

American Legion Post 164 Minutes for Feb. 28, 2018

Meeting called to order by Commander Harry Woodstrom at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Absent: Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Service Officer

Vietnam War medals and pins were distributed to Vietnam-era veterans after Jim Scoggin read a 2012 proclamation by then-President Obama regarding the Vietnam War.

Commander Woodstrom read a list of activities by the post auxiliary. The auxiliary has made more than \$545. Phil Malsbary made a motion that Post 164 not require payback of the \$500 the post gave the auxiliary. Motion approved.

Vice Commander Richard Baker read the finance report, which had a beginning balance of \$13,736.20 and an ending balance of \$13,264.47.

Sergeant at Arms Jody Castro reported 21 sign-ins at the meeting. The number included guests Jaime Ademe, John Guice, and Carlos Cantu, and they were given the opportunity to tell the post about themselves.

Membership report of Feb. 27 by Jim Scoggin indicates the post has 233 paid members and a goal of 253.

Bobby Steph of the Boys State committee reported approval of 14 candidates thus far. He anticipates 16 more.

Tony Hart said the Honor Guard has recently provided 140 hours of community service, including at seven funerals. Commander Woodstrom presented him with a recently purchased bugle.

Greg Clock, public relations officer, asked members to provide names of those interested in having brief profiles (post involvement, military history, occupation, family, etc.) on the post website.

Dave Wallis, father of a 2017 Boys State attendee, reported that 11 people have qualified for a squadron of the Sons of the American Legion. Mr. Wallis plans to be the squadron leader.

Vice Commander Baker read a resolution for Harry Woodstrom as a candidate for vice commander of the 22nd District. The post voted in favor. Baker also read for Lynn Sparks of Post 490 for finance officer of the 22nd District. That resolution did not require a vote by the post.

Commander Woodstrom reported that the Department of Texas denied the Post 164-approved resolution to merge Post 366 with Post 164 because Post 366 could not muster voters to vote on the resolution. There will not be a merger, but members of Post 366 can join Post 164.

He also reported that National training is free online through Legion.org and takes about two hours. Department training will be available on March 24 at Post 521 in Pasadena. Also, the 22nd District convention will be on March 17 at Post 490 near Ellington Field.

Bill Kennison reported that a send-off of military recruits in the Katy area will take place at 2 p.m. March 25 at the Elks Lodge.

The post decided to postpone a previously planned flag retirement with the Elks on March 31. Jim Scoggin made the motion to postpone after Commander Woodstrom mentioned a schedule conflict with the Elks.

Commander Woodstrom requested that Judge Advocate Ernie Cormier conduct a review of the constitution and by-laws to ensure they are updated and appropriate.

The March 3 breakfast at the Elks Club will include the Texas Veterans Wall.

The two new flag boxes have been stenciled and have decals of military branches. Commander Woodstrom requested help with a pickup truck and a crew to move one of the boxes to Harris County ESD 48.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

(Submitted by Greg Clock to Commander Woodstrom and Adjutant Jeff Pizarra on March 2)