

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on February 4, 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; Chaplain
3. Roll Call; Excused was Assistant Service Officer and Assistant Sergeant at Arms
4. Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (1-07-2025) were read and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept these Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Peter Batura, no discussion, Motion passed
5. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
 - a. Auxiliary; During January, your Auxiliary members supported with the Post Oratorical Contest, attended the Mid Winter Conference, and served Dinner at the Ballard House. We are getting ready to interview for Girls State and The 4 Chaplains Ceremony in February.
 - b. Sons of American Legion; We had our spaghetti dinner at Post 164 on January 24th from 6 to 8 and a 50/50 raffle. We served about 45 dinners, Thanks for coming.
 - c. Board of Trustees; Our Members are continuing to improve this building with painting the walls in the Bay areas, repairing electrical outlets and switches. Mail box post out front was repaired. Also completely cleaned Bay Areas to get ready for the next Oratorical Contest. Be patient as there is more work in progress.
 - d. First Vice Commander; We are at 87.73% of our membership goal of 375. Sent out welcome letters to new Members, All Members should take the American Legion Basic Training course, this is Free.
 - e. Second Vice Commander; Gathering details for the Rodeo Parade next Month, also planning the American Legion Birthday at Post 164 in March.
 - f. Finance; We have \$28,228 dollars in the bank. This report is always available.
 - g. Judge Advocate; No Report, C & B L were Approved.
 - h. Chaplain; No Report
 - i. Service Officer; We assisted 2 Veterans with documents for their first claim and another with documents to appeal their existing claim. Gathering a list of local resources to help Veterans to be published on our Post website soon.
 - j. Oratorical: Next event State Finals in Lubbock, TX
 - k. Boys State; Will have a training session on 2/08 at 10am for volunteers.
 - l. Honor Guard; 7 Funerals and 1 Flag Function for 281 Service Hours.
 - m. Riders; Planning a Super Bowl Party on February 9th at Post 164 (35 have RSVP).
 - n. JSSP; We will start again on March 23rd

o. Scouts; Not here, Excused

p. Bingo; Not here, Excused

q. Veterans Support Group; Was formally PTSD group. Met for 44 hours during January and will have a Social Security representative at a future group meeting.

r. Others; Ernie Cormier reported on Headstone Project, and Phill Yates on Post History

6. Unfinished Business;

a. American Legion Birthday Party; This is being planned by 2nd Vice Commander and his Committee with more details to be available soon.

b. Rodeo Parade; This is on February 15th and Post members who ride in the Float will assemble at VFW parking lot by 7:30am for final decoration on the float.

c. 4 Chaplains Ceremony is on February 15th at Church of the Holy Apostles 1255 W Grand Pkwy S Katy, Texas from 2 to 4pm

d. A letter was sent to VFW for trailer spot rental at Post 164 in our locked parking lot

e. Anything Else;

1. New Service Flags are displayed here with their wall mounted emblem.

2. Finance Officer sent a demand letter in Certified Mail to the address of this Veteran who asked for the loan.

7. New Business

a. 22nd District Executive Committee (DEC) is on February 16th at Post 521

b. 22nd District Spring Convention is April 12th at Post 164 We will need a planning committee to attend and gather details of what will be needed at our Post.

c. Newsletter Deadline is one (1) week prior to Membership Meeting.

Articles can be about your Military family members or Military Benefits that you have discovered or any local Military events in the Katy community with photographs.

d. Legion Times Articles; This is a Texas online paper about other Posts in Texas. If a member who attends a Military event and takes Photos they should send them to Department for publication.

e. Review the Post Calendar for all Post 164 events both inside and outside our Post.

f. Anything Else;

1. An e-mail request was received asking if the Post was available for a High School Graduation Party on May 16th. After discussing this Harry Woodstrom Motioned that this be brought to the Membership Meeting for further discussion. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no further discussion, Motion passed.

2. A letter was sent from a FFA student asking for a donation for their project. Butch Sparks Motioned that we donate \$100 towards their project and bring it to the Membership for final voting. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed. Another item for future agenda.

3. Ernie Cormier Motioned for an expense of about \$300 dollars from the Headstone Account for publishing a notice in the local newspapers. Motion was 2nd by Mike Roper. During discussion this Motion was amended by Harry Woodstrom to get the costs for these articles and bring it to the Membership for approval. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates no further discussion, Motion passed. Back to original Motion, it did not pass and will be discussed at the next Membership meeting.

Compliments from Butch Sparks to Post 164 for Hosting 2nd Division Oratorical Event.

8. Upcoming Events; (not already covered)

9. If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 8:07 pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander