th

POST 124 UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be held on June 2nd, 2025 @ 1900.
- The uniform for the next meeting will be dark pants, white shirt, and a tie for the gentleman and jackets and garrison cap.
- If you do not have a garrison cap and you are an elected officer, now would be a good time to make that happen.
- The meeting adjourned at 2010.