

Meeting Minutes



American Legion Post #124 Meeting

Date: June 2, 2025
Time: 1900
Meeting called to order by: Commander Sandra Eden

GUEST SPEAKER

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.
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members. Introduction of guests and prospective new members – David Mulldune and Allison Witte. Note that Allison has been accepted in the Air Force Academy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance (Tim)

Period 1 May to 31 May 2024					
Post Checking Account		Money Market		Building Fund	
Starting Balance	\$29,774.97	Starting Balance	\$5,450.80	Starting Balance	\$25,371.54
Ending Balance	\$23,970.74	Ending Balance	\$5,456.68	Ending Balance	\$27,680.49

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) –. Not Present
- Ceremonials (Jim) –
 - If interested in participating in the Color Guard, contact Jim for training.
- Membership (Lee) –
 - The Post met its goal of 181 members for the year.
 - New membership drive is approaching, and a post-wide effort is needed to engage current members.
 - "This was not a single person effort, so thank you very much.
 - There are tools available for membership recruitment, including business cards with QR codes that allow people to join online.
 - There is also a QR code for current members to renew their membership online.
 - If someone wants to sign up online, tell them to wait until after July 1 for dues purposes.
- Public Relations (Phil P.) –

- Coffee with the cops was successful and they are trying to expand it to include all first responders and veterans.
- The goal is to reinstitute the Fireman of the Year and Policeman of the Year awards.
- The police have the application for LEO of the Year, and the firefighter application will be delivered to the firefighters.
- Legislative (Sandra) –
 - Presented information about the Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security Ships for America act.
 - The United States has a merchant fleet of 180 ships, while China has almost 8,000. In 2023, the US built a tenth of a percent of the world's ships, while China built 50%. As of 2023, the US had just five shipbuilding orders in the shipyards, while China had 1700.
 - Provided website to contact elected officials about the act is on the agenda
- Oktoberfest (JD) –
 - The Post has tools to help members solicit sponsorships, including a letter template, a webpage with facts and figures, and QR codes for online giving.
 - The Post joined the Chamber of Commerce to help with solicitations. Members are asked to solicit local businesses, and they will be provided with the necessary tools.
- Service (Keith S.) –Bennetta Washington, Wake County VSO, has been on vacation last week and this week. She should be back next week to catch up on claims

BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS:

A motion was entered and seconded to accept new members. All present voted yes
Welcome to David Muldune Allison will be accepted after she has been officially accepted in the Air Force Academy later this month and Allison

SICK CALL

- No one listed

POST EVERLASTING

- No one listed

OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt-a -Highway went well. 6 People were present, and they collected two bags of trash.
- Memorial Day went well, and the ceremony was the best the Post has held since the Sandra became a member. Crowd ran out of seats with 20-30 people standing in the back
- Brews and Banter will be held at HighCraft in downtown Apex at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. New business cards approved and ordered
- Talking points included on the agenda for membership recruitment.
- The PEC is working on an elevator speech to capture attention.
 - Members are encouraged to start conversations and establish rapport to recruit new members.
 - Recognition of PEC Members
 - Current PEC members were asked to stand and come to the front.
 - They have been directing the post and putting in time beyond regular meetings. Sandra handed out cards, challenge coins and aa pen to each.
 - Lee Harris was thanked for filling in during the commander's challenging year.
 - The team supported the commander while she was taking care of her parents.

- The commander expressed gratitude for the team's support and attendance at her father's funeral service.
- Mike Sayers, the previous commander, was recognized for preventing the post from closing.
- Department Convention
 - The dates and delegate/alternate list are available.
 - Members are encouraged to attend the convention to learn more about the Legion.
- A Scout is planning an Eagle project to build a new sign and needs the name of a post representative and the official name of the post to include in the plan. Barry volunteers to serve as the liaison due to his experience in working with scouting and connections with the local scouting district and council.
- Sandra is planning to organize the holiday party again this year. • She is looking for at least two to three people to assist in planning and preparation.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Installation of New Officers
 - Patricia Harris installed the new officers.
 - Patricia Harris addressed the incoming officers, reminding them of their duties and the importance of upholding the integrity of the American Legion.
 - "Familiarize yourselves with the duties of your offices and carry out those duties with the same spirit that gave rise to the American Legion."
 - "Protect the good name of the American Legion and share it with the people of our great nation."
- Appreciation to Past Commander Sandra Edens
 - Thank you for the diligent work over the last three years in keeping the post growing.
 - Certificate of appreciation and a gift were given.

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Nothing noted

POST 124 UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be held on July 7th, 2024 @ 1900.
- The meeting adjourned at 2010.