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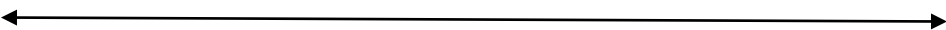
April, 2025 NEWSLETTER (Harry Woodstrom, Editor)

COMMANDER’S CHATTER

We are the Post to watch. I say this because of your support in all the things we do throughout the year. Our Post is the example of the “American Legion Family”. You all are what makes our Post so special. Thank you to everyone who helps with our events.

We have elections coming up at the May membership meeting. Even though we may have names in every slot does not mean you can’t put your name in the hat. We will accept nominations from the floor. If you think you might want to fill one of the positions at the Post, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Executive Committee for information on the position. You can also look at our website www.legionpost164katytx.org under the members’ section. Find the Post Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, the descriptions of post officers are there. You can also find specific duties outlined in the 2025 Post Constitution and Bylaws. I know you might be thinking I don’t know if I could do this position. We won’t let you fail. There is a wealth of legion knowledge in our post. Trust me when I say most of us knew very little about our current position when we agreed to fill it, I know that’s true for me.

Looking ahead, we have a lot of events coming up during May. Some of these are KCM’s Veterans Family Picnic at Grace Fellowship Church on May 3rd. 2nd Division Convention in Beaumont on May 10th. Boys State Orientation on May 18th. Soldiers Rest May 24th, Poppy handout on May 26th. To name a few. We will be asking for volunteers to help with a lot of these.



A young boy was walking down the street and sees a veteran walking toward him with a cane. “Thank you for your service” the boy says. “Were you shot in the Army?” “No,” says the veteran, “In the leggy.”



Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons

General Douglas MacArthur



MEMORIAL DAY

by Dennis Wells (1st Vice-Commander)

May is the month of remembrance. Memorial Day is the kickoff for summer activities, but it is also the day we remember those who gave their lives to protect and defend this country. They died to preserve the values that make this county great. The freedom and privileges we enjoy were paid for by their sacrifice. We give thanks and pay homage to the great men and women whose headstones signify their love for this great nation. We enjoy the freedoms that our forefathers fought for and some gave their all. We remember them and give thanks to those who sacrificed to make this wonderful country the best on earth. Let us remember them while we cook our brisket and burgers. God bless America.

For God and Country

Legion Shirts and Ball Caps are still available for order.

If you are interested in ordering a shirt or cap let the Commander know. The Post does make a small amount on each item. Shirts are available in almost any color and multiple sizes. Auxiliary, Sons and Riders shirts and caps are also available.



THE POPPY PROGRAM

by Gillian Woodstrom (Unit 164 1st Vice President)

The Poppy Program is unique to the American Legion Auxiliary. Its purpose is to educate ALA membership and the public on the significance of the poppy and the program's financial benefit for veterans, military, and their families. Any money raised by the Poppy Program must be used to directly benefit the veterans. We distribute poppies on Memorial Day to remind our citizens of the members of our armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. We distribute poppies on Veterans Day to honor all our veterans, living and dead.

The poem central to our Poppy ceremonies and distribution is "In Flanders Fields" by Lt. Col. McCrae. Written about the carnage of WWI it still resonates today.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields."





SAL NEWS

By Gene Britton (Squadron Commander)

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 Sixth ideal is Faith. You can demonstrate faith in leadership with good conduct and a willingness to obey instructions.

Thanks to all that collected supplies for the V.A. hygiene bags.

Our Sons of the American Legion are gearing up for our fourth Dinner night on April 25th at 6pm at the post. Please come out and have some fun.

APRIL BREAKFAST

WOW, What a turn out from the community! We were busy the entire time.

We had a visit from the Easter Bunny. I am not sure, but I think she looks vaguely familiar. One might also question why she would hang out with that guy, but who knows? OH and it looks like our 1st Vice Commander in the background, busy as always!



The Easter Bunny visited others at the breakfast and took the time to thank the volunteers from the American Heritage Girls.



AMERICA BURIES A HERO TODAY

By Robert A. Crutchfield (Chaplain)

Many of us Legionnaires have had the honor of serving on the honor guard. Funerals are not the only thing honor guards do. However they are arguably the most profound part of our duties.

Serving on the honor guard is a hard thing to put into words. But the poem below is my humble attempt to do just that. It is not us who honors our fallen comrade. Instead it is them that honors us, by allowing us to perform one last act of tribute to their service.

This poem is written so that those who will never have that honor can better understand. It is dedicated to those who give of their time, to render one last honor to one who has served our country in its military.



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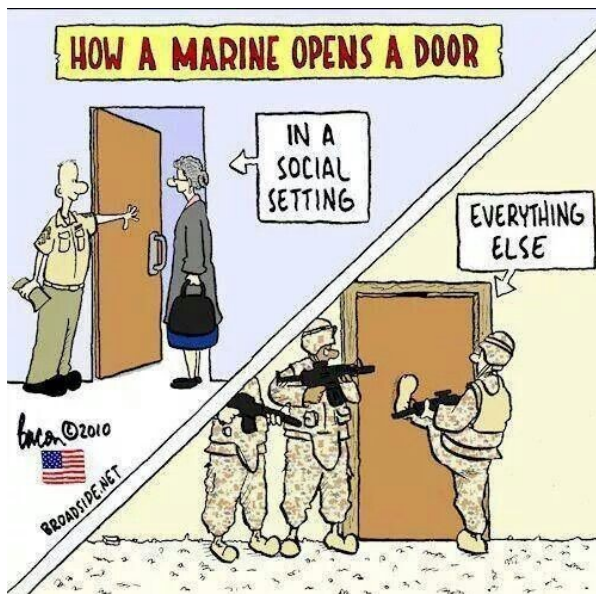
By Robert A. Crutchfield

“Today, a debt of honor comes due.
So I take my uniform out of the closet.
Today's task calls for the gold cord, and white gloves too
America buries a hero today !
We gather at our post's home.
We're briefed on the day's destination and details.
Rifles are taken from their resting place, and made ready.
America buries a hero today !
National Cemetery or other, honors rendered are the same.
We scan the distance watching for the procession.
We come to attention as it draws near.
America buries a hero today !
Now we stand at present arms.
The casket passes through the honor cordon we have formed.
The grieving family passes through close behind.
America buries a hero today !
Three times, the crack of our rifles pierce the silence.
The bugle wails one last goodbye, over bowed heads.
Heritage and tradition pay their respects, to our fallen comrade.
America buries a hero today !
Heritage and tradition pay their respects, to our fallen comrade.
America buries a hero today !”

From the National American Legion Web Site

WHAT IS "BE THE ONE"?

At its core, Be the One is The American Legion's top priority, a mission to reduce the number of veterans and service members who die by suicide. It involves everyone throughout the entire American Legion Family. Post members can support Be the One by conducting Buddy Checks, raising awareness of resources for veterans in their communities, taking the Columbia University training so they know what to do in a potential time of crisis and more. Posts, units and squadrons can work together to host or support events aimed at bringing the darkness of suicide into the light. By talking about it, raising awareness and fostering camaraderie, you are demonstrating how to "Be the One." At the department level, staff can elevate awareness about how posts and members are contributing to the cause, and also create opportunities for training sessions, fundraisers, awareness events and other means to promote Be the One. At the national level, staff is promoting the initiative through various marketing, internal media and external media means. National Headquarters staff is also focusing energies on creating more training opportunities, resource materials and other ways that posts and members can further the mission.



Enthusiasm was never a problem at the Master at Arms A-School.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

VETERANS' SERVICE RECORDS

Do you want to know how to obtain information on your military service records? Veterans continue to ask the following questions: "How do I get a copy of my Service Records? How do I replace my ribbons and awards? "Who do I contact?" and other military related information. Well, there is a website that can help you with those questions and more. It is <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>.

Check it out!!

POST 164 SPONSORS JSSP

Post 164 is well on the way with our 4th JSSP class. To date we have had 19 students attend.



It is a blend of classroom and practical lessons. The students are taught firearms and range safety. Shooting techniques and shooting positions. The classroom consists of PowerPoint presentations, discussions and exams.



The students are in the very capable hands of Mike Roper, program chairman, and instructors Rory Hoffman (also the Director of Legion Riders Chapter 164), Daryl Channel, and Keith Pruden.

Classes last for 8 weeks. Range time is offered throughout the week if the shooters want to practice.

Keith Pruden has been able to apply for and receive

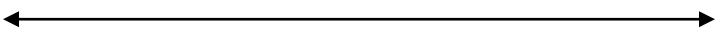
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several NRA Grants for range improvements and additional rifles.

The program is open to students, male and female, from 12 to 18 years of age, and they do not need to have a family member in the American Legion Family.

As other post in the area get their programs going we plan to get some type of shooting competitions going.

For information on the next class email jssp@legionpost164katytx.org.



HISTORY

The "Hawaiian good luck sign" wasn't the only way imprisoned members of the USS *Pueblo* undermined their North Korean captors' propaganda. Their captain, Lloyd Bucher, also did his best to ridicule his tormentors.

Although initially resistant to write a "confession of wrongdoing," even after enduring several beatings and mock executions, Bucher finally relented when the North Koreans threatened to kill his men before his very eyes. At this point, the captors thought they had broken Bucher—but they were dead wrong.

Taking advantage of the North Koreans' cluelessness in English, Bucher wrote a confession letter in September 1968 filled with utter nonsense and dripping with sarcasm. The classic lines he wrote included "[we] paean (pee on) the Korean People's Army Navy" and "we had traversed Operation Areas Mars, Venus, and Pluto so named because, like the planets, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is really far out."

NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST

The current name of the Post 164 newsletter is “Newsletter”. Boring... We can do better than that. The Post 164 newsletter needs a new name. You should also notice that the first page name plate is really just the Post letterhead. We can do better than that.

Take a look at any newspaper and you will see what we are talking about.



What should our name plate look like? What should our name be? We need ideas, so we will start a contest. All submissions to newsletter@legionpost164katytx.org before the May newsletter deadline (May 13th) will be considered as entries into the contest. All entries will be reviewed by that team of news experts, the Post Commander, the Judge Advocate and the Finance Officer (known as Sandy, Butch and Harry). The entries will be reduced to two finalists. The finalists will be presented to the Post members at the May 2025 Post meeting for final consideration and selection.

Entries may be made by any Post member, Auxiliary Unit member and Sons Squadron member.

Multiple entries per individual are acceptable. The winner will be awarded dinner for two at Saltgrass Steak House. The runner-up will be awarded breakfast for two at the June “Breakfast With A Veteran” event.

April Schedule

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

17 Apr, Thu

6:30pm Auxiliary Orientation Meeting

Downstairs

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, Katy, TX 77450, USA

22 Apr, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

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

24 Apr, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol

Post 164 - downstairs meeting room

25 Apr, 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

26 Apr, Sat

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

5pm Honor Flight

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

27 Apr, Sun

1pm JSSP Class

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

28 Apr, Mon

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

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29 Apr, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

American Legion

May Schedule

1 May, Thu

1pm VA Stakeholder Meeting

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

7pm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 Meeting

2 May, Fri

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

3 May, 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

12pm Veterans Family Picnic (KCM)

Grace Fellowship Church, 2655 S Mason Rd, Katy, TX 77450, USA

4 May, Sun

1pm JSSP Class

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

5 May, Mon

8:30am Westside Maids Clean Post

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6 May, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

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7pm Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting

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

7 May, Wed

6pm Legion - VFW Social Hour

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

8 May, Thu

7pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

Downstairs room

9 May, Fri

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

10 May, Sat

2nd Division Convention

Dorie E. Miller Post 817, 3430 W Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, TX 77705, USA

6pm Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni

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

11 May, Sun

1pm JSSP Class

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

12 May, Mon

6pm Marine Corp League

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May Schedule Continued

13 May, Tue

AL Post 164 News Letter Deadline

1pm Veterans Support Group

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7pm JSSP Meeting

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16 May, Fri

7pm Post Game Night

American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

17 May, Sat

10am Boys State Orientation

American Legion Post 521 Inc, 2221 Preston Ave, Pasadena, TX 77503, USA

18 May, Sun

2pm Boys State Orientation

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

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American Legion Post 164, Upstairs

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24 May, Sat

11am Soldier's Rest

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale St, Houston, TX 77023, USA

1pm Nafud Temple #80 Meeting

Upstairs room

26 May, Mon

6pm Post 164 Board of Trustees Meeting

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27 May, Tue

1pm Veterans Support Group

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30 May, Fri

7pm Post Game Night

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