

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday December 16, 2025

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training

7:00 Meeting Starts

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Krum
2. Invocation/ Prayer
3. Roll Call; Excused was Service Officer, Historian, and Executive Committee Member #2
- 4 Recognition 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 and Current 1st Vice Commander District 22, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, and Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164,
5. Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting on December 02, 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.
6. Minutes of last Membership Meeting on November 18, 2025 were read and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
7. Committee Reports;
 - a. Auxiliary; We are planning a Christmas Potluck style Dinner at the Post 164 on December 19th Just bring a side dish or dessert to share. We assisted with making the Wreaths Across America Ceremony a great success as evidenced by the gathering of Katy area residents to witness the Ceremony. Also some of our members will be working at the fireworks booth during the Christmas holidays. Remember to come and enjoy the Breakfast with a Veteran on January 3rd at Elks Lodge.

- b. Sons; Next SAL Dinner will be on January 30th from 6 to 8pm at Post 164 Our regular SAL meetings will resume in February 2026
- c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting was on December 15, 2025 and these items were discussed; Air Conditioner blower motor was replaced, the old coffee system is back in place and works, training on how to operate the AED units will be available soon.
- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 89.54% of our goal of 381 for FY 2026 Contacted Members by email who need to renew for 2025 and finished with new members welcome packets.
- e. Second Vice Commander; Working with KCM on getting their food drive started and it became a great success as food items were brought to the Post by members and then to KCM for delivery to needed Veterans in the Katy community.
- f. Finance; The Finance documents were read and we have \$15,411 dollars in the bank. These records are available for review after the meeting.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report
- h. Chaplain; No report
- i. Service Officer; Excused
- j. Oratorical; Next event is 22nd District on January 11th at Post 164
- k. Boys State; 3 Teams are identified and are ready to interview students at High Schools.
- l. Honor Guard; For November; 4 Funerals and 11 Flag Functions for 358 Service Hours
- m. Riders; We came to WAA Ceremony in full formation.
- n. JSSP; Still planning for a competition match with another Post in another District.
- o. Scouts; No report
- p. Bingo; No report
- q. Headstones for Hero's; No report
- r. Webmaster; No report
- s. Training; Topic for January – Fund Raising
- t. Disaster Prep; No report
- u. Commander; Thanks to all Members of The American Legion Family at Post 164 for their time to make this Ceremony such a great success. The American Legion Department of Texas was our guest speaker and his speech gave details of why this Ceremony was performed all over the United States to honor our Fallen Veterans.
Note; After these reports were given, Butch Sparks Motioned that they be accepted. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Unfinished Business;

- a. Be The One Training at betheone.org
- b. American Legion Basic Training Course, required for all Post Officers.
- c. Post Adjutant, Need suggested names for an assistant to Adjutant
- d. Wrap up for Wreaths Across America; 580 Wreaths were distributed over Cemetery

9. New Business

- a. Proposed District Merger; This was a discussion by Jim McGuire, Vice Commander District 22. American Legion Department of Texas Commander is asking for District 22 and District 8 to Merge. After several comments were reviewed a Motion was made by Butch Sparks "Not to Merge" and this Motion was 2nd by Robert Crutchfield. Discussion was this is too lengthy of a move without more information, Post 164 voted to pass this decision to District 22 Commander. More information will be available soon. No further discussion, Motion passed.
- b. FFA Donation Request; Harry Woodstrom read a request for donations from Post members to contribute to a FFA project from a local high school student. He has the name and address available for members to send their donations to after this meeting.
- c. Thelma Williams Conference Room; Dennis Wells discussed the making of a Plaque to be posted outside the upstairs conference room entrance as voted on in a past meeting.
- d. Post Calendar; All Members need to review it for updated assignments.
- e. Post Christmas Party; December 19th at 6pm Bring a side dish or desert to share, also BYOB, and a toy for Legion Riders Toy Drive.
- f. Fireworks Stand starts on December 20th and a signup sheet was sent out for volunteers to get their favorite time and dates.
- g. Breakfast with a Veteran is on January 03, 2026 at Elks Lodge from 7 till 10am
- h. Wreaths pickup at Magnolia Cemetery is on January 17th at 10am Bring a rake and gloves and boots if muddy weather is expected.
- i. Post Christmas Party; Same as above.
- j. Sign Attendant is needed; see Commander for details.
- k. Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on January 6th at 7pm
- l. Katy Home and Garden Show is on January 10 and 11th at Merrell Center, More details and a signup sheet will be available soon.
- m. District 22 Oratorical contest will be on January 11th at Post 164 at 2pm
- n. District 22 DEC will be on January 11th at post 164 from 11am to 1 pm
- o. Next Post Membership Meeting is on January 20th
- p. Next Post 164 Board of Trustees meeting is on January 26th
- q. Post Newsletter; Send articles about your time in Service or a recent event that you were at as a volunteer.
- r. Post Game Night is every Friday from 7pm till closing.

10. Good of The American Legion; Harry Woodstrom described the Sigmund Fund Donation and how the Donations from a Deceased Post Member is Donated in their memory by sending a letter to their family.

11. Correspondence and Awards; Commander Krum Presented Certificates to Post Members for their Continuous Years in The American Legion.

12. Raffle Drawing; For a Rifle and then a Holiday Drink Gift Card

13. Anything Else?

14. Closing Ceremony & Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander