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THE AMERICAN LEGION JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164 KATY TEXAS



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Commander's Chatter

By Dennis Wells (Post 164 Commander)

The American Legion was founded on service. It was and is based on volunteerism to fulfill the founding principles on which this great institution was built. Every Legionnaire is an important part of the whole. Your membership counts. We stress this. But there is more to membership than numbers. Your time and talent are also vitally important to the continued success of our Post and the Legion as a whole. Post 164 is involved in a whole range of activities and programs. Check out the list available on our website. Find the one or ones that interest you. This is a great way to get in and get active.

There are plenty of opportunities to use your talents. Everyone has them. Why not use them to help your fellow veterans, their families and of course the community. The Legion is always looking for leaders. Not only in Post executive management, but also on a wide range of committees and events.

The best place to start is by attending a membership meeting. Get to know your fellow Legionnaires and see how you can get involved. As the old military ad stated, "it's not a job...it's an adventure". Be adventurous.



"I was on Iwo Jima for 45 days. I didn't get injured or anything, and I owe it to three things: I prayed hard, I dug deep, and I ran fast."

Marine William B. Schott



By Robert Crutchfield (Post 164 1st Vice-Commander)

As I write this coming off the Labor Day Weekend we are at 54.84%. This puts us first in the district for the first time by a fraction of a hair. It also means we will likely meet the Department's 55% target by September 10th. I want to thank all the members that have renewed, and those who have worked to make this happen.

However, the 60% District target date of September 31st will fast be upon us ! Other targets will be following close behind. Please keep in mind that these targets are the minimum that we are being asked to accomplish. Also keep in mind that we are a big post. This is a good problem to have, and I value every member ! What that means to us specifically is that we need just over 4 members to move our results even one percent !

Some of the other targets are as follows, October 31 75%, November 30 90%, December 100%. This is based on what the District has asked us to do. The District is asking for more aggressive results than the Department, which is why I am using their targets. By achieving the district's expectations, we will easily be very competitive state-wide. Hitting 100% by December 31st allows our officers and members to devote more time to other activities. But do not be fooled. Membership never stops !

The biggest thing every member can do to help is re-new as early as possible ! At the same time the low hanging fruit is disappearing rapidly. The hard part is not behind us, but in front of us ! Membership is one of those areas that could always use more help. If you are interested in helping our post in this way. Please email me at:

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August Post Night Out



By Jennifer Lowry (Unit 164 President, Post 164 Adjutant)

Remembering September 11: 25 Years Later

On September 11, 2001, the world changed in a matter of hours. Twenty-five years later, the memory of that day remains deeply etched in the hearts of millions. The 25th anniversary of September 11 is not only a time to remember what was lost, but also an opportunity to reflect on the courage, compassion, and resilience that emerged from one of the darkest days in modern American history.

On that morning, nearly 3,000 people were killed in the terrorist attacks in New York, at the Pentagon, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. They came from different backgrounds, faiths, professions, and communities. Each had a family, friends, dreams, and a future they expected to see. Their lives remind us that behind the numbers are individual human stories that deserve to be remembered.

We also remember the First Responders who ran toward danger when others were trying to escape it. Firefighters, police officers, emergency medical workers, and ordinary citizens demonstrated extraordinary courage. Many never returned home. Others carried physical and emotional scars for years afterward.

The aftermath of September 11 revealed another side of the American spirit. Strangers helped strangers. Communities came together. People donated blood, opened their homes, searched for survivors, and offered comfort to those who had lost loved ones. In the midst of fear and uncertainty, acts of kindness became reminders of our shared humanity.

Twenty-five years later, a new generation has grown up without personal memories of September 11. For many young people, the events of that day are history rather than lived experience. That makes remembrance especially important. We must tell the stories of those who were lost, honor those who served, and

teach future generations about the importance of compassion, courage, and unity.

Remembering September 11 should also remind us of the value of every human life. The years since the attacks have brought change, challenges, and difficult conversations about security, war, freedom, and the consequences of violence. Yet the most enduring lesson may be that hatred, and violence should never be allowed to erase our capacity for compassion.

On this 25th anniversary, we pause to remember the victims, honor the survivors, and express gratitude to the First Responders and countless people who served and sacrificed. We remember the families who continue to carry their loss. We remember the communities that stood together.

Twenty-five years have passed, but remembrance does not have an expiration date.

We remember. We honor. We carry their stories forward.

May the memory of September 11 inspire us not only to look back, but to build a future defined by courage, compassion, understanding, and peace.



By Robert Watts (Post 164 Chaplain)

The chaplaincy has many purposes. One of its major purposes is to help persons grow in their relationship with God and one another. Also, we serve as a reminder of the transcendent and seek to develop an environment within which Legionnaires are encouraged in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth. We are to remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The American Legion is comprehensive in nature embracing all religions, faiths, and denominations within its ranks. The chaplaincy, being non-denominational and non-sectarian, wishes to minister to the spiritual needs of all without regard to either affiliation or non-affiliation.

Chaplains seek to minister to people wherever there is a need. For many, chaplains are the only ministers they will ever know, as they have no affiliation with church, synagogue, or other religious institution.

The role of the chaplain is ever increasing due to the aging of our membership. Each Legionnaire should be alert to the physical and spiritual needs of his/her comrades. The chaplain should be notified when there is death, illness, or special concern in the membership. At that point the chaplain should provide all ministry and services available.



More August Post Night Out



A New Sign at the Post



Why the American Legion Supports ROTC

The American Legion supports the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) because it sees the program as a vital way to **develop future leaders, instill civic values, and strengthen the nation's military and community ties.**

1. Leadership and Civic Values

ROTC programs train college and university students to become military officers while earning a degree, fostering leadership, discipline, and a deep understanding of military principles. The American Legion believes these skills are essential for both military service and active citizenship, preparing young people to serve their communities and country effectively.

2. Patriotism and Service

The Legion's support is rooted in its mission to promote Americanism and civic responsibility. ROTC provides students with exposure to military life and the values of dedication, discipline, and service, which the Legion sees as core to national strength.

3. Mentorship and Veterans' Involvement

Legionnaires, many of whom are veterans, act as guest speakers, mentors, and role models for ROTC cadets. This connection allows students to learn firsthand about the sacrifices of those who have served, reinforcing patriotism and service.

4. Recognition and Awards

The American Legion formally supports ROTC through resolutions such as **Resolution No. 11**, which urges local units to present ROTC medals to colleges and high schools. The Legion also sponsors awards, scholarships, and honor programs for outstanding cadets, encouraging excellence and community engagement.

5. Community and National Impact

By partnering with ROTC, the Legion strengthens community bonds, creates intergenerational connections

between veterans and youth, and ensures that the military remains reflective of the nation it serves. In short, the American Legion supports ROTC because it aligns with its mission to **empower youth, honor service, and strengthen the nation's leadership pipeline** through education, mentorship, and recognition.

Katy Home & Garden Show



Quiz—Name the poem title and author

1. Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

2. The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville
nine that day:
The score stood four to two, with but one inning
more to play,

3. Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered,
weak and weary,
Over many a quaint and curious volume of for-
gotten lore---

4. O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we
sought is won,

5. Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.

6. The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

7. Because I could not stop for Death –
He kindly stopped for me –

8. Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

9. The fog comes
On little cat feet.

10. The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

11. All I could see from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a wood;

12. What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?



At Sea ...

By Neil Hines

The USS Abraham Lincoln, a naval aircraft carrier, recently completed a remarkable 290-day deployment, marking it as the longest sea deployment since World War II. This extended deployment highlights the dedication, bravery, and endurance of the sailors who serve aboard her.

During their time at sea, these sailors not only fulfilled their primary duties but also took on additional responsibilities, including standing four- to eight-hour watches and often more if equipment needed repair. Life aboard a naval ship can be arduous, particularly in a potential combat zone, where sleep deprivation is common. Sailors frequently face difficult choices, such as prioritizing a hot meal over gaining extra rest. For many, the demands of duty mean being awake and alert even when exhaustion sets in.

The provisions on board are also limited; fresh food lasts for about a week before transitioning to canned

or powdered options. Space aboard ships is primarily allocated for operational needs, with comfort often being a secondary consideration. Water may also be rationed, adding another layer of challenge to life at sea. The workload is significant, with many sailors finding themselves responsible for tasks typically assigned to two people. Even automated devices that could potentially reduce the need for manpower require constant monitoring and maintenance.

The experiences of sailors aboard warships can be difficult for civilians and those in other military branches to fully comprehend. It is essential to recognize the unique challenges these service members face to keep these formidable platforms operational. In light of this, it is important to appreciate the contributions of all sailors, not only those aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln but also those serving on other naval vessels and in supporting roles.

The effectiveness of the military is attributable to the dedication of the men and women who serve, underscoring the importance of public support and recognition for their service.



Waiting at Home While Your Spouse Is Deployed

The house feels the same, yet different. The coffee brews, the mail arrives, the sun sets — but one chair at the table stays empty. Waiting during deployment is not a passive act; it's a quiet strength, a daily choice to carry love across the miles.

1. Acknowledge Your Feelings

It's normal to experience a mix of pride, worry, loneliness, and even frustration. Give yourself permission to feel them all without judgment. Journaling, talking with trusted friends, or joining a military family support group can help you process those emotions in healthy ways.

2. Build a Support Network

You don't have to go through deployment alone. Reach out to neighbors, friends, and family members who can lend a hand or simply listen. Many communities and bases offer Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) or virtual meetups where you can connect with others who understand the unique challenges of deployment life.

3. Create a Routine

Structure can be a powerful anchor. Establishing daily rituals — whether it's a morning walk, a weekly video call with friends, or a set bedtime routine for kids — can help create stability and reduce stress.

4. Stay Connected Across the Distance

Letters, care packages, and scheduled calls can bridge the miles. Even small updates about

your day can make your spouse feel included in home life. Likewise, hearing about their experiences can help you feel closer despite the separation.

5. Take Care of Yourself

Self-care isn't selfish — it's essential. Whether it's reading a book, pursuing a hobby, or simply taking a quiet moment with a cup of tea, tending to your own well-being will help you stay resilient for yourself and your family.

Closing Thought

Deployment is a season — challenging, yes, but also an opportunity to grow in strength, independence, and connection. While you wait, remember that you are part of a larger community of spouses and families who understand and stand with you.

Quiz Answers

1. "Paul Revere's Ride" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
2. "Casey at the Bat" - Ernest Lawrence Thayer
3. "The Raven" - Edgar Allan Poe
4. "O Captain! My Captain!" - Walt Whitman
5. "Columbus" - Joaquin Miller
6. "I know why the caged bird sings" - Maya Angelou
7. "Because I could not stop for Death" - Emily Dickinson
8. "The New Colossus" - Emma Lazarus
9. "Fog" - Carl Sandburg
10. "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" - Robert Frost
11. "Renascence," - Edna St. Vincent Millay
12. "Harlem" - Langston Hughes

September Schedule

11 Sep, Fri

10am Patriot Day

Downstairs meeting room and Bay area

12 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

10am Auxiliary Audit Committee

Upstairs Meeting Room

1pm CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

13 Sep, Sun

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

14 Sep, Mon

7pm Marine Corp League

Post 164

7pm Unit 164 Executive Committee Meeting

Upstairs

15 Sep, Tue

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

16 Sep, Wed

6pm ALA Unit 164 Social & Training

Downstairs Romm

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

7pm ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

18 Sep, Fri

9am Texas Legion College

American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 & Hall Rental,
7599 Avenue C, Houston, TX 77012, USA

19 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

9am Texas Legion College

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10am FraternalOrder of Eastern Star

UpStairs Meeting Room

5pm Honor Flight Return

Car pool to Hobby Airport

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

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

20 Sep, Sun

9am Texas Legion College

American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 & Hall Rental,
7599 Avenue C, Houston, TX 77012, USA

11:30am ALR Chapter 164 Katy Rider Skills Practice
6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494

12pm Kappa Silhouettes Induction

Downstairs Meeting Room

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

21 Sep, Mon

1pm Kappa Appha Psi Alumni Meeting

September Schedule Continued

23 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

24 Sep, Thu

6pm National Charity League

Upstairs Meeting Room

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Downstairs Meeting Room

25 Sep, Fri

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy - Meeting

26 Sep, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

1pm CAP CyberPatriot Practice

Downstairs Meeting Room

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

27 Sep, Sun

8am Kappa Appha Psi Alumni Interviews

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2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

28 Sep, Mon

8:30am Post 164 - West Side Maids 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

30 Sep, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study



October Schedule

1 Oct, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting

Downstairs room

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Upstairs meeting room

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

3 Oct, Sat

7am Breakfast with a Veteran

Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

7am Katy Rice Festival Parade

VFW Park, 6202 George Bush Dr, Katy, TX 77493, USA

7am Legion Riders Skill Practice

Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494, USA

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

4 Oct, Sun

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

5 Oct, Mon

7pm Unit 164 Executive Committee Meeting

Downstairs Meeting Room

6 Oct, Tue

7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

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7 Oct, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

8 Oct, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

Downstairs room

9 Oct, Fri

7pm JSSP Meeting

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10 Oct, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

10am Katy Rice Festival

Downtown Katy

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

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11 Oct, Sun

11am Katy Rice Festival

Downtown Katy

12 Oct, Mon

7pm Marine Corp League

Post 164

13 Oct, Tue

AL Post 164 Newsletter Deadline

7pm DAV Meeting

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October Schedule Continued

14 Oct, Wed

6:30pm Group Counseling and Bible Study

Upstairs Meeting Room

16 Oct, Fri

5pm S.A.L. Spaghetti Dinner

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17 Oct, Sat

8:30am JSSP Class

Downstairs Meeting room and Range in Bay area

10am Fraternal Order of Eastern Star

Upstairs Meeting room

5pm Honor Flight Return

Car pool to Hobby Airport

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

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18 Oct, Sun

11:30am ALR Chapter 164 Katy Rider Skills Practice

6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX 77494

2pm Poppy Party

Upstairs Meeting Room

2pm 22nd District DEC

Post 52 TBD

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6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

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Upstairs Meeting Room

29 Oct, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol

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

31 Oct, Sat

2pm Trunk or Treat

Downstairs Room and the Bay

