

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday October 19, 2021

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Training on Flag Collection Program, By Mr. Wally Klekar

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Absent was the Historian, and Service Officer.

All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on September 21, 2021 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on October 5, 2021 were read.

Introduction of guests; Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander and current Commander of District 22, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, Will Miller, Past Commander, Andy Valadez, 22nd District Public Affairs Officer, Ken Trunnell, 22nd District Historian, and James McGuire 22nd District Adjutant.

Introduction of New Members; 3 New Members were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application, Phil Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards: Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, brought in 2 certificates from 2014 to be framed.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows an ending balance of \$2,494 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 27 Members present and 3 New Members present.

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Several WW 2 Members are in need of a visit from our Chaplain.

Service Officer; Assisted 3 Veterans with getting an appointment at VA Clinic.

1st Vice Commander; We are currently at 59:94% of our Goal of 322.

Membership; We still need to contact members who have not turned their 2022 membership dues.

2nd Vice Commander; Katy Rice Festival had a great turn-out, we mover our booth 3 times.

Judge Advocate; Not here, excused.

Boys State; No Report, just getting started on class of 2022

Honor Guard; Not Here, but we had 13 Funerals and 1 Flag Ceremony for 188 service hours.

Board of Trustees; Not Here.

Public Relations; Preparing media videos for using as recruiting information about our Post.

Initiation of Candidates;

3 New Members were Initiated into Post 164.

Unfinished Business; None at this time.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

Announcements

Veterans Breakfast is on November 6th from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on November 2nd

Next Post Membership Meeting is on November 16th

Bingo License for our Post was approved, an opening date for Dan's Paradise Bingo hall will be announced soon.

Veterans Transition Coalition is on October 23rd in Houston, Commander and Adjutant will attend.

Need a Veteran to volunteer to attend the First Responder week at Jack and Sharon Rhodes Elementary School. You will be in Uniform and represent The American Legion. Laura Gonzalez, Volunteered.

Trunk or Treat is on October 30th at Post 164 see Peter Batura for details and to volunteer.

Flag Collection and Poppy distribution will be on November 6th See Wally Klekar for details.

Flag Retirement will be on November 13th behind Elks Lodge at about 5:00pm

Auxiliary Support is needed on November 13th at Midway Meat Market for Pies for Hope event.

Auxiliary Support is needed on November 20th at Bass Pro Shop for Wreaths Across America event.

Auxiliary Support is needed on December 4th for Firefighters Breakfast cooking at Main Fire Station.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday November 25th

Oratorical Contest is scheduled for December 11th at Post 164

First Responders Banquet is scheduled for December 11th at Elks Lodge, will need volunteers to set-up.

Wreaths Across America Event is scheduled for December 18th at Magnolia Cemetery, Will need volunteers to mark Grave Stones, and set-up tables and chairs for the Ceremony starting at 10:00am.

The Good of The American Legion;

Bobby Steph mentioned the U S Marine's Birthday is on November 10th.

Forrest Croom asked for News articles to be about our WW2 Members.

Harry Woodstrom asked for Members to stop by and ask Adjutant for tickets to sell for our Post Raffle.

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recovers the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

James McGuire
Commander