



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**JONATHAN D. ROZIER, POST No. 164**  
**KATY, TEXAS**

December, 2024 NEWSLETTER

**Commander's Chatter**

**By Morrow Krum (Commander)**

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you. We all seem to be very busy during this time of the year.

I want to remind you that we have a very important fundraising activity coming up. The Fireworks Stand is a major source of our operating funds for the upcoming year. For those who don't know, the monies generated go into our post operating account. This allows us to pay the operating expenses for the post and have our other monies generated through fundraising, to help with our outreach programs. There will be many slots to fill at the fireworks stand. I ask that each of you consider doing one shift. It is guaranteed not to be as hot as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July stand. It is a fun time and allows you to get to know your fellow post members a little better.

I further want to send a sincere thank you to all who have helped with the many events we had throughout this year. You are what makes us the best Post in the State!

I hope that your holidays are great and you get to enjoy time with family and friends.



**“The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.”**

**Gen. Norman Schwarzkoff**



*"So this is the emergency that needed a back up generator."*

## Year End Membership Goal

by Dennis Wells (1st Vice Commander)

2024 is quickly coming to an end. Now is the time to renew your Legion membership. Its easy, just go on-line to the American Legion website, Post 164 website or contact the post adjutant Bill Kennison. We are working on obtaining a 100% renewal status this year and we need your help in achieving this goal. Thank you to all those who have renewed. If you haven't renewed for 2025 now is the time.

For God and Country,



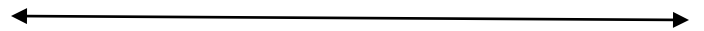
## SAL Squadron 164

By Gene Britton (Squadron Commander)

Our Sons of the American Legion are gearing up for our first annual Spaghetti Dinner night on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the post. Be on the lookout for a sign-up Genius to volunteer and have some fun.

The Sons of The American Legion will be gathering supplies for delivery to the VA hospitals in Houston, Beaumont, Temple and Waco this coming spring. Each bag that we deliver will contain at least one of each of the following items: Crew Socks, Hand Wipes, Shampoo, Full size, Soap, Bar soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb/Brush, Nail clippers, Baby wipes, Fleece Blanket (optional). We will have someone at the post for collections and/or contact, Gene Britton, Commander Squadron 164 Katy TX; [genebritton88@yahoo.com](mailto:genebritton88@yahoo.com). Deadline for donations is March 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

The young members of SAL can participate in “The Ten Ideals” program, which helps them learn about the foundations on which the Sons of the American Legion is built. The second Ideal is that of “health.” The month of January is a time when people focus on their health and goals for the upcoming year. SAL members should take the month of January to think about how they are maintaining their own health and empowering others to stay fit, both physically and mentally. I challenge our SAL members to try one new physical activity during the month of January.



We have a winner of the December “Breakfast with a Vetran” raffle basket that was donated by the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 164 Katy TX.

The winner was James Sorens. James is a dedicated employee of the VA.

We all hope James enjoys the basket.



## My Family and the Military

**By Charles Waldie (Active Post 164 Member)**

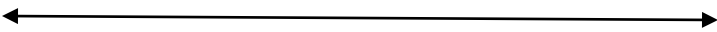
My granddaughter attends Kings Elementary School in KISD. They asked the children to bring pictures of their family in uniform. She is very proud of her father, grandfathers and great uncle that served in the USMC. The event involved all of the 5th graders so that the entire class could highlight their family's service to America. Her father was in the Marine Air Wing. He served in Afghanistan, Iraq and delivered loads to Portugal, Dubai and other countries. He had completed his Boot Camp Training in September 2001. This was a difficult time because of the 9/11 event. Her paternal and maternal grandfathers served their duties with honor.

Her great uncle served during the final year of World War II. As an Officer, he had learned several languages and was able to assist in the Japanese surrender translation plus assisting in the legal preparation and translating the agreement. He went on to assist in the legal defense of those serving in the Military. Her paternal great grandfather served in the Army Air Corp and continued to serve in Texas delivering crucial blood supplies to different medical facilities. Other family members served during peaceful periods with our National Guard and Coast Guard where they were needed.

Her older brother aspires to join the Marines in the future. But for now they both are applying their attention to the Katy Independent School curriculum. They are fortunate to have so much family keeping an eye on them both. To them the future is bright and a free Nation because of the brave.



"A word of advice, Kowalski. Avoid using the term 'cannon fodder'."



### True for false?

No veteran who has served with an allied armed force during a war period is eligible for membership in the American Legion.

false





**Tromer DiFiore-Smith (Post 164 Member)**

← **Telltale signs that your computer has been hacked** →

In addition to fortifying your defenses with up-to-date antivirus software, you may already be prudent with your online and computing practices. However, hackers are now targeting these behaviors to gain control of your device.

Just the other day my friend told me her father got a pop-up notification that a virus had been found on his computer. Thinking he was being diligent, he clicked the notification and proceeded to troubleshoot with a 'representative'. It was only when he received a call from his bank about strange wire transfer requests that he realized he had been duped! He had clicked on a fake virus notification, which then allowed malware to be installed on his computer.

## Hackers—Continued

Not only did the hackers get their malware in his system, but by pretending to authenticate his identity during the troubleshooting process they were able to access the remaining information necessary to withdraw funds from his bank! Had those wire transfers not been completely out of character for him, those hackers would've cleaned out his ENTIRE account! Now his computer remains unplugged from any power or data source as he waits for professional help. Sadly, his story is not rare. As hackers get savvier, access to your computer may be inevitable. But keeping an eye out for the top 7 signs outlined below can help you notice if your computer has been hacked:

### Sluggish performance

You haven't downloaded any new programs and you're not uploading or streaming any services that take up too much bandwidth, yet your basic programs are running or responding slower than usual on your computer? This might mean you've been hacked. Hackers can infiltrate your computer and then release viruses, malware, or ransomware to run quietly in the background. But once these malicious entities are released into your system, it is siphoning data or impairing your ability to use your device. Often times because it is running in the background it is eating up data, battery, and CPU speed.

### Random and/or Constant Shutdowns

While your computer turning on and off or restarting randomly could be a sign of a hardware issue, it could also be a sign that you've been hacked. Some types of malware or viruses reboot computers to continue their installation process. Other types of ransomware turn off the computer every time a user tries to eradicate the virus.

## Hackers-Continued

### Strange pop-ups

Hackers are banking on reactive behaviors from their victims. They love baiting users with urgent pop-ups mimicking antivirus software or other computing notifications or alerts. Even though the notifications may be crude, the fear of being hacked often overrides levelheaded individuals to click the pop-up to resolve the issue. Once clicked it downloads the malicious entity or even refers you to a fake representative to 'help' you troubleshoot the issue. Often they will ask for personally sensitive information to compromise your identity and/or security.

### Messages you never sent

If you're lucky, you'll have family, friends, or acquaintances who reach out to you to let you know if they got a strange email or another message from you that you never sent. That's a sure sign that malware or a virus has been successful at infiltrating your system.

### New programs or applications installed

Another benefit to keeping your desktop and menus clean or organized is that you're more likely to notice if programs or applications you never installed suddenly show up. That likely means malware has successfully launched on your computer to log keystrokes or gain access to accounts or other sensitive information from you.

## Humor

A soldier runs up a hill and around a corner before slamming into an officer.

"Where do you think you're going, son?" "Sorry, Captain! It's crazy out there and the firefight was so heavy. I got scared and tried to go AWOL." "Who you calling Captain? I'm a general!" "Wow!" exclaimed the soldier. "I didn't realize I'd run that far back."

## Sudden username, password, or contact information changes

If you've turned on 2-step authentication, you'll be notified if any username, password or pertinent contact information changes in your accounts. If you never made those changes, it is likely you've been hacked and that account compromised. If you didn't turn on 2-step authentication, you'll know you got hacked if you can no longer use the same password and username to log into your usual accounts.

### Browser redirections

If you've opened your browser and you're suddenly sent to a different landing page than the one you designated, you've likely been hacked. Or if you've input a URL or link to a site you're familiar with only to be redirected to a different site, then you have likely been hacked.

## Veteran Burial Benefits

Submitted by Butch Sparks  
(Judge Advocate)

One of the eventualities in life that spouses and families of veterans face is the death of their loved one who served America in uniform. To help ease the burden on loved ones, veterans should have their families prepared by making certain that the family has easy access to important documents such as:

- The veteran's discharge certificate (DD form 214).
- VA documents, if any, indicating a VA claim number.
- A copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees (if any previous marriages).
- Insurance policies, including beneficiary designation.
- A copy of the family will (not required for VA benefits).
- Location of safety deposit boxes (not required by VA).
- Business address, email address, office and cell phone numbers for local American Legion service officer.

More information for your use with Veteran Burial Benefits will be in the upcoming editions of our Post Newsletter



## Post 164 Celebrates Veteran's Day

On November 6<sup>th</sup> H-E-B in conjunction with Katy Christian Ministries hosted a free veterans get together at No Label Brewery in Katy, TX.

The Jonathan D. Rozier American Legion Post 164 was invited to attend and set up an information table alongside our Auxiliary. We were very pleased with the turnout. Post members got a chance to meet with fellow veterans from our area and acquaint them with who we are.



THAT WAS THE LAST YEAR SANTA  
WOULD FORGET TO BRING HIS GLASSES



## Post 164 Holds 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Recognition and Awards Dinner

On December 7<sup>th</sup> American Legion Post held our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Awards dinner. Dinner was provided by Katy Saltgrass Steak House.

Katy Mayor Dusty Thiel attended and had some great words for us all.

Awards were given to police officers, firefighters and EMTs from the Katy Area.

Represented was the Katy Police Department, Katy Fire Department, KISD Police, West Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Harris County Emergency Services District 48. Along with members of the post we had 100 people in attendance.

## POW submitted by Robert Crutchfield and Ernie Comier

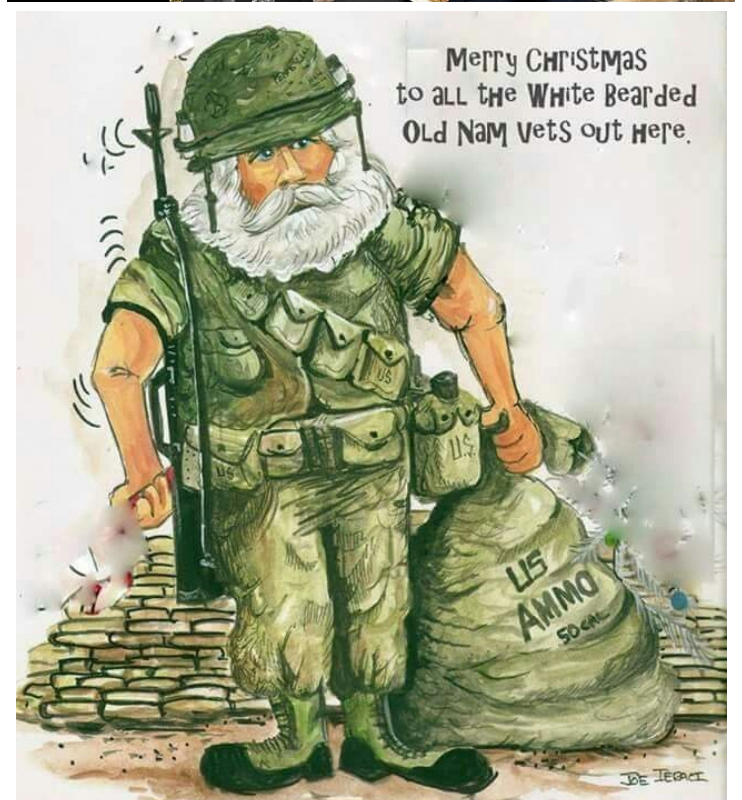
In observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day on 21 September, Post 164 members need to take the time to recognize one of our own early members. He was the only known POW and a member of the US Army Air Corps during World War Two. Albert "Bud" Fuqua's bomber was shot down in late 1944 over Germany. He parachuted from his plane and landed in a German farmer's field. Upon hitting the ground, he broke his leg and could not walk. He was soon surrounded by the local farmers who contacted the German Army.

He said afterwards that he was in too much pain to get up and there were too many Germans to fight. After an hour or so, the group was approached by a German Wehrmacht officer. The officer drew his pistol and pointed it at Bud's head. "BIST DU ENGLANDER ODER AMERIKANER?" Are you English or American? Bud replied American and the officer holstered his pistol and started treating his leg.

Bud's leg was treated and he served out the rest of the war in a POW camp. He was liberated by Russian troops. He was always grateful to the Russian people for treating him well after his liberation.

Now, you may ask, why wasn't Bud shot. Well he was an American and they usually bombed during the day and you could see the planes coming and where the bombs would fall. The English usually bombed at night when you could not see them or the falling bombs.

Like most of the Katy World War Two generation, Bud was a member of American Legion Post 164, VFW Post 9182, and Tri County Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 723 that was later named for another early Post 164 member, the Sergeant Major Roy F. Miller MOPH Chapter 723.



## A Veteran's Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give  
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,  
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind  
A sober thought came through my mind.  
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,  
I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once  
I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more  
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.  
And there he lay sleeping silent alone,  
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,  
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.  
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,  
I soon understood this was more than a man.  
For I realized the families that I saw that night  
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon `round the world, the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone  
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;  
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,  
my life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,  
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.  
I watched him for hours, so silent and still,  
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,  
And I covered this Soldier from his toes to his head.  
And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,  
With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,  
And for a shining moment, I was United States Army deep inside.  
I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,  
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean and pure,  
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."  
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,  
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!

LTC Bruce Lovely, USAF wrote this poem for Christmas Eve 1993 while assigned to US Forces Korea



## Meet Our Members: Dennis Wells

### By Robert Crutchfield, (Hubmaster)

Here at Post 164 being 1st Vice Commander is about a lot more than backing up the post commander. The 1st Vice is also responsible for heading up our membership recruitment and retention efforts. The current occupant of the position is Dennis Wells.

Dennis was originally drafted into the Army in 1971. He did his basic training at Fort Jackson. He was then assigned two MOS designations, 11B and 81E20 (Draftsman.) The second MOS came about because he studied advertising and marketing in college. The Army concluded that anybody who studied advertising must know how to draw. To the Army knowing how to draw translated to draftsman. Which led to him being assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers. His duties as a draftsman took up about half his time, while infantry related tasks filled the other half.

He spent five months working with Stratcom as a member of the permanent party at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. By this time Vietnam had become a very unpopular war among the American public. Congress passed a law that prevented many like Dennis who were drafted in 1971 from serving in Vietnam. He remembers well getting orders for Vietnam on a Friday. However because of the provision passed by congress, those orders were rescinded the following Monday. Dennis was sent to Europe instead.

He arrived just after the Baden-Meinhoff gang blew up the officers club, and 5th Army Headquarters building. After two years of active duty he reached the rank of corporal (E-4.) He then served another 4 years on inactive reserve. During that time many others were assigned to inactive reserve, because so many reserve units were full.

He first came to join the American Legion in 1982, in North Glen, Colorado. In 2020 he came here to Post 164 in Katy. Before becoming first vice-commander he served as Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition he is an active member of the post honor guard, bingo committee, and fireworks committee. For the Wells family the legion is an all family affair. His wife Maria is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and his son Robert is a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

## Key points about the VA: Submitted By Tracey McDonald (Service Officer)

**Mission:** To support veterans transitioning from military service by providing benefits like education, home loans, life insurance, and healthcare.

**Services:** Includes managing national cemeteries for veteran burials, offering healthcare through VA medical centers, and providing compensation for service-related disabilities.

**History:** The VA's roots trace back to the Plymouth Colony in 1636 when laws were passed to support disabled soldiers.

**Largest healthcare system:** The VA operates the largest healthcare system in the United States, with numerous medical centers and outpatient clinics nationwide.

**Veteran employment:** A significant percentage of VA employees are veterans themselves.

**National Cemetery Administration:** The VA manages the National Cemetery Administration, responsible for providing dignified burial services for veterans and eligible family members.

**Benefits for families:** Dependents and survivors of veterans may also be eligible for certain VA benefits.

### Veterans Crisis Line

24/7, confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. Contact the Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online, or text 838255

←—————→  
“I am so damned sight smarter man than Grant. I know more about military history, strategy, and grand tactics than he does, I know more about supply, administration, and everything else than he does, I’ll tell you where he beats me though and where he beats the world. He doesn’t give a damn about what the enemy does out of his sight, but it scares me like hell.”

**Gen. William T. Sherman**

## December Schedule

### 17 Dec, Tue

- 1pm PTSD Group
- 6pm Post Social Hour
- 6:30pm Post Training
- 7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

### 18 Dec, Wed

- 7pm ALA Unit 164 Annual Christmas Party

### 19 Dec, Thu

- 7pm Post Game Night

### 20 Dec, Fri

- 2pm Fireworks Stand Open
- 7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy - Meeting

### 21 Dec, Sat

- 2pm Fireworks Stand Open

### 22 Dec, Sun

- 9:30am  
American Legion Riders  
Katy Buc-ee's at 9:30 am, KSU at 10:00 am.

### 22 Dec, Sun

- 2pm Fireworks Stand Open

### 23 Dec, Mon

- 2pm Fireworks Stand Open
- 6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

### 24 Dec, Tue

- 1pm PTSD Group
- 2pm Fireworks Stand Open

### 26 Dec, Thu

- 12pm Fireworks Stand Open
- 7pm Post Game Night
- 7pm Civil Air Patrol

### 27 Dec, Fri

- 12pm Fireworks Stand Open

### 28 Dec, Sat

- 10am Fireworks Stand Open

### 29 Dec, Sun

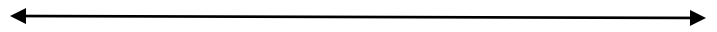
- 10am Fireworks Stand Open

### 30 Dec, Mon

- 10am Fireworks Stand Open

### 31 Dec, Tue

- 10am Fireworks Stand Open
- 1pm PTSD Group



## FACT

West Point's class of 2005 is known as the "Class of 9/11" as the attacks occurred during their freshman year. By coincidence, there were 911 graduates in this class.



" We're out of crayons . . . "



## January Schedule

### 1 Jan, Wed

6pm Legion - VFW Social Hour

No Label Brewing Co., 5351 1st St, Katy, TX 77493, USA

### 2 Jan, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting

7pm Post Game Night

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

### 4 Jan, 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

11:15am Honor Guard Practice VFW Post #9182

### 6 Jan, Mon

8:30am Westside Maids Clean Post

6:30pm Auxiliary Unit 164 Executive Committee Meeting

### 7 Jan, Tue

1pm PTSD Group

7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

### 9 Jan, Thu

7pm Post Game Night

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7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

### 11 Jan, Sat

10am Auxiliary Scrapbook Session

2pm WAA Wreaths Cleanup, Katy Magnolia Cemetery, 6801 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77493, USA

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni (Day 1/2)

### 12 Jan, Sun

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni (Day 2/2)

2pm 22nd District Oratorical Contest, American Legion Post 164

### 13 Jan, Mon

6:30pm ALA Executive Committee Meeting

### 14 Jan, Tue

AL Post 164 News Letter Deadline

1pm PTSD Group

7pm JSSP Meeting

### 15 Jan, Wed

7pm ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

### 16 Jan, Thu

7pm Post Game Night

### 20 Jan, Mon

5pm The Ballard House Dinner

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## The Oath of Enlistment (for enlisted):

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

## The Oath of Office (for officers):

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ (SSAN), having been appointed an officer in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Military Branch) of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God."

The above oaths  
have no  
expiration date