

## American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Membership Meeting on September 26, 2018

A social gathering (Pot Luck) arranged by Post 164 Auxiliary

A Birthday Celebration, Thelma Williams and American Legion were 100 years old.

Alexie Swirsky spoke about the thrill of poll watching, also looking for volunteers.

Training provided by Tony Hart about our Post Honor Guard activities.

Meeting called to order by Commander Woodstrom at 7:48pm

Officer Roll Call: Missing were Sergeant at Arms and Chaplain

Review of minutes of August 22<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting, motion by Jim McGuire to suspend reading as they are now posted on Post website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Cormier, motion passed.

Reading of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

Introduction of guests by Commander Woodstrom.

#### Reports:

Finance Officer: Checking account up by \$236.57

Sergeant at Arms: 26 members present and 4 guests

Sick Call: 1 member at home from recent back operation.

Service Officer: Sent for Military Records on 2 Veterans so their wives can make final arrangements. Need 2 certificates of appreciation. Working on booth location at Rice Festival.

Vice Commander: Wreaths Across America ceremony set for December 15<sup>th</sup>, our members can go to post website to purchase them. Parade will form at VFW and go to starting the point. Will end up at festival location. Will need volunteers for duty at our booth.

Membership: At least 29 new members will be transferred into our Post from Post 0345. Current members need to pay their dues for 2019 membership year.

Judge Advocate: Currently auditing last year's financial records.

Boys State: Working on a new master listing of all High Schools in our area, to include specific administrative offices. Will provide a sample of this list when completed.

Honor Guard: Completed 118 hours of service, 5 Funerals, 3 Flag Ceremonies.

Public Relations: Sent e-mails and letters to local schools regarding November Oratorical contest. Wrote member profiles on Forrest Croom and Tony Hart.

Initiation of New Candidates:

3 New Members were initiated by Commander Woodstrom.

Unfinished Business

Rice Festival: The volunteers in the booth need to engage with the public ask if they are a veteran, then inform them on the features and benefits of being a member of the American Legion and our Post.

Raffle Tickets: Still have tickets available, about 115 have currently sold.

Any other unfinished business: None indicated.

New Business and Announcements

Honor Flight Returns on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Hobby Airport.

TEAM Send-Off for new Military Recruits will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Second Baptist Church, use Kingsland entrance.

Breakfast with a Veteran is on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>

Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rice Festival Parade will meet at VFW lot by 8:30am on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rice Festival will be Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>.

22<sup>nd</sup> District DEC is on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Next Membership Meeting on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The good of the American Legion

Remember our Disabled Veterans at Camp Hope

Commander Woodstrom offers thanks to Post 164 Auxiliary for their support with the social gathering and birthday celebration.

If no further business, Chaplain will offer prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recover POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander declares this Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm on September 26, 2018

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Harry Woodstrom  
Commander