

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 - Katy, TX

Commander: Sheryll Jones / Harry Woodstrom Date: May 24, 2017

**Post Commander** 24 Attendance: Adjutant: Jeff Pizarras Signed In: 25 **Post Adjutant Guests: New Members:** 2

Transfers:

Convened: 1935 hours **Adjourned 2017 hours** 

#### 1935 Hours Commander Jones Called the Meeting to Order

**Presenting of Colors:** Sgt. at Arms Jody Castro **POW/MIA Empty Chair:** Sgt. at Arms Jody Castro Comrade Ron Defoor Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Jones Recital of American Legion Preamble: Commander Jones

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and PROSPECTIVE/NEW MEMBERS:

Comrade Scoggin introduced and performed an initiation ceremony for two (2) new members of the Post.

- Comrade Michael Franke
- Comrade Ernesto Romero

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:**

Commander Jones introduced National Executive Committeeman Butch Sparks and Past Department Commander Lynn Sparks. N.E.C Butch Sparks performed this year's installation while Past Commander Lynn Sparks acted as the Sergeant-at-Arms.



#### Installation:

Post Commander Harry Woodstrom

Vice-Commander
Richard "Doug" Baker

Adjutant Jeff Pizarras

Finance Officer
Jim McGuire

• Judge Advocate Ernie Cormier

Chaplain Absent for Installation

Historian Greg Clock

Sergeant-at-Arms Jody Castro

Service Officer
Jim Foland

Public Relations
Greg Clock

Executive Committeemen Wallace Klekar

**Philip Malsbary** 

**Henry Thomas** 

### **ROLL CALL:**

COMMANDER **PRESENT** VICE-COMMANDER **PRESENT ADJUTANT PRESENT** FINANCE OFFICER **PRESENT** JUDGE ADVOCATE **PRESENT CHAPLAIN EXCUSED HISTORIAN PRESENT** SERGEANT-AT-ARMS **PRESENT** SERVICE OFFICER PRESENT

## PRESENTATION TO PAST COMMANDER:

Comrade McGuire made a presentation to now Past Commander Sheryll Jones with a plaque thanking her for her dedicated service to the American Legion and as



Commander for Post 164. She was also presented with a lapel pin displaying "Past Commander".

#### **READING OF THE APRIL 2017 MINUTES:**

Adjutant Pizarras informed the membership that a copy of the minutes for April 2017 were available posted on the website and they emailed out.

 Adjutant moved to accept the minutes as written, posted on the website and emailed to the membership. Comrade Clock seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Finance Report:**

Finance Officer McGuire read and presented the finance report. Report was turned in

### Sergeant-at-Arms:

Comrade Castro gave his report. Twenty-four (24) people signed in for tonight's meeting. There was a total of five (5) guests, two (2) of which had not signed in. We had three (3) new members, one (1) of whom was a transfer from an American Legion Post in the Philippines. The Sign-In Sheet was turned in.

#### Chaplain report:

Comrade Defoor gave the Chaplain's Report in place of Chaplain Brokaw. No report turned in

- Comrade Foland had been admitted to the hospital last month due to heart condition, but has since been released.
- Comrade Thomas was feeling a little under the weather and as will be going to see his doctor

## **Membership Report:**

Comrade Scoggin presented the membership report. Report was turned in.



### **Post Service Officer:**

Adjutant Pizarras read the Service Officer's Report for Comrade Foland. Comrade Foland assisted two (2) veterans this past month. Comrade Foland also wanted to thank the membership during his time of bereavement. His refrigerator is now overstocked with too much food. Report was turned in.

#### **Public Relations:**

Comrade Clock had nothing to report for the past month, but he did inform the membership that if there was anything newsworthy, to please forward to him. No report turned in.

## Judge Advocate:

Comrade Cormier had nothing to report for the past month. No report turned in.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Comrade McGuire informed the membership that the Post is planning to pass out Poppies this upcoming Memorial Day weekend, Sunday and Monday specifically. He asked for volunteers. Comrade Malsbary volunteered to help.
- Comrades Malsbary and Foland passed out poppies this past weekend and were able to collect \$156.00.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Commander Woodstrom announced that several members of the Post will participating in a joint VFW/American Legion Color Guard ceremony this upcoming Memorial Day weekend. It is his intent that one day if the Post gets enough members who are willing to participate, that the Post can form its own Honor Guard.

Adjutant Pizarras passed out eight (8) National 2017 Membership Incentive Certificates for recruiting one (1) new member to the following:

Harry Woodstrom

Jim Foland

Jim McGuire

Jim Scoggin



Rick Brokaw

Sheryll Jones

Jeff Pizarras

Adjutant Pizarras passed out four (4) National 2017 Membership Incentive Pins for recruiting three (3) new members to the following:

Jim McGuire

Jim Scoggin

Sheryll Jones

Jeff Pizarras

National Executive Committeeman Butch Sparks thanked the Post for our efforts in recruiting new members. He also wanted to emphasize the importance of retention and contacting members who have left asking them to come back.

Commander Woodstrom announced that according to Post By-Laws, an executive committee meeting must be held within ten (10) days of installation. Commander Woodstrom that the meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the West Memorial Civic Center Clubhouse. Officers from the about to be formed Post 164 Auxiliary are invited to attend.

Comrade McGuire announced that for the third year, Lone Star Symphonic Band is asking the Post for volunteers to be flag bearers for their concert, to be held on July 2, 2017. This year's concert will be held at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 22111 Morton Rd, Katy, TX 77449. They would like five (5) veterans to participate, and Comrade McGuire is asking for volunteers. Those who volunteered are:

Philip Malsbary

Jim McGuire

Harry Woodstrom

Ron Defoor

Jeff Pizarras

Commander Woodstrom announced that he would like to start a Training or Speaker session for every monthly meeting.

Judge Advocate Cormier shared that Bob Boyett's wife found some old war memorabilia and asked if the Post would like to have them. He accepted them then delivered the articles to the Katy Veteran's Memorial Museum and donated them. Receipt turned in.

Judge Advocate Cormier presented to the membership a certificate from Congressman Michael McCaul. It is a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. It was presented to the Katy Elks Lodge 2628 and the American Legion Post 164 for our



continued dedication to our Local veteran community. The certificate was turned into the Post.

**Closing Prayer:** 

**Comrade Ron Defoor** 

Meeting adjourned at 2017 hours

**Adjutant Jeff Pizarras**