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APEX AMERICAN LEGION POST 124 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bold-face type is Commander speaking

Opening – One rap of gavel. (All those present will sit, Sergeant-at-Arms will close doors to meeting hall)

Three raps of gavel (all present will stand)

"Face the colors, Hand Salute...Two"

"The Chaplain will offer prayer." (Chaplain complies)

"Please remain standing with your cap removed and placed over your heart for the POW/MIA ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance."

"Place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair." (Sergeant-at-Arms complies)

"A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of many American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those still missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor."

"Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance."

All will recite the Pledge of Allegiance

"Recover"

"Recite, in unison, the preamble to our Constitution."

- **"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**
- **To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;**
- **To maintain law and order;**
- **To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;**

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

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- **To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;**
- **To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;**
- **To make right the master of might;**
- **To promote peace and good will on earth;**
- **To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;**
- **To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."**
- One rap of the gavel. (All present will sit)
- **"I now declare Apex American Legion Post 124, Department of North Carolina regularly convened."**

***** SEE ACCOMPANYING AGENDA *****

- **"Is there any further business to come before this meeting?"**
- **"The chaplain will give the closing prayer."**
- Three raps of gavel. (Members shall rise and uncover, stand in silence with caps and hands over their hearts.)
- **"Recover."**
- **"'Til we meet again let us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the Apex American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy."**
- **"Sergeant-at-Arms, please retrieve the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.**
- **"Face the colors. Hand salute. Two."**
- **"I now declare this meeting of the Apex American Legion Post 124, Department of North Carolina adjourned."**
- One rap of the gavel