

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday August 16, 2022

6:00 Social Hour with food and drinks.

7:00 Training – Amazon Smiles - Instructor Deb Bortisser

7:30 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was Public Relations Officer

Introduction of guests and prospective new members; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164, and Current Commander of District 22, and Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22.

Three new members were introduced and they spoke about their duties and accomplishments. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application for Membership. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philip Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

New Member Initiation; Three current new members were Initiated into Post 164.

Awards and Recognition; A Certificate was Presented by Harry Woodstrom, former Commander District 22 to Butch Sparks, for his countless hours as Judge Advocate and his efforts in providing guidance to other Posts on publishing their Constitution and ByLaws while at District 22.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on July 19, 2022 were read.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on August 02, 2022 were read.

Reports:

Finance Officer; We currently have \$13,099 dollars in the bank

Membership; We are at 50% of our goal, off to a good start..

Events: Auxiliary 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary is on August 17, Rice Festival forms were submitted and we requested room for 6 people at a table, Pot Luck event scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup> at Post 164

Service; Assisted 9 Veterans and or Spouses with Military issues.

Honor Guard; 8 Funerals, 3 Flag Ceremonies, for 203 Service Hours.

Junior Shooting Sports Program; Mikole Hogan was a winner at shooting finals. Our shooting program starts on October 8 at Post 164

Board of Trustees; Need 1 new member to complete group.

Building; Work Day scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3 pm lunch is provided.

Riders; We have 10 Members and are planning a Post Halloween Event at Post 164

Public Relations; Not here, but, finished the article on 1SG Thelma Williams, also I was on KSEV am radio to discuss the features and benefits of being a member of The American Legion.

Honor Flights returning on September 17<sup>th</sup> time to be announced.

Unfinished Business;

We still need a Volunteer to publish our Post Newsletter.  
Bingo License for Post; The License is valid for 3 years.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

New Business;

1. Oratorical Contest Scholarship – Harry Woodstrom Motioned to increase our Post Oratorical Scholarship to \$500.00 for the winner. The winner can use this for their College or University of their choice and must use it within 12 months after graduating from High School. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by James McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
2. Ronald P. McClusky Scholarship – This is a \$500.00 Scholarship for a Veteran who is an American Legion member and will enter a College program.
3. School Supplies – Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we authorize up to \$500.00 for school supplies. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Miller, no discussion, Motion passed.
4. National needs to increase Membership Dues. Our post needs to discuss if we need to increase our dues and by how much. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we raise the dues to \$45.00 dollars at the start of next year. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philip Malsbary, discussion followed on how will it be done and when will they start. Butch Sparks says just use the Post Data Form. This was tabled until our next meeting for more details.
5. Fire Alarm Strobe Light needs to be fixed at a cost of \$1,010.00 dollars. Ted Whiteman Motioned that the cost be brought before the MUD board. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phillip Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.
6. Generator Yearly Maintenance Contract is \$708.00 Dollars. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to approve this contract. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Whiteman, no discussion, Motion passed.
7. Elevator Phone Monitoring Contract is \$185.00 dollars a month. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to approve this contract. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Brady, discussion was about, subject to contract review, no further discussion, Motion passed.
8. Furniture for Post – Trustee committee is submitting a request for the Post to purchase 10 Round Tables and 50 folding chairs and cart to hold and move them around the building. These will be used at banquets and other special events. This will cost about \$3,000.00 dollars. Harry Woodstrom motioned to approve a not to exceed cost of \$3,000.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by James McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast - September 3 from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting – September 6

Next Post Membership Meeting – September 20

Membership Committee needs more volunteers for a Buddy Check, meet at Post Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>

The Good of The American Legion;

Post Web Site will soon have a Donation Link and a Members Officer and Committee Chairs Link.

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 9:51pm

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Peter Batura  
Commander