

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on May 6, 2025

1. Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Krum at 7:00pm
Some members were on zoom, (see link) others were at Post 164
2. Invocation by; Chaplain
3. Roll Call; Excused was Chaplain, Assistant Service Officer, Assistant Sergeant at Arms
4. Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (4-01-2025) were read and a Motion was made by Ernie Cormier to accept these Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed
5. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
 - a. Auxiliary; During April, your Auxiliary finished making Poppies and have 4 local locations for distribution tables. Soldiers Rest Ceremony is Saturday May 24th at 11 am at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.
 - b. Sons of American Legion; No report, not here
 - c. Board of Trustees; We have a work request submitted to move a bad fire alarm sensor, and gathering information for a new sign out front, also getting an estimate for carpet cleaning, and getting the new dish washer fastened to counter top. Also reported to MUD on roof leak.
 - d. First Vice Commander; We are at 98.67% of our membership goal of 375. Sent out welcome letters to new Members, All Members should take the Free American Legion Basic Training course, and sign up for Be The One training.
 - e. Second Vice Commander; Sent details for First Responders awards and Dinner Ceremony to Local Fire Stations and Police Departments. Also getting estimates for professional carpet cleaning of Post 164
 - f. Finance; We have \$22,172 dollars in the bank. This report is always available. Also handed out next years proposed budget for future discussion.
 - g. Judge Advocate; No Report,
 - h. Chaplain; No Report, Excused
 - i. Service Officer; No Report
 - j. Oratorical: No Report, Program will start again next year.
 - k. Boys State; Will have 13 Schools and completed about 57 interviews.
 - l. Honor Guard; 8 Function were conducted and more info available soon.
 - m. Riders; No Report, not here
 - o. Scouts; Not here, Excused
 - p. Bingo; Not here, Excused

- q. Veterans Support Group; Reported that attendance is slowing down.
- r. Headstones for Hero's; Still gathering results from Newspaper ads that were posted.
- s. Others; None

6. Unfinished Business;

- a. 2nd Division Convention is on Mat 10th in Beaumont, TX
- b. Post Officer Election is on May 20 at Membership meeting. Still need a 2nd Vice Commander and Historian, see Commander to be put on Ballot. Must have a current Membership card to be eligible to vote.

7. New Business

- a. A Post Training Committee will be formed soon, Butch Sparks will be Chairman.
- b. Be The One Training is available at "betheone.org" for all Post Officers.
- c. Katy Exchange Festival is Saturday May 17th 10 to 4pm we will have a table set-up.
- d. Poppy distribution is May 26th and Auxiliary will have a sign-up sheet for post members who will volunteer to help them at their 4 locations.
- e. Community Hero's Parade is Sunday May 25th here in Katy and we are asked to have a float or display to promote The American Legion in Katy Texas.
- f. Sons of The American Legion (SAL) will have their Dinner on May 30th cost \$10 each.
- g. Breakfast with a Veteran is on June 7th at Elks Lodge
- h. Fireworks Stand event is being planned for this summer. A sign up genius will be available soon for volunteers to save their favorite times to help.
- i. Eagle Scout Project. A Troop 567 Candidate is seeking for a project to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. Any ideas will be considered, submit them to Post Commander
- j. Post Game Night is every Friday at 7pm until closing.
- k. Fundraising Ideas; Lets come up with some great thoughts like having a yard sale or some other event at the post, maybe a Fish Fry?

L New Committee, Disaster Preparedness. Our Post is equipped and almost ready for anything. Ernie Cormier has volunteered to become Chairman and see what can be done to get this program started and organized.

American Legion College is a class on American Legion History and what and how a Post will/should operate. Classes are at Post 164 on September 26, 27, & 28 and times will be available soon. These classes will be coordinated by Instructor/Teacher Butch Sparks.

- m. Continued talks by People who promote their services; A discussion about who is invited to talk at our time scheduled for training purposes before the Meetings.

n. Anything else??

A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to provide Information Business cards to Service Officers at a cost of \$25 dollars for 500. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed. This will be presented at next Post Membership Meeting for approval.

A metal engraved sign was developed for our Flag Boxes with the American Legion seal at a cost of about \$150 dollars for three. A Motion was made by Ernie Cormier to approve this purchase and put it on the agenda for the Membership decision. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no further discussion, Motion passed.

8. Upcoming Events; (not already covered)

9. If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 8:14 pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander