

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Membership Meeting on May 26, 2021

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Training on Service Dogs by Forrest Croom

Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire at 7:30pm

#### Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was the Historian

All Other Officers are Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on April 28, 2021 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on May 12, 2021 were read.

Introduction of guests; Harry Woodstrom Past Commander, Ernie Cormier Past Commander, and Butch Sparks National Executive Committee Member.

4 prospective new members were present and they introduced themselves. Harry Woodstrom motioned to accept and process their applications, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Hart, no discussion, motion passed.

Awards: Wally Klekar was presented a certificate for his part in the Flag Collection.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows an ending balance of \$5,728.11 cents.

Sergeant at Arms; 34 members present.

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Brent Scott & Despi Scott are now at home recovering.

Service Officer; 3 Veterans were assisted with filing for Military Records and V A Appointments.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Our Commander gave the membership report from MyLegion printed document.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Monday is Memorial Day, we will be collecting Flags and distribution of Poppies.

Judge Advocate; Newly revised Constitution & ByLaws are ready for signature.

Boys State; Currently have 32 selected for the Virtual Program.

Honor Guard; 9 Funerals, 3 Flag Ceremonies, for 124 service hours.

Board of Trustees; Several lights and fixtures were recently replaced.

Public Relations; Members should attend the upcoming Chamber of Commerce mixer, meet other Veterans.

Initiation of Candidates;

4 new members were initiated into Post 164

## Unfinished Business;

Wally Klekar presented a fund raising proposal on manning a fireworks stand, he gave some details to create a discussion. Peter Batura motioned that we need more legal details then bring it to the executive committee. Harry Woodstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion to get more detail. No further discussion, motion was tabled and sent to the Executive Committee.

## New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

### Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 am, will need volunteers to help set tables.

Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting is June 9, 2021

Department of Texas Convention July 7 to 11 in Austin, TX Selected Delegates are; Harry Woodstrom, James McGuire, Butch Sparks, Mark Moore. A motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to accept these members as Delegates, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Sparks, no discussion, motion passed.

Next Post Membership Meeting is June 23, 2021

VA PTSD Group meets at our Post on each Monday from 1:00 to about 2:30pm

Bingo License for our Post has been approved, looking for a Bingo Palace location.

Post Membership committee needs more volunteers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Division Convention is in Bryan, Texas on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> is Memorial Day and Poppies will be handed out at locations around our community and a Flag Collection will be at Ace Hardware, Mason Rd and Ace Hardware, Pin Oak Rd and Lowes Hardware near Interstate10

A TEAM Send-Off is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at Westland Baptist Church

A Flag Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm behind Elks Lodge.

Veterans Picnic has been rescheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> More information available soon.

A Membership approval is needed on the new C & B/L. Harry Woodstrom motioned that we accept this new C & B/L, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, motion passed.

## Election of Post Officers from the Ballot

The following candidates were unopposed for these positions;

Post Executive Committee #2: M Shane Hayes

Post Executive Committee #3: Peter Batura

Post Sgt at Arms: Edward Sweat

Post Judge Advocate: Butch Sparks

Post Service Officer: Jody Castro

Post Finance Officer: Harry Woodstrom

Post Hubmaster: Paul Dudkowski

Post Chaplain: Kenneth Trunnell

Post Adjutant: William-Bill Kennison

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Philip Malsbary

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Tracey McDonald

Harry Woodstrom motioned that these unopposed candidates be approved and the Adjutant cast a ballot by acclamation for them, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, motion passed.

The candidate for Commander withdrew his nomination.

Butch Sparks nominated James McGuire for another term as commander, Phil Malsbary 2<sup>nd</sup> his nomination and closed the nomination process.

The candidate for Historian withdrew due to health issues.

Harry Woodstrom nominater Phil Yates to fill this position, Phil Malsbary 2<sup>nd</sup> his nomination and closed the nomination process.

There was no opposition to these candidates for the 2 open positions.

Harry Woodstrom motioned that these 2 candidates be approved and the Adjutant cast a ballot by acclamation for them, motion 2n by Butch Sparks, no discussion, motion passed.

The Good of The American Legion

Just keep looking for new Veterans to become members of our Post.

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recovers the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

William Kennison  
Adjutant

James McGuire  
Commander