

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday November 19, 2024

6:00 Doors Open / Social Time

6:30 Training; Cancelled

7:00 Meeting called to order by Commander Krum

1. Opening Ceremony

2. Invocation/ Prayer

3. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Past 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, and Gene Britton, Commander SAL Squadron 164

4. Roll Call; Historian was absent, Service Officer was excused.

5. Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting on November 5 , 2024 were read and posted on the Post web site. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Minutes from last Membership Meeting on October 15, 2024 were posted on the Post web site and a Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Committee Reports;

a. Board of Trustees; Standby generator was not starting, fixed loose wires. Elevator phone is now connected and working. Cameras are installed at entry doors. PTSD meetings were moved from Monday to Tuesday. Brent Scott has volunteered to help with Building Maintenance at our Post. Getting estimates on parts to fix the outside sign.

b. Auxiliary; Pies for Hope was successful and 100 pies will be delivered to Camp Hope soon. Planning the Thanksgiving Lunch Packages for Veterans event with KCM and will need volunteers to help put the packages together. We have adopted 5 Veteran Families for Christmas Gift giving, more details soon. Thanks from the Auxiliary for all the helpful volunteer hours that Legion Members have provided.

- c. Sons; We are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for sale at Post 164 on January 24th SAL will raffle a basket of goodies at December Breakfast with a Veteran.
- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 67.20% of our goal, still reminding members to renew their dues, and conducting Buddy Checks. We will have a mentorship program developed soon.
- e. Second Vice Commander; First Responder Trophies are on order and Dinner menu is available. Finalizing Wreaths Across America event
- f. Finance; We have \$21,594 dollars in the bank. These records are available to review after this meeting. Butch Sparks Motioned that these records be approved. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.
- g. Judge Advocate; No report.
- h. Chaplain; The 4 Chaplains Event will be in February 2025
- i. Service Officer; Not here, excused. More in new business.
- j. Boys State; The Program will increase to 400 dollars per student next year.
- k. Honor Guard; 5 Funerals and 1 Flag Ceremony for 118 service hours.
- l. Riders; Another ride is planned for this Saturday November 23rd, more information will be available soon and posted on Post Calendar.
- m. JSSP; We will need new instructors for future events starting soon..
- n. Oratorical; Next is District 22 event at Post 164 on January 12th
- o. Others; None
- p. Commanders Report; Thanks to our Members who are paying their dues on time. Please continue to write articles for our newsletter and continue to look at the Post 164 website calendar for updated events in the Community.

8. New Member Induction; Criselda Valverde was introduced and spoke about her Military Duties and Robert Crutchfield Motioned that we accept her application. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed. She was then Inducted into Post 164

9. Unfinished Business; None at this time.

10. New Business

A. Changes to the Constitution and ByLaws; This was conducted by our Post Judge Advocate and gave the latest updates for these new changes. We will vote on them at the December general Membership meeting.

B. Upcoming Events;

1. Operation Home Front; This is the Event that volunteers will be needed to hand out Thanksgiving Dinner packages to eligible Veterans on November 23rd
2. Breakfast with a Veteran is on December 7th at Elks Lodge from 7 to 10am
3. First Responders Dinner is on December 7th at Elks Lodge from 6:30 to 9:00pm
4. Wreaths Across America Ceremony is on December 14th at Magnolia Cemetery
5. Fireworks stand; This will be at our Post parking lot in December and will need volunteers to operate it. A sign-up system will be available soon.

C Anything else;

a. Commander Krum, in Service Officer absence, introduced an appeal from a Veteran who needs money, 435 dollars, to pay some bills. This Veteran was vetted and has an Honorable DD214 and will be starting a job soon. Bruce Pettehgill Motioned that we provide this Veteran with a Grant of 435.00 dollars. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

b. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we allocate up to 350 dollars for “Be The 1” materials and banners. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

c. Butch Sparks Motioned that 22nd District Spring Convention be held at Post 164 in Katy, Texas. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.

11. Correspondence and Awards; Several Certificates were presented to Post 164 Members for their volunteering efforts at Katy Rice Festival and Katy Safety Fest and Poppy Distribution Tables and Pies for Hope program. Thanks to everyone.

12. Check the post calendar for updates on events in our community.

13. For The good of The American Legion;

Nursing Scholarship handout is available and a Raffle for Fishing trip is ready.

14. Closing Prayer

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
Commander