

VETERANS VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164 KATY TEXAS



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Commander's Chatter

By Morrow (Sandy) Krum (Post 164 Commander)

Well, we are almost through October. We are in big need of post members to step up and help with our upcoming events. We have a lot of in the public time from now through the end of November. Our post can only attract the younger veterans if they know we are here. We all know that if we don't get them involved then we will eventually age out and the post will go away. I am too proud of who the American Legion is and how great our post is. We are the envy of many other posts and other District Commanders. I can only do so much as one person and be at only so many events. We need each one of you to take one shift at an event and put our name out there. Most shifts at our events are only 3 hours. You get a ticket for the drawing for the post to pay your dues for next year. You get 1 ticket for each shift worked. I know some ask you should I help the Auxiliary with one of their tables? Well, first and foremost we are the American Legion Family. The family is the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Son's and the Riders. We can help gain members for each branch of our family by being there to talk to the public when they stop at our tables. So, if you can help, please give us some of your time.

Our 1st Vice Commander and his team are still working on membership. The next goal is to have at least 90% of our current membership renew their dues for 2026, by Dec 31st. Some of you don't pay your dues until after the 1st of the year. If this is you, consider paying just a little bit early and help us meet this goal.

We are going to be assisting Katy Christian Ministries with a non-perishable food drive. They have informed us that their donations from the Houston Food Bank have been curtailed a lot due to funding issues. We need to help those in our community. Some of the food items KCM hands out go to veterans and their families in our area with critical food needs. A box will be placed at the post for donated items. The next time



you are grocery shopping grab a couple of extra cans of some vegetables or other long-life food items.

In December we will be having a Christmas Party at the post in conjunction with our Auxiliary, Son's and Riders. Date to come.

"I am not influenced by the expectations of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good, becomes honorable by being necessary."

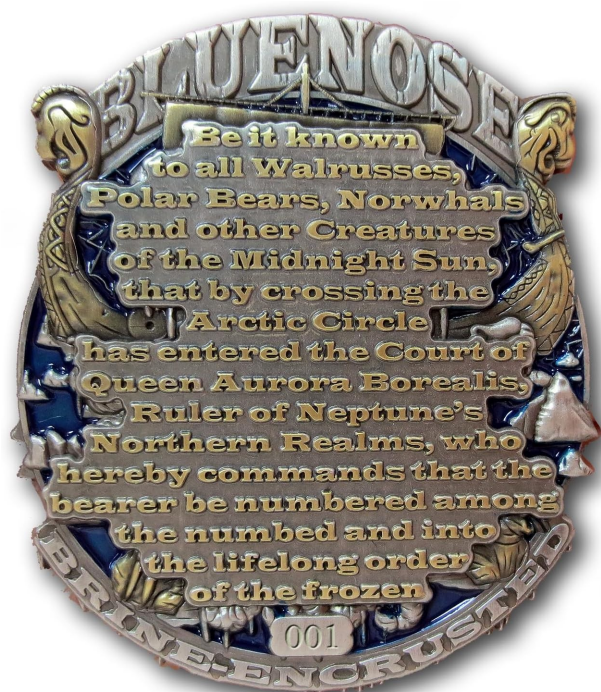
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By Dennis Wells (Post 164 1st Vice-Commander)

Our task as Legionnaires is to help serve our fellow veterans, their families and the community. We can do this by sharing our time, talents and resources. Volunteering is the simplest way to make this happen. As a volunteer organization, The American Legion is a great way to get involved. The Legion has dozens of ways to get active and help serve. There is the Honor Guard, Boys State, Oratorical, Breakfast with a Veteran, Junior Shooting, Fireworks Stand and many more. Check out the website and the Post calendar for activities and opportunities to serve.

You are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings. They are held every third Tuesdays of the month. Social hour begins at 6PM and membership meeting begins at 7PM. This month's meeting we will be issuing awards for both 10 and 15 year membership.

Speaking of membership, we are still actively pursuing our goal of 100% renewals by the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2026 we encourage you to please do so. We at Post 164 appreciate you and your support for The American Legion.



By Neil Hines (Post 164 Member)

Crossing the Arctic Circle

Our military is predominantly composed of dedicated individuals, both men and women, aged between 17 and 25. These young patriots are entrusted with the monumental responsibility of safeguarding our freedoms and protecting the values we hold dear, all under the guidance of our Commander in Chief, who is commonly referred to as the President.

When these courageous young men and women take their oaths of allegiance, they are not just making a commitment; they are pledging to put their lives in jeopardy and are fully prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and the advancement of global liberty.

A critical responsibility that sailors undertake is to ensure the waterways across the globe remain free and navigable. This task often transports a young sailor like myself to remote and unusual locations, broadening our experiences and perspectives. One memorable assignment took me to the Arctic Circle on a crisp and cold October day in 1972. The stark beauty of the icy landscape contrasted sharply with the vibrant life back home, creating a profound sense of duty within me as I stood watch with the icy mist of the sea freezing my hands and feet.

I also recall an exciting moment when our ship was readied for port, as the crew meticulously painted the bow in a striking shade of deep blue, signaling our impending return to Norfolk, Virginia, and crossing the Arctic Circle. This simple act was more than just aesthetic; it was a symbol of our pride and readiness to serve, encapsulating the spirit of camaraderie and duty that binds us as sailors.



By Alana Saboor (Unit 164 President)

Having had the opportunity to join the Auxiliary has given me more than I could ever repay. Why would one want to be part of such a special organization? The answer is clear.... Why wouldn't you? These are just a few of the many programs that are important to our members at American Legion Auxiliary.

Poppies: On Sept. 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of the American Legion Family, led largely by the American Legion Auxiliary, to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Pies for Hope: A local initiative by ALA Unit 164 in Katy, TX. An annual event where the community donates to provide Thanksgiving pies and financial assistance for the PTSD Foundation of America's Camp Hope. **Who it supports:** Combat veterans and their families suffering from PTSD. The PTSD Foundation of America, which runs Camp Hope in Houston. **How it works:** The program asks for sponsorships for Thanksgiving pies. Community members and businesses in Katy donate to support the campaign. The campaign provides not only pies but also financial contributions to help Camp Hope.

The goal: To bring hope and healing to veterans affected by PTSD. To help transform the lives of combat veterans and their families, enabling them to become thriving and productive members of society.

Wreaths Across America:

The Mission Remember: To commemorate the sacrifices of fallen U.S. veterans: **Honor:** To recognize the service of all those who have served in the U.S. military. **Teach:** To educate children and the public about the value of freedom.

The Role of the American Legion: Participation: American Legion posts across the country are encouraged to join the national program by coordinating

local wreath-laying events.

Volunteers: Legion members and families often serve as volunteers to help place the wreaths on veterans' graves during ceremonies held nationwide. **Community Events:** Legion posts participate in the broader Wreaths Across America movement, including escorts for the wreath-bearing trucks and directing volunteers at ceremonies. **How It Works: Funding:** Donations from individuals, corporate sponsors, and volunteer-led fundraising by groups like the American Legion Auxiliary help pay for the wreaths and transportation. **Logistics:** Wreaths are transported to over 4,000 locations across the U.S. and overseas for a coordinated wreath-laying ceremony on National Wreaths Across America Day. **Ceremony:** On that day, volunteers gather at cemeteries to place a wreath on each veteran's grave, often following an opening ceremony.

ALA Girls State: ALA Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is a hands-on citizenship training program for high school juniors designed to teach young women about American government and democratic processes through the creation of a fictional state government where they run for office and enact laws. The week-long program fosters leadership, promotes civic responsibility, and educates participants on their rights, privileges, and duties as citizen.

I would encourage all of our members to share what is so near and dear to our hearts. Share the stories of our Veterans, share the stories of the Auxiliary, share why we do what we do.

We have an exceptional Unit that was built by exceptional women that have come before us. These women continue to be leaders, mentors, friends and have lived the mission. We are grateful to you. Without you we wouldn't have a Unit. Let's be proud of all of our accomplishments.



Post 164 Hosts Texas Legion College

On the last weekend of September, Post 164 hosted the Texas Legion College.

The three-day event was led by Butch Sparks, Past Department Commander, Cheryl Williams from Post 817, Jim McGuire 22nd District Vice Commander, Harry Woodstrom past 22nd District Commander, and Sandy Krum Post 164 Commander. Jimmy Mitchell Department Chaplain opened each session with a prayer. There were 16 Legion and Son's members in attendance. Everyone commented on how well they all the material was presented and how much more they learned about the working of the American Legion. Breakfast and lunch were provided each day.



Quiz:

- 1) What is the lowest three digit prime number?
- 2) How many zeros would one million millions have?
- 3) What is the sum of $111+222+333$?
- 4) What is $(5 \times 50) + (6 \times 60)$?

Post 164 Receives an Eagle Scout Candidate Project

The first weekend in October Post 164 received a horseshoe pit as an Eagle Scout candidate project. Scout Walker approached the post with a request for his Eagle project. He and his crew got the installation done and finished in one day. Post 164 has plans to use this and other games during family events at the post.



- 5) What is $15/21$ expressed in its simplest form?
- 6) How many minutes are there between 2pm and 8am the following day?
- 7) There are 10 red balls, 8 white balls and 8 blue balls in a bag. What is the chance you will pick either a red or blue ball from the bag on your first attempt?

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Submitted by Robert Crutchfield (Post 164 Chaplain)

Chaplains are rightfully thought of as non-combatants. Their role is to provide spiritual and morale support to the warrior, not wage the war itself. Surprisingly nine chaplains going back to the Civil War have received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor. What follows is a brief introduction to those nine brave men of faith.

1. Father Emil Kapaun (U.S. Army, Korea) Captain Kapaun is widely credited as the most highly decorated chaplain in U.S. Military history. At the battle of Unsan, Captain Kapaun risked his life to provide medical care and comfort to his comrades. In the process he rescued numerous wounded from enemy fire. Kapaun was declared venerable by Pope Francis in February of this year. He therefore is only two steps from becoming a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, with an additional confirmed miracle required for each. Several possible miracles attributed to him are currently under investigation by the Vatican.

2. Vincent Robert Capodanno (U.S. Navy, Vietnam) Lieutenant Capodanno was a Navy Chaplain assigned to the 3d. Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (REIN) FMF. While rendering medical aid under direct enemy fire. Chaplain Capodanno was cut down by a burst of machine gun fire as he rushed to assist a mortally wounded corpsman.

3. Francis B. Hall (16th New York Infantry, Civil War) In May of 1863, Chaplain Hall carried wounded men to the rear allowing them to get much needed treatment for their wounds. He did so under what was described as the thickest of the fighting, and at great risk to his own life.

4. Milton Lorenzi Haney (Army, Civil War) Was incremental in the retaking of the "Federal Works." The Works had previously been taken by the enemy. Chaplain Haney was said to have carried a musket

within the ranks during the battle.

5. James Hill (21st Iowa Infantry, Civil War) His skillful and brave management was credited with the capture of three enemy pickets near Champion Hill Mississippi.

6. Charles James (Angelo) Liteky (U.S. Army, Vietnam) Operating within 15 meters of an enemy gun position, Chaplain Liteky placed himself between the enemy guns and two wounded men. During a brief lull in the fighting he was able to drag the wounded men to a nearby landing zone. Before the battle near Phuoc-Lac was over Chaplain Liteky had carried over 20 wounded men to the same landing zone !

7. Joseph Timothy O'Callahan (U. S. Naval Reserve, World War II) O'Callahan was serving as Chaplain aboard the U.S.S. Franklin. The ship was attacked by enemy forces near Kobe, Japan. O'Callahan battled flames and twisted metal to not only minister to the wounded and dying, but at the same time organized and led fire fighting crews.

8. Charles Joseph Watters (U.S. Army, Vietnam) Among other actions on November 19, 1967 Watters repeatedly subjected himself to enemy and friendly fire to retrieve wounded soldiers. Once all the wounded were accounted for he assisted the medics in their care. He was mortally wounded during his efforts that day on Hill 875 near Dak To.

9. John M. Whitehead (5th Indiana Infantry, Civil War.) Transported several wounded soldiers to the rear during a heated battle in Stone River, Tennessee.

When things got heated these brave men of faith were not satisfied with " I'm sorry I'm a non-combatant." They took direct action to fill the very practical needs in front of them. In many cases they did so while seeing to their ministerial duties at the same time.

By Gillian Woodstrom (Department of Texas ALA Membership Chair)

ARE YOU A MENTOR?

On every level the Legion Family needs mentors. They are the ones who pass on our hard-earned traditions, practices, rules and regulations. But they're also the diamonds in our organization who spot potential, guide a member to success, act as a major cheerleader in the pursuit of our mission. A common misconception about being a great mentor is that you have to be a 'natural-born leader', or some kind of mentor extraordinaire. Not so. You can use your natural talents and learn new skills to pass on; anyone can become a great mentor.

Are you the person people trust to always help them out? Are you the friendly face people seek out for advice? Do you usually see the good in people? Chances are you're already on the road to being a mentor.

Here are some of the traits commonly found in excellent mentors:

A passion for helping others succeed. You share in your mentee's wins and you're there to comfort them in their defeats.

The ability to give honest and candid feedback. Rather than sugarcoating feedback, you offer kind and constructive criticism that leads to growth.

Great at communicating. You keep your mentee in the loop, providing them with clear goals and objectives, as well as transparent expectations.

Aware of your mentee's value. You treat every interaction as a valuable and mutually beneficial opportunity.

Ask great questions. You know how to ask the right questions that help both your mentee and you reflect and learn.

Notice that each of these traits can be learned; they aren't innate qualities that you either have or don't have. Step up and try it - mentoring is rewarding, good for the Auxiliary and, mostly anyway, plain good fun!



Post 164 and Auxiliary Unit 164 were at the Katy Rice Harvest Festival with booths to display our materials for upcoming and ongoing events. We have information for area veterans, their families, about VA benefits and services available in the area. We were visited by both the Mayor of Katy Dusty Thiele and State Representative Mike Schofield. Both of whom are great supporters of veterans and Post 164. We were able to recruit 3 new members to the American Legion over the weekend.



Mayor Thiele with Post Commander Sandy Krum and Post Finance Officer Harry Woodstrom.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

Philosophy is wondering if a Bloody

Mary counts as a smoothie

By Gene Britton (Post 164 SAL Commander)

Our young members can participate in the Five-Point Program of Service. The five points are Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership, and Legionism. This program is designed to help youth develop strong character and become active contributors to their community, while also honoring the values of the American Legion.

The first point is Patriotism, which focuses on love of the flag and love of country. To earn this first point, members will learn about many aspects of the American flag and the flag code. They should be able to answer questions on topics such as proper flag etiquette, the meaning behind the flag's symbols, and the history of the flag's design. This helps foster a deeper respect for national traditions and encourages pride in being an American.

Our next meal will be October 24th 6PM.

Submitted By Butch Sparks (Post 164 Judge Advocate)

Legislative Point Papers & Priorities

The American Legion is the voice of U.S. military veterans and servicemembers. A resolution-based organization, The American Legion's positions represent the views of its nearly 1.6 million members and shape the organization's legislative priorities for the 119th Congress:

Do you want to know what the Legion's voice is pushing Congress for to aid you and your fellow veterans? Then take a few minutes and visit the website below:

www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative/legislative-agenda-point-papers

Quiz Answers

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| 1. 101 | 4. 610 | 7. 2/3 or 66% |
| 2. 12 | 5. 5/7 | |
| 3. 666 | 6. 1080 | |



State Representative Mike Schofield with Post Commander Sandy Krum and 1st Vice Commander Dennis Wells



Post 164 Participates in the Katy Rice Festival Parade. Continuing its tradition Katy Post 164 participated in this year's Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade. Our trailer was decorated with all the service flags as well as our truck with bunting and U.S. and Texas Flags. Jim McGuire past District 22 Commander and current District 22 Vice Commander, did a masterful job with the towing. On the trailer were Linda Malsbary past Unit 164 President, Jennifer Lowery current Unit 164 1st Vice President, Post 164 Commander Sandy Krum, Dennis Wells Post 164 1st Vice Commander, Tina Miller Unit 164 member, Lucia Delgado from Katy Christian Ministries, and 6 members of the Jordan Rach High School National Honor Society, who got their steps in walking the parade route and handing out American Flags.

By Morrow (Sandy) Krum (Post 164 Commander)

9/11 where was I?

With another Patriot Day having come and gone, I thought I would reflect on what it was like for me. I reentered the Air Force via the Texas Air National Guard in February 2001. So, I was already in uniform when this happened.

I was away at technical school for fighter aircraft maintenance, at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX. I was sitting in a classroom, when my cell phone (in my pocket on silent) started blowing up. I figured it must be important, so I looked and there probably 5 or 6 texts from my wife saying, "are you seeing this"? I asked the instructor if the big screen tv in the room could get any news channels? He said yes and asked him to find one. Needless to say, what we saw was breath taking. Shortly after that a runner came to the classroom to tell me and one other national guard student that we needed to check in with home units. I went upstairs and my unit said they had me down on the roster and stay put and finish my course. When we were released for the day, as we stepped out of the hanger, we saw the flight line and ramp area quite literally packed with civilian airliners. There were buses and cargo trucks collecting passengers and luggage. Since Sheppard was at one time a bomber base, they some very long runways and became a diversion point for the many aircraft that were immediately grounded.

That evening base security began procedures to protect assets and personnel.

These included 100% ID Card checks, armed Humvees at all the gates, patrols along all the base perimeter fencing. We were not allowed to park any closer than 100 feet from any building including the dorms. They even suspended the formation marching that junior enlisted did going to and coming from class. Needless to say, it was an adjustment for some of us.

When I completed my training and returned to Ellington, I was immediately put on federal orders which lasted two years.

As a side note when President Bush left Florida headed to Offutt AFB in Nebraska, he was escorted by two fully armed F-16 fighter from the 147th Fighter Wing at Ellington. There is a photo hanging in the headquarters building showing the president looking out of a window on Air Force One and there is one of our fighters off the wing tip.

Post Openings:

We have several positions open in the post. They are on the Board of Trustees, Assistant Adjutant and Public Relations Officer.

The Trustee Board is the group responsible for the operation of the physical building and grounds. They decide what maintenance is needed and then work with the Executive Committee to get it done.

The Assistant Adjutant is responsible for assisting with the minutes of all meetings, the filing of member applications and renewals, the verification of eligibility to join the Post, SAL and Auxiliary.

The Public Relation Officer presents us to the Community. This person organizes news articles, media events and event publicity for the post.

Please consider taking one of our open positions so we can ensure our post continues to be the best in Texas!

If you have any questions about any of these positions please contact Sandy Krum at commander@legionpost164katytx.org.



Space Force E-5 Chevron

October Schedule

21 Oct, Tue

6pm Post Social Hour Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting Downstairs room

23 Oct, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol Post 164 - downstairs meeting room

24 Oct, Fri

6pm SAL Dinner American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

7pm Post Game Night American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy - Meeting

25 Oct, Sat

8:30am JSSP Training American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

2pm to 4pm Trunk or Treat Downstairs room and Bay area

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting Upstairs room

27 Oct, Mon

8:30am Post 164 - West Side Maid clean-up

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

31 Oct, Fri

7pm Post Game Night American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

November Schedule

1 Nov, Sat

7am Breakfast with a Veteran Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

7am Legion Riders Skill Practice Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494, USA

8am Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Home Town Heros

8:30am JSSP Training American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

11:15am Honor Guard Practice VFW Post #9182

3 Nov, Mon

12:30pm Set-up for Election Polling American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

4 Nov, Tue

5:30am Election Day Polling Center Downstairs meeting room

7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

5 Nov, Wed

6:30pm Wreaths Across America Planning American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6 Nov, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting Katy Christian Ministries (KCM), 3506 Porter Rd., Katy, TX 77493, USA

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

7 Nov, Fri

7pm Post Game Night American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

November Schedule Continued

8 Nov, Sat

8:30am JSSP Training American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

12pm Wreaths Across America Fall Freedom Fest, The Katy Gardens, 1040 Schlipf Rd, Katy, TX 77493, USA

5pm Flag Retirement American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

11 Nov, Tue

AL Post 164 Newsletter Deadline

11am Walk On Sports Bistreaux Grand Pkwy & I-10, Texas 77523, USA

13 Nov, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting Downstairs room

14 Nov, Fri

7pm Post Game Night American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm JSSP Meeting American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

16 Nov, Sun

1pm AL Post 164 Oratorical Competition Downstairs and Bay Area

18 Nov, Tue

6pm Post Social Hour Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting Downstairs room

19 Nov, Wed

2pm ALA Poppy Party Upstairs room

7pm ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting Downstairs room

21 Nov, Fri

7pm Post Game Night American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

22 Nov, Sat

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