

Apex American Legion Post 124

Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2026

Location: Apex, North Carolina

1. Opening and Ceremonies

- The meeting was called to order by Dennis Schmidt. Members and guests were asked to stand, remove caps, and participate in the opening prayer, POW/MIA ceremony, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Lashonda Harris led the prayer.
- POW/MIA flag was placed and its significance explained.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the preamble to the Constitution were recited.

2. Roll Call and Quorum

- Jim O'Malley conducted roll call; a quorum was confirmed.

3. Guests and New Members

- Bob Liposchak introduced as a prospective member transferring from Cary. Shared background and military service.
- Brenda Schwegal introduced, shared Air Force service and current activities.
- Mark Dudson introduced, shared Army service and current professional background.

4. Committee Reports

- **Americanism:** Oratorical contest scheduled for January 17 at the community center. Volunteers needed for judging and logistics.
- **Finance:** Tim Muhs presented financial report. Starting balance: \$41,357.69; ending: \$40,497.13. Money market accounts and interest reported. Motion to approve finance report subject to audit was passed.
- **Membership:** Current membership at 141 (75% of goal of 186). Efforts needed for renewals and new members.
- **Service:** No report.
- **Historian:** Gary Ward discussed Legionnaire of the Quarter recognition and upcoming Beer and Banter event.
- **Website:** David Royal is new website manager. Members encouraged to submit photos and event content.

- **Chaplain:** No report.
- **Adjutant:** Jim O'Malley reviewed officer duties and responsibilities. Offered educational materials and discussed succession planning.

5. Old Business

- Updates on Bruise and Banner and Eagle Scout project: No new ongoing projects.

6. New Business and Motions

- **Golf Tournament and Flags for Heroes:**
 - Mike Sayers proposed a motion for a golf outing (April 22/26) and Flags for Heroes event (end of May/early June). Discussion ensued regarding Robert's Rules, Legion procedures, and whether both events should be voted together or separately.
 - Concerns raised about resources, timing, and financials for Flags for Heroes. Debate on audience overlap and logistics.
 - The combined motion for both events failed (12-3 vote).
 - A separate motion for the golf tournament (April 5 at Bent Wins Country Club) was passed.

7. Announcements

- Sue Mu, new city council member, donated \$200 to the Legion.
- Vehicles for Veterans program update: Recent donations reported.
- Flag retirement scheduled for February 21 at 9 a.m.
- Regular meetings: First Monday of each month at 7 p.m.; Executive meetings: Third Monday at 7 p.m.; Beer and Banter: Second Tuesday at High Craft Brewery.
- Upcoming events: Presentation of colors at Hurricanes hockey game (Jan 16), next BUC meeting (Jan 19).

8. Closing

- Fifty-fifty raffle held.
- Closing prayer by Lashonda Harris.
- Meeting adjourned by Dennis Schmidt.