

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday July 16, 2024

6:00 Social Time

5:30 Amateur (HAM) Radio Discussion by Phill Yates

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Krum

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Service Officer

2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and 2nd Division Vice Commander, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, James McGuire, Commander District 22, Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Terry Contella, District 22 Commander, Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164, Gillian Woodstrom, ALA Unit 164, and Ruben Arriaga, Commander VFW Post 4182 in Katy, Texas.

3. Recognition and Awards;

These were Awarded at the Department Convention to Post 164. They are presented by 22nd District former Commander Jim McGuire to Post 164 Membership for Your Retention and Recruitment and All Time High and 100% of Goal and a Certificate from National Commander for obtaining 90% of Membership. All for a job well done in Katy Texas.

4. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on June 18, 2024 were posted on the Post web site and a Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Steve Baranzyk, no discussion, Motion passed.

5. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on July 02, 2024 were read and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Committee Reports;

a. Membership; We are off to a great start at the beginning of a new Membership year.

b. Events; Fireworks Stand June 24th to July 4th was a wonderful event and a great fund raiser, over 625 service hours and about 45 volunteers made this happen. We have a Thank You Certificate for each one of you. A Flag Retirement Ceremony is planned for the 2nd Saturday of each month, and a Boys State and Girls State luncheon is in the planning stages for September.

- c. Finance; We have \$21,018 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is always available. Butch Sparks Motioned to accept this report. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.
- d. Auxiliary; No Report due to illness of President.
- e. Sons; Squadron 164 was at Fireworks stand helping with this event.
- f. Service Officer; No Report
- g. Boys State; 48 Boys were sent to University of Texas in Austin to attend.
- h. Scouting; No Report
- i. Honor Guard; 7 Funerals and 9 Flag Ceremonies for 390 service hours.
- j. Rides; A ride is planned for this Saturday we will meet at Buckees at 8:00am
- k. JSSP; A new lighting system was purchased for better target shooting.
- l. Commander; Our Post had a great year as evidenced by these awards.
- m. Others as needed;

7. Unfinished Business;

- a. Fireworks Stand is being planned for the Happy New Year time frame.
- b. Boys and Girls State Luncheon; Planned for September 21st 2nd Vice Commander will be looking for volunteers to support him.
- c. Post Grand Reopening; Planned for September 14th 2nd Vice Commander will also be looking for volunteers to support this event.
- d. Anything Else;

8. New Business

- a. Report from Department Convention; We all had a great experience and met new people from other Posts. This was a time to share ideas about what was working and those that will be set aside. We are thankful that our Post got several awards for recognition towards the recruiting activities here in Katy, Texas.
- b. Newsletter Articles from committee chairs and Post Officers. This is where we on the inside need to let all of our members have the knowledge of what their Post is doing in and around the community.
- c. Back Packs for Kids; At last Executive Committee meeting we voted to donate \$500 Dollars toward this project.
- d. Anything Else;

9. Announcements;

- a. Post cleanup on July 20th starting at 7am all are welcome and will be needed.
- b. Breakfast with a Veteran is on August 3rd There were 156 people there at the last one.
- c. Katy Community EXPO is on August 24th and 25th Set-up Friday night before. See Commander to sign-up for time slots.
- d. Bingo Hall visit on August 25th be at Post to join the car pool going to the location in Pasadena. This is usually several members who join in with the fun.
- e. Please consult the Post Calendar for any upcoming events as changes occur often.

10. For The good of The American Legion;

Harry Woodstrom Motioned for our Post to join with the VFW Post for a Veterans Bingo Night at No Label Brewing Company location here in Katy. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

If there was no more business to come before this meeting, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Closing Ceremony

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander