

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday December 17, 2024

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training; Membership Discussion by 1st Vice Commander Dennis Wells

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, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, and Gillian Woodstorm, Unit 164

4. Roll Call; Historian was absent, Service Officer was excused.

5. Minutes of Last Membership Meeting on November 19 , 2024 were read and A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

Minutes from last Executive Committee Meeting on December 03, 2024 were read and A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Committee Reports;

a. Board of Trustees; Standby generator was not starting, a work request was submitted to get it repaired. Brent Scott has volunteered to help with Building Maintenance within our Post, to make it pretty again. The shrubs out front will be gone soon. MUD Board selected AMS A/C for repair of Post 164 Air and Heating units.

b. Auxiliary; Our December is still in progress as we have just completed First Responders Dinner, and Wreaths Across America Ceremony, and now we are wrapping gifts for the 5 Veteran Families at Christmas time. Now we are getting ready to help staff the Fireworks stand at the end of December. Thanks from the Auxiliary for all the helpful volunteer hours that Legion Members have provided during this Holiday Season.

- c. Sons; We are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for sale at Post 164 on January 24th from 6 to about 9pm at a cost of \$10 per person. SAL raffled a basket of goodies at December Breakfast with a Veteran and was a success. Several SAL Members were at Wreaths Across America Ceremony to volunteer. We will also be at Fireworks Stand.
- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 75.78% of our goal, still reminding members to renew their dues. We are developing a mentorship program to be revealed soon.
- e. Second Vice Commander; First Responder Dinner menu was enjoyed by all and they will cater again next year. Wreaths Across America Ceremony finally had great weather conditions as everyone seemed to enjoy this Ceremony.
- f. Finance; We have \$21,916 dollars in the bank. These records are available to review after this meeting. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that these records be approved. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report.
- h. Chaplain; This Chaplain assisted with the First Responders Dinner, and Wreaths Across America Ceremony, our next event is 4 Chaplains Ceremony in February 2025
- i. Service Officer; Not here, excused.
- j. Boys State; The Program has 8 Boy's ready to be interviewed, off to good start.
- k. Honor Guard; 9 Funerals and 7 Flag Ceremonies for 340 service hours.
- l. Riders; A ride is planned for this Sunday December 22nd, for Fort Bend Toy Drive.
- m. JSSP; No report, not here.
- n. Oratorical; Next is District 22 event at Post 164 on January 12th at 2pm
- o. Scouts; No report, not here.
- p. Others; Web Site- Harry Woodstrom reported that the Post 164 web site has gotten about 80 new visits recently. This seems to be because Veterans and others are wondering what we are doing. So I am appealing to all members who volunteer at an event to send in, to us, photos of what we are doing within the Katy Community to display on our web site for ALL to see.
- q. Commanders Report; Thanks to our Members who have volunteered to make the First Responders Dinner and the Wreaths Across America such an overwhelming success.

7. Unfinished Business;

- a. First Responders Dinner; It seems that when we conduct this event we seem to need a directory of how to get everything ready, decorate the location, and then produce the program without any questions, maybe an after action review is needed.

b. Wreaths Across America; Everything was staged at the Post 164 and then picked up more at the Elks Lodge and taken to the Cemetery for the Ceremony. The weather was great and the ceremony had several visiting officials who enjoyed their time here. This is a very educational and historical event as witnessed by so many younger people who attended.

c. Constitution and Bylaws; This final edition was ready to be submitted for approval. Butch Sparks Motioned that Post 164 accept this Constitution and Bylaws . Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed. They will be sent to American Legion Department of Texas, for final approval.

8. New Business

a. Assistant Sergeant at Arms; Robert Crutchfield Nominated “Despi Scott” for this Position and She accepted. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

b. Assistant Service Officer; Bruce Pettengill Nominated “Cheyenne Eichelberger” for this Position and He accepted. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

c. Upcoming Events;

1. Fireworks Stand; A sign-up sheet will soon be posted to volunteer, look for it.

2. Breakfast with a Veteran is on January 04th at Elks Lodge.

3. January 11th is Wreaths Pick-up at Magnolia Cemetery, be there by 2pm with a rake.

d. Anything else;

a. Bing License, Harry Woodstrom Motioned that our Bingo License be used at Paradise Bingo in Pasadena, Texas. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

b Temple use; Ted Whiteman Motioned that we again allow the Temple to use our building on Saturday mornings. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

9. Correspondence and Awards; Several Certificates were presented to Post 164 Members for their volunteering efforts at Operation Home Front

10. Check the post calendar for updates on events in our community.

11. For The good of The American Legion; Remember Fishing Trip Raffle in January

12. Closing Prayer

13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander