

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday June 17, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Sandy Krum
2. Invocation/ Prayer
3. Roll Call; All Officers Present
- 4 Introduction of Dignitaries/Guests and Remarks; Lynn Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander, Butch Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander, Past National Executive Committee Member and Past 2nd Division Vice Commander, Robert Harvey, District 22 Commander, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander District 22, and Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Linda Malsbary, President of Unit 164, Gillian Woodstrom, Unit 164
5. Installation of New Officers for Post 164 and SAL
Lynn Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander installed the following Officers for 2026 – 2026 Year ;
Commander, Sandy Krum, 1st Vice Commander, Dennis Wells, Adjutant, William Kennison, Finance Officer, Harry Woodstrom, Judge Advocate, Butch Sparks, Chaplain, Robert Crutchfield, Service Officer, Cheyenne Eichelberger, Assistant Service Officer, Christopher James, Sergeant at Arms, Jose Nito, Assistant Service Officer, Despina Scott, Executive Committee #1, Cary Snyder, Executive Committee #2 , Philip Malsbary, 4 Year Trustee, Brent Scott, 5 Year Trustee, Russ Tolleson.
Sons of The American Legion Squadron; Vice Commander, Ernie Cormier, Adjutant, Ted Whiteman, Finance Officer, Mike Callahan, Sergeant at Arms, Ralph Oliver, Chaplain, Mike Connell, Historian, Keith Henson.
6. Presentation by The 36th Illustrious Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Nafud Temple #80 Oasis of Katy Desert of Texas, By Mr. Jeremy Tye Sr. This Donation is to Post 164 for housing our meetings.

7. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on May 20, 2025 were read and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept these Minutes. Motion was 2nd by Ted Whiteman, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting on June 03, 2025 were read and A Motion was made by Cheyenne Eichelberger to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.

9. Committee Reports;

a. Auxiliary; Poppies for Memorial Day distribution was completed at our 4 locations in Katy Community. Girls State was completed. Fireworks stand volunteers have been identified, and installation of ALA Officers will be soon.

b. Sons; Next monthly dinner is on Friday June 27th at 6:00pm. June 14th was Flag Day and the SAL was there to participate in the event.

c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting was on May 28, 2025 but there was not a quorum so no meeting was conducted. We did talk about the elevator inspection, generator was serviced, and the coffee maker still needing repairs.

d. First Vice Commander; We are at 101.33% of our goal, and still reminding members to renew their dues. Conducted Post Elections, and Chaired Membership Meeting.

e. Second Vice Commander; Getting ready for Rice Festival, coming soon to Katy.

f. Finance; The financial documents were read and we have \$18,906 dollars in the bank. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept these records. Motion was 2nd by Phillip Yates, no discussion, Motion passed. These records are available to review after this meeting.

g. Judge Advocate; No report, but American Legion College is coming in September.

h. Chaplain; No report

i. Service Officer; Assisted 1 Veteran looking for financial aid.

j. Oratorical; No report

k. Boys State; 57 Boys were interviewed and 48 attended.

l. Honor Guard; 8 Funerals, and 3 Flag Ceremonies for 224 service hours.

m. Riders; No report.

n. JSSP; No report

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; No report, will have a display at VFW on August 30th

s. Others:

10. Unfinished Business;

- a. Be The One Training at “betheone.org”
- b. Post Training Committee – needs a volunteer to be Chairman.
- c. Open Post Officer Positions; 2nd Vice Commander and Historian.
- d. Resignation by Past Commander Batura as Scouting Chair and Bingo Chair.
- e. Scouting Chair; Despi Scott Motioned for Brent Scott to be appointed to this position. Motion was 2nd by Phillip Yates, no discussion, Motion passed. Bingo Chair; Butch Sparks Motioned for Harry Woodstrom to be appointed to this position. Motion was 2nd by Philip Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.
- f. Budget for 2025 – 2026 This Budget was detailed and a Motion to approve was given by Butch Sparks. Motion was 2nd by Jennifer Lowery, during discussion the Service Officer wants to amend an increase to their budget from 3k to 4k. Cheyenne Eichelberger Motioned to accept this increase. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, discussion was that Cheyenne Eichelberger will chair a committee to get this increase, no further discussion, Motion passed. Now back to original Motion with this amendment, no further discussion, this Motion Passed.

11. New Business

- a. Be The One, Community Event.

Butch Sparks Motioned that Post 164 have an “Open House” to Showcase this event. This will be sometime in November. Motion was 2nd by Philip Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. Brent Scott Motioned for Despi Scott to be appointed as Chairman for this event. Motion was 2nd by Phillip Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

- b. Fireworks stand; We need members to volunteer on sign up program; set-up booth, work available shifts, and tear down and pack up after completion.

c. Event Participation Incentive? Motion was made by Ernie Cormier to have this Incentive Program. Motion was 2nd by Despi Scott, discussion was this will be a raffle drawing for a 1 year paid Membership. A ticket will be presented to volunteers after each event. More details available soon from Commander Krum, no further discussion, Motion passed.

- d. American Legion Department of Texas Convention July 8th to 13th

The following were elected to attend the convention as Delegates. Butch Scott, Harry Woodstrom, James McGuire, Sandy Krum, Dennis Wells, Brent Scott, Despina Scott.

- e. PTSD Awareness Bike Ride donation to National Convention. Butch Sparks Motioned for a 100 dollar donation to a bike rider . Motion was 2nd by Russ Tolleson, discussion was this is an American Legion Member, no further discussion, Motion Passed.

- f. Breakfast with a Veteran is on July 5th at ELKS Lodge
- g. SAL Dinner is on June 27th at Post 164
- h. Post game night is every Friday at 7pm
- i. Grant Writer? See Commander for details
- j. Fund Raising Ideas; Butch Sparks Motioned that we have a Garage Sale and a Fish Fry on October 18th, Motion was 2nd by Despi Scott, no discussion, Motion passed.
- k. New Program, Disaster Preparation and Ernie Cormier is Chairman, he will be looking for volunteers to get this program implemented at Post 164
- l. American Legion College will be at Post 164 September 26, 27 & 28
- m. Anything else?

12. Upcoming Events (not already covered) ??

13. Correspondence and Awards; Several Certificates were presented to Members of Post 164 by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 for their volunteering hours at Poppy distribution tables. Several Certificates were presented to Members of Post 164 for their efforts in the Poppy distribution event by Commander Krum.

14. Closing Prayer

15. Meeting went it to recess to reassemble as American Legion Post Foundation and all Officers are part of this Foundation. No new business to discuss, Harry Woodstrom declared the meeting adjourned.

16. Post 164 resumed their meeting then Adjourned at 8:50pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander