

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday July 18, 2023

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Morrow “ Sandy” Krum  
Officer Roll Call;  
Missing was; Commander & Historian

Introduction of guests and Remarks (10 min); Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Current 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander, James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164, and Current Commander of District 22, and Harry Woodstrom , Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22 and Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Will Miller Past Commander Post 164.

Linda Malsbary, President Unit 164 Auxiliary, Linda spoke about the Back Pack for school event.  
Michael Bennett, Eagle Scout Candidate, Michael spoke about his Flag Retirement Box Project.

5 Members who attended Boys State Program spoke of their exciting experiences there.

Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on June 20, 2023 and Minutes of Executive Committee meeting on July 07, 2023 were available but a Motion was made to suspend the reading of these minutes in the interest of time because the air conditioner in the building was not working, the Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. These minutes are available for anyone to review after this meeting just ask the Adjutant.

Committee Reports (30 min – as available – discretion for Time)

- a. Membership; We are starting a new year very well, but there are no statistics yet. Goal is 331
- b. Events; We are trying to plan on a Post Fish Fry event on October 28<sup>th</sup> More information soon.
- c. Finance; Bingo results check has arrived, Fireworks check should arrive soon, have \$13,001 in bank. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to start a Budget Committee for next year. The Members will be Finance Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, and Adjutant. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. First meeting will be July 28<sup>th</sup> by zoom.
- e. Honor Guard: 11 Funerals, 3 Flag Ceremonies, for 242 service hours.
- h. Flag Retirement: Some Funeral Homes have been contacted to ask if they can retire a Flag with a Deceased Veteran they are cremating.

Unfinished Business (10 min)

Election of Service Officer; Ernie Cormier nominated Tracey McDonald, room silent, no other nominations were brought forward, Butch Sparks Motioned to close the vote, Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, Commander asked if selected will you run, she said yes, no further discussion, Motion passed. Commander asked for a vote by Acclimation and the vote was all in her favor, no one opposing. Tracey McDonald was elected and will be installed at a later meeting.

Member Survey; The 2 At large members of the Executive Committee are conducting this with Membership Members to get input on what works, what is desired to make a better post.

### Building Red Tag;

Harry Woodstrom gave a brief explanation that the Operations Permit Application has been submitted. The Occupancy Permit Application is pending completion of architectural drawings from MUD. No time line yet on when a re-inspection will take place.

### New Business (10 min)

Back Packs for School Students; Will Miller made a Motion for the Post to contribute \$500.00 dollars to our Auxiliary Unit 164 for their School Backpack event. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.

General Liability Insurance Bond; This is a Bond to protect the post Officers who handle money. Harry Woodstrom made a Motion for the post to pay this Bond. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

Harry Woodstrom also mentioned that all newly elected Post Officers must sign a Conflict of Interest form and give it to the Adjutant and take the recent ALEI course as it is free.

Committee Opportunities; There are several openings for members to volunteer as a committee chairman, see Commander for details.

Judge Advocate stated that the Financial Records Review was completed and his report will be available soon.

James McGuire, District 22 Commander just returned from American Legion Department of Texas Convention and brought with him several awards that were presented to Post 164. They are; National Commander Letter and Photo for a job well done, and a Membership All Time High Award, and a Certificate of Appreciation for 100% of Membership Goal, and a Pin for Commander and Adjutant.

### The Good of The American Legion;

Ernie Cormier commented on there are several Veteran Graves who still have an old aluminum marker at their Grave site. There should be a place to contact for information on why these Deceased Veterans do not have a permanent Grave Marker.

If there was no more business, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

We hope the building Air Conditioner will start working soon.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Morrow "Sandy" Krum  
1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander