

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday October 21, 2025

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Post Training; American Legion Organization by Mr. Woodstrom

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Krum

2. Invocation/ Prayer

3. Roll Call; Excused was; Service Officer & Executive Committee Mbr #2 (Snyder)

4 Introduction of Dignitaries/Guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander, Past National Executive Committee Member and Past 2nd Division Vice Commander, Jim McGuire, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, and Rory Hoffman, Director ALR Post 164, Rich Huntley, Department of Texas Commander.

5. Based Upon some recent occurrences of derogatory language regardless of who says it, it will not be tolerated at any meetings of The American Legion Post 164. If it happens you will be fined \$10.00 by the Sergeant at Arms and if it happens again, you will be asked to leave the meeting regardless of your position in the Post.

6. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on September 16, 2025 were Posted on line and a Motion was made by Ernie Cormier to accept these Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting on October 07, 2025 were read and A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Committee Reports;

a. Auxiliary; Trunk or Treat was at the Post and there were several great people and kids in costumes to enjoy the activities. We will be at Snappy's and Bass Pro Shop for the Pies For Hope sponsorship soon. Also getting ready for Wreaths Across America sponsorship within the Katy community.

b. Sons; Next SAL Dinner will be on October 24th from 6 to 8pm

- c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting was on September 22, 2025 and these items were discussed; The report was prepared for costs for AED Maintenance items and will be discussed at next Executive Committee meeting. A request to move the fire alarm sensors to a new location was submitted. A Trustee Member has resigned due to health reasons.
- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 76.21% of our goal for 381 for FY 2026 Sent letters to welcome new Members. Buddy checks are scheduled for Wednesday Nov. 5th at Post 164 upstairs and an introduction script will be available. Jim McGuire, current 2nd Vice Commander at District 22 was introduced and he spoke about the importance of getting the Post Membership to renew in a timely manner. Then, the Department of Texas Commander, Rich Huntley, arrived and he talked about the Post Excellence Award.
- e. Second Vice Commander; Currently a vacant position.
- f. Finance; The financial documents were read and we have 16, 801 dollars in the bank. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to accept these records. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed. These records are always available to review after our meeting.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report
- h. Chaplain; No report
- i. Historian; No report
- j. Service Officer; Excused
- k. Oratorical; Competition will be at Post 164 on Sunday Nov 16th at 2:00pm
- l. Boys State; We will need members for interviewing teams, there will be a training event for these members on Dec. 14th at 1:00pm at Post 164 and lunch will be available.
- m. Honor Guard; 8 Functions were conducted for 187 service hours.
- n. Riders; No report
- o. JSSP; We have 5 shooters. Planning a Post to Post shooting competition event.
- p. Scouts; No report
- q. Bingo; Need a new Bond.
- r. Webmaster; No report
- s. Training; Subject for November is Flag Display and Honors
- t. Public Relations/Marketing; Currently a vacant position.
- u. Headstones for Hero's; 32 Veterans at local cemeteries are without a Headstone. We are continuing to get a legal decision on who needs to provide permission for placement.
- v. Disaster Prep; No report, still getting organized.
- w. Commanders report. See attached document.

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. Be The One Training at betheone.org
- b. AED Pads - These are items needed for 3 AED machines that were donated. The cost for these items comes to \$462.65 dollars. It was approved at the Executive Committee Meeting and now comes before the Membership Meeting. Russ Tolleson Motioned that these be purchased. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, discussion was this will make our Post comply by ADA regulations, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- c. Oratorical Resolution; Will review at next Meeting,
- d. District 22 Oratorical Event will be Jan 11th at Post 164
- e. Texas Legion College Wrap-up; This was a great program as it was enjoyable and educational for all. Next one planned for spring or summer time.
- f. Katy Rice Harvest Wrap-up; We had a wonderful time and recruited 3 new members.
- g. Post Fish Fry Wrap-up; This was our first attempt and went on as planned but had a poor attendance by members and the community, we will plan another.

10. New Business

- a. SAL Dinner on October 24th at 6pm
- b. Trunk or Treat on October 25th 2 to 4pm at Post 164, volunteers are needed.
- c. Recruiting Pamphlet; This is a recruiting tool to be used by a Member who needs to better explain The American Legion to a potential new member. It is titled "Why You Should Belong" The cost is \$230 dollars for 25 copies. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve this expense. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, discussion was this is not a handout it is a show and tell document, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- d. Oratorical Resolution; Set aside for now.
- e. District 22 Oratorical will be January 11th at Post 164
- f. Oratorical Competition at Post 164 on November 16th at 2pm and we will need volunteers for Judges, Timekeepers, and Escorts.
- g. District 22 Oratorical will be January 11th at Post 164
- h. Oratorical Resolution; See above
- i. Future Event Scheduling; Members should always check the Post calendar for updates.
- J. Breakfast With a Veteran is scheduled for November 1st at Elks Lodge from 7 to 10am
- k. Post Game Night is every Friday at Post 164 from 7 till done.
- l. Joint Post and Auxiliary Events needing volunteers to help; Wreaths Across America Tables, Pies for Hope Tables, Veterans Day Tables, and Freedom Fest Recruiting and information Table on Nov. 8th
- m. Hometown Hero's event on November 1st at 8am Parking is available in VFW parking lot. This is to support Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

- n. Election Day is November 4th and Post 164 is a Polling Place from 7am till 7pm Our Post will not be used for anything during this Election Process.
- o. Elks Dinner and Dance is November 8th and tickets are needed for admission.
- p. Freedom Fest is November 8th from 11am to 8pm located at Katy Gardens. We will need volunteers for the information tables, sign-up is sent out.
- q. Veterans Day Poppy Tables; Walk-ons from 11am to 1pm, Bass Pro Shops from 10am to 2pm, Texas Roadhouse from 5 to 8pm Volunteers are needed and a sign-up is sent.
- r. Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Membership. This is the renewal of our membership costing \$300 dollars. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that Post 164 pays this. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- s. New pop-up tents; 3 Tents are used during outdoor events at recruiting and information events. These will replace the old and worn-out ones. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to purchase these at a not to exceed cost of \$390.00 each. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- t. Meeting Protocols and Procedures; This was an information "hand-out" for all members to use during a Post 164 meeting. Just read it and follow the directions.
- u. Board of Trustees Vacancy. A new volunteer is needed and Mr. Tony Francis volunteered for this position. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept him for this position. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. He will fill in for the remaining unexpired time till next election.
- v. Next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Monday November 03rd due to Post 164 being used as an Election Polling location on Tuesday November 4th
- w. Next Son's Meeting is on November 6th at 7pm
- x. Next Post 164 Membership Meeting is November 18th
- y. Next Auxiliary Meeting is on November 19th

z. Events not covered??

Mike Roper Motion for the Post to replace a missing curtain at JSSP Range costing about \$280.00 dollars. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

2nd Vice Commander vacancy. Deb Watson volunteered for this vacancy. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept her for this vacant position. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed. She will fill this vacancy until the next election.

6 Potential new members were introduced and they spoke about their Military duties. Jim McGuire Motioned that we accept their applications to be members in our Post. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

11. 2nd Vice Commander Vacancy; Just filled.

12. PR Vacancy; Still available

13. For the good of the Legion? Jim McGuire read a Thank You from Karie Hubnik of "keeping history alive" for the Honor Guard performance at Wings Over Houston Legends & Heroes Tent dinner at Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center in Webster, Texas.
14. Correspondence and Awards; Commander Krum Presented Certificates to all Members who volunteered their time during the Katy Festival and Fish Fry.
15. Closing Ceremony & Prayer
16. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander