

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday March 18, 2025

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training; Conducting a Post Meeting & Protocol

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Krum

2. Invocation/ Prayer

3. Roll Call; Absent was Historian

4 Introduction of Dignitaries/Guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, Past National Executive Committee Member and Past 2nd Division Vice Commander, Jim McGuire Past Commander District 22 and Past Commander Post 164, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, and Gillian Woodstrom Unit 164

5. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on February 18, 2025 were posted on Post website and a Motion was made by Phil Malsbary to accept these Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, no discussion, Motion passed.

6.Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting on March 04, 2025 were read and A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Committee Reports;

- a. Auxiliary; First off, What an excellent Legion Birthday Party as evidenced by the great attendance. Our Auxiliary Membership continues to grow as we are at 86.84% now. Currently we have 34 students for Girls State. We are making poppies for Memorial Day distribution. We are partnering with the Post in preparation for the District 22 Convention.
- b. Sons; We are putting together VA hygiene kits to be taken to the Division Convention. We will have an Alfredo dinner at the Post on March 28th and a 50/50 raffle.
- c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting was on February 24, 2025 The A/C replacement was completed. The upper wall in the bay was completely painted. Bay areas are scheduled for clean-up to get ready for District 22 upcoming Convention in April.

- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 93.87% of our goal, still reminding members to renew their dues. The upcoming Post Officer election will be in April for the 25/26 membership year. All Post Members should take the Free Legion Basic Training course, see me for details. Still working the 345 list asking them to transfer to our Post.
- e. Second Vice Commander; Thanks to Rudy's Barbeque for catering the food to our American Legion Birthday Party on March 15th Everyone enjoyed this event.
- f. Finance; The financial documents were read and we have \$24, 484 dollars in the bank. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to accept these records. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. These records are available to review after this meeting.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report
- h. Chaplain; No report
- i. Service Officer; No report
- j. Oratorical; No report
- k. Boys State; Interviews have started, looks like we have 40 to 45 Boys ready soon.
- l. Honor Guard; 5 Funerals and 2 Flag Functions for 165 service hours.
- m. Riders; Our next ride is on March 29th Meet-up available soon.
- n. JSSP; Next shooting time is this Sunday March 23rd have 5 people scheduled to shoot.
- o. Scouts; No report, not here
- p. Bingo; No report, not here
- q. Veterans Support Group; No report, not here
- r. Headstones for Hero's; 2 responses from 6 newspaper notices.
- s. Commanders Report; WoW, our Post is alive and well. We are approaching a very busy time for us so stay informed by checking the Post calendar for volunteer opportunities. Our American Legion Birthday Party was a huge success and it was here at the Post.

8. Unfinished Business;

- a. American Legion Birthday Party;

Big Thank You to Mr Phil Malsbary, Vice Commander Emeritus for this event.

- b. District 22 Spring Convention;

We will need volunteers to help set up on April 11th from 5pm till done. This is the Bay areas and upstairs meeting room. Tear down of Bay Area must be after event on April 12th as JSSP will use it on Sunday April 13th in the morning. Tear down of upstairs on April 13th is at 1 pm, all volunteers are welcome.

9. New Business

- a Election of Post Officers is approaching and if you would like to be nominated see Commander after Meeting, you must be present to accept nomination.
- b. Wild West Brewfest is March 29th from 5pm till about 8:30pm, need volunteers.
- c. Breakfast with a Veteran is on April 5th 7 to 10pm at Elks Lodge.
- d. Caps and Shirts are for sale with Post 164 emblem, see Commander to order, cost is \$20.00 each. These are locally made.
- e. April 13th is a Dart Tournament at Elks Lodge.
- f. Game Night is every Friday at Post 164 starting at 7pm
- g. Events not mentioned; Nothing new was discussed.
- h. Anything else;
 - 1. Butch Sparks Motioned for a \$100 dollar check to donate to a Veteran who will ride in a Motorcycle event to help prevent Veteran Suicide. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. The SAL Squadron and Riders Group have also donated.
 - 2. Butch Sparks Motioned for the Post to have Officer Election in May not April. Motion was 2nd by Ed Faircloth, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - 3. Butch Sparks Motioned for Post 164 to be available in September for an American Legion College event. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed. More details available soon.
 - 4. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for a 3 year lease of a pole to be used near the fireworks stand. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, discussion was this is needed to mount the electrical box. No further discussion, Motion passed.
 - 5. Butch Sparks Motioned for Harry Woodstrom to be the Fireworks Chairman. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - 6. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for the Post to have a Contest for a Newsletter design heading to attract attention. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

10 For the Good of the Legion

11. Correspondence and Awards;

112. Closing Prayer

13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander