

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on January 7, 2025

1. Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Krum at 7:00pm  
Some members were on zoom, (see link) others were at Post 164
2. Invocation by; Substitute Chaplain
3. Roll Call; Excused was Chaplain
4. Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (12-03-2024) were posted on the Post Website and approved at the last Membership meeting.
5. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
  - a. Auxiliary; December was a busy month, your Auxiliary members helped raise \$585 dollars for the Firefighters Scholarship Fund at their Annual Pancake Breakfast. We also helped with appetizers and decorations and door prizes at the First Responders Dinner. We also completed wrapping of presents and gathered food donations to make wonderful memories for the 5 Veteran Families who we adopted at Christmas time. We participated at Wreaths Across America Ceremonies at Magnolia Cemetery and Soldiers Rest at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Finally finishing out the year we volunteered at the Fireworks Stand by several of our members.
  - b. Sons of American Legion; We will have a spaghetti dinner for sale at Post 164 on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 at \$10.00 dollars per person and a 50/50 raffle.
  - c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting in December was Cancelled, but the attached report will describe the several changes and corrections made to this building through the many volunteering hours by Mr. Brent Scott. There is still more to be done soon.
  - d. First Vice Commander; We are at 81.60% of our membership goal of 375. Conducted Membership Training at Last Meeting, sent out welcome letters to new Members, assembled more welcome packets, and will attend mid-winter convention in Austin.
  - e. Second Vice Commander; Getting a dumpster container for Wreaths clean-up, also need help with planning American Legion Birthday at Post 164 in March, please call me.
  - f. Finance; We have \$25,249 dollars in the bank. This report is now on file.
  - g. Judge Advocate; No Report, C & B L were sent forward for Department Approval.
  - h. Chaplain; Not here, excused.
  - i. Service Officer; Gift card delivered to Brandi Wright, also needs money for rent.
  - j. Oratorical: Next event is 22<sup>nd</sup> District Ceremony at Post 164 January 12, 2025
  - k. Boys State; Not Here.

- l. Honor Guard; 7 Funerals and 10 Flag Functions for 264 Service Hours.
- m. Riders; A ride planned for January 11<sup>th</sup> meet at buckees, Planning a Super Bowl Party.
- n. JSSP; Need to change the layout of shooting range as shown in diagram.
- o. Scouts; The Troop 567 Charter was renewed. All-female Troop still pending. Funding will be needed for a Cooking Kit, about \$500 dollars.
- p. Bingo; Chairman Batura submitted a letter listing 5 recommendations to be reviewed during New Business. Letter is attached.
- q. Veterans Support Group; Was formally PTSD group. Will still meet on Tuesdays.
- r. Others; Harry Woodstrom reported that the Post 164 website got 58 new hits this past month as more people are wondering what makes our post a great place to belong.

#### 6. Unfinished Business;

- a. Wreaths Pick Up on January 11<sup>th</sup> at about 2pm Bring a rake and gloves and dress warm in the event of cold weather and boots for your feet, might be muddy when wet.
- b. District 22 Oratorical Contest is at Post 164 on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- c. Anything Else;

#### 7. New Business

- a. Donations;
  - i. \$250 from Post 324 for VA & R Fund. Thank You
  - ii. \$1,200 from Pattison Baptist Church presented by Roy & Tina Miller. Thank You
- b. Training for January Membership Meeting is about Meeting Protocol.
- c. Building Use by Broadrick Family on March 29<sup>th</sup> from about 10am to 7pm. This is an American Legion member who has signed the agreement. Butch Sparks Motioned that we accept this agreement. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- d. Quarterly Craft Fair. After discussions and considerations a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to form an Exploratory Committee to see if this is possible at our Post. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- e. Department Executive Committee Meeting in Austin January 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Several of Post Officers will attend and get well educated on Department Programs.
- f. District 22 Spring Convention is April 12<sup>th</sup> at Post 164
  - 1. Need a planning committee; Peter Batura, Phil Malsbary, and Jim McGuire volunteered.
  - 2. Registration amount; \$25.00 dollars if preregistered and \$25.00 at the door. This information will be sent out to all District 22 Posts by District 22 Adjutant.
- g. Change to date for the First Responders Dinner; This was discussed to take place in 2026 and will have more information from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander soon.
- h. Flag retirement dates; They will be around Flag Day in June and around Veterans Day in November and a specific day will be shown on Post 164 Calendar.

- i. Newsletter Deadline; It is one (1) week prior to next Membership Meeting.
  - 1. Suggested articles; Several thoughts were revealed and given.
  - 2. Upcoming Events/ previous events & photos; Lets show everyone what we do best.
- j. Legion Times Articles; Send them to Department in Austin for publishing.
- k. Review the Post Calendar periodically for any updates.
- L. Anything Else;
  - a. Despi Scott spoke about a “Photo Booth” that was at the Elks Lodge and several members got their photos taken and that photo team is available to be at other events and see her for more details.
  - b. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the change to JSSP floor layout be approved as shown in diagram. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.
  - c. Appoint an Assistant Service Officer; Commander introduced Christopher James for this appointment. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that he be accepted and be placed before the membership. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
  - d. Bingo; Peter Batura Motioned for the Post to stop using the Bingo License as stated in December Membership Minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, discussion was about items in Bingo Chairmans letter. This Motion was Ammended by Butch Sparks to reverse the voting of approval for Markus Freeman to use our license at Paradise Bingo. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.  
Back to original Motion, discussion was for Bingo Committee to move forward with items shown in letter and keep Membership informed with progress, no further discussion, Motion passed.
  - e. Request for Rent Assistance from a Veteran; Service Officer presented this. Discussion was for a Grant of \$945 dollars, to be repaid, and be Presented to the Membership at our next Membership Meeting. Motion was made by Cheyenne Eichelberger to approve this and get it on the agenda. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Roper, no discussion, Motion passed
- 8. Upcoming Events; (not already covered)
- 9. If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 9:10 pm

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Sandy Krum  
Commander