



THE AMERICAN LEGION
JONATHAN D. ROZIER, POST No. 164
KATY, TEXAS

March, 2025 NEWSLETTER (Harry Woodstrom, Editor)

Commander's Chatter

By Morrow Krum (Commander)

I first want to thank all Post members for their continued support of the Post and our outreach to the community. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to serve our fellow veterans, their families and our community.

Remember when you are out and about to look for the veteran wearing some identifying apparel. If they have a cap or shirt on, the door is open for you to ask them if they know who we are or what we are about. As we grow our membership, we become more able to assist larger numbers of veterans with getting care from the VA etc.

We have lots of events coming up. March 29th is the Wild West Brew Fest to support the Rotary Club of Katy. April 5th is our Breakfast with a Veteran. April 12th the post is hosting the 22nd District Spring Convention. These are all opportunities to volunteer and help out.

We have elections for Post leadership coming up. We have many open positions and would like you to consider filling one of those positions. If you have an interest, please contact any of our executive committee.

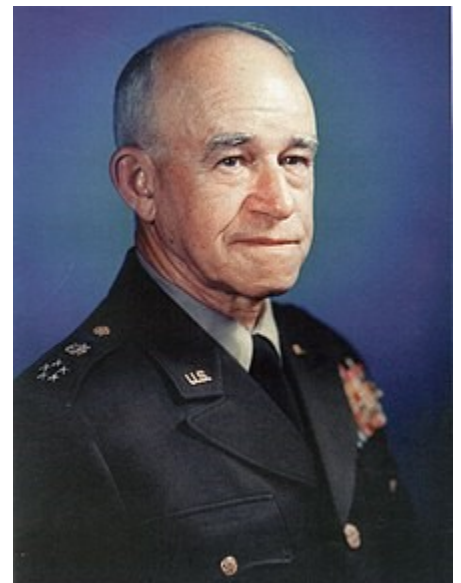
The Post has recently agreed to allow the Katy Marine Corps League to start meeting in our post. They will be meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month starting at 6 pm.

As we move forward with the upcoming year lets look for ways to serve the community and our fellow veterans.



“It is time that we steer by the stars, not by the lights of each passing ship.”

Gen. Omar Bradley



ALA By Linda Malsbary (ALA Unit 164 President)

The program we have been focused on this month is Girls State, where we have been interviewing girls at our local high schools. As of March 1st we have 26 students committed to attending this summer from June 15-21, 2025. Our Girls State Orientation Tea is on April 6th at Post 472 Harrisburg. My thanks to Jennifer Lowry, Tina Miller and Gillian Woodstrom for helping interview these outstanding young women.

On March 2nd we began making poppies for Memorial Day distribution, our goal this year is 2500! Additionally we are making 100 Felt Poppies that we are selling for \$5.00 each to raise \$500 for the Auxiliary Cancer Research Program this year.

As part of the Americanism Program the American Essay is titled "America the Beautiful" with emphasis on veterans and our military. We asked our Girls State candidates to submit an essay and we received 20 essays to consider. Bethke Elementary also submitted 3 essays from their 5th Grade classes. Each age group will have a winner!

We are partnering with the Post for the District 22 Convention to be held here in Katy on April 12th. We will be providing breakfast beginning at 8am and helping to serve lunch to our guests. We will welcome Department President Sharon Phelps, District President Maria Holmes and other Auxiliary members.

As part of our Children & Youth Program, during the month of April we will celebrate Military Children with Purple Up Day being celebrated on April 15th. We will be passing out Purple Ribbons with the American Flag on it to wear to events.

Do you have a spouse, a daughter or a granddaughter who is not a member of the Auxiliary? Please encourage them to join the American Legion Auxiliary!

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL MEDAL AWARD

Students who display courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service are recognized by local American Legion posts in the graduating classes of elementary, junior/middle and senior high schools, as well as at the college level. Awards may be purchased from Emblem Sales at emblem.legion.org (Maybe Post 164 should be doing this. Volunteers?)



THE BALLARD HOUSE By Gillian Woodstrom (Unit 164 1st Vice President)

The Ballard House offers temporary, no cost housing for individuals and their caregivers who travel to Houston for its world-renowned medical treatments. Supported by the generosity of our Katy community, The Ballard House provides a warm and welcoming environment for its visitors, and a couple of times a year the Unit cooks a home-made dinner for them. We love doing this and as far as we can tell, Ballard House loves what we cook! We usually have a theme – Cajun or BBQ or Fried Chicken is popular – and it's rare we have any food left. We'll often add some blankets from our Blanket Brigade to help keep the visitors that are undergoing treatment warm and cozy. And The Ballard House has provided us with space (and student volunteers!) to make poppies. Just another program from ALA Unit 164 that interacts with and supports our Katy community.



SAL By Gene Britton (SQD 164 Commander)

Our Sons of the American Legion are gearing up for our third Dinner night on March 28th at 6pm at the post. Please come out and have some fun.

The young members of SAL can participate in "The Ten Ideals" program, which helps them learn about the foundations on which the Sons of the American Legion is built. The fifth ideal is Honor. Display honorable service in the Squadron by being truthful and honest in your actions.

The Sons of American Legion will be gathering supplies for delivery to the VA hospitals in Houston, Beaumont, Temple and Waco this coming spring. Each bag that we deliver will contain at least one of each of the following items: Crew Socks, Hand Wipes, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb/Brush, Nail clippers, Baby wipes, Fleece Blanket (optional), as well as full size of Shampoo, Body Wash and Bar Soap. We will have at the post for collections and/or contact, Gene Britton, Commander Squadron 164 Katy TX; genebritton88@yahoo.com. The deadline for donations is March 15th, 2025.



YOUR CHOICE. WE CAN TRAIN YOU ON SOME TOUCHY- FEELY GARBAGE, OR WE CAN GO BLOW STUFF UP. WHO WANTS TO BLOW STUFF UP?



Humor

Many people are at a loss for a response when someone says "You don't know Jack Schitt?" Now you can intellectually handle the situation. Jack is the only son of Awe Schitt and O. Schitt. Awe Schitt, the fertilizer magnate, married O. Schitt, a partner of Knee-deep & Schitt. Inc. In turn, Jack Schitt married Noe Schitt, and the deeply religious couple produced six children; Holie Schitt, Fulla Schitt, Giva Schitt, Bull Schitt, and the twins Deep Schitt and Dip Schitt.

Against her parents' objections, Deep Schitt married Dumb Schitt, a high school dropout. After being married for fifteen years, Jack and Noe Schitt divorced.

Noe Schitt later married Mr. Sherlock, and because her kids were living with them, she wanted to keep her previous name. She was known as Noe Schitt-Sherlock.

Dip Schitt married Loda Schitt and they produced a nervous son, Chicken Schitt.

Fulla Schitt and Giva Schitt were inseparable throughout childhood and subsequently married the Happens brothers in a dual ceremony. The wedding announcement in the newspaper announced the Schitt-Happens wedding. The Schitt-Happens children were Dawg, Byrd, and Hoarse.

Bull Schitt, the prodigal son, left home to tour the world. He recently returned from Italy with his new bride, Pisa Schitt.

So now if someone says, "You don't know Jack Schitt." you can correct them. Not only do you know Jack, you know his whole family!

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A British General is addressing a company of Australian troops just before a battle during WWI, Trying to rouse their fighting spirit, "Did you come here to die?" he yells. From the back, a laconic Aussie voice calls back, "No mate, we came here yester-die."

Veteran Burial Benefits (cont'd from February newsletter) Submitted by Butch Sparks (Judge Advocate)

Time requirements for filing a claim

Applications for payments must be filed within two years after the burial. If the application is incomplete at the time it is originally submitted, VA is required to notify the applicant of the evidence necessary to complete the form. If such evidence is not received within a year from the date of notification, no allowance may be paid.

How to apply

The applicant can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits and attach a copy of the veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, funeral and burial bills. The applicant must prove the burial expenses have been paid. Downloaded the form at www.va.gov/vaforms. To obtain assistance in filing a claim, find an [American Legion Department Service Officer](#) or call 202-861-2700.

Payment for transporting veteran remains to a VA national cemetery

Service-related deaths: If the death is related to a veteran service-connected disability, and the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Non-Service Related Deaths: If the death was not related to a veteran's service-connected disability and the veteran was hospitalized at a VA facility, or at a non-VA facility at VA expense, or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the veteran's remains may be reimbursed.

Presidential Memorial Certificates

Presidential Memorial Certificates express the nation's recognition of a veteran's service. Certificates bearing the signature of the president are issued honoring deceased veterans with honorable discharges. Eligible recipients include next-of-kin and other loved ones. The award of a certificate to one eligible recipient does not preclude certificates to other eligible recipients. To establish honorable service, a copy of a document such as a discharge (form DD-214) must accompany requests for a certificate. A Presidential Memorial Certificate is issued when a headstone or grave marker is issued. If the certificate is lost,

stolen or destroyed, a new one may be issued if requested in writing. VA regional offices can assist in applying for original or replacement certificates.

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. Eligibility for burials is more limited than at other national cemeteries. For information on Arlington burials, write to Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211, or call (877) 907-8585. Visit the website at arlingtoncemetery.mil

Military funeral honors

As of Jan. 1, 2000, all eligible veterans, including military retirees, are entitled to military funeral honors. The funeral honors ceremony will include the folding and presentation of the U.S. flag and the playing of Taps. At least two uniformed military personnel, in addition to a bugler, if available, shall perform the ceremony. If a bugler is not available, a high-quality recording may be used. DoD has contracted for a ceremonial bugle that does not require a trained bugler.

For information, visit www.ceremonialbugle.com

One of the uniformed military personnel will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service and will present the flag to the next of kin. The military services may provide additional elements of honors and may use additional uniformed military personnel or other authorized providers, such as members of a veterans organization, to augment the funeral honors detail.

The appropriate individual must request the funeral honors. DoD policy calls for funeral directors, rather than the next-of-kin, to contact the military. This toll-free number, (877) 645-4667, has been set up for funeral directors.

Hopefully this series of information concerning Veterans Burial benefits has been helpful to our members. You may want to make note of the following website if you need to refresh what veteran burial benefits are available: <https://www.legion.org/information-center/honor-remembrance/burial-benefits>

True or False

Some of the moons in our solar system have moons of their own.

False



The Katy Rodeo Parade by Morrow Krum (Commander)

The American Legion Post 164 Family participated in this year's Katy Rodeo Parade. We've been doing this for many years. The weather started out a little drizzly, but by time to roll it was sunny and getting warmer. The parade snakes through the city of Katy ending at Katy High School parking lot.

We had a good turnout and got lots of waves from the spectators. Students from several area high school National Honor Societies handed out small American flags to all who wanted one.

All in all, it was a fun way to let the community see that we are here and involved in the community.

We will be back next year!

A fun memory during my active duty time By Suzanne Trapani

I had one memorable adventure when I was a new 2nd Lt. In the USAF Nurse Corps. I had just completed an excellent Nursing Internship in Moreno Valley California and had about 7 days to get to my next duty station in Lubbock, Texas. My Officer Training and Nurse Internship roommate and I decided to take a hop or military air flight to Hawaii.

We sat next to explosives and on jump seats in the back of the tanker plane with the toilet, only a honey pot. Once we got to Hawaii for a few days, we got kicked out

of a bar because my friend refused to pay \$7.00 for a small can of coca cola and I was just minding my own business dancing on the dance floor. We did the usual luau and other Hawaiian tourist stuff, but trying to come back stateside was a wild ride.

We got bumped for our return flight twice for higher ranking officers. One of them was a General and his dog. Yeah, the dog was more important than 2 junior Lieutenants returning from a brief leave.

We slept at Hickman airport in our dress blue uniforms. That should have been my first clue that this was going to be disastrous.

Somehow, my former roommate and friend got us hooked up with this elderly Veteran named Bob. Bob promised that if we helped him, he would ask his daughter to drive us back to March Air Force Base, as he lived in California.

We finally got our HOP to San Francisco and had one of our Nursing Internship classmates retrieve us from San Francisco. She then drove the 3 of us to a commercial airport. I was stuck in the backseat of her car with Veteran Bob, who had a urinary incontinence problem. He smelled constantly of urine.

We finally got ourselves to LAX airport during the night. Veteran Bob spoke to his daughter and assured us that she would drive us to March AFB as payment for helping him. So two trusting 2nd Lieutenant nurses felt relief and fell asleep on the airport chairs, in our wrinkled class dress blue uniforms

Lo and behold, when I woke up from a quick nap, Veteran Bob was mysteriously completely missing. We found out from security that a woman had come from him.

So we took a taxi from LAX airport to March AFB. We got into our packed vehicles and drove as fast as possible to our next duty stations.

That was my only time in a military hop and my only vacation to Hawaii. Now it's a funny memory, but we were almost late and in jeopardy of being called AWOL.

I hope you all get a good laugh out of my story from January/February 1988.

Suzanne Trapani



Post 164 Supports the Community

Recently our Post Commander Sandy Krum and Unit President Linda Malsbary attended a meeting of the West Memorial Civic Association to present them with checks of \$1000 each to assist in the purchase of some additional park play equipment.



Commander Krum also presented the organizer of the West Memorial Swim Team with a check for \$300 to help sponsor the team's events.

Boys State

The American Legion is changing the lives of boys with the Boys State program. This program gives boys going into their senior year of high school the opportunity to live the Texas political system. These boys will campaign for state offices in primary and general elections, set up political party platforms and attend seminars led by state political, industry, military, and Legion leaders. As an alumni of the program, class of '79, I can truly say this is an experience none of these boys will forget.

Post 164 Boys State interview teams are finishing the interviews. It looks like we are on track to have close to 50 boys from the Katy area. We invite all Post members to attend the Boys State Orientation on May 18 at 2:00pm to meet the Boys State candidates and their parents. You will be greatly impressed.

Mike Callahan, Past Commander, Squadron 164

Facebook Maintenance By Harry Woodstrom (Webmaster)

If you've had a Facebook account for a long time, you might have a lot of people on your friends list who you don't really know anymore. Although there's no way to mass delete multiple Facebook friends in a single click or tap, there are still ways you can quickly remove lots of friends.

If you're using Facebook on a computer, go to your profile and click the Friends tab at the top (or left) of the page. On the Facebook mobile app, just tap three horizontal lines labeled Menu, tap Friends, and select All Friends at the top. This displays your friends list with the people you communicate with most frequently at the top.

To remove someone from the list, just click or tap the three horizontal dots next to their name, select Unfriend, and then choose Confirm. Repeat for all friends you want to remove.



RARE VIEW

A rarely seen picture of the inside
of an actual Can-o-Whoopass

motifake.com

Conventions

District

The 22nd District 2025 Convention is scheduled for April 12, 2025 at American Legion Post 164 in Katy, Texas. All members in good standing are welcome to participate as delegates. If you are interested in attending any of the conventions, you must register for the event. Please inform our Post Adjutant if you desire to attend any of the conventions

Division

The 2nd Division Convention is May 10th, 2025, at American Legion Post 817 in Beaumont.

Department

The Department of Texas Convention will be held in Austin Texas, July 10-13, 2025 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel.

National

The American Legion's largest annual meeting is the national convention. Each of the Legion's 55 departments – the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, France, Latin America and Philippines – is entitled to a minimum of five voting delegates to the national convention. A department is granted one extra delegate, a member in good standing, for each 1,000 members (or major fraction thereof) .

Tampa Bay, Florida - August 22 – 28, 2025

Louisville, Kentucky - August 28 – September 3, 2026

Kansas City, Missouri – August 27 – September 2, 2027

Columbus, Ohio – August 25 – August 31, 2028

Indianapolis, Indiana – August 24 – August 30, 2029

Salt Lake City, Utah – August 23 – August 29, 2030



“Onward we stagger, and if
the tanks come, may God
help the tanks.”

Col. William O. Darby

Dinner at the Post!

Come one, come all to the Post on Friday, March 28, for the monthly Post dinner. We will serve chicken alfredo Florentine with salad and garlic bread. Dinner is only \$10; kiddos are only \$5. This is an all-you-can eat dinner so if you go home hungry, it is your own fault. Join us for some good food, great fellowship, and a 50/50 drawing. Bring your family, bring a friend, bring a fellow veteran.

I look forward to seeing everyone at dinner!

Mike Callahan

Past Commander, SAL Squadron 164



"You heard me, Simmons! . . . You get that cursed bugle fixed!"



March Schedule

14 Mar, Fri 7pm

Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

15 Mar, Sat 6pm

American Legion Birthday Party

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

18 Mar, Tue 1pm

Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

19 Mar, Wed 7pm

ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

21 Mar, Fri 7pm

Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

22 Mar, Sat 1pm

Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

23 Mar, Sun 1pm

Auxiliary Poppy Making

Upstairs

1pm JSSP Class

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

24 Mar, Mon 6pm

Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

25 Mar, Tue 1pm

Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

27 Mar, Thu 7pm

Civil Air Patrol

Post 164 - downstairs meeting room

28 Mar, Fri 6pm

SAL Dinner

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

7pm American Legion Riders Chapter 164 Katy - Meeting

29 Mar, Sat 10am

Broadrick Family Reunion

5pm Wild West Brew Fest

Typhoon Texas Waterpark Houston, 555 Katy Fort Bend
Rd, Katy, TX 77494, USA

30 Mar, Sun 1pm

JSSP Class

American Legion Post 164, Katy

April Schedule

1 Apr, Tue 1pm

Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

2 Apr, Wed 6pm

Legion - VFW Social Hour

No Label Brewing Co., 5351 1st St, Katy, TX 77493, USA

3 Apr, Thu 1pm

VA Stakeholder Meeting

Katy VA Clinic, 750 Westgreen Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

4 Apr, Fri 7pm

Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

5 Apr, Sat 7am

Breakfast with a Veteran

Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

7am Legion Riders Skill Practice

Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S Stadium Ln, Katy, TX
77494, USA

11:15am Honor Guard Practice

VFW Post #9182

6 Apr, Sun 1pm

JSSP Class

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

7 Apr, Mon 8:30am

Westside Maids Clean Post

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6:30pm Auxiliary Unit 164 Executive Committee Meeting

8 Apr, Tue

AL Post 164 News Letter Deadline

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

7pm JSSP Meeting

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

10 Apr, Thu 7pm

Civil Air Patrol Meeting

Downstairs room

11 Apr, Fri 7pm

Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

12 Apr, Sat 8am

22nd District Convention

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post
164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

13 Apr, Sun 1pm

JSSP Class

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

14 Apr, Mon 7pm

Marine Corp League

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
Katy, TX 77450, USA

April Schedule Continued

15 Apr, Tue 1pm

Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, American Legion Post,
22125 Kingsland Blvd #164, Katy, TX 77450, USA

6pm Post Social Hour

Downstairs room

6:30pm Post Training

Downstairs room

7pm Post 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

16 Apr, Wed 7pm

ALA Unit 164 Membership Meeting

Downstairs room

18 Apr, Fri 7pm

Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

20 Apr, Sun 1pm

JSSP Class

American Legion Post 164, Katy TX, 22125 Kingsland Blvd,
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26 Apr, Sat 1pm

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Upstairs room

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29 Apr, Tue 1pm

Veterans Support Group

American Legion Post 164, Katy





American Legion 22nd District of Texas

PO Box 1171, Katy, Texas 77492

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:

The American Legion is dedicated to the enhancement of our youth's educational goals. Therefore, we are offering a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to the Nursing School of your choice if you are selected.

The below criteria must be met for the approval of your application:

- Student must be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.
- Student must be a local Texas resident.
- Student must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a U. S. Armed Forces Veteran.
- Student must be considered a full time student by the applicable accredited college or training institution in the field of nursing.
- Student must be in good standing in their course of study.
- If student is not currently enrolled, he/she must provide a letter of acceptance from the University or College from which they are enrolled.
- Student must provide a copy of most recent transcript.
- If enrolled in school now, you must provide a current student I.D. number.
- Student must provide a one page typed essay on why they want to go to nursing school.
- Student receiving this scholarship will be required to attend an American Legion 22nd District monthly meeting in the scholarship award year.



Nursing Scholarship Application

1. Personal Information

Name	
Date of Birth	
Marital Status	
Address	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Office Phone	
Email Address	
Parent or Guardian Name	
Address	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

2. Degree pursuing

Undergraduate	
Post Graduate	

3. Education Qualifications

High School	
College/ University	

Applicants
Signature

Date:



The above application with all of the required documentation must be sent to the Nursing Committee at the above address or e-mailed to nursing@legiondist22.com **before May 11, 2025**. If we are not supplied all of the required information stated in the criteria of this application the student will be disqualified.

If you have any questions, comments and or concerns, please contact the Nursing Committee, Nursing Scholarship Fund at nursing@legiondist22.com

Respectfully,

Nursing Committee
Department of Texas 22nd District

Committee Members:

Harry Woodstrom

Lynn Sparks

Sherry Thomas