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THE AMERICAN LEGION JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164 KATY TEXAS



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Commander's Chatter

By Morrow (Sandy) Krum (Post 164 Commander)

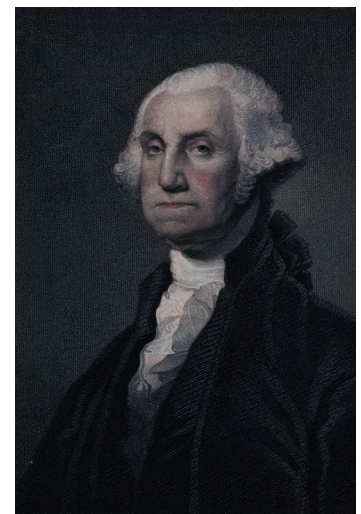
Well, we have almost survived the summer heat, fall and our very busy schedule is just around the corner. I would like to encourage all of you to look at volunteering to work at least one shift at all our upcoming events. What's next? September we will be at the Katy Home and Garden Show. We will host the American Legion College, and Patriot Day. October will be the Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade and the Festival itself. November will be Veterans Day events and Operation Home Front. During this time, we will also be assisting our Auxiliary with their tables for "Pies for Hope" and "Wreaths Across America". These events are a way for our Post to let the community know we are here.

We also are in the middle of the new membership renewal push. I know some of you wait until the last minute to pay your dues, but if you pay it now you are done with it and won't be constantly getting reminders from us. Paying is easy. You can pay via our post website at www.legionpost164katytx.org look for the renew/join tab and follow the prompts. You can mail a check to American Legion Post 164, P.O. Box 1171, Katy, TX. 77452, or the easiest way is to see myself or Harry Woodstrom at the membership meeting and we can take your check or credit card. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.



"Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country"

George Washington



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

5 year Membership Awards

We are honored to announce those members of American Legion Post 164 who have reached the 5 year membership level. We will be handing out the awards at our next membership meeting on August 19th. Congratulations to the following;

John Boutte	Verdell Boutte
Michael Clark	Keith Dominique
Gary Hodges	Glenda Hoffman
Jennifer Lowry	Patrick McClug
James McKay	Michael Milligan
Rick Milligan	Tom Moore
Milinda Morris	Robert Morse
Donald Paul	Justin Perryman
James Pitts	John Scott Jr
Cary Snyder	Gary Son
William Swalick	Christopher Taylor
Steven Tine	Kenneth Trunnell
Walter Weathershee	Dennis Wells



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By Mike Callahan (Squadron 164 Finance Officer)

Dinner at the Post – Pause until October

There is a change to the SAL dinner for the post. We are taking a break until the end of October. The dinner will also be held on a quarterly basis. The chefs hope the change will bring more post, SAL, and auxiliary members out to the post for a great meal and some good company

Thank you to all who have come out for the last six months for the dinner and 50/50 drawing. The Sons of the American Legion greatly appreciate your participation.

See you in October!



Patriot Day, observed annually on September 11, serves as a National Day of Remembrance for the nearly 3,000 lives lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The day also honors the brave first responders and service members who sacrificed their lives and served in the aftermath of the attacks.

Come and join our American Legion Family at the Post on September 11 from 4PM to 7PM. Our Katy First Responders will be on site with active presentations on community safety for adults and kids (and, of course, with their vehicles!) We will also welcome Katy and Harris County officials, local schools, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and many other community groups.

Our First Responders keep us safe – let's honor them on this day of remembrance!

By Gene Britton (Squadron 164 Commander)

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 Sons of the American Legion uphold a foundation of principles that guide our actions and strengthen our community.

Throughout the program, participants discover the meaning of each ideal, culminating in the principle of Comradeship—the tenth and final ideal. Comradeship is more than a word; it is the spirit of mutual support and goodwill that binds our members together. Whether volunteering side by side, extending a hand to those in need, or simply sharing stories and laughter at gatherings, this ideal reminds us that true strength lies in unity and friendship. It encourages members to look beyond themselves and find purpose in serving others, fostering a sense of belonging that enriches both the individual and the entire squadron.

Our Sons of the American Legion had our seventh Dinner Night on July 25th at 6pm at the post. Thanks to all who attended.

We are going to have our dinners quarterly going forward. Our next meal will be October 24th 6PM.



Scam Safety Guide

If you get a suspicious call or text

- 1) Pause before responding
 - Scammers want you to act fast without thinking
 - Never send money or give personal details right away.
- 2) Verify the person
 - If they claim to be family, hang up and call back using their real number
 - Ask a “family code word” only the real person would know
- 3) Look for red flags
 - Requests for gift cards, wire transfers, Zello, Venmo or crypto
 - Urgent or emotional language: “I’m in trouble, send money now”
 - Contact from a number or email you don’t recognize
- 4) If you think it’s a scam
 - Do NOT click links or download apps they tell you to
 - Do NOT reply—block the number
 - Report it (See Page 4 for instructions)
- 5) Report and protect
 - Forward text to 7726 (SPAM)
 - File reports with the FTC and FCC
 - Tell your bank immediately if money was sent

Monthly Membership Impact Report

By Butch Sparks (Post 164 Judge Advocate)

The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The monthly membership impact report provides a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families, and communities. The report consolidates many pieces of information into a one-page report to show you and potential members the real-life impact of The American Legion’s work in local communities and on the national stage. Access the report at www.legion.org/about/reports/membership-impact. See all the great things your membership and volunteerism are doing for our veterans, their families, and the communities we live in.

What does the American Legion Auxiliary mean to me? By Alana Saboor (Auxiliary Unit 164, President)

For me, it means that I am a part of something great. It means that I have many sisters and brothers in the Legion. It means that we are working together for the common goal.

It means that we have an unwavering loyalty to our country and what it stands for. It means that we proudly display our flags at our American Legion Posts, American Legion Auxiliary Units, our businesses and our homes.

We proudly pass out flags at the events we are involved in. We honor our Veterans. We share a set of values and ideals. We believe in justice, equality and freedom just to name a few. It means that we are one.

You will see many of our members in the community at events like Pies for Hope, raising awareness to Stop Soldier Suicide with the Be The One campaign, passing out Memorial Poppies, Wreaths Across America, Four Chaplains, Breakfast with Veterans, Back to school backpacks for children in need in our area.

We also have programs for children as well. Volunteer opportunities, Scholarships for Band, FFA, Education etc. ALA Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which American Legion Auxiliary members guide young women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy and patriotic citizens. Developing leadership skills, confidence and action-based understanding of the government process gives young women a lasting foundation for success, both personally and professionally. The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating youth about the basic ideals and principles of government will help ensure the survival of our democracy.

This is just a short synopsis of who we are, what we

believe and what we do as the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, 164 Katy, TX. If you would like to come to a meeting, and see what we're all about they're on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Post 164 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX.

Sports

- 1) Which major league baseball team is subject to the so-called "Curse of the Bambino"?
- 2) How many competitions comprise a tennis Grand Slam?
- 3) In what decade were the Winter Olympics first held
- 4) Telemark, Nordic, Alpine and Super-G are all forms of what sport?
- 5) In baseball, what might be characterized as a 12-6, an 11-5 or a 2-8
- 6) In yards, how long is a cricket pitch? 18, 22, 28 or 36
- 7) Why was there no baseball World Series competition on 1994?
- 8) FINA is the international governing body of what sport?

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How to report a Scam

A) Forward the text to 7726

- Iphone: Hold the scam text -> Forward -> type 7726 -> Send
- Android: Hold the scam text -> Forward -> type 7726 -> Send
- If asked, reply with the scammer's number

B) File a complaint with the FTC

- Go to <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- Click "Report Now" -> "Imposter Scam" or "Family/Friend Imposter"
- Provide phone numbers, name, email, and details

C) File a complaint with the FCC

- Go to <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov>
- Select "Phone" or "Unwanted Calls/Texts"
- Provide the same details as with the FTC

From History Facts.com

Mount Rushmore was supposed to include the bodies of the presidents.

Like many artistic endeavors, Mount Rushmore went through several phases before its final concept was decided upon. Before it was a tribute to four U.S. presidents, the massive sculpture was intended as a tourist destination honoring icons of the American frontier; potential figures included Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Buffalo Bill, and Lakota leader Red Cloud. But Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor responsible for Mount Rushmore, had a different idea. He wanted his "Shrine of Democracy" to honor George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt; he also wanted the sculpture to include their full bodies, but funding ran out. When Borglum died in 1941, 14 years after the project officially began, South Dakota deemed the sculpture complete with just the busts of the presidents.

Even in this limited form, it took more than 400 workers to finish the monument, none of whom perished during its construction (a rarity at the time). The four presidents were chosen to represent America's birth (Washington), expansion (Jefferson), preservation (Lincoln), and development (Roosevelt). Jefferson oversaw the Louisiana Purchase, Lincoln prevented the country from splitting in two, and Roosevelt supported the construction of the Panama Canal. Known to the Lakota people as Tunkasila Sakpe Paha, meaning "Six Grandfathers Mountain," the landmark was renamed for New York lawyer Charles E. Rushmore, who visited the site in 1885 and remarked that it needed a name.

Humor

Sven and Ole were hiking when they came across some tracks. Sven said, "Look, coyote tracks."

Ole replied, "Those aren't coyote tracks they're deer tracks." They stood on the tracks arguing for over 30 minutes then were hit by the train.

Sports Answers

- 1) Boston Red Sox
- 2) Four
- 3) The 1920's
- 4) Skiing
- 5) Curveballs
- 6) 22
- 7) The players were on strike
- 8) Swimming

Texas Legion College

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Please review the available slots below, click on the button to sign up and supply the requested information. Thank you!

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AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY

EDUCATION PROGRAM by Gillian Woodstrom

As well as providing continuing education for our membership, we have been searching for more effective ways to connect with the youth in our Katy community.

At Wreaths Across America the FFA helps set up tables and chairs; the Young Men's Christian League mark and clean up graves; the National Charity League passes out programs; the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts pass out pennies for marking the graves; the Katy Youth Choir opens the ceremony with patriotic songs; the Boys State and Girls State representatives explain the meaning behind the 10 boughs that comprise a wreath; and the Sea Cadets present the Colors and the Honor Wreaths.

For our Four Chaplains event the Girl Scouts welcomed attendees and pass out programs.

National Honor Society HS students take part in our Poppy program helping us to make poppies for distribution on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Girl Scouts and their home-made posters greet our Honor Flight veterans and drive-through participants at the Operation Homefront Turkey Giveaway. As we hand out the turkeys, they entertain the crowd by singing Christmas songs.

At Breakfast with our Veterans student volunteer groups like the Heritage Girls, U of H Veterans Youth Service Group, NHS and Girls State volunteer with our kitchen crew.

At our 2 major Katy festivals National Honor Society students apply patriotic tattoos at our booths and also run the parade routes passing out over 5000 American flags to families lining the streets!

To assist the students in our low income schools our Backpack Program unit members stuff backpacks for Katy elementary schools.

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in Grades 3-12. Each student is recognized with a certificate and an American flag



pin, and the winner also receives a \$25 check. We also request Americanism Essays from our Girls State Candidates. One winner from each age group is submitted to Department.

We adopt a West Memorial school for Education week providing staff members with handwritten thank you cards, snacks, breakfast, sweet treats and prizes. We partner with the Post in The American Legion School Awards Medal Program. For Teacher Appreciation Week in May we make goody bags for our Girls State high school counselors.

Our Scholarship Committee awards 3 types of High School scholarships: The Blue Posse scholarship supports the FFA; we offer two \$250 scholarships to a band or an orchestra student in need of help; and we offer three Higher Education Scholarships of \$500 each that can be used for college, trade

school, nursing or any other advanced form of education.

We have added a link to our scholarship information on the Katy ISD program "School List". Students may now apply directly for American Legion Auxiliary scholarships at the local, state and national level.

Girls State is now at 35 citizens, up from 12 citizens in 2017; and 10 KISD schools up from the original 5 KISD high schools. Private schools St. John 23 and ATTWY International and home scholars also participate. We raise funds for Girls State scholarships through our annual Wreaths Across America \$5 back program; KISD provides one scholarship per high school and other service organizations also sponsor citizens.

Continuing education for our membership includes the creation of guidelines for each program and event, orientation for new members, officer training and attendance at District, Division and Department conventions. At our monthly meetings we invite speakers from support groups such as Camp Hope, Harris County Victim Advocates, Ballard House, Disabled Vets, Operation Homefront, and Wheelchairs for Warriors. We also provide training in such topics as Roberts Rule of Order; DD214s; the Elevator Speech to attract new memberships; and monthly meeting etiquette.

MY 9/11 STORY By Robert A. Crutchfield (Post 164 Chaplain)

Being my day off on the morning of 9/11/01, I was sleeping in. Upon awakening, I had barely made it to the living room when the phone rang. It was my sister telling me to turn on the TV. She said that a plane had struck a building in New York City, and she thinks it fell down. I told her I would check it out. What I didn't say out loud was that she was making no sense. So I flicked on the TV. Immediately I realized that she was tragically right. Our country had been attacked !

I spent the next few hours glued to the screen like so many others that day. Alternating between computer and TV, I worked to gather as much information as possible. It wasn't much. About dinner time my phone rang again. It was a staff member at our county Republican Party headquarters. We had an executive committee meeting scheduled a couple of nights later. This would place judges, state representatives, and other officials of America's 4th largest county all in one room ! She acknowledged that I left office as Senate District Chairman about 5 years earlier. However the Advisory Board (which wasn't strictly advisory,) had to decide whether to continue with the meeting. She went on to say that given the gravity of the moment the Advisory Board was requesting my vote.

I swallowed hard. We still didn't yet know who we had been attacked by, or even if the attack was over.

After running it over in my head, I told her that if we altered our plans, whoever we were facing would win before things even started. We cannot let them win. My vote was for the meeting to go forward.

The night of the meeting came. It began under the tightest security we had ever had at such a meeting. At some point in the meeting, somebody starting quietly singing God Bless America. More and more people quickly joined in. Before we got to the oceans

white with foam, hundreds of people were on their feet singing. We still did not have a complete understanding of who had attacked us, or if the attacks were even over.

We were the majority party in our nation's fourth largest county. In that instant we were loud, we were defiant, we were committed ! We knew the battle had barely begun. We knew that on a lot of levels things were about to get very hard. We also knew that whoever this was, whatever they thought they were doing, they could not win !

That was how my 9/11 story began. It did not end there. In some ways we are still fighting the same battle. I am only offering to history, one man's perspective of those early hours and days. A lot of people have had to make a lot of hard decisions since then. My part in them was small. At the same time it was my honor to make them. Many more would serve in many different ways as the 9/11 Era unfolded. I am grateful for each one of them and all who sacrificed following that day.

Boys State

Come out to the Post monthly meeting in August to meet the second half of our Boys State statesmen. The boys will attend our meeting and tell us what they learned. About half of our 2025 statesmen came to the July meeting and their reports about their time in Austin were inspiring.

Come to the post's meeting and see what the future will hold. You will be VERY impressed.

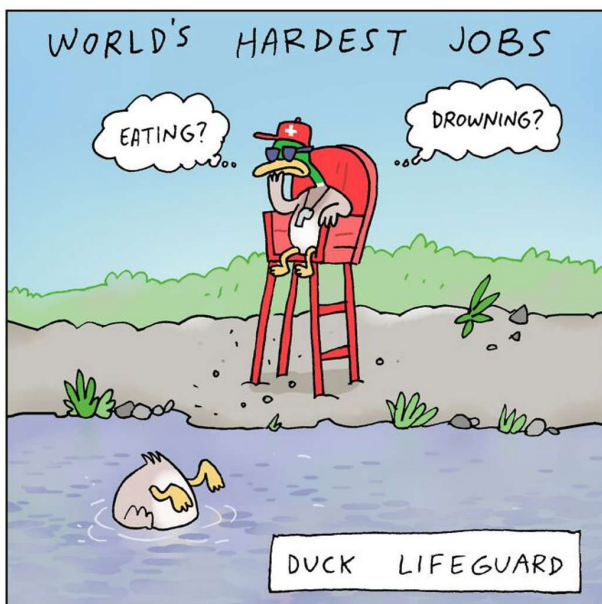
"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

Gen. George Patton



Breakfast with a Veteran

The American Legion Post 164 and The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 with the Katy Elks Lodge 2628 hosted our monthly “Breakfast with A Veteran” on August 2, 2025. Breakfast is an all-you-can-eat affair for just \$10. We had a large turnout this month as we served 100 + meals. In attendance was our oldest member Aaron Mendoza who is 101 years old. This breakfast is very well received by the local community. We also want to thank members of all the Katy Elks for the use of their facility. A special thanks to all of the volunteers from the Unit, Lodge, Post and Squadron for the great job setting up, greeting, cooking, serving, entertaining children and cleaning. If you are in the area on September 6th, swing by and grab some breakfast.



Boys State Attendees

talking about their experiences at Boys State 2025



On July 15th, 2025, several of the young men who were sponsored by American Legion Post 164 came to our Post monthly meeting to share their experiences with our members. Shown here are Abir Charaniya, Hoi Chung, Joseph "Evan" Cooper, Andrew Fordham, Thomas Guilanshah, Jacob Gunn, Danial Iskender, Jordan Lanier. During the Post 164 August membership meeting we will hear from several others.

Have you ever noticed that a woman's “I’ll be ready in 5 minutes” and a man's “I’ll be home in 5 minutes” are exactly the same?

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The American Legion is enshrined in the United States Code at **36 U.S.C. §21704**.

Powers

The corporation may-

- 1) Adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- 2) Adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- 3) Establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- 4) Establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations;
- 5) Provide guidance and leadership to organizations and local chapters established under paragraph (4), but may not control or otherwise influence the specific activities and conduct of such organizations and local chapters;
- 6) Acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- 7) Publish a magazine and other publications;
- 8) Sue and be sued; and
- 9) Do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.



Post 164 2025-2026 Training Plan

August 2025 – Boys State

Instructor: Mike Callahan

September 2025 – Recruiting

Instructors: Jim McGuire, Dennis Wells

September 26, 27, 28 2025 – Texas Legion College

Instructors: Butch Sparks, Jim McGuire, Harry Woodstrom. Sandy Krum and Cheryl Williams

October 2025 – ID.ME & Legion Organization

Instructor: Harry Woodstrom

November 2025 – Flag Code

Instructor: Donald Gentles

December 2025 – Four Pillars

Instructor: TBD

January 2026 – Fund Raising

Instructor: TBD

February 2026 – American Legion Programs

Instructor: TBD

March 2026 – Parliamentary Procedure

Instructor: TBD

April 2026 – American Legion History

Instructor: TBD

May 2026 – Web Resources

Instructor: TBD

June 2026 – Communication

Instructor: TBD

July 2026 – American Legion Protocol

Instructor: TBD

If you see a TBD (To Be Determined) listed as the instructor that means you have an opportunity to try out your class room instruction skills. When you volunteer to be an instructor, you will have the opportunity to use existing materials or develop your own. You will have the availability of training coaches and opportunities to practice with or without feedback. Training is fun. You have all been a student, now it's time to be an instructor.

When you're ready to be an instructor, please contact Harry Woodstrom, Training Committee Chair or Donald Gentles, Training Committee Vice Chair.



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WHERE: Legion Post 164 Katy, 22125 Kingsland Blvd., Katy 77450

WHEN: Friday September 26 thru Sunday September 28 2025

TIMES: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Breakfast is provided from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and lunch from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Please click on the link below or use the QR image to sign up—it will appear to sign you up for one day only, but it will register with us as all three days.

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