

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday October 15, 2024

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training; Amateur Radio Discussion by Phill Yates

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Krum

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Invocation/ Prayer

3. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Past 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, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, and Linda Malsbary, President Unit 164

4. Roll Call; All Officers were present or Excused.

5. Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting on October 01 , 2024 were read and posted on the Post web site. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on September 17, 2024 were posted on the Post web site and a Motion was made by Bruce Pettengill to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Robert Crutchfield, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Motion to elect Assistant Service Officer; Discussed at Executive Meeting, will need updated Constitution and By Laws changes.

8. Service Officer Induction; Tracey McDonald was sworn in as the Service Officer.

9. Committee Reports;

a. Board of Trustees; A presentation and proposal from Ramon Torres of Judo and Jujitsu for Veterans to use our Post for 2 classes a week was observed. A 3rd estimate for A/C unit issues was needed. A door decal needs to be fastened to our entrance doors, need a sealer to protect them from the weather.

- b. Auxiliary; We have a sign-up sheet for Poppy distribution, we also are conducting a Pies for Hope campaign, and preparing for the Wreaths Across America event.
- c. Sons; We have completed our Constitution and By Laws, now need to be submitted.
- d. First Vice Commander; Not here, Excused..
- e. Second Vice Commander; Attended Katy City Council meeting, attended Breakfast with a Veteran, currently preparing First Responder Dinner and Wreaths Across America event
- f. Finance; We have \$22,836 dollars in the bank. These records are available to review after this meeting. Finance Officer gave an update on Bingo issues and Butch Sparks Motioned that an investigation be conducted after receiving this report from the State of Texas. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- g. Judge Advocate; The time to review our Constitution and By Laws is now and send all proposed changes for review and implementation at a future membership meeting.
- h. Chaplain; Currently assisting on finalizing the 4 Chaplains Event in February 2025
- i. Service Officer; Assisted 7 Veterans with their applications toward getting their Veterans benefits. Also counseled a Veteran who needed help with a home eviction event.
- j. Boys State; Not here, Excused, The Program was completed for this year.
- k. Honor Guard; 6 Funerals and 3 Flag Ceremonies for 229 service hours.
- l. Riders; Another ride is planned for October and November, more information will be available soon and posted on Post Calendar for all to observe.
- m. JSSP; We will need more instructors soon, see me after meeting for details.
- n. Others; Oratorical contest is on November 16 at 1pm at Post 164
- o. Commanders Report; Our Membership is doing an excellent job of volunteering at community events as evidenced by our great recruiting success, thanks to everyone.

10. Unfinished Business;

- a. Katy Rice Festival Recap; 2 days of volunteering at this event was enjoyed by meeting new members who moved into our community and we were able to explain what The American Legion does and what services are available to all Veterans. We obtained 4 new membership applications and 1 transfer application.
- b. Anything Else;

11. New Business

- a. Completed at Executive Meeting.
- b. Completed at Executive Meeting.
- c. Completed at Executive Meeting.
- d. Completed at Executive Meeting.
- e. Completed at Executive Meeting

f. Review the Calendar for upcoming events; All Activities at the Post must be posted on the calendar, even events away from the Post as well as the location need posting.
g. Will need more volunteers for events during late October and November, contact Commander Krum for more details.

h. Newsletter Items; Remember all newsletter items must be submitted on the Tuesday before the next Tuesday Membership meeting.

i. Anything Else; A Motion was made by Service Officer Tracey McDonald for \$1,250 dollars for a Veteran who is facing eviction from his rented home. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, discussion followed and the Motion was amended for the Finance Officer to provide a 90 day loan to assist this Veteran, no further discussion, Motion passed. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks for this Veteran who has supplied an application for membership be approved and the Post to pay his first year of dues. Motion was 2nd by Ted Whiteman, no discussion, Motion passed.

12. Correspondence and Awards; Nothing at this time.

13. For The good of The American Legion;
Raffle Drawing for AR style 15 The winner is; Jon Longerbone

14. Closing Prayer

125. Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm (WoW)

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander