

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday February 18, 2025

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training; To be announced

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Krum

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Invocation/ Prayer

Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, Past National Executive Committee Member and Past 2nd Division Vice Commander, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, and Linda Malsbary, President Unit 164

3. Roll Call; All present

4. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on January 28, 2025 were read for information only and will be posted on the Post Membership Website.

5. Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting on February 04, 2025 were read and A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Philip Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Committee Reports;

a. Auxiliary; During the month of February we will be putting together Poppy's at the Post and finalizing the 4 Chaplains Ceremony. We are also interviewing for Girls State, have about 24 that are interested.

b. Sons; We are putting together VA hygiene kits to be taken to the Division Convention. We will have a Red Beans & Rice dinner at the Post on February 28th with a 50/50 raffle.

c. Board of Trustees; No report not here.

d. First Vice Commander; We are at 89.60% of our goal, still reminding members to renew their dues. Remember the upcoming Post Officer election is in April for the 25/26 membership year. All Post Members should take the Free Legion Basic Training course, see me for details.

- e. Second Vice Commander; Planning on Rudy's Barbeque to cater the Birthday Party. More info later.
- f. Finance; The financial documents were read and we have \$28,046 dollars in the bank. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept these records. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed. These records are available to review after this meeting.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report
- h. Chaplain; No report
- i. Service Officer; Assisted 2 Veterans with updating their records to get additional Veterans Benefits.
- j. Oratorical; Final results were in Lubbock and our contestant was 3rd
- k. Boys State; Interviews will start soon, looks like we have 40 Boys ready for this to start.
- l. Honor Guard; 8 Funerals for 281 service hours.
- m. Riders; The Super Bowl party at Post 164 on February 9th was well enjoyed by all.
- n. JSSP; We will start again on March 23rd at Post 164 have 5 people ready to shoot.
- o. Scouts; No report, not here
- p. Bingo; No report, not here, but all bingo records are in Post files now.
- q. Veterans Support Group; No report, not here
- r. Headstones for Hero's; Will ask for money in New Business.

7. Unfinished Business;

- a. American Legion Birthday is March 15th at Post 164 starting at 6pm Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we charge \$20.00 per person or per ticket. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed. Catering of food from Rudy's Bar be q .
- b. Forgiveness of trailer fee from VFW was due to no invoice was sent to them.

8. New Business

- a. Headstones for Hero's ad costs; A Motion was made by Ernie Cormier for funds of about \$228 dollars from this account. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, discussion was these ads will be placed in local newspapers looking for family members of Veterans who are placed in the local Cemeteries without a headstone. No further discussion, Motion passed.
- b. Building Use; This was for a Graduation Party from MS Lawton, her son will graduate from St John XXIII College Prep on May 16th. There will be a Contribution to our Children & Youth Program for this use. They will make more details available soon. Ernie Cormier Motion to approve this date pending those details. Motion was 2nd by Brent Scott, no discussion, Motion passed.

c. West Memorial Swim Team Sponsorship; This was the location where Post 164 meetings were conducted while our Post was closed. Phil Malsbary Motioned that we sponsor this swim team with a \$300 dollar donation. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, motion passed.

d. Bay Clean up; Because the JSSP will start soon the Bay areas need to be cleaned and repainted. This means that shelves and other equipment need to be moved. A clean up day will be posted on the Post website calendar soon

e. Anything else;

1. Grant for a Veteran \$945.dollars tabled in 1-28-2025 Minutes.

Cheyenne Eichelberger Motioned that this is stricken from the minutes as not needed. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

2.Cheyenne Eichelberger then Motioned for a Grant to a Veteran be approved for \$465 dollars. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, discussion was some money was obtained from other sources, no further discussion, Motion passed.

3. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the Veteran who received a previous Loan that it be changer to Grant Assistance. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

4. Assistant Service Officer in 1-28-2025 Minutes;

Cheyenne Eichelberger Motioned that we appoint Christopher James as Assistant Service Officer until election. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.

5.FFA Sponsor request. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we sponsor this person with \$100 dollar to feed for the animal. Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, no discussion, Motion passed.

9. Upcoming Event not already covered. None

10 Correspondence and Awards; None

For The good of The American Legion; Compliments to Mr. Harry Woodstrom for a great Post Newsletter. Thanks to Phill Yates for History Photos showing Blue Prints of USS American Legion Ship now on display in Post 2nd floor.

11. Closing Prayer

13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander