

NEWS



LETTER

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Commander

Fire Fighter / Paramedic of the Year Awards 2016



On November 5, 2016, Katy Post 164 conducted its 2nd Annual **Gary Tilton** Fire Fighter of the Year award. This year Katy Post 164 added Paramedics noted for recognition as well. Mrs. Tilton, wife of Gary Tilton; Laurie Tilton-Anderson, daughter, were are special honored guest. and the following individuals were honored **for EMS**: Jake Lawson, EMS for Westlake; Oscar Villegas, EMS for Katy FD; Kyle Rodriguez, EMS for ESD#48; **for FIRE FIGHTER**: Shelby Johnson, FF for ESD#48; Jake Lawson, FF for Westlake FD and Jose Medino, FF for Katy FD.

Thanks to all in Post 164, their wives, and families for helping to set up the Award Dinner and a special thanks to our Past Post Commander William Miller SSG, who was so eloquent as Master of Ceremony. An additional heartfelt thanks to Vice-Commander P.K. Malsbary, who coordinated the entire 3 course prime-rib dinner with Outback in Katy, Texas. Fire Department Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs attend and spoke very well of their nominees. It was a grand event that Post 164 membership should be very proud of. Please see Katy Post 164 website for photos and details.

POST 164 Departed Comrade Iselt

On October 26, 2016, Katy Post 164, conducted a Memorial Service led by Chaplain Ron DeFoor. The service was in memory of Comrade Kirby Iselt, who was called from our midst and gone to report to the Commander of all. The family was presented Post Everlasting Resolutions. Mrs. Iselt requested in lieu of flowers, donations be given to the Kirby Iselt Boys State Scholarship Fund, established by the Post in his honor. Donations are still being accepted in Kirby's name. Contact Jim McGuire for more information. This service was sacred and proudly we remember his service in time of war and to The American Legion Boys State Program.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please submit all Prayer Request directly to Chaplain Rick Brokaw at 832-687-1962

A SPECIAL WORD FROM THE POST CHAPLAIN

Dear Comrades,

Welcome to 2017! As with each year that passes us by we are provided yet another chance to start anew as we put 2016 behind us. This year promises to be a year of great change in our beloved United States.

With the incoming of President Elect Donald Trump there is a glint of hope for the military community. If he follows through with his prior commitments the U.S. will return to its former state of military might and ingenuity. Likewise, the VA health system and veteran's services stand to undergo positive changes as well. May we pray for our incoming Commander-in-Chief, his family, and for wisdom during his presidential tenure.

As is American tradition many of my family members have made resolutions to improve themselves, their families, or their communities. Speaking to one of my uncles about resolutions caused me to ponder a moment on what the word "resolution" truly means. According to the dictionary a resolution is "a firm decision to do or not to do something". What greater way to describe the American military and its veterans. We all, at one point in our lives, resolved to answer a calling far higher than ourselves. We dedicated our lives to serving this great nation. Let us, then, resolve this year to continue answering that call. May we grow together in brotherhood and affect the Katy area in meaningful ways.

God Bless You All,
Rick Brokaw
Interim Chaplain



POST 164 NEW MEMBERS

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! WELCOME TO POST 164 NEW MEMBERS

Gary Smith
Donald Shank
Christopher Nichols
Rick Brokaw
Tom Yelverton
Donald Bunting
Kiev Hill
Forrest Croom
Charles Thibodeaux

Abrha C. Cha-Jua
Suzanne Quam
Steve Winters
Neal Davis III
Harry Woodstrom
John B. Greer
James R. Nichols
Roque Ortega Jr
Tracy McDonald

If you are new to The American Legion, we encourage you to go to the below website and educate yourself on the heritage of this organization and take the ALEI course. Especially if you seek to be a leader in this great organization, you will need to learn the roots of The American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/alei>

1st Annual Show & Shine Car Show
HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2016

Georgetown Mortgage of Katy, TEXAS, sponsored its first annual car show as a fund raiser for the American legion katy post 164

If you did not make the event, you missed a fantastic showing of cars

You may go to the post website to see an array of photos of the grand event. **THANK YOU, JIM, INZER AND GEORGETOWN MORTGAGE**



To All past and in-coming post officers, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR allegiance, SUPPORT, and service TO POST 164 FOR A PHENOMINAL 2016 YEAR.



EVENTS



Commander Jones / Vice Commander implemented the Oratorical Speech writing contest 22nd District, on December, 10, 2016. She will also be overseeing as Chair the District and Division Oratorical as well. The High School Oratorical Scholarship Program sponsored since 1938 by The American Legion is to instill in high school students and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Since its inception, the contest has awarded well over \$3 million in scholarships. Many thousands of dollars in scholarships have been awarded at Post, District and State levels.

Post 164 Oratorical winner was David Fernandez of Mayde Creel High School. David was awarded a \$250.00nscholarship from Post 164. The event was held at the City of Katy old City Council building. There was an array of landmark Judges who were present and served: Past Post Commander and Educator, Gregory Clock; Attorney David Frishman of Katy; Councilman Steve Pierson and Mrs. Pierson, who is employed for judge; finally, Stan Kitzman, Past County Commissioner, Pct. 4 for Waller County, and current Post 164 member. Many of our Post members were there to assist Commander Jones in serving as Timekeepers, Usher, and Escort, as well as Tabulators in making the Oratorical a success. Thanks to all.

David advanced to the second level of the Oratorical Contest, 22nd District, which was held on January 12, 2017. A heartfelt thanks to the Katy Mayor Fabol Hughes and City Councilmen who afforded us the opportunity to utilize the City building for the 2016 Oratorical Contest. A special thanks to Linda Vourazeris, Secretary to Mayor Hughes, who assisted Commander Jones in coordinating the accommodations.



The More The Merrier

Every one of us comes from a different background with different experiences that led to different results but all of us have one common link “The Armed Forces”. Because of this, each one of us brings something different to the table. Each of us bring a different set of skills, knowledge, and experience that makes up the diversity of us all. It’s in diversity that we can flourish as a Post. Instead of everyone at the Post offering the same general aspect, diversity gives us more to work with. In addition, we have more variety to choose from when it comes to helping, ourselves, our fellow veterans and our community. This creates a brand new diversity in itself and adds to that which is already diverse. That is why we need you as a volunteer in our Post. We stand a better chance at finding solutions, spark creativity and discovering inspiration from others around us. We must implement proactivity and planning within. That is how we will develop and manage “inner talent” To do so, requires help from you. What is your unique slice of diversity?

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please do not forget to renew your membership dues if you have not done so already. Your membership dues help us to support veterans and programs in our community. In October 2016, the membership voted to assist 2 veteran families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Our Service Officer, Jim Foland, coordinated the selection of the veteran families with the VA Clinic in Katy Texas. The families chosen were given a complete hot turkey dinner via Kroger Foods, which Post 164 provided the funds through gift certificates. Each of the families consisted of 4 or more children plus their parents. **This is what we are all about Comrades and I am very, very proud of our membership. Thank you, Jim, Foland for coordinating the effort.**

REMINDER

For the Good of the Legion



For those of you that are interested in becoming a member of the prestigious combined Honor Guard of The American Legion, Katy Post 164 and VFW Katy Post 9182, please contact: rcatchings@aggienetwork.com Ron needs more volunteers and your assistance in any way is appreciated. If you can volunteer even a couple of hours a month to give honor to our fallen soldiers, please do so. So many funerals and not enough honor guards. God Bless

Please note the appointment of two of our new interim Post Officers:

Jody Castro	Sgt@ Arms and
Rick Brokaw	Chaplain

Please give them a heartfelt welcome for their continuous support and dedication to The Jonathan D, Rozier, Katy Post 164

Please email me for your consideration and placement in the next quarterly newsletter @ sheryll.jones@yahoo.com. Thank you for your service and God Bless to ALL

I pray that all our members, families and friends had a Happy and Blessed New Year and that we all look forward to peace, love, joy, happiness, and prosperity for 2017

Commander Sheryll Jones

Vice-Commander 22nd District