

APEX AMERICAN LEGION POST 124 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

4 Aug 2025

- Guest Speakers: Apex Chief of Police (Ryan Johansen)
- Order of Business
 - Roll call to determine if quorum is present (quorum is 9)
 - Reading of minutes of previous meeting
 - Introduction of guests and prospective/new members:
District Commander (Vicki Woodard), District Vice Commander (Lee Johnson)
 - Committee Reports
 - Americanism (Mike D):
 - Finance (Tim M.):
 - Motion to approve finance report subject to audit.
 - Membership (Dennis): Goal.
 - Oktoberfest (J.D.):
 - Next meeting: 06 Aug 1830, Masonic Lodge
 - Legislative (Sandra):
The Major Richard Star Act:
 - Thousands of combat-injured veterans are penalized in the payment of disability from the VA.
 - Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) announced their intent to file the text of the Major Richard Star Act as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
 - This reform would ensure that combat-injured retirees can receive both their Department of Defense retirement pay and the disability compensation earned through their sacrifices. Current law reduces retirement pay by the exact amount of VA disability compensation received, a policy that punishes wounded veterans for their service and injury.
 - As of July 22, the amendment had already secured 31 Senate sponsors. The standalone bill has overwhelming bipartisan support, with 294 cosponsors in the House and 76 in the Senate—more than enough to pass if brought to a floor vote.
 - Find Legislative actions:
<https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/AmericanLegion/home>
- Service (Brandon):
- Historian (Gary): Food donation challenge
- Public Affairs (Lee):
- Website (Phil) : Web video
 - Chaplain (Lashonda): Be The One, Women Veterans (Raleigh Post 1)

- Balloting on applications:
- Sick call:
- Post Everlasting:
- Old business
 - Adopt-A-Highway (Tim): 16 Aug. from 9 to 10
 - Holiday Party (Sandra): Theme is “Winter Wonderland.”
 - I could use 1-2 more people to help with the planning/organizing.
 - Brews and Banter (Josh): The venue is Highcraft Brewery in downtown Apex. New business cards are available. This month it occurs on 12 Aug
 - Apex Night Out event Oct. 7th 4:30 to 7 (Touch A Truck)
 - Eagle Scout Project (Barry): Status
 - National Commander – USA 250 Challenge
 - Physical – complete 250 miles (walk, bike, etc., pickleball, strength training, kayaking)
 - Wellness – 250 hours yoga, meditation or other mindfulness, Be The One (250 buddy checks)
 - Community Service – 250 hours of volunteering, teaching flag etiquette, or 250 care packages to deployed troops, retire 250 flags
 - Can also register for \$30 and receive a shirt in red, white or blue with proceeds going to Veterans and Children Foundation
 - Assist with West Haven apartment residents. Waiting for response from Mayor
- NCAL Annual Convention:
 - Awards for post from District
- Business Cards: We have new cards printed with the updated meeting location.
- Membership:
 - Be on the lookout for new members...look for: Bumper Stickers, Hats, Military Service-related T-shirts.
 - Points to remember: Dues for Rotary-\$275 per quarter, Masons-\$300 per year
 - Nation’s largest service advocacy group. (GI Bill, PACT Act, VA health care, to name a few)
 - Have an “elevator speech” at the ready. We’ll work on that as an organization too. We are ALL responsible for recruiting
- New Business and Correspondence
 - Art raffle – Tickets will go on sale \$5 each or 3 for \$10
Drawing will be held at next membership meeting (Labor Day)
 - Vehicles for Veterans summer Campaign (Carl)
 - Flag Retirement (Keith):

- Lowe's Beer Den: Thurs 1300
- Next Meeting: 1 Sept (Labor Day)
- The good of the American Legion
 - Post phone number is: 919-414-4665
 - Sandra is a notary. She will notarize documents for AL members free of charge.
 - We have two licensed attorneys in our Post who are willing to help members with basic estate planning issues (Will, Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney)
 - Our Post collects can tabs (soda, beer, green beans, dog food, ANY can tabs) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Bring your tabs to the meeting!
- Post 124 Meetings
 - Regular post meetings are the first Monday of each month at p.m..
 - Executive committee meetings are third Monday of each month at p.m.
 - Brews and Banter is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30, Highcraft Brewery, 112 N. Salem St (downtown Apex) This just so happens to be tomorrow.
 - Oktoberfest meetings are the Wednesday after the membership meeting.

POST 124 UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

- 06 Aug: Oktoberfest Meeting (1830), Masonic Lodge
- 12 Aug: Brews and Banter, HighCraft Brewery
- 18 Aug: PEC meeting, Masonic Lodge
- 20 Aug: Oktoberfest Meeting (1830), Masonic Lodge
- 01 Sept: Next monthly meeting
- Adopt-A-Highway (Tim): 16 Aug. from 9 to 10