

APEX AMERICAN LEGION POST 124 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

5 May 2025

- Guest Speakers:
- 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:
 - Committee Reports
 - Americanism (JD):
 - Finance (Tim M.):
 - Motion to approve finance report subject to audit.
 - Membership (Lee): Goal is 181. Next Target: 14 May 100% (181).
 - 14 May is also the cut-off to keep our 100% streak going...
 - Oktoberfest (J.D.): Next meeting: 8 May 1830, Downtown Depot
 - 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>
- Balloting on applications:
- Sick call:

- Post Everlasting:
- Old business
 - Adopt-A-Highway (Tim): 17 May, 0930,
 - Scholarship Raffle (Mike): Drawing was held at PeakFest. We did not sell enough tickets to break even...much less have money in the scholarship fund. The PEC will address it at their May meeting
 - Memorial Day Ceremony (Barry): 26 May, 0930, need help setting up at 0800(?)
 - Peakfest: 3 May, 0900-1700
 - We had an info table
 - Made some hopeful contacts for Oktoberfest
 - Recruited some new members
- New Business and Correspondence
 - Elections (Barry): Last chance to put your name in the hat (or take it out)
 - Here's your chance to be on the Post's "decision making" body
 - NCAL Annual Convention: 18-21 June, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27609
 - We are entitled to 5 delegates and 5 alternates
 - Schedule of Events is on sign-in table
 - Business Cards: We have new cards printed with the updated meeting location. Please get rid of any old cards and keep a stash of the new cards.
 - 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--\$300per 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.
- AL Accidental Death Benefit: Flyer on check-in table
- Lowe's Beer Den: Thurs @1300
- Next Meeting: 2 Jun
- 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 7pm.

- Executive committee meetings are third Monday of each month at 7pm
- Brews and Banter is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30, Highcraft Brewery, 112 N. Salem St (downtown Apex)
- Oktoberfest meetings are the Thursday after the membership meeting.

POST 124 UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

- 8 May: Oktoberfest Meeting (1830), Train Depot
- 13 May: Brews and Banter (1830), Highcraft Brewery, 112 N. Salem St.
(downtown Apex).
- 17 May: Adopt-A-Highway, 0930
- 26 May: Memorial Day Ceremony (0930), Downtown Apex Service Memorial
- 18-21 June: NCAL Annual Convention, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh