

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday March 15, 2022

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Everlasting Ceremony for the Family of - Ralph D. West

7:15 Training - Recruiting New Members By Peter Batura

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Absent was our Sergeant-At-Arms

All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on February 15, 2022 were available. Butch Sparks Motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes as they are available on the web-site, Motion was 2nd by Ray Hoffpauir, no discussion, motion passed.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on February 1, 2022 were read.

Introduction of guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, and Harry Woodstrom Past Commander, and Current Commander of District 22. Also present from District 22 was; James McGuire, their Adjutant, Ken Trunnell, their Historian, Andy Valadez, their Public Relations Officer, Jody Castro, their American Legion Riders Advisor, and William Kennison their Americanism Chairman.

Introduction of Potential New Members; 4 Veterans were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application for membership, Phil Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards:

No awards, however Commander McGuire asked all Viet Nam Veterans who were in country to stand and be recognized as this is Viet Nam Veterans Month.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows a checking account balance of \$7,360 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 38 members present, including 4 new members

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Will Miller home under Doctors care.

Service Officer; 3 Veterans helped with obtaining Medical Records, and how to call the V A

1st Vice Commander; We are currently at 87:99% of our Goal of 322 Members.

Membership; We still need to recruit new members for our Post.

2nd Vice Commander; Our Post Lottery winner went on the fishing trip, and working to finalize all First Responder packet.

Judge Advocate; Texas National Guard Troops on the Southern Boarded are getting help real soon.

Boys State; Texas Boys State movie shows real hands-on training. We hope to have 30 or more who will attend this year's program. Honor

Guard; 7 Funerals for 92 service hours.

Board of Trustees; Now that we have a facility, we need to care for it.

Public Relations; We are making recruiting videos about members in our post for use at remote locations, and planning for better local media coverage.

Initiation of Candidates;

None at this time.

Unfinished Business;

Jim Scoggin spoke about the next Travel Trip will be done by Harris County Precinct #4 bus and will go to Huntsville on May 14th at a cost of \$10.00

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

New Business;

Harry Woodstrom Motioned to pay our yearly rent for next year, Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to pay recurring utility bills as they arrive, Motion 2nd by Ted Whiteman, there was discussion and Butch Sparks Amended this Motion to pay all building repair bills as they arrive, Amendment 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion amendment passed, back to original Motion, no further discussions, Motion passed.

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast is on April 2nd from 7 to 10am Come at 6:00am to help set-up

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on April 5th at 7:30pm

Next Post Membership Meeting is on April 19th with Post Elections, Must have current Membership card.

Bingo License for our Post was approved, delay due to Dan's Paradise Bingo hall completing inspection.

The 22nd District Convention will be March 26th at Post 164. We need to do a Post Clean-up on Sunday March 20 starting at 1:00pm until completed.

Our Junior Shooting Program is looking for 4 volunteers to be students so they can test their lesson plans.

Will start on April 2nd at 9:00am at the Post. The following Members have volunteered; Tracey McDonald, Peter Batura, Andy Valadez, And Ken Trunnell.

The Good of The American Legion;

Ernie Cormier needs volunteers to help him cleanout barrels before next Flag Retirement.

Butch Sparks commented on the wonderful Post 164 Flag Collection event videos on social media.

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 8:48pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

James McGuire
Commander