



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**JONATHAN D. ROZIER, POST No. 164**  
**KATY, TEXAS**

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**Commander's Chatter**

Post members have been very busy getting our post spruced up and looking great! The parking lots have been pressure washed, curb stops, and parking lines have been painted, we have added a second handicap space in the west lot. The doors have been sanded, primed and are ready for painting. Once they are painted, we will add American Legion decals to them. The exhaust fans, in the bays, have been replaced. All this work has been accomplished by Harry Woodstrom, Jim McGuire, Dennis Wells, Ted Whiteman, Jim Harris, Bobby Steph, Ernie Cormier, and myself, (If I forgot a name I apologize).



Wow, what a busy few months we have coming up. August, we have:

District 22 Executive Committee meeting, on the 18th, at post 521 in Pasadena. I highly encourage all members to consider attending these, as it will give you some insights into how the next level above the post functions.

August 23rd is Movie Night at the VFW.

The Katy Community Expo at the Merrill Center August 24th and 25th.

August 26th is the Board of Trustees meeting.

September is loaded up as well. September 3rd is the Executive Committee meeting.

September 8th is New Member Orientation. Everyone can attend this. We will be going over how the Legion is set up and what information is available for you online as well as where to find it.

September 4th is Veterans Bingo at No Label Brewery.

September 7<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast with a Veteran.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is Movie Night at the VFW.

September 14<sup>th</sup> is our Post Grand Reopening.

September 17<sup>th</sup> is our post membership meeting.

September 28<sup>th</sup> is Safety Fest.

Emails will go out as reminders of the events.

As a reminder any meeting we hold is open to the membership.

All events are listed on our post website: [www.legionpost164katytx.org](http://www.legionpost164katytx.org).

As always, I am available if you have any questions, suggestions, ideas, or need some assistance.

Respectfully  
Sandy Krum  
Commander



A Drill Sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets, and as he was walking away, he turned to the cadet and said: "I guess when I die you'll come and dance on my grave."

The cadet replied: "Not me, Sarge...no sir!"

"I promised myself that when I got out of the Army I'd never stand in another line."

From "The Veteran's Newsletter"  
(Thanks to Jim McGuire)

### **Thank You For Your Service!**

Not every service member may receive the Medal of Honor or garner widespread recognition, but that doesn't diminish the invaluable contributions each one has made to the sanctity and security of our great nation.

The saying "freedom isn't free" holds profound truth—it resonates because every individual in the United States relies on the dedication of its military to safeguard the freedoms they enjoy. Each veteran has consciously defended these liberties, symbolizing a collective commitment to the nation's well-being.

Whether you fought on the front lines or provided crucial support behind the scenes, thank you!





# Protect Yourself from Email Phishing Scams

By Harry Woodstrom  
(Webmaster)

In today's digital age, email phishing remains one of the most prevalent and dangerous cyber threats. Phishing attacks involve cybercriminals sending deceptive emails to trick recipients into revealing sensitive information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, or personal details. These attacks can have severe consequences, including identity theft, financial loss, and unauthorized access to personal or corporate accounts.

## Understanding Phishing Tactics

Phishing emails have evolved significantly over the years. Early phishing attempts were often easy to spot due to poor grammar, generic greetings, and suspicious links. However, modern phishing attacks are much more sophisticated. Cybercriminals now use advanced techniques to make their emails appear legitimate and trustworthy. Here are some common tactics used in phishing attacks:

**Spoofed Email Addresses:** Attackers often disguise their email addresses to make them look like they come from a trusted source, such as a bank, a comrade, or a well-known company.

**Urgent or Threatening Language:** Phishing emails often create a sense of urgency or fear, urging recipients to act quickly to avoid negative consequences.

**Personalized Content:** Cybercriminals may use information gathered from social media or other sources to personalize their emails, making them more convincing.

**Malicious Links and Attachments:** Phishing emails often contain links to fake websites or attachments infected with malware. Clicking on these links or opening these attachments can compromise your device and data.

## How to Recognize Phishing Emails

To protect yourself from phishing attacks, it's essential to know how to recognize suspicious emails. Here are some tips to help you identify phishing attempts:

### **Check the Sender's Email Address:**

Look closely at the sender's email address. If it looks suspicious or doesn't match the Legion's official domain (LegionPost164KatyTX.org), it could be a phishing attempt.

**Beware of Urgent Requests:** Be cautious of emails that create a sense of urgency or pressure you to take immediate action.

**Look for Generic Greetings:** Phishing emails often use your name and a sent by name that you will recognize. Be sure to check the actual Sent By email address.

**Hover Over Links:** Before clicking on any links, hover your mouse over them to see the actual URL. If the URL looks suspicious or doesn't match the legitimate website, do not click on it.

**Verify with the Source:** If you receive an email that seems suspicious, contact the person directly using a known and trusted method to verify its authenticity.

*"Army: A body of men assembled to rectify the mistakes of the diplomats"*

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels

## What to Do If You Suspect a Phishing Email

If you receive an email that you suspect is a phishing attempt, follow these steps:

### **Do Not Click on Links or Open Attachments:**

Avoid clicking on any links or opening attachments in the suspicious email.

### **Report the Email:**

Forward phishing emails to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org).

Mark phishing messages as SPAM or JUNK Mail.

Report the phishing attempt to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)

Report the phishing email to your email provider.

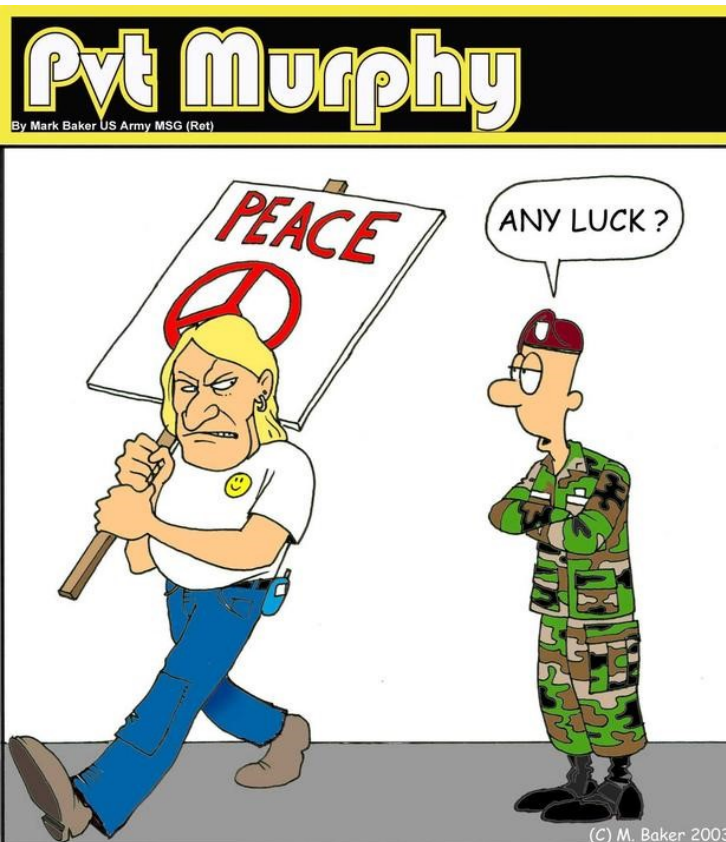
**Delete the Email:** After reporting the email, delete it from your inbox to prevent accidental clicks.

**Monitor Your Accounts:** Keep an eye on your financial and online accounts for any unusual activity. If you suspect your information has been compromised, take immediate action to secure your accounts.

## Conclusion

Email phishing is a serious threat that requires constant vigilance. By staying informed about the latest phishing tactics and knowing how to recognize and respond to suspicious emails, you can protect yourself and your post from falling victim to these scams. Remember, when in doubt, it's always better to verify the authenticity of an email before taking any action.

Stay safe and stay informed!



- What do soldiers do when they find a scorpion in their tent?
- In the Marines, they kill the scorpion. In the Army, they call their CO and report the presence of the scorpion. In the Air Force, they call the front desk and ask why there's a tent in the room. The Navy wonders what a tent and a scorpion are.





## Report from the Board of Trustees

### By James McGuire

The outside clean up still continues. The West side parking lot has been pressure washed and the Parking stops have been painted. The parking lot stripes have been started. The North parking lot has been cleaned and painted. The East side parking lot is about half way cleaned. More to follow.

The West side rear outside light has been replaced. The 2 exhaust fans on the south wall in the equipment bay have been replaced and are working. The roof vents in the equipment bays are now working.

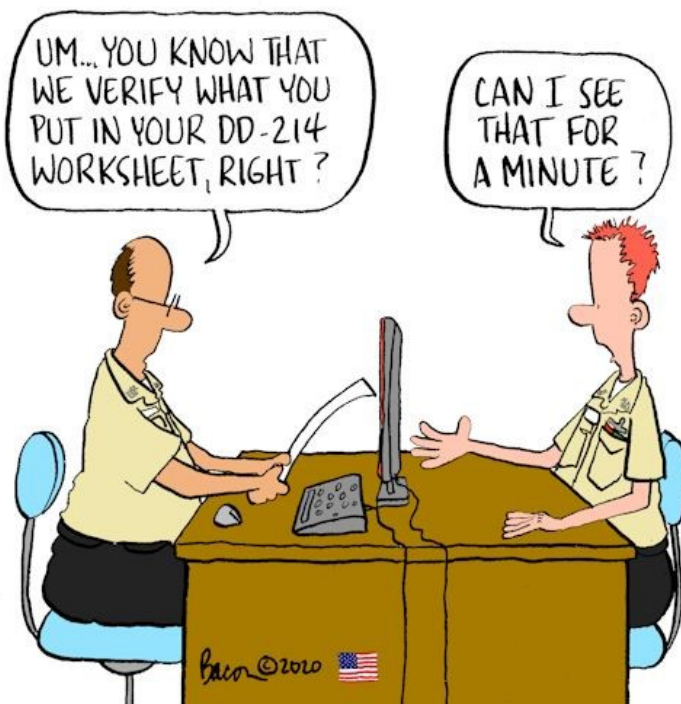
Still to be completed or started is the repainting of the wall in the equipment bays with the Fire Department logos on them. We will be repainting all of the walk-in entry doors.

The West side parking lot now has 2 handicapped parking places clearly marked.

Thank you to the few who have helped get this work completed. If you would like to help out reach out to Jim McGuire @ 281-777-8181

*"What a cruel thing war is... to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors"*

General Robert E Lee



### Unit 164 Auxiliary By Linda Malsbary

The Auxiliary has been busy with several projects and partnered with the Post to do 100 backpacks for Bear Creek, Cimarron, and Sundown Elementary Schools. Heading the efforts was Ernie Cormier for the Post and Angie Hofer for the Auxiliary. In addition the Auxiliary led by Kay De Foor and Marsha Jacobs served dinner to 50 residents at Ballard House. Helping were Rosie Stokeley, Judi Phillips, Joann Shafer, Beverly Ryan, Ninfa Frausto and Janna Krum. The residents are facing serious health challenges and stay free for up to 3 months. We also provided handmade throws to keep them warm in the cold hospital.

Our upcoming events with the Post are at the Katy Expo August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, the reopening of the Post on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Boys and Girls State Luncheon September 21st, and Safety Fest September 28<sup>th</sup>. New Member Orientation will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> and we will travel to the District 22 quarterly meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

As many of you know several of our newly elected officers have had to step down due to health concerns. We are in the process of electing additional new officers at our August meeting and will update you with a list of all our current officers.

**Riddle: A doctor and a boy were fishing. The boy was the doctor's son but the doctor was not the boy's father. Who was the doctor?**

Answer: His mother.

A little boy was staring in wonder at the names on a plaque in an old church. The pastor noticed him and asked, "What are you looking at, my son?"

The boy replied, "All those names up there. Who are they?"

The pastor smiled and said, "Why, they are the names of people from this congregation who died in the service."

The little boy thought for a moment and then asked very quietly, "Which one? The 9:00 or the 11:00 service?"

## Boys' State Luncheon by Mike Callahan (Boys State Chair)

It is a great day for the Legion and especially Post 164! We had 48 boys, a record number of boys, attending Boys' State this year. It was a wonderful contrast seeing the boys on Sunday leave and seeing the boys return at the end of the week. All of the boys looked very tired and all had very raspy voices. All signs of a busy week.

In the past we have had the boys attend one of the general meetings during the summer to say a few words about their experiences and receive their certificates. This year we are trying something new. We have invited all of the boys, and girls, and their families to a luncheon on Saturday, September 21. During the meal we'll ask the boys, and girls, to say a few words about their experience. What city where they assigned? What was their political party? What office did they run for? What office did they attain? What was your best experience?

The luncheon is on Saturday, September 21, at the Katy Elks. All Post members are welcome. Olive Garden has donated 25 serving spaghetti, salad, and bread stick. We will also have lasagna. We are looking for additional donations of salad, Olive Garden dressing, and garlic bread. Please contact Mike Callahan at [mcallahan@lonestar.edu](mailto:mcallahan@lonestar.edu) if you wish to donate items or donate to the luncheon fund.

## Fellow Legionnaires,

The Olympic Games that were held over the past 2 weeks were a great opportunity to show our patriotism and pride in America. The Flag was everywhere, including on our winning athletes. Hopefully, we veterans were taking pride in our team and their achievements. I was moved every time I heard the national anthem and the Flag being raised. Citizenship and Legion membership has its privileges. God bless America!

In service to God and Country,

Dennis K. Wells



## Adjutant at Post 164 (Bill Kennison)

July and August are very important months as this is when most members send in to the Post Office box their renewal form with the check for their membership dues. As of the publishing of this newsletter there are 66 members who have renewed and 16 are currently being processed. This can take some time because there are about 375 members in our Post 164. I am lucky that the American Legion has published an Adjutants Manual of 32 pages with instructions on how to complete this position. If any member needs information on their membership history, the Adjutant will have it.



## SAL Squadron 164 by Gene Britton (Commander)

Come out to the Katy Community Expo at Leonard E. Merrell Center Saturday August 24 and Sunday August 25.

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday September 5th, 7pm.

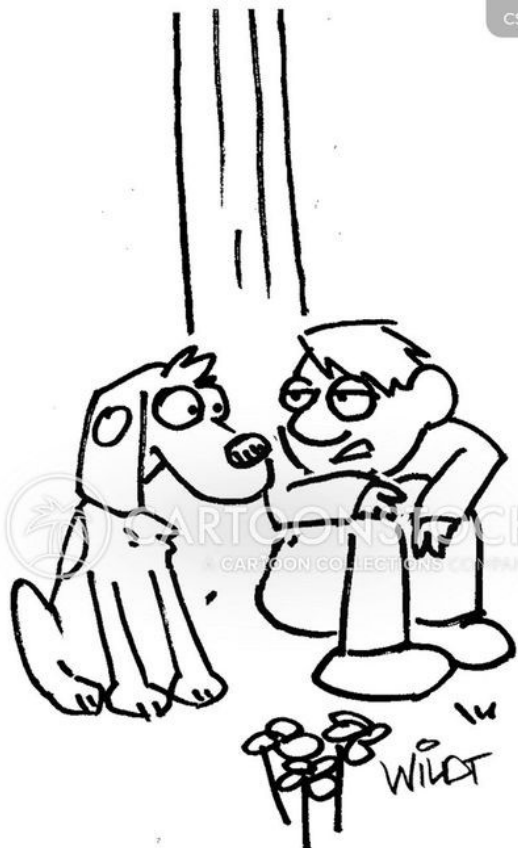
The first Wednesday of the month, The Legion/VFW have bingo at the No-Lable Brewing Co.

Breakfast with a Veteran is the first Saturday starting at 7am at Katy Elks Lodge.

Please see calendar on website for upcoming events.

## HONOR GUARD By James Scoggin (Chairman)

The Honor Guard continues to provide Honors for Deceased Veterans , as well as flag events such as grand openings. If you know of anyone who could use our services have them go to web site" [legionpost164katytx.org](http://legionpost164katytx.org)", and submit a request.



"Just when you think you've got it all figured out, they hit you with algebra."

**Junior Shooting Sport Program** will be starting a class on Sept 21, 2024 at 8 am. It will run for 8 to 10 weeks on Saturday mornings. Contact Mike Roper at: [jssp@legionpost164katytx.org](mailto:jssp@legionpost164katytx.org)







## C'mon Everybody, Let's Ride!

The American Legion Riders Chapter 164 went on our mid-summer ride on Saturday, July 20th, 2024. Kickstands were up at 8 a.m. from the Katy Buc-ee's and made our way to our first stop in Industry, Texas for a short break. This Fab Five rode to The Bullpen Sports Bar and Grill in Giddings for lunch and a nice cold beverage.

It couldn't have been a more perfect morning to make that two and a half hour ride to Giddings with the temperature at 75 degrees when we rode out. On either side we saw the rolling hills of the Texas countryside with it's lush, green fields and white picket fences surrounding quaint farm-houses and grand Texas ranches.

Feeling the wind blowing in my face and the smells of nature—fresh cut green grass or the occasional stench of carrion—is a reminder of the fragility of life, but I can't imagine feeling any freer. That's what keeps you present enough to fully enjoy and appreciate the moment. You notice the taillights of the Harley in front, and hear the deep vroom of the Indian leading the pack, and thank God for the people you're with, the perfect day and the ability to ride. It's a feeling I wish everyone would experience with us.

If you're able, The Riders invite you to join us for our next ride, Saturday, August 10th to Eagle Lake Diner. Kickstands up at 8 a.m. from the west side of the Katy Buc-ee's. We dare you to come experience this feeling of freedom for yourself and *C'MON EVERYBODY, LET'S RIDE!*



The ALR Riders Chapter 164 would like to welcome our new member Mike Roper. For joining, he has received an ALR vest. Looking good, Mike!





## **Counting Change**

### **By Harry Woodstrom (Finance Officer)**

Counting change is a fundamental skill that everyone should have. A device is now always available to give to the correct change. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you count change accurately and efficiently.

#### **1. Start with the Smallest Denomination**

When counting change, begin with the smallest denomination and work your way up. This method ensures accuracy and helps you keep track of the total amount. For example, if the total purchase is \$12.48 and the customer gives you \$20, start by counting up from \$12.48.

#### **2. Count Up to the Nearest Dollar**

First, count the change needed to reach the next whole dollar. In our example, you would add 2¢ to reach \$12.50. Then, add 50¢ to reach \$13.00.

#### **3. Add Whole Dollars**

Next, add whole dollars until you reach the amount given by the customer. From \$13.00, you would add \$7.00 to reach \$20.00.

#### **4. Verify Your Count**

Always double-check your count before handing the change to the customer. Count the change back to the customer, starting from the purchase amount and working up to the amount they gave you. This step ensures both you and the customer are confident in the transaction.

#### **5. Be Patient and Calm**

Counting change can sometimes be stressful, especially in a busy environment like the fireworks stand. Stay calm, take your time, and focus on accuracy. Your confidence will grow with experience.

## **American Legion: Operation Comfort Warriors: By James Harris**

In partnership with blue star moms we are gathering items for care packages which will be delivered to active duty military members in mid September 2024. Please bring your donations of cards or letters, packaged snacks, cookies, candies, powdered drinks, or anything else included in the attached list to the collection labelled Operation Comfort Warrior in the storage room on the southwest side of the legion building by Friday 6 September 2024. On top of the bin and below is a guideline for any letter submissions and the attached list of items On behalf of the troops your time and generosity are greatly appreciated.

### **Guidelines for Writing to our Deployed Service Members (No stamps or postage needed)**

Ways to address the card – Dear Hero, Friend, Patriot, Brave One, Service Member, Warrior

Express thanks for their service, sacrifice, dedication, hard work, time away from home, protecting our freedom, defending our freedom, etc.

Say something about themselves (only use the first names of children and no identifying information), work or school, interesting stories, sports, music, movies, etc.



# CARE PACKAGE SUGGESTIONS

[WWW.BSMHOUSTONAREA.ORG](http://WWW.BSMHOUSTONAREA.ORG)

★ Monetary donations accepted on website or via check by mail.

## Food / Snacks

### SINGLE SERVE OR SNACK SIZE

- M&M's
- Hard candy
- Lollipops
- Licorice
- Gum
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Chex Mix
- Trail Mix
- Nuts & Seeds
- Cookies & crackers
- Pretzels & chips
- Snack Cakes
- Microwave Popcorn
- Granola Bars
- Pop-tarts
- Protein Bars/Cliff Bars
- Dried Fruit
- Tuna/Chicken Packets or pop-top cans
- Instant oatmeal
- Single serve Mac n Cheese
- Snack size or small jars peanut butter
- Pop-top canned fruit
- Pop-top canned chili or ravioli
- Pop-top canned meals
- Ramen noodles / Cup a Soup
- Shelf stable microwavable meals

## Toiletries

### 12 OZ SIZE OR SMALLER NO AEROSOL CANS

- Baby / Wet Wipes (unscented)
- Disposable razors
- Foot / Baby Powder
- Chapstick / Blistex / Vaseline
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo
- Shaving gel (non-aerosol)
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Eye drops
- Saline solution for contacts
- Saline nasal spray
- Sunblock (non-aerosol)
- Bug spray (non-aerosol)
- Lotion
- Q-tips / Cotton balls
- Nail Clippers

## Drinks

- Single Serve Instant Coffee
- Single Serve Coffee Creamers
- Mio drink additive
- 5 Hour Energy Drink
- Starbucks Via
- Crystal Lite
- Tea Bags - individually wrapped
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Powdered Drink Mix - single serve size

## Practical Items

- Socks - thick boot (black, brown or green)
- Gloves - black, brown or green
- Hand/Toe Warmers
- Duct Tape
- Zip Lock Baggies - sandwich, gallon or quart size
- Plastic Spoons
- Fly Strips
- Shoe Insole Cushions
- Sunglasses (black and UV protection)

## Feminine Items

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Pony tail holders
- Hair Clips
- Small hair brushes
- Bobby pins

## Games / Fun

### TRAVEL SIZE ONLY

- Board Games - checkers, chess, Scrabble, etc.
- Card Games - Uno, Skip-Bo
- Dice Games - Farkle, LCR
- Playing Cards
- Poker Chips
- Puzzle Books - crossword, Sudoku, word search
- DVDs
- Hackie Sacks
- Yo Yo's
- Mini Nerf Footballs
- Xbox 360 / Playstation Games

## Seasonal

- Candy - Valentines, Easter, Halloween, Christmas
- Greeting Cards - all occasion (so heroes can send to their family and friends)

**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

DONATIONS OF ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE SHIPPED, INCLUDING USPS PROHIBITED ITEMS (I.E. AEROSOL, HAND SANITIZER, CLOROX WIPES, MEDICINES) WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL VETERAN/MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

**BLUE STAR MOMS**  
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*Supporting our military & their families.*

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