



JONATHAN D. ROZIER, POST No. 164,

JUNE 2022 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER -



PETER BATURA **COMMANDER'S** **CORNER**

Greetings, Members! I am excited to be your commander and looking forward to a productive term. As the largest veteran service organization in the USA, our mission focus is unwavering. To meet our objectives requires both people and financial resources, and it is on this I would like to speak with you about.

Specific to people, we have a tremendous membership, currently numbering more than 330. Understanding not all members are able to participate in every event and activity, we need more engagement to expand our reach while not burning out those members who somehow seem to be everywhere. With this in mind, I'm asking each member for a monthly minimum commitment of four-hours service to post programs supporting the Four Pillars - 1) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, 2) National Security, 3) Americanism, and 4) Children and Youth. Please connect with committee chairs and sign on as team members. There is much to be done and many hands make light work.

Our ability to expand reach and impact the veteran community is also dependant on our ability to increase membership through effective recruiting. Our monthly outreach efforts at the VA and Breakfast with a Vet are raising visibility and awareness, as are our other events, but we need to do more on an individual basis. With this in mind, I am asking for each member to be aware of and seek out opportunities to promote the Legion and the Post. Please connect with Skip Miller, sign onto his team and let's grow!

Regarding financial, we are working to achieve a steady-state operational status so that we are not distracted from our mission. It may not be commonly known, but of the national annual dues of \$40 only \$9 is allocated to the post. So with an annual membership of roughly 275, our share is less than \$2500/year which is barely 20% of our annual operational need of \$12,000. With this in mind, I'm looking for 40 members who will commit to contributing \$25/month to ensure base-level Post operational requirements are met. With this done, all of our focus can be on programs. We will be reviewing the proposed budget for the 2022-23 cycle at this month's Membership Meeting,

A couple items worthy of note - Board of Trustees is at full complement, with the Building Committee actively working on a master plan to ensure our facility is not only serviceable, but something to be proud of.

We were a first-time sponsor for the Celebration of Veterans Event at Mo's place, with proceeds going to support Camp Hope. We had great visibility, connected with fellow veterans and signed up some new members.

Our Fireworks Stand is a great fundraiser for the Post and Auxiliary, and we need volunteers. We have a new and larger location this year which means we need more folks to maximize our fund raising efforts. Please register at Signup Genius. There will be a training session at this month's Membership Meeting for all volunteers.

I hope your summer has started off well, and for those planning vacations wish you safe travels. The heat is upon us, and with it the need to make certain you maintain your health and wellness. Stay hydrated and be aware of the signs of heatstroke: In service, **Peter Batura**, Commander



The young gentleman on the right is **Dennis T. Langer**, USN Chief Postal Clerk Retired being presented a walking stick by our Commander Peter Batura at our Membership meeting this month. Dennis is holding a stick that was made by a Vietnam soldier and wanted to give it to a Vietnam veteran of which Dennis is one. A three tour veteran and He served in the Navy for 28 years from 1953 to 1981.



HAVE YOU EARNED YOUR
RECRUITER PIN YET?



Always Remember This: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stopped laughing.

American Legion Post#164, Chaplains Corner



American Legion Post 164, Katy, Texas Chaplain is available if anyone needs assistance. If you know of one of our own who is sick or needs assistance:

Please email: chaplain@legionpost164katytx.org



CHAPLAIN GLENDA HOFFMAN

Blessings to all of you! I pray for everyone especially those who are in need of help, ill health, or losing faith. Please know that the role of Chaplain is to provide support and prayers with you and for you. I'm always available to listen and pray with you and always all communication is completely confidential. You may email me at Chaplain@legionpost164katytx.org for all prayer requests or call me at (801) 648-2618. Below is a prayer for comfort: Almighty Father, we thank you for your grace and mercy that gives us peace in our heart. We pray that your loving arms comfort us through the storms we endure here on earth and that you protect our faith in you until we're with you in heaven. Amen.

The Triumph of Bubbles:

When Belle Silverman was born with bubbles in her mouth, her immigrant mother gave her a nickname that lasted a lifetime. Yet life was anything but bubbly for the girl called Bubbles. Brooklyn neighbors exclaimed that her golden curls and precocious talent made her a Jewish Shirley Temple. Those compliments became a curse when her obsessive stage mom stole Bubbles's childhood by dragging her to endless auditions for roles in radio, movies, and vaudeville. Mrs. Silverman was sure that her Shirley Temple look-alike was their ticket out of poverty. Repeated rejections at those auditions traumatized little Bubbles. So did the look of disappointment in her mother's eyes. When she was sixteen, her voice teacher said that she was tailor made for the opera. But nothing ever came easy for Bubbles. She spent ten frustrating years on the road trying to make it in second-tier operas. The New York City Opera turned her down seven times before they accepted her. When Bubbles finally snagged a starring role, critics panned her performances as uneven. Leading opera houses refused to let her appear on their stages. It was only after she went to Europe and won over the toughest opera fans in the world that critics begrudgingly recognized her magnificent voice. Even when she became a star at the Met and Time magazine dubbed her America's Queen of the Opera, her adoring public never knew that Bubbles was raising two children with disabilities. One of them was severely cognitively disabled. She spent a fortune building a sanctuary for her kids in Martha's Vineyard. After they moved in, it burned to the ground. Then her husband collapsed with a stroke. She cared for him for eight years while raising two children with special needs and juggling a demanding career. You might think that a lifetime of setbacks would make Belle Silverman from Crown Heights a sour woman. But the lady nicknamed Bubbles plowed through her troubles with infectious joy. Barbara Walters called her the happiest person on earth. After a Sixty Minutes interview, Mike Wallace said that she was the most impressive person he had ever met. When he asked her how she had overcome bitterness to be so bubbly, she replied, "I can't control the circumstances of my life, but I can choose to be joyful." You may remember Belle Silverman by her stage name, Beverly Sills. When Belle died in 2007, a New York Times obituary proclaimed the Brooklyn-born coloratura soprano to be America's most popular opera star since Enrico Caruso. But to family and friends, she will always remain Bubbles. Two years before her death, she summed up her challenges and triumphs to a Times reporter: "Man plans, and God laughs. I've never considered myself a happy woman. How could I be with all that's happened to me? But I choose to be a cheerful woman." When you face speed bumps on life's road, it might help to recall this line from Bubbles: Circumstances are often beyond your choice, but you can choose to be cheerful. **Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.** -PROVERBS 12:25 *****

From the moment you wake up in the morning until the moment you nod off to sleep at night, you have the opportunity to make countless decisions about the things you do., decisions about the things you do, decisions about the words you speak, and decisions about the thoughts you choose to think.

If you are facing one of life's major decisions, here are some things you can do: 1. Gather as much information as you can. 2. Don't be to impulsive. 3. Rely on the advice of trusted friends and mentors. 4. Pray for guidance. 5. Trust the quiet voice inner voice of your conscience. 6. When the time comes for action—act. Procrastination is the enemy of progress. Don't let it defeat you.

People who can never make up their minds usually make themselves miserable. So when in doubt, be decisive. It's the decent way to live.

AN INDECISIVE MAN IS UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS: James 1:8



THE BIBLE: The Bible is a window in this prison of hope, through which we look into eternity - Dwight

As the water reflects the face, so the heart reflects the person—Proverbs 27-19



PRESIDENT UNIT 164
 AUXILIARY
**LINDA
 MALSBARY**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164,
 Katy, Texas – JUNE 2022 Newsletter**



Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

May and June brought the start of our summer activities and we've been out and about in Katy supporting our Veterans! **Rear View Mirror : May 12th and 26th** we joined Bill Kennison at a table set up outside the VA clinic on Westgreen. Thanks to Connie Thomas, Jennifer Lowry, Marsha Jacobs and June Moore for volunteering. On May 26th we passed out poppies, information on our Post 164 Family and heard some wonderful stories from those who had served. **May 28th** we supported District 22 President Gillian Woodstrom as she led the ceremony at Soldier's Rest located at Forest Park Lawndale. The history of this event is that 78 years ago, \$585 was raised by Auxiliary Unit 52 to purchase a lot containing 42 grave spaces from the Forest Park Cemetery Association. The deed stated that the lot could be used only for burying the bodies of deceased men and women who were members of the military or naval forces of the United States of America during World War I. It also stipulated that no one could be buried in the lot if the relatives of that person were financially able to provide a suitable burial plot. There was a further provision that World War I patients who were dying at Camp Logan Hospital could be buried in the lot. Each year our District 22 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members meet to commemorate and decorate the graves of these fallen heroes. 10 of our members from Unit 164 attended. From Post 164 Harry Woodstrom laid a remembrance wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Army; and on behalf of Unit 164 Rosemarie Stokely laid the Unit 164 poppy wreath.

May 30 was a hot day, but we passed out poppies at Snappy's and Brookshire Brothers. Again we received many generous donations and enjoyed a day of spending time together. Thanks to Tina Miller, Kay DeFoor, Rosemarie Stokely, Beverly Ryan, Joanne Shaffer, Tina Neel, Nancy Mesler, Gillian Woodstrom, Leslie Britton and Shelly Jackson for helping pass out poppies! In addition, Nancy's granddaughter Brooklyn and friend Jo Ann came out to help!

Please reach out to Tina Miller for information on membership, or see our website www.alaunit164katytx.org for additional information. We also have our year's calendar of activities posted so you can see our plans!

June 12 – Womens Veterans Day Open House at the Post 2 – 4PM

Women Veterans Day was established as a day to recognize and honor women veterans throughout Texas and was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott on June 9, 2017. When asked about her role in the creation of this legislation, Representative Victoria Neave cited VA statistics as her motivation to create House Bill 2698:

“Here in our great State of Texas, we have the highest number of women veterans of any state in the country—over 177,000 women veterans live and work in our communities. I was honored to be able to pass this legislation with the help of women veterans who traveled across the state to testify in support of the legislation so that we can honor their contributions and sacrifices.”

On June 12, 2018, Representative Neave, together with the Veterans Women's Enterprise Center, hosted the first official Women Veterans Day in Texas. Commemorative events and ceremonies were held in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and Austin, as well as several other cities throughout the state. This June 12 everyone is invited to a Women Veterans Day Open House at the Post from 2 – 4PM.

Looking Ahead : **June 12** – Women Veterans Day Open House,
June 24 – July 4 Fireworks Stand



***Rosemarie Stokely laying
 Unit 164's Poppy Wreath
 at Soldiers Rest***



“The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government.” – Edward Abbey



RORY HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT



The JSSP committee is currently in need of instructors to teach our course. Once we are up and running classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 0800-1200 for eight week cycles. If you are interested in instructing and can spare four hours a week please let me know at the next membership meeting or by email at rlh1414@gmail.com. Over the next few months I'd like to share Notes from "With Winning in Mind" by Lanny Bassham. We will continue with principles 3 & 4. Principle No. 3- The subconscious mind is the source of all mental power. You perform best when you allow the well trained subconscious mind to do all the work. When the conscious mind over rides the subconscious mind, performance decreases. Consciously, try to go to sleep...you CANT! ACTION STATEMENT for Principle No. 3-"I am so well trained that all of my performance is subconsciously done. I trust my subconscious to guide my performance in competition."

Principle No. 4- The subconscious mind moves you to do whatever the conscious mind is picturing. "Don't hit it in the water" WRONG! Positive pictures demand positive results from the subconscious. ACTION STATEMENT for Principle No. 4- "I realize that my subconscious power is moving me to perform what I am consciously picturing. I control what I picture and picture only what I want to see happen."



The beautiful young lady in the center of the picture is Nicole Hogan, our Champion shooter of the HOUSTON HOTSHOTS a 4H group sponsored by Post 164. Her coach Keith Pruden (on her left) and her grandparents (on her right) brought her to our Membership meeting this month so she could thank us for sponsoring her and her team. Her Coach said she recently competed in a competition where she missed having a perfect score by 1,000th of an inch. Now that is some shooting. Our best wishes to her in her National competition on winning it all. Our Post is proud to sponsor her team and look forward to a lasting relationship with the group.

"Assault Weapon": is a made up term, used to scare citizens into thinking that military weapons were commonly being sold and used on the streets of the United States. That is so far from the truth it seems laughable. Thanks in part for dishonest and incompetent media, millions of Americans (and still think) that machine guns could simply be purchased at the local gun store. In reality the Hughes Amendment to the Firearms Owners Protection Act outlawed the manufacture of automatic weapons to the civilian market in 1986. It has been 36 years since a single machine gun was manufactured for the American public. There are no assault rifles being sold in the United States. There are only rifles that look like weapons of war. THE **(AR)** label stands for Armalite period, the company which made the first design. Ed.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.

Robert's Rules of Order Cheat Sheet for Nonprofits • Written by Nick Price Robert's Rules of Order is a manual of parliamentary procedure that governs most organizations with boards of directors. In 1876, Henry Martyn Robert adapted the rules and practices of Congress to the needs of non-legislative bodies and wrote them in his book, which is still in use today. The Robert's Rules Association published brief versions of the book in 2005 and 2011. The newest versions have about 700 pages, which makes it difficult to look things up during a meeting. Meeting facilitators with little experience may find it helpful to keep a cheat sheet on parliamentary procedure at their fingertips during a meeting. **Types of Motions:** 1. **Main Motion:** Introduce a new item 2. **Subsidiary Motion:** Change or affect how to handle a main motion (vote on this before main motion) 3. **Privileged Motion:** Urgent or important matter unrelated to pending business 4. **Incidental Motion:** Questions procedure of other motions (must consider before the other motion) 5. **Motion to Table:** Kills a motion 6. **Motion to Postpone:** Delays a vote (can reopen debate on the main motion) Every Motion Has 6 Steps: 1. **Motion:** A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson. 2. **Second:** Another member seconds the motion. 3. **Restate motion:** The chairperson restates the motion. 4. **Debate:** The members debate the motion. 5. **Vote:** The chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes. 6. **Announce the vote:** The chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions. TIP! If the board is in obvious agreement, the chairperson may save time by stating, "If there is no objection, we will adopt the motion to..." Then wait for any objections. Then say, "Hearing no objections, (state the motion) is adopted." And then state any instructions. If a member objects, first ask for debate, then vote and then announce the vote. Requesting Points of Something Certain situations need attention during the meeting, but they don't require a motion, second, debate or voting. It's permissible to state a point during a meeting where the chairperson needs to handle a situation right away. Board members can declare a **Point of Order, Point of Information, Point of Inquiry or Point of Personal Privilege.** **Point of Order:** Draws attention to a breach of rules, improper procedure, breaching of established practices, etc. **Point of Information:** A member may need to bring up an additional point or additional information (in the form of a nondebatable statement) so that the other members can make fully informed votes. **Point of Inquiry:** A member may use point of inquiry to ask for clarification in a report to make better voting decisions. **Point of Personal Privilege:** A member may use point of personal privilege to address the physical comfort of the setting such as temperature or noise. Members may also use it to address the accuracy of published reports or the accuracy of a member's conduct

Action	What to Say	Can interrupt speaker?	Need a Second?	Can be Debated?	Can be Amended?	Votes Needed
Introduce main motion	"I move to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by...." (add or strike words or both)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Move item to committee	"I move that we refer the matter to committee."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Postpone item	"I move to postpone the matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to procedure	"Point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decision
Recess the meeting	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn the meeting	"I move to adjourn the meeting."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Request information	"Point of information."	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Overrule the chair's ruling	"I move to overrule the chair's ruling."	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Extend the allotted time	"I move to extend the time by ___ minutes."	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Enforce the rules or point out incorrect procedure	"Point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Table a Motion	"I move to table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

NOTICE TO ALL SPORTS MEN AND WOMEN

A 44. CALIBER BLACK POWDER PISTOL has been donated to the Post (photo below) by a member ***to help raise funds for our Children and youth programs.*** Tickets are \$10 for one and \$25 for 3.

OUR GOAL is to sell as many tickets as possible to enable us to put more emphasis on our youth programs. We are asking each member to sell at least 8 tickets. Anyone can buy a ticket because it is open to anyone, not just Legion folks. We would like to close out the raffle in July and to get your tickets just contact the Adjunct or any officer of the Post and get as many as you can sell. The kids will thank you as will your American Legion brothers & sisters. Ed.



Lone Star Recruiter Pin

Have you earned yours?

Awarded to Legionnaires for recruiting "NEW" members into The American Legion. This award is based upon the total accumulative number of New Members the Recruiter has signed up into The American Legion from the inception of this award through their Legion career. The pin will be awarded starting with the #1 for the first new member and then increase in increments of 5 (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) based upon the accumulative total of new members recruited. Once the recruiter is awarded a pin level, he/she will work for the next higher pin level and once a pin level has been achieved a duplicate pin level will not be awarded.



Talk to your friends, workmates, and neighbors about joining our great organization and our Post 164. Help our Post's membership grow and become a recruiting star at the same time. When you recruit someone, please advise our Post Adjutant Bill Kennison and he will initiate the paperwork for your pin. Don't stop at just one. Go for 5, 10 and beyond. If you recruit 25 or 50 members you will be eligible for a Department and National membership award.

LET US BE EVER WATCHFUL OF THE HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR ORGANIZATION AND OURSELVES.

Verify voice vote with count	“I call for a division.”	No	No	No	No	No vote
Object to considering some undiplomatic matter	“I object to consideration of this matter...”	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take up a previously tabled item	“I move to take from the table...”	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
*Reconsider something already disposed of	“I move to reconsider our action to...”	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	“I move to suspend the rules and consider...”	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Close the meeting for executive session	“I move to go into executive session.”	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Personal preference- noise, room temperature, distractions	“Point of privilege”	Yes	No	No	No	No vote

***A member may make a motion to reconsider something** that was already disposed; however, the reconsidered motion may not be subsequently reconsidered. **A motion to reconsider** must be made during the same meeting and can extend to a meeting that lasts for more than one day. Tips and Reminders for Chairpersons Robert’s Rules of Order, which is also widely known as parliamentary procedure, was developed to ensure that meetings are fair, efficient, democratic and orderly. A skilled chairperson allows all members to voice their opinions in an orderly manner so that everyone in the meeting can hear and be heard. The following tips and reminders will help chairpersons to run a successful and productive meeting without being run over or running over others. • **Follow the agenda** to keep the group moving toward its goals. • **Let the group** do its own work; don’t over command. • **Control the flow** of the meeting by recognizing members who ask to speak. • **Let all members speak** once before allowing anyone to speak a second time. • **When discussions get off-track**, gently guide the group back to the agenda. • **Model courtesy and respect**, and insist that others do the same. • Help to develop the board’s skills in parliamentary procedure by properly using motions and points of order. • **Give each speaker** your undivided attention. • **Keep an emotional** pulse on the discussions. • **Allow a consensus** to have the final authority of the group **END**

Knowledge of the Constitution gives the citizens far greater power than the politicians.

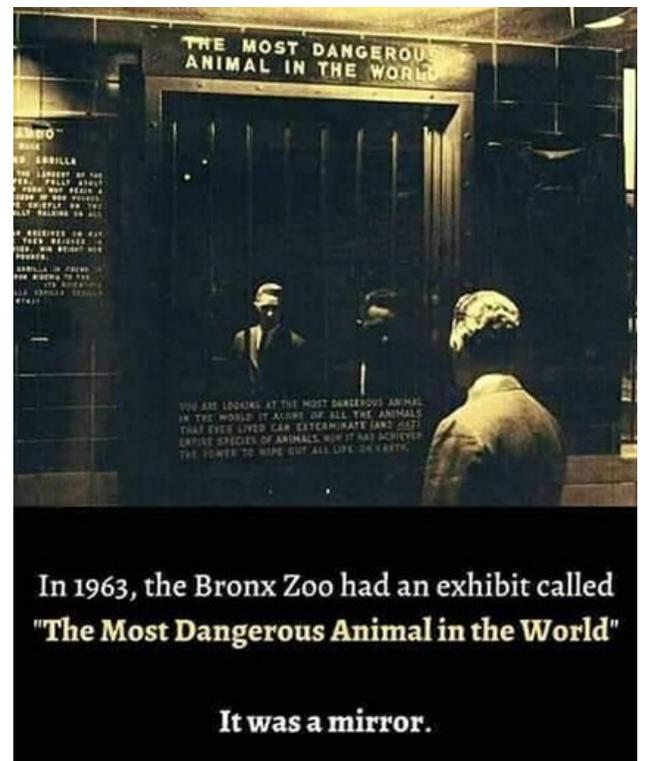
MEMORIAL DAY WAS A BUSY DAY IN MAY



POW\MIA flag being presented to the Katy ELKS Lodge 2628, Harry Woodstrom, Mike Hammond, Photo by Neil Hines



When American aircraft carrier USS Independence (CV-62) flashed the Italian merchant ship Amerigo Vespucci with a light signal asking "Who are you?", the full rigged ship answered "Training ship Amerigo Vespucci, Italian Navy." The US ship replied "You are the most beautiful ship in the world!"



Boudreaux, the smoothest-talking Cajun in the Louisiana National Guard, got called up to active duty.

Boudreaux's first assignment was in a military induction center. Because he was a good talker, they assigned him the duty of advising new recruits about government benefits, especially the GI insurance to which they were entitled. The officer in charge soon noticed that Boudreaux was getting a 99% sign-up rate for the more expensive supplemental form of GI insurance. This was remarkable, because it cost these low-income recruits \$30.00 per month for the higher coverage, compared to what the government was already providing at no charge. The officer decided he'd sit in the back of the room at the next briefing and observe Boudreaux's sales pitch. Boudreaux stood up before the latest group of inductees and said, "If you has da normal GI insurans an' you goes to Afghanistan an' gets yourself killed, da govment' pays you benefishery \$20,000. If you takes out da suppmental insurans, which cost you only t'irty dollars a munt, den da government' gots at pay you benefishery \$400,000!"

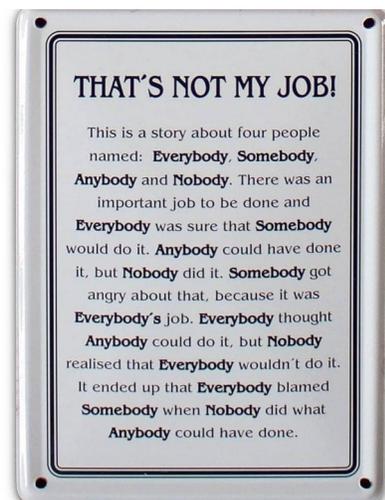
"Now," Boudreaux concluded, "which bunch you tink dey gonna send at Afghanistan first?"



I've learned: *That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.* Andy Rooney



1. HAVE you sold your share of tickets yet? All you need to sell are 8 and maybe one for yourself. The funds generated will help the Post improve our support for our youth programs.
2. Don't forget the Veterans Breakfast the first Saturday in each month at the Elks Club.
3. **SAL leads CWF donations in 2021-22** The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) ended its 2021-22 program year with over \$569,000 in donations. Of those donations, more than \$349,789 came from the Sons of The American Legion – the single largest contributor to CWF, donating \$9 million since 1988. Another \$170,856 was donated between The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and 8 & 40. The Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through programs, research and resources. One hundred percent of all money raised for the CWF is used exclusively for grants. Visit the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation website to learn more about the program, how to apply for a grant, and how to donate.
4. We have a fireworks stand for the 4th of July and hopefully this will generate some much needed revenue for the Post. If you can spare a few hours between now and the 4th of July please contact Wally Klekar at 281-804-4640 and he will sign you up. Thanks for helping.
5. Our Bingo is in a state of flux at the moment and movement to relocate it elsewhere is afoot.
6. Boys state has 23 boys this year. We expect to hear from them the next two membership meetings.
7. Our Honor Guard did 5 funerals and 10 flag ceremonies this past month for a total of 310 service hours. They need members and if you can help please do.
8. According to the Commander we will be sporting a new webpage soon.
9. **July special recognition days: Independence Day (Fourth of July) - July 4,** Department of Veterans Administration Created - **July 21,** Hire a Veteran Day - **July 25,** Armed Forces Unification Day - **July 26,** Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps - **July 29** Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary - **July 29.**
10. A bus trip to the Hemi Hide Out is scheduled for August 24. If you are a car buff it is well worth the trip. If not it is still worth it.
11. This month we had 25 members, 4 guest and two new members. To date we have 335 members in the post. Our goal for 2023 is 336.
12. The Honor Guard will do a flag ceremony at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church in Katy on July 3rd.
13. MO's Place (Irish B&G) For the first time Post 164 helped sponsor a benefit for Camp Hope and raised over \$2500. Good corn beef sandwich as well.
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OFFICERS INSTALLATION OF THE JONATHAN D. ROZIER AMERICAN LEGION POST 164, KATY, TEXAS



Not the best picture of the whole group being installed but that is all we had at press time. There are pictures of the primary 11 elected officers of the post as shown below: 1st row: left to right with their elected position.



Peter Batura,
COMANDER



Roy Miller,
1st Vice CDR



Phill Malbary
2nd Vice CDR



Bill Kennison,
Adjutant



Harry Woostrom,
Finance Officer



Glenda Hoffman,
Chaplain



Butch Sparks
Judge Advocate



Tracey McDonald
Service Officer



Phill Yates,
Historian



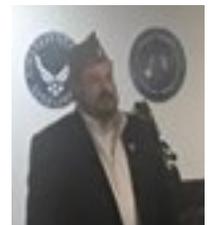
Andy Valdez,
PIO Officer



Paul Dubkowski
Hubmaster

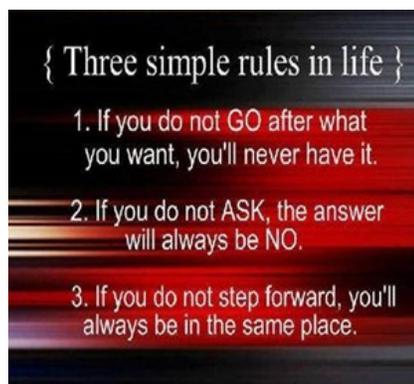
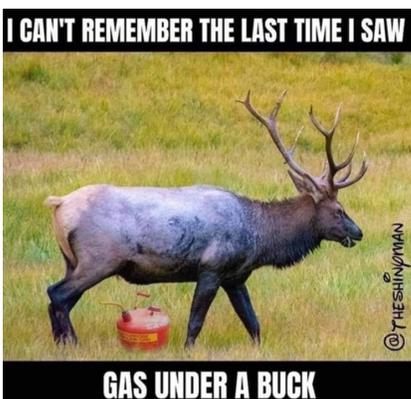


Jim McGuire,
IPC



Robert Armatige
CDR SAL

Other individuals elected or appointed were Deb Bortisser and Forrest Croom, Members at Large Executive Board and two new members to the Board of Trustees: Phil Malsbary and Jim McGuire.



EARNED YOUR RECRUITER PIN YET



**JOIN US FOR
A CELEBRATION OF VETERANS!**
(US Army Birthday and Flag Day Edition)
TUESDAY JUNE 14TH 2022 6PM



@ Mo's Place,
21940 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX

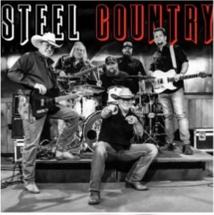
Veterans and spouse each receive Free Admission, 2 Drink tickets, Free BBQ Meal!

**Door, BBQ & Silent Auction Proceeds go to
CAMP HOPE for PTSD Veterans!**

CAMP HOPE

A PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA OUTREACH

**LIVE MUSIC BY STEEL COUNTRY
7-11PM**



VETERANS:
Come spend some time with your fellow service members and enjoy YOUR night!

NON-VETERANS:
Come support our veterans! Enjoy music, dancing and BBQ prepared by the famous Breggy Bomb BBQ Team!



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Code to RSVP



21940 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX

A HUGE Thanks to our Sponsors and Donors:



Jonathan D. Rozier
Post 164
Katy, Texas



David McAuliffe is the head of this place and does a great job. He is friendly, outgoing and cares for everyone, especially our veterans that served their country with honor.

This evening he opened his place to help a cause known as "Camp Hope." Camp Hope gives aid and support for our veterans that are having trouble dealing with issues after returning from military service, commonly called PTSD. American Legion Post#164 in cooperation with Mo's Place has offered a BBQ Dinner for all veterans and their spouses for the evening, along with 2 drinks-all FREE.

In addition to that there was an excellent live band, "Steel Country" that provided excellent covers of your most popular bands today to include, George Strait. They were amazing. I had heard them before and again they did not disappoint.

There were numerous volunteers for this event. People that came out to support this very noble cause. As one person told me this evening "They supported me and fought for me, now it's time for me to fight for them." And with a tear in his eye, I felt his sincerity.

Three young ladies served the dinners: Samantha Villarreal, Rhonda Hubenak-Martinez, and Erin Carlson. All volunteers that wanted to help the cause. On a day when some look down on volunteering services these ladies went to the head of the line. Thank you, ladies. But why were we here? What is so special about this cause? Camp Hope offers hope to veterans with PTSD. We lose about 22 veterans a DAY to suicide. Not a year, A DAY! That's insane. Why do we not take better care of our veterans? Great question and depending on who you ask you may get numerous answers but what I found out when doing this, fewer answers. Well Camp Hope is an answer. A very real answer. When one of their members (counselors) encounters a struggling veteran, they reach out and help. They don't give lip service; they provide what the veteran needs right then and there. This of course is saving lives. I had the privilege of meeting 2 such veterans. With their permission I am going to give you just the highlights of their stories. (cont on page 12)

Camp Hope

By Neil Hines, Veteran (USN, American Legion Post #164,
JUN 14, 2022

Some stories write themselves. This one started forming words in my head as soon as I looked for the address. I mean, it was hard to miss.

As I entered the parking lot to the shopping center complex, I first noticed pickup trucks wrapped in Veteran pictures of sacrifice and service. Then a HUGE BBQ Pit memorializing those that had 'given all' and those that had not returned- POW's. All this with a portable trailer named "War Wagon." Yes, I was in the right place.

Mo's Place is a friendly place where everyone can come and relax. It has a family atmosphere and lots of room between tables in which to let the kids run around without having to be corralled in by dutiful parents.

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Marine. He came out of the service differently than when he went in. Before his service he was a carefree young man known for his infectious smile, great sense of humor and laughter. He was happy.

What came home after service humping 100-pound packs throughout the desert was an angry, violent man who alienated everyone, family, friends, and associates. Due to his behavior, he found himself all alone, homeless and in jail. He turned to self-medicating with alcohol that only increased his problems. Eventually his violence ended up with felony consequences and a meeting with a counselor for Camp Hope. What help did he receive before Camp Hope? He was told to "white knuckle it" and "Be a Marine. Be a Man." However, Camp Hope provided a different approach that speaks to the heart and soul; faith based and peer-to-peer counseling with people that have been where they are at and still fighting through the everyday struggles of just existing after their return. Now I am happy to report that Chris is reuniting with his family, has a house to live in, employed and ...HAPPY.

TOMMY LABUKAS

Navy. Tommy was stationed on a fast attack submarine for too many tours. Being on a submarine is stressful, fast attacks are the worst of them all. Not knowing what day or night is, cramped quarters and just work to keep your mind busy. No natural lighting or walks around the deck for fresh air and sun. No, just months of work under the sea that wants to crush you.

Coming home was not easy. He had noticed his social skills had not just diminished but totally disappeared. His personality had totally changed.

His new personality was not friendly and was met with unfriendly responses in return. This caused problems in his marriage and children. He was angry, on edge and fearful. He tried to self-medicate with alcohol. This of course exasperated the problem, especially when 2 of his close friends committed suicide. So now with marriage lost it continued downhill to the point where now he lost custody of his little girl and was no longer allowed to see her.

Enters Camp Hope and one of their counselors. But was it easy? No.

During his stay in Camp Hope 2 more veterans committed suicide. 1 more died of a 'overdose' and 2 more from 'natural causes.' However, we know that the mind can work on the body and cause death.

Through all this Tommy had to swim in an ocean of hungry suicide sharks all wanting him to join them in the sweet abyss of death. But with the help of Camp Hope counselors, and Tommy's resolve to right the ship and get his daughter back he fought back.

Where is he now? He is a work in progress. Working on relationships. Engaging and trying to be active in life. And by the way... his relationship with his 5-

year-old daughter is on the mend and looking hopeful. Asked him this question? "Are you happy" and he said "Yes, I am happy."

Please enjoy the pictures. I look forward to more encounters with Camp Hope and their many success stories.



DEB Bortisser, Harry Woodstrom, and Morrow Krum represent the Post at Mo's for the fundraiser for Camp Hope. Not shown but present were Bill Kennison and Ken Trunnell



Memories

By Neil Hines, USN Veteran June 1, 2022

An 18 years old young man stands watch at the helm of an American warship in heavy seas crossing the Atlantic Ocean at night during a raging storm. He doesn't even have a license to drive a car but is entrusted with this multi-million-dollar warship that is armed with the latest state of the art weapons systems. A few short months ago he was in the freezing winter of Great Lakes Illinois attending Navy Bootcamp. Just prior to that he was feeding cattle, other livestock, and a rather large herd of horses. So, in 1969, with Vietnam raging, and the military needing more men and women in the military, this young man answered the call just after the date of his 18th birthday, not even finishing high school.

This may seem odd however, it was quite common at the time in this country. Men and women had the desire to serve their country without signing bonuses, extra college incentives, guarantees of special schooling and such. No, they did it for the sense of duty they had inside them as they were just one generation from The Greatest Generation, heroes of World War Two.

And so, it was this night as he watched the red dot on the helm and judged where each crashing wave they mounted would land the ship and that red ball at mid helm. The officer of the deck watched too as windshield wipers sloshed away salt spray from the tiny windows of the bridge.

But that was decades ago. That young man is now in his 70's, but still on some nights visited by that young 18-year-old kid at the helm, fresh off the ranch and naval boot camp. Once red hair is now white as is the beard he wears. But at times the kid visits and brings back all those memories with him.

I was that kid. My ship was the USS Conyngham DDG-17, an Adams Class destroyer. She was a thing of beauty, and I loved that ship more than any lover. We stayed together from 1969-1972, taking care of each other as we traveled the world from country to country, port to port, watching my maturing into a man as time progressed.

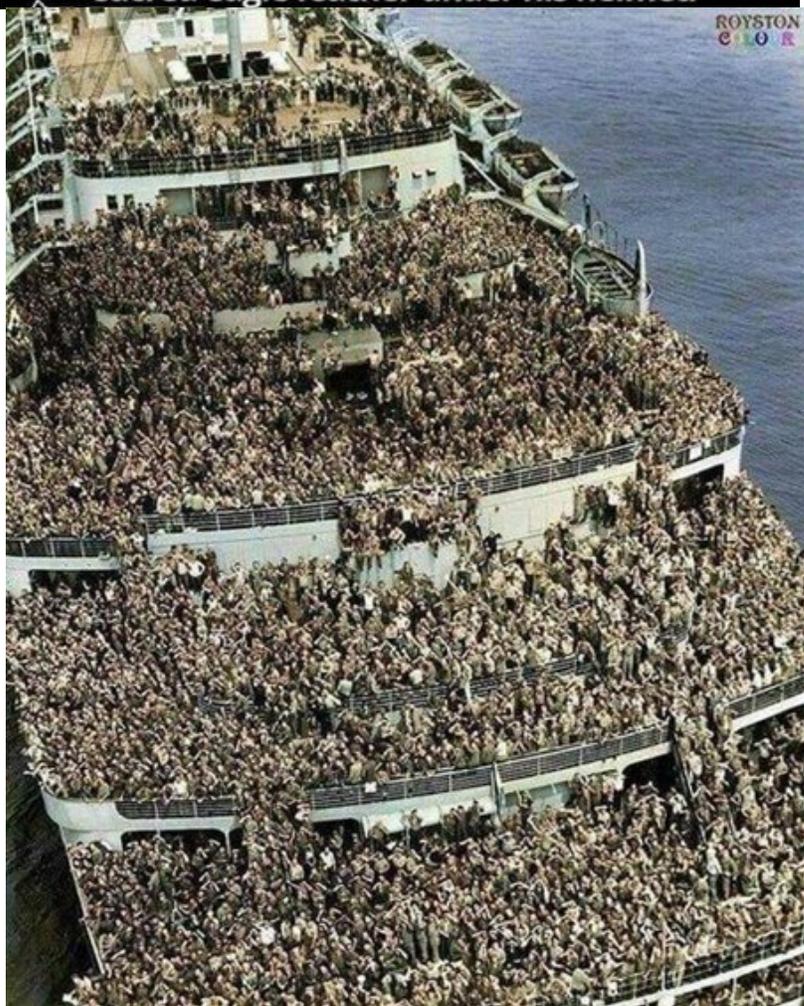
Now in my 70's I wear my medals when appropriate. I am no hero and have never professed to be one. I did what was asked of me to the best of my abilities and knowledge at that time. Really, what does an 18-year-old young man just off the ranch, feeding cattle, livestock and horses know about the world? Not much.

But I had the pleasure of serving on one of the greatest warships and destroyers in the greatest Navy in

the world. I was given the privilege of growing into manhood walking her decks while witnessing some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets eyes have ever seen. The adventures were without number and measure. I still remember those days still and especially at night when I am asleep and visited by that 18-year-old boy.



While fighting for the US during WWII, Joe Medicine Crow became the last war chief of the Crow tribe by completing the 4 required tasks: touch an enemy without killing him, take an enemy's weapon, lead a successful war party, and steal an enemy's horse. Whenever he went to battle, he wore his war paint under his Army uniform and a sacred eagle feather under his helmet.



BY-LAWS OF JONATHAN D. ROZIER, POST NO. 164

KATY, TEXAS.

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

Section 1. The Post existing under these By-Laws is to be known as Jonathan D. Rozier Post No. 164, The American Legion.

Section 2. The objects of this Post are as set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE II – MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The governance and management of Post 164 is entrusted to an annually elected Executive Committee, composed of:

- 1) Commander
- 2) First Vice Commander
- 3) Second Vice Commander
- 4) Adjutant
- 5) Finance Officer
- 6) Judge Advocate
- 7) Chaplain
- 8) Service Officer
- 9) Historian
- 10) Sergeant-at-Arms
- 11) Executive Committee member #1
- 12) Executive Committee member #2.

1.1 The Post Officers and Executive Committee will be elected annually as provided by Article V, Section 4 of the Post Constitution, and all such elected Officers will take office immediately upon installation.

1.2 All Past Post 164 Commanders who served in that capacity while a member of the Post, while in good standing, shall have a voice, without vote, at all Executive Committee Meetings, unless holding a current officer position.

Section 2. The Post Executive committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it at the call of the Post Commander within ten days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter the Post Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Post Commander at least once a month and as often as said Post Commander may deem necessary. The Post Commander shall call a meeting of the Post Executive Committee upon the joint written request of three (3) or more members of said Post Executive Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum thereof.

Section 3. The Post Executive committee shall hire such employees as may be necessary; shall analyze and recommend to general membership for approval all Post expenditures; shall require adequate bonds from all persons having the custody of Post funds; shall cause all funds to be placed in the hands of the Post Finance Officer for deposit and accounting purposes; shall hear the reports of Post Committee Chair, and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of this Post. At the end of each fiscal year, a review committee shall be appointed with the Post Judge Advocate as Chairman to conduct a complete review of Post records before turning them over to the new Post Finance Officer. Except for hiring and firing of employees, all actions of the Post Executive Committee shall be submitted for approval to the membership at the next regular membership meeting.

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Section 4. Duties of the Post Adjutant:

4.1 The Post Adjutant will be in charge of and keep full and correct records of all Post proceedings and meetings and will keep such records as the National and Department of Texas, The American Legion, may require.

4.2 The Post Adjutant will issue membership cards, and will handle all certificates of transfer, will render annual reports of membership annually, or when called upon at a meeting, and will handle all Post correspondence, as described in Article V, of the Department of Texas Constitution.

4.3 The Post Adjutant will be responsible for providing copies of minutes of the previous Executive Committee and General Membership meetings. If copies are unavailable, then the minutes must be read.

4.4 Serves as the Post Compliance Officer.

4.5 The Post Adjutant, annually, and upon completion of Elections, ensure all newly elected Officers and Trustees of the Post pay their dues, enroll in, or have graduated from, the most recent American Legion Extension Institute Course, and sign the Conflict of Interest document.

Section 5. Duties of the Post Finance Officer

5.1 The finance officer/treasurer must be a person of proven integrity and experience in handling financial affairs.

5.2 The Post Finance Officer shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in a bank.

5.3 The Post Finance Officer will report, once a month, in writing, to the Executive Committee and the Post membership meeting, the condition of the finances of the Post.

5.4. The Post Finance Officer will make such recommendations as may be deemed necessary for raising funds required to carry on activities of the Post.

5.5 The Post Finance Officer shall sign all checks disbursing the moneys of the Post. The Finance Officer position will be bonded.

5.6 The Post Finance Officer should utilize accounting procedures that are designed to meet the requirements of Legion Posts in maintaining a correct and permanent finance record.

Section 6. Duties of Post Judge Advocate

6.1 The Post Judge Advocate shall supply professional advice in the conduct of the Post business, or to retain proper counsel if required.

6.2 The Post Judge Advocate shall be the Chairman of any committee concerning the amendment of the Post Constitution or By-laws.

6.3 The Post Judge Advocate shall be in charge of the annual review of the Post financial accounts as set out in these By-Laws.

6.4 The Post Judge Advocate shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of disciplinary procedures.

Section 7. Duties of the Post Historian -- The Post Historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the Post and Post members, and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post or Post Executive Committee.

Section 8. Duties of Post Chaplain -- The Post Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters from time to time.

Section 9. Duties of Post Sergeant at Arms -- The Post Sergeant at Arms shall preserve order at all times and meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to the Post Sergeant at Arms by the Post Commander or Post Executive Committee. The Post Sergeant at Arms shall have charge of the Post Colors, and shall not display or permit them to be displayed without specific authority of the Post Commander.

Section 10. Duties of Post Service Officer -- The Post Service Officers shall comply with the Service Officer's Manual and Post Officers Guide of The American Legion, and recommendations of National and Department Headquarters, and needs of this Post.

ARTICLE V – DUES FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Annual membership dues will be as prescribed by the Post, will be payable on, or before, October 29th, of each year, for the succeeding calendar year.

Section 2. Following the calendar year, a member becomes delinquent for non-payment of dues by January 1st, and if he /she continues to be delinquent, will lose all Post privileges by February 1st, such membership will be forfeited on June 30th, if still delinquent.

Section 3. All newly elected Post Officers will pay their next year's dues immediately after being elected by the Post membership, and according to Article V of the Post Constitution.

Section 4. Those members who wish to apply for Paid-Up-For-Life (P.U.F.L.) Membership are allowed to do so by contacting National American Legion.

Section 5. The newly elected Post Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting, as may be designated by the Post Executive Committee, as soon as practicable after the annual election, not later than the first regular Post meeting in October following their election, and according to Article V, Section 4 of this Constitution.

Section 6. The Chairman of the membership committee may recommend to the Post Executive Committee the names of members whose dues shall be paid for by the Post with reasons for such recommendation. The Post Executive Committee shall have the power to approve or reject such recommendations except new members and transfers.

ARTICLE VI – POST COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The Post Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint such standing committees as the Post Commander deems necessary for the efficient operation of the Post, such as those listed in the Post Officers Guide; the Post Commander shall also appoint such other committees as the Post Commander finds to be necessary from time to time. All of such committees shall consist of such members and the chairman thereof as shall be designated by the Post Commander and confirmed by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 2. The duties and functions of the respective Post committees shall be in accordance with the current Post Officers Guide of The American Legion and with the recommendations of National and Department Headquarters.

ARTICLE VII – RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. All resolutions of State or National scope presented to this Post by a member or reported to this Post by a committee shall merely embody the opinion of this Post on the subject and copy of same shall be forwarded to the Department Headquarters for its approval before any publicity is given or action other than mere passage by the Post is taken. *(continued next page)*

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Post meetings will be held each calendar month, on a day designated by the Post Commander, or Executive Committee, for the purposes of transacting such business as may properly be presented for consideration and/or action by the Post membership and shall be open to all members of the Post.

- a. The Post may conduct its meetings in person, by utilizing a virtual format, or a combination of both.
- b. The Post shall use its best efforts to implement any meeting with full regard for the need to maintain, as much as possible, accessibility for all members, including those with disabilities and those who lack the access to sophisticated technology.
- c. Members are responsible for their own technological needs, including installing any required software.
- d. In-Person Meetings: Members unable to attend an in-person meeting may be able to access the meeting utilizing a virtual format. Upon proper verification, members accessing the in-person meeting on line can be counted in establishing a quorum and, if authorized, may vote on meeting actions.
- e. Alternate Meeting Formats:
 - (1) Post meetings may use any variety of electronic or hybrid methods necessary to conduct the business of the Post. These could include fully virtual meetings, teleconferences, or software such as Zoom or Webex.
 - (2) The Post Adjutant will notify the Commander, Post Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Post Members through the Post Hubmaster system of access requirements. It is the responsibility of the members to have the equipment and software necessary for the meeting.
 - (3) During a called virtual meeting, the Post Adjutant, with assistance of the Post Sgt-At-Arms, shall ensure that all participants are members in good standing and that a quorum is present.
 - (4) Any action that could be taken at an in-person meeting, including amendment of the Constitution and By-laws, may also be taken at a virtual or hybrid meeting held pursuant to this provision.
 - (5) If there is a vote, the Post Adjutant must make a record of the vote and ensure that every voter is sufficiently identified and a member of the Post in good standing.

The Adjutant and Post hub master will provide membership virtual meeting instructions utilizing the Post communication systems at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting time.

All meetings of the Post shall be open to all members in good standing of the Post.

1.4 Attendees without voice or vote may only speak as provided by the presiding officer.

1.5 At the start of or during any (regular) Post meeting, the only caps or head gear allowed to be worn by Post members, non-members, visitors, or guests attending such regular meeting, will be that officially approved, for such purposes, by the Post.

1.5.1 "Official" caps, or head gear, worn by a {visiting} Post, Department (or State) Commander or the National Commander of The American Legion, or any other Veteran's Organization, will be allowed at a regular meeting of the Post.

1.5.2 All other head gear, caps, covers, etc. not approved by the Post, or clearly defined in these By-Laws must be removed for the entire duration of the meeting. No exceptions will be allowed.

1.6 The minutes of the previous meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee and the Post general membership will be read, unless copies are provided, and filed.

1.7 Such meetings may be converted to entertainment meetings, as may be required, or deemed to be advisable by the Officers of the Post.

1.8 All proceedings at a regular meeting will comply with the current issue of The American Legion Manual of Ceremonies.

Section 2. Any other special business or social meetings may be scheduled, as deemed necessary, by the Post Commander or Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Post Commander, or Executive Committee, upon receiving a written request, or petition, signed by not less than five (5) Post members in good standing, requesting a special meeting of the Post, will arrange such meeting not less than seven (7) days, nor more than fourteen (14) days after receipt of such petition, and not before notifying the Post general membership that such a meeting will be held.

3.1 The petition will clearly state the purpose for which the meeting is requested, and the subject matter to be discussed.

3.2 Notices informing the Post general membership of such special meeting will include the full substance of the petition or request for the special meeting.

3.3 After the special meeting is called to order, any subjects that are not specifically described in, or directly related to the petition or substance, will not be allowed to be addressed during the course of said meeting.

Section 4. At least five (5) members, in good standing, and a majority of Post Officers will constitute a quorum at any general membership or special meeting of the Post.

Section 5. No member will speak more than twice on any matter or subject brought before the meeting, unless said member is responding to a direct question from the Chair person. A member will be allowed to speak for a period of no more than five (5) minutes.

5.1 The Post Commander will, after deliberation, put the matter to a vote, provided the matter to be voted upon meets all criteria, as defined in these By-Laws.

Section 6. Any member failing to adhere to these regulations, at any meeting, may be requested by the Post Commander, or presiding Post Officer, to voluntarily leave the meeting, and failing that, will be escorted from the meeting by the Post Sgt.-at-Arms. (continuation of the By-Laws next month beginning with Subsidiary Organizations.)



Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster



Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will