



**Composed By: Adjutant Pizarras
Acting Post Adjutant**

**Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164
Commander Sheryll Jones
Convened: 1935 hrs**

**Date: January 25, 2017
Attendance: 22
Signed In: 22
Guest: 1
New Members: 2
Transfers: 1
Adjourned 2045 hrs**

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post 164 Monthly Meeting January 25, 2017

1935 Hours Finance Officer McGuire Called the Meeting to Order

Prayer: Led by Chaplain Rick Brokaw

POW/MIA Empty Chair: Comrade Jody Castro Sgt. at Arms

Pledge of Allegiance: Acting-Commander McGuire

Recital of American Legion Preamble: Acting-Commander McGuire

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander	Excused
Adjutant	Excused
1st Vice Commander	Excused
Finance Officer	Present
Sergeant @ Arms	Present
Chaplain	Present
Service Officer	Present
Historian	Present
Public Relations Officer	Vacant
Judge Advocate	Excused



There is a Quorum

Reading of October 2016 meeting minutes:

Adjutant Pizarras had not formalized the minutes for the October 2016 meeting. Asked for an extension. Past-Commander Cormier motioned to delay the reading of October 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Comrade Downs. Motion passed.

Presentations:

Veteran's Recognition Night:

Comrade Gonzalez made a presentation in regards to Veteran's Recognition Night, to be held at Katy High School on February 3, 2017 @ 1900 hrs.

Texas Lone Star Recruiter Pin:

Past-Commander Cormier presented the Texas Lone Star Recruiter Pin Achievement Level 1 to:

Comrade McGuire

Comrade Foland

Comrade Pizarras

Comrade Scoggin

Finance Report:

Finance Officer McGuire read and presented the finance report. Comrade Foland made the motion to accept the report as read; Comrade Downs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Discussed direction of donation money.
- Comrade Ikner asked about previous Boy's State donations, Finance Officer McGuire informed him he would investigate and move accordingly.



Membership Report:

Comrade Scoggin presented the membership report. Tonight's meeting had 1 new member and 1 transfer from Post 366. Past-Commander Cormier motioned to accept report. Comrade Klekar seconded. Motion Passed.

Post Service Officer:

Comrade Foland presented his report,

- He assisted a spouse of a retired Army member in obtaining D.I.C., funeral expense, her husband's military records including medals, and applying for assisted living since she is wheelchair bound. She presented the Post with a \$60.00 donation, and Comrade Foland also gave \$50.00 dollars in lieu of flowers to the Post Boy's State Iselt Scholarship Fund in the name of Col. John W. Bushaw U.S. Army Retired.
- Received 3 calls of appreciation from the families the Post assisted by donating turkeys for Thanksgiving.
- Comrade Foland made a request for a Letter of Appreciation for Jason Newcomb, the Assistant Store Manager of the new Kroger Market Place on Morton Road and Grand Parkway. Mr. Newcomb, besides donating a third turkey, also made arrangements for delivery of the turkeys.
- Adjutant Pizarra helped transport a member from his home to his dialysis appointment and back home again.
- Comrade Foland inquired with the Kroger on Morton Road about setting up a table for Post events, and was informed that permission was needed in writing from Kroger HQ in The Woodlands. As soon as that was obtained, there would be no issues in setting up our table.

Past-Commander Cormier motioned to accept the report. Comrade Harper seconded. Motion Passed.



Commander:

No report

Chaplain report:

Chaplain Brokaw introduced himself as the new Post Chaplain. Nothing to report other than Comrade DeFoor's brother, also a veteran, had passed away in the month of December.

Historian:

No report, other than to glance at events on our Facebook page.

Vice-Commander:

No report

Oratorical:

Finance Officer McGuire gave the report in place of Commander Jones. The Post 164 Oratorical winner for 2017 was David Fernandez, who also attended the 2016 Boy's State for Post 164. David competed in the 22nd District Oratorical, and although did not win, did well. Past-Commander Cormier motioned to accept the report. Comrade Klekar seconded. Motion passed.

Boy's State:

Comrade Ikner gave his progress report on our 2017 Boy's State program. He read a short essay from one of our 2016 Boy's State attendees, indicating how much of an impact it made. Comrade also updated the membership in regards to meeting with high school counselors. Comrade Scoggin motioned to accept the report. Comrade Klekar seconded the motion. Motion Passed.



Old Business:

- The Post's 1st Annual Car Show was an incredible success, with thanks to our sponsor Georgetown Mortgage. Jim Inzer from Georgetown Mortgage was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the last Executive meeting. The next Annual Car show will be held in November 2017, exact date to be determined.
- Georgetown Mortgage would also like to plan another event in the Spring of 2017 and is asking for fundraising ideas.
- In November, our annual Firefighter / Paramedic Awards Dinner was held, which also did very well.
- Taylor High School received their t-shirts that we donated. They were very appreciative.

Unfinished Business:

- Past-Commander Cormier presented his recommendation on a joint Commemorative Vietnam Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony. He read his proposal to the membership and explained how it would work. Comrade Harper motioned to accept. Comrade Ikner seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Comrade Foland brought up April 1st would be VA Health Day and would be held at the Katy Elk's Lodge. He proposed that the Post would need \$200.00 for the ice cream.
- Comrade Foland indicated the the VA has a program to pre-register for burial benefits.
- Adjutant made a recommendation to change the Post's website hosting provider. Our contract with the current provider is set to expire on February 15, 2017. After doing some research, he found that instead of renewing the contract at a cost of \$340.00, we could start a new contract with a different provider for an annual cost of \$180.00. Comrade Harper motioned to accept. Comrade Brokaw seconded. Motion passed.



For the Good of the Legion:

- Past-Commander Cormier announced the Elks Lodge will be having its annual Fish Fry on January 29th. All you can eat plates will sell for \$12.00. The event will be held from 11 am to 3 pm.
- Past-Commander Cormier informed the membership that the Elks Lodge officers will be meeting late March early April to discuss scheduling of events for the upcoming 2017 year. They are asking the Post's Executive committee if it would be possible to turn in our requests at our earliest convenience.
- Comrade Croom announced that the Fisher House Foundation, located at the Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center, will be holding a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for their 3rd building. Event will be held at the end of May, exact date to be announced later.

Closing Prayer

Chaplain Brokaw

Meeting adjourned at 2045 hours



Adjutant Jeff Pizarra