

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday June 16, 2024

6:00 Social Time

5:30 Post Everlasting -- Thelma Williams, WW2 Veteran

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Current Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Service Officer

2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and 2nd Division Vice Commander, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, James McGuire, Commander District 22, Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Paul Dudkowski, Past Commander Post 164, Will Miller, Past Commander Post 164, and Linda Malsbary, President of Unit 164.

3. Recognition and Awards; This was Commander Batura's way of awarding Recognition to "The Honor Guard" for their tiring efforts to provide a final Respect to our Veterans. Commander Batura then Presented Recognition Certificates to Officers for their efforts on making this Katy American Legion Post the most successful in District 22.

4. Officer Installation; The Following Officers were installed by James McGuire, 22nd District Commander; Sandy Krum as Commander, Dennis Wells as 1st Vice Commander, Stephen Baranzky as 2nd Vice Commander, William Kennison as Adjutant, Phillip Yates as Historian, Bruce Pettengill as Chaplain, Paul Dudkowski as Hubmaster, Harry Woodstrom as Finance Officer, Tracey McDonald as Service Officer, C W "Butch" Sparks, as Judge Advocate, Jose Nieto as Sgt at Arms, Cary Snyder, Executive Committee, Bobby Steph, Executive Committee.

5. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on May 21, 2024 were posted on the Post web site and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on June 04, 2024 were posted on the Post web site and a Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Committee Reports;

- a. Service Officer; No Report.
- b. Events; Poppy Distribution was a great success, Fireworks Stand set-up for 4th of July Celebration, Flag Retirement on 2nd Saturday of each month.
- c. Membership; We are at 112:99 % of our goal. We have transferred 16 Members from Post 345 and gained 38 New Members. Now getting ready for next Membership Year.
- d. Finance; We have \$17,480 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is always available. Butch Sparks gave his yearly report on reviewing the Financial Records that everything was in order, but it was a very heavy binder full of documents.
- e. Oratorical; No Report.
- f. JSSP; No Report
- g. Honor Guard; 12 Honor Events for 264 Service Hours.
- h. Riders; No Report.
- i. Sons; Our Squadron was represented at 2nd Division Convention.
- j. Auxiliary; No Report.
- k. Graves; Headstones Project has all DD214 located for those Veterans that need a Headstone ordered.
- l. Community Relations; Currently Vacant.
- m. Boys State; 58 were interviewed, 47 were sent to Boys State in Austin.

8. Unfinished Business;

- a. Proposed FY 2024-FY 2025 Budget; Finance Officer presented this Budget to the Membership. Harry Woodstrom, Motioned that we accept this Budget. Motion was 2nd by Peter Batura, no discussion, Motion passed. There will be copies of this final Budget available after the meeting.
- b. James McGuire read the 2nd Division Vice Commander's ending Report as it was not done during the 2nd Division Convention. The report thanked all for a great year and explained how we came from behind to get into being 1st in Department of Texas. The theme for this report was "Get off the porch" and this is what all Posts did. Thanks Everyone.

9. New Business

- a. Special Presentation; Was to Post 164 Honor Guard as shown earlier.
- b. Multi-Year Fireworks Stand Agreement; This is about providing a Pole for future electrical power to operate anything in our parking lot. It was put on Hold until the documents are returned for our review.
- c. Building Repairs and Exterior Cleanup. This is a time for the Membership to get the Building prepared for a Grand Reopening. It was tabled for discussion at the next

executive committee meeting because of the need for a lift vehicle to install new exhaust fan motors and other highly elevated repairs and painting.

d. Blue Star Program Support; James Harris introduced a project conducted by a local chapter of "Blue Star Moms". They collect items and send them overseas to our Veterans. He will place a container in the corner of our parking lot with a listing of item they need and he will deliver them to the local chapter.

e. Harry Woodstrom spoke about maybe our Post needs to start a Program calling it "Operation Warrior Comfort". He volunteered to see what it will take to get it started.

f. 2nd Division Commander, Butch Sparks, expressed his thanks to Post 164 , because of your Membership support our 2nd Division will finish as 1st in this state. He then gave awards to supporting Officers of District 22 who are also Members of Post 164.

g. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to move excess funds from the Sign Reserve to Post Building Expense Reserve. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

h. Department of Texas Convention; The following Members were selected as Delegates to attend the Convention in Austin Texas; Morrow "Sandy" Krum, C W "Butch" Sparks, Harry Woodstrom, James McGuire, and Ted Whiteman. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept these Members as Delegates and Pay their Registration fee. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

10. Correspondence and Announcements;

a. Auxiliary Officer Installation 6-19-2024 – all are invited.

b. Post 164 Fireworks Stand – June 24 to July 4th.

c. Department Convention July 9th to 14th in Austin.

d. Breakfast with a Veteran is on July 6th at Elks Lodge

e. Next Membership Meeting is on July 16th

11. The Good of The American Legion;

Raffle tickets are now available; Harry Woodstrom has them after this Meeting.

If there was no more business to come before this meeting, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander