



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

January, 2025 NEWSLETTER

Commander's Chatter

By Morrow (Sandy) Krum (Commander)

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and that this New Year has begun in a blessed way for you.

I want to say that this year's fireworks stand was a huge success. We set another sales record! A great big thank you to all who participated in this, I know many of you spent numerous hours standing in cold, wind and yes, some rain. Your dedication is what it takes to make our Post the best in the district. It is because of folks like you that the Post can generate the operating funds we need to keep the doors open. For those of you who don't know, the funds we generate from this endeavor are used for the operation of the Post. Things like electricity, water, etc. It allows all the other monies we raise to go towards our programs. We look forward to a great big 4th of July selling period.

Looking ahead we have a lot of things coming up. Please keep up with the Post calendar and watch your email for notifications of opportunities to serve and help our Post continue its mission to serve our fellow veterans, their families and our community.



The United States has sent its armed forces abroad more than 300 times "for other than normal peacetime purposes." Officially, the country has only declared war on five occasions; the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II.



For God and Country by Dennis Wells (1st Vice-Commander)

A big thank you to all Post 164 Legionnaires who have renewed their memberships for 2025. The Post is on the way to meeting our annual goal. If you haven't renewed yet now is the time, don't cut it close.

Speaking of cutting it close. That reminds me of my first trip to the barbershop in basic for that initial haircut. In the chair next to me was a young man sporting, long, blond wavy hair down to his shoulders. It would have been the envy of many women. This was 1971 and long hair was the fashion. This sight caught the attention of at least four army drill instructors. This then became the object of considerable enthusiastic discussion. The whole shop's attention was drawn to that haircut. The young man's face turned a bright shade of red as the wavy locks succumbed to the buzzing of the clippers. He was visibly holding in his feelings as the blonde hair rained down to the floor with the continuing commentary from the men in the round hats. Soon all that remained was a close-cropped burr that once sported the blond mane. I was certainly glad that my hair had been mostly removed 2 weeks prior by my civilian barber so that my "skinning" was far less noticed and not turned into a spectacle. Ah yes, very high and very tight.

American Legion Post 164

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, January 24, 2025

18:00 hours (6:00 pm)

Only \$10

Brought to you by the Sons' of the American Legion

American Legion Department of Texas

District 22

Oratorical Contest

District 22 held its Oratorical Contest at Post 164 on January 12, 2025.

Two contestants were on hand to present their speeches and then speak on the 1st Amendment.

After the tabulation Daniel Rupawalla was declared the winner by a slim margin. Adelle Rock was the runner-up. We know we will be hearing more from her in the future as this is the last year Daniel can compete since he graduates Thompson High School in the spring.

Daniel will now move on to the Division 2 contest.

Awards were presented by Harry Woodstrom District 22 Oratorical Chairman and C. W. "Butch" Sparks Past Department Commander.



Daniel Rupawalla & Adelle Rock



- **Why does the military plant trees every year?**
To grow the infant-tree.
- **What do you call a shipment full of military-issued T. Rexes?**
Small arms.
- **Why did the optometrist set his clock to military time?**
To see 20:20.
- **Why didn't the officer respond when asked how he got his start in the military?**
It was private.
- **When is the only time to use trench warfare?**
As a last-ditch effort.
- **What form is required for all members of the military?**
A uniform.
- **Did you hear about the accident on base?**
A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two kernels.
- **What do soldiers want to know before getting married?**
The rules of engagement.
- **What happened to the soldier who tried to be a stand-up comedian?**
He bombed.
- **Who won the zombie war?**
Nobody. It was dead even.
- **Why are there no knock-knock jokes about the American military?**
Because freedom rings!

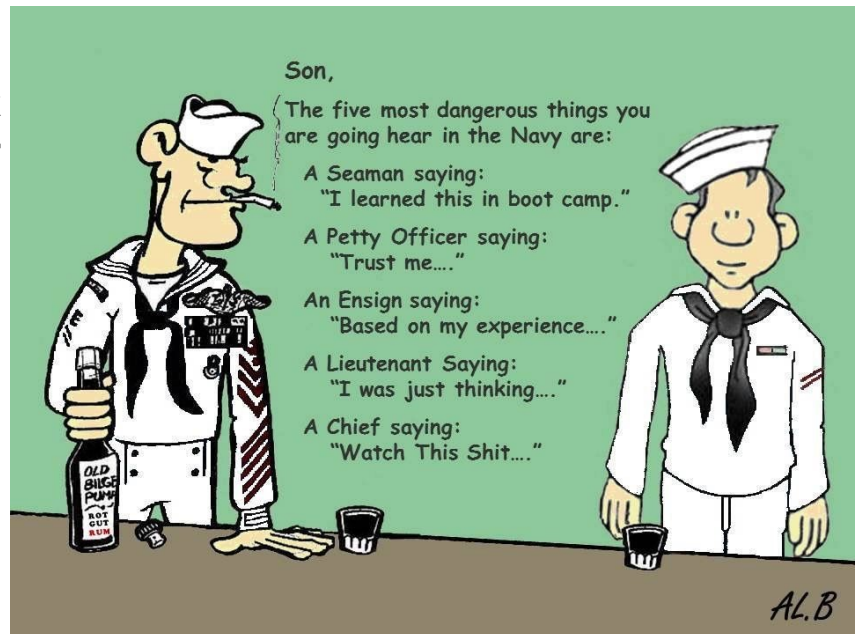
Boot Camp by William Kennison (Adjutant)

My favorite boot camp memory was when we got off the bus at Fort Dix, New Jersey in November of 1965 it seemed cold. It got hot really fast as we were all told what to do and where to go. As time went on and we become aware of the surroundings and weather conditions, like snow, and cold wet footwear, this was just normal. Remember just do as you are told and everything will be ok, until they discover that you have a hidden talent. I was just a young man from a small town, but went to a Technical School to become a Detail Draftsman. What they found in my records was the ability to draw plans and layout building locations for Post Operations. They took me from normal training and placed me in special chambers to continue Boot Camp. More details to be available soon.

True or False?

When an American Legion Post charter is cancelled, the Auxiliary Unit to which it is attached must cease operations.

False



Struggling with the Real World?



AMERICAN LEGION POST 164
VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP
MEETS

EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:00 PM
AT
22125 KINGSLAND BLVD. KATY 77450

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LICENSED COUNSELOR FROM VA CRISIS CENTER PRESENT AT MEETINGS



The American Legion Post 164 Family

Happy New Year from your Auxiliary!
by Linda Malsbary (President)

December completed another busy month for the Auxiliary. We helped raise \$585 for the Firefighters Scholarship Fund at their annual Pancake breakfast. Thank you Leslie Britton, Kay DeFoor and Rosie Stokley for leading this event. We also helped with appetizers, decorations, and door prizes for the First Responder's Dinner. A lot of folks helped and we appreciate the joint efforts! Completing our Christmas adopted families, we wrapped presents, gathered food donations and made wonderful Christmas memories for 5 Veteran Families.

We participated in 2 Wreaths Across America Ceremonies on December 14th, laying 575 wreaths at Katy Magnolia Cemetery and 87 wreaths that afternoon at Soldiers Rest at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Our Monthly Meeting was a Christmas Party, a wonderful evening to reflect on our most amazing year of 2024 and what we were able to do for Veterans and the Katy Community. Special thanks to Alana Saboor and Maria Wells for helping me decorate the Post Christmas Tree, and our awesome Party Committee of Amanda McAuliffe, Alana Saboor, Gillian Woodstrom, and Elf Decorating helpers Tina Miller and Kay DeFoor, as well as Jennifer Lowry for the year in review photos!

Fireworks finished out our year with several ALA members helping staff the stand. January will see us completing interviews for Girls State 2025 and at Ballard House to serve dinner on January 20th. Finally February is the Rodeo Parade and Four Chaplains on February 15th.

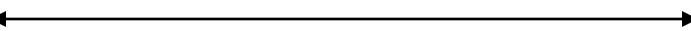
We would like to invite the spouses of all Post 164 members to join the American Legion Auxiliary!! It is a great way for them to support the Legion member they live with, and support the many programs of the Auxiliary with their membership.

Boys State by Michael Callahan (Boys State Chair)

Calling all Legionnaires and Sons, the Post needs your assistance for a few hours at the end of February and the beginning of March. The American Legion's Boys' State program will be conducting interviews for the program. We need you to spend about two hours at two or three high schools interviewing junior boys for the program. An initial Q&A session will be held at the post on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:00 am for all interested. New team members will be paired with at least one veteran interviewer. You will be provided with questions for the boys and provide feedback on each boy's potential to attend Boys' State. Feel free to contact me at (281) 705-3974 or mcallahan@lonestar.edu with questions. Please plan on attending to Q&A session and meeting the bright future of our great country.



Roy (Skip) Miller and Tina Miller presenting donations to the American Legion Post 164 Commander Sandy Krum and American Legion Post Auxiliary Unit 164 President Linda Malsbary on behalf of the Pattison Baptist Church



The nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" originated in the US in the early 1800s. The rhyme was the first audio recorded on Thomas Edison's phonograph in 1877.

Basic Training by Phil Malsbary (Vice Commander Emeritus)

It was Basic Training, 1961, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. This was my 2nd extension to make a total of 16 weeks. You see I was also a part of the Base Drum and Bugle Corps.

So we were going to have another barracks inspection and the floors were in need of polishing and Chariot Races were the best means of getting the job done. I was riding in one of the Army Wool blankets being pulled by my two trusty Assistants who told me to keep my feet low. And I Did!!

Well off we go and of course a Collision with the barracks chief (Ted Compock), a really terrific guy from Hawaii who we all respected and adored. Slam Bam, my feet went smack dab square on the cheeks of his glutes maximus!! Ted had bruises, but I ended up with two broken arches and was not able to walk for another two weeks. My explanation to the tech Sergeant, "Gee Sarge, I slipped on some soap on the shower floor and my feet hit square on the wall.

That extra two weeks gave me an opportunity to visit a really cool place. The brand new NCO Club!!



Sons of The American Legion by Gene Britton (Commander)

Our Sons of the American Legion are gearing up for our first annual Spaghetti Dinner night on January 24th at 6pm at the Post. A sign-up email looking for volunteers has been sent out. Please come out and have some fun.

The Sons of 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 at the post for collections and/or contact, Gene Britton, Commander Squadron 164 Katy TX; genebritton88@yahoo.com. Deadline for donations is March 15th 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 third Ideal is that of "Training" The month of February is a time when people focus on becoming a Squadron officer or to assist a Squadron officer during and between meetings and activities. SAL members should take the month of February to think about becoming an officer for the upcoming year.



The effective use of a double negative

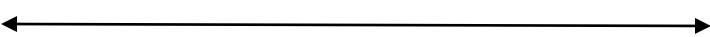
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 164 by Gillian Woodstrom (First Vice-President)

We are one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families with programs designed to improve the quality of their lives. We help to advance the mission of The American Legion, and as well as our veterans and military we support youth programs, community service and disaster relief in the Katy area. Our Unit was formed in 2017 and since that time we have grown from 12 members to over 70 members. We're always looking for more people to join us in our service, so we warmly welcome you if you are:

- a female veteran or a female currently serving in our Armed Forces:
- a grandmother, mother, sister, male or female spouse, or a direct or adopted female descendant of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who died in the line of duty or after an honorable discharge.

Our programs are many and varied so we're sure you would find something to interest you - in future newsletters we'll highlight some of our activities. We're proudly a member of our Post 164 Family, which includes the Legion, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the American Legion Riders so if you're in the same family as someone who belongs to one of these Post 164 groups, please call us and we'll help you join us!

For more information please call Linda Malsbary (Unit 164 President) at 713-304-5502.



"A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops."

Gen. John Pershing

'From Legion.org—Why Join The American Legion?

JOIN FOR COMMUNITY

Discover the perfect volunteer opportunities tailored to your interests. The American Legion passionately backs its community through a myriad of avenues, whether by directly engaging in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program, forging connections with nearby National Guard and reserve units, or extending a helping hand to local charities like Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross. Additionally, the Legion dedicates itself to nurturing youth through various programs and activities, including but not limited to American Legion Baseball, Jr. Shooting Sports, Oratorical competitions, and Boys and Girls State.

JOIN FOR A VOICE IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

The American Legion is the nation's most influential, effective, and dependable advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active-duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA's medical system can properly care for veterans.

JOIN FOR FAMILY

The American Legion stands as a beacon of inclusivity and camaraderie, offering a welcoming embrace to veterans and their families from all walks of life. Serving as more than just a gathering place, it fosters a sense of belonging and understanding within the veteran community, transcending differences, and uniting individuals under a shared bond of service.

Veteran Burial Benefits (Continued from Last Month Newsletter)

VA burial and memorial benefits

Veterans who die on active duty, or with discharges that are other than dishonorable, are entitled by law to:

- A gravesite in any national cemetery with available space, opening and closing of the grave.
- A government headstone, marker, urn, or medallion in a national and/or private cemetery.
- A government-issued U.S. flag to drape over the casket, and for presentation to the surviving spouse or next-of-kin.

A Presidential Memorial Certificate signed by the president of the United States.
Burial in a VA national cemetery

Every eligible veteran who is entitled to burial in a national cemetery as long as space is available, and the following conditions are met:

- Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Veteran was not subsequently convicted for offenses involving prohibited weapons of mass destruction, genocide and international terrorism.

With certain exceptions, service beginning after Sept. 7, 1980, as an enlisted person and service after Oct. 16, 1981, as an officer must have served for a minimum of 24 months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. For a description of requirements go to www.cem.va.gov
Burial benefits in a VA national cemetery include the following: gravesite, headstone, marker or medalion, opening and closing of the grave, and perpetual care of the grave site. Many national cemeteries have columbaria or gravesites for cremated remains. Gravesites in national cemeteries cannot be reserved. Many national cemeteries are closed to new casket interments. Funeral directors or others making burial arrangements must apply at the time of death.

Spouses and minor children of eligible veterans and of service members may also be buried in a national cemetery. If a surviving spouse of an eligible veteran marries a non-veteran, and remarriage was terminated by death or divorce of the non-veteran, the spouse is subsequently eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Visit the National Cemetery Administration website at www.cem.va.gov for a listing of all national cemeteries and state veterans' cemeteries. Send questions on benefits eligibility to VA at public.inquiry@mail.va.gov.

Look for more information in the February Newsletter

Gone Fishing

One day, the rain was pouring like crazy and a big puddle formed in front of a local pub just outside the Navy base. An old Marine Sergeant was standing near the edge of the puddle with his fishing line in a puddle. When a Navy fighter pilot saw this, he decided to approach the man and see what he was doing.

"Fishing," the old Sergeant replied.

'This poor old fool,' thought the Navy officer, so he invited the old man inside to buy him a drink.

While drinking their beers, the smart-ass fighter pilot decided to ask, "How many did you end up catching today."

"You the eighth," the old Marine answered.



My family roots in the military. By Morrow Krum (Commander)

My grandfather Morrow Krum



Born June 17, 1896

Married Caroline Kirkland Sanborn in September 1921

Son Morrow (Mike) Sanborn Krum (my dad and where the family names were merged, thus making me a Junior) born January 1933

Morrow was the Chicago Tribune's first aviation editor in 1921. He was also a Chicago advertising man. His obituary was printed in the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, Friday, May 7, 1943, page 7.

Morrow was killed in a military aircraft crash in Iceland, which claimed the lives of 13 other U.S. military and civilian personnel. Foul weather conditions contributed to the B-24D bomber slamming into Mount Fagradalsfjall, Iceland. The details of the crash are available at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/49242377/morrow-krum>: "This distinguished crew and passengers were killed in an aircraft accident in a B-24 Liberator of the 8th Air Force (330th BS, 93rd Bomb Group) out of RAF Bovingdon, England, on Mt. Fagradalsfjall on the Reykjanes peninsula after an aborted attempt to land at the Royal Air Force station at Kaldadarnes, Iceland."

When World War Two began, Morrow was commissioned as a major in the U.S. army. At that time, he was employed with the advertising firm of Roche, Williams & Cunyningham, Inc. of Chicago, where he had worked for 15 years as the director of public relations. As such he oversaw the publicity accounts for the Studebaker and Bendix Aviation corporations, which were in South Bend, Indiana. Prior to his death, Colonel Krum served as public relations officer for American forces in the European Theater.



This monument was erected at the crash site in Iceland. My Grandfather was a member of American Legion Post 214 in Lake Forest, IL. His brother, my uncle, whom I never knew was a Lt. Cmdr. in the USN. My grandfather, grandmother, uncle and father are all buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

So, as you can see I come from a rich history of military service.

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Excerpt from "Awesome Sh*t My Drill Sergeant Said"

Drill sergeants understand that you miss your family

"I know a lot of you come from a long line of window lickers, but today I need you to put your crayons back in your box and put away your helmets and stop chewing on your footlockers."



JANUARY SCHEDULE

21 Jan, Tue

Meeting moved to January 28

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

23 Jan, Thu

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Post 164 - downstairs meeting room

24 Jan, Fri

6pm SAL 164 Spaghetti Dinner

Downstairs room

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy - Meeting

25 Jan, Sat

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

26 Jan, Sun

2pm CANCELLED Auxiliary New Members Orientation

27 Jan, Mon

9am Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

28 Jan, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

30 Jan, Thu

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

February Schedule

1 Feb, 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

2 Feb, Sun

2pm 2nd Division Oratorical Contest

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

3 Feb, Mon

8:30am Westside Maids Clean Post

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4 Feb, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

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7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

5 Feb, Wed

7pm JSSP Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

5 Feb, Wed (continued)

6pm Legion - VFW Social Hour

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

6 Feb, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting

Katy VA Clinic, 750 Westgreen Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, 7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

8 Feb, Sat

10am Boys State Training

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm ALA Unit 521 Cancer Dinner

American Legion Post 521 Inc, 2221 Preston Ave, Pasadena, TX 77503, USA

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

9 Feb, Sun

2pm Super Bowl Party

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

11 Feb, Tue

AL Post 164 News Letter Deadline

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

13 Feb, Thu

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

Downstairs room

15 Feb, Sat

2pm 4 Chaplains Ceremony

Church of the Holy Apostles, 1225 W Grand Pkwy S,
Katy, TX 77494, USA

16 Feb, Sun

1pm ALA District 22 DEC (Auxiliary)

American Legion Post 521 Inc, 2221 Preston Ave,
Pasadena, TX 77503, USA

2pm 22nd District DEC

American Legion Post 521 Inc, 2221 Preston Ave,
Pasadena, TX 77503, USA

18 Feb, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post, 22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

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