

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday November 21, 2023

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, and Communications Officer.
2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164, and Current Commander of District 22, and Harry Woodstrom , Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164 and Linda Malsbary Current President of Unit 164.
3. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on October 17, 2023 were read. A Motion was made by Jim McGuire to approve these minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.
4. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on November 07, 2023 were read. A Motion was made by Sandy Krum to approve these minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.
5. Committee Reports;
  - a. Service Officer; MS McDonald helped 2 Veterans obtain Forms needed to start their process for VA Benefits.
  - b. Events; Mr. Malsbary, First Responder packets have been collected and awards have been ordered for the Banquet on December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Membership; Mr. Krum, We are at 77:04 % of our goal. We are working on Post 345 member transfers and contacting Post members to remind them to renew.
  - d. Finance; Mr. Woodstrom, We have \$16,117 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is also available. Mr. Woodstrom Motioned to accept this report as read, Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Whiteman, no discussion, Motion passed.
  - e. BOT – No Report
  - f. Graves; Mr. Cormier, Some of the Veterans Graves are missing the temporary markers being used until their Headstone is delivered.
  - g. Honor Guard; Mr. Scoggin, This is always a big Month, 7 Honor Functions, 13 Flag Functions for 400 Service Hours. Remember we still can use more help.
  - h. JSSP; Mr. Roper, We will soon need better lights in Bay Areas.

6. Unfinished Business;

a. Building Red Tag; Commander gave his update; Everything has been submitted; now we will wait to see what will be their next request, maybe time for the re-inspection, then on to final permits.

b. Fireworks Stand; Mr. Baranzyk, Our Post will have a fireworks building in the parking lot and will be staffed by members of Post and Auxiliary as needed. A sign-up roster will soon be available. The Stand will operate in late December and will have 2 shifts needed.

7. New Business

a. VA/KCM Adopt a Christmas Family. Each year our Post and help from KCM selects a Veterans Family to adopt and assist at Christmas time. Gifts will be wrapped on December 14<sup>th</sup> for distribution at a time to be available soon.

b. Community Service Hours; Each committee chairperson will submit a service hours listing and the members present on their report with any community events. This is recorded on the yearly Consolidated Post Report that is sent to Department and National.

8. Correspondence and Announcements;

A Thank You Card was read, from The Family of Jose Rodriguez

A Letter from Senator Ted Cruz was read, Thanking all Veterans for their Service.

a. Katy Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on December 2<sup>nd</sup>

b. First Responders Dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

c. Wreaths Across America Flag Marking on December 10<sup>th</sup>

d. Wreaths Across America Ceremony December 16<sup>th</sup>

9. The Good of The American Legion; A Motion was made by Bruce Pettengill for the Commander to send a Thank You letter to this HOA for the use of their club house while our Post Home was being upgraded. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.

If there was no more business, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Peter Batura  
Commander