

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas 22nd District Convention Call April 12, 2025

By virtue of the authority vested in the District Presidents by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas, a convention of the respective Districts are hereby called.

The purpose of the convention is to hear the year's reports of each Unit and to transact such other business as may be properly presented to the convention.

Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular unit meeting to be held no less than fifteen days prior to the District Convention. The Certification of Delegates form must be sent to the ALA District 22 Credentials Chair Jennifer Lowry at 4923 Ginger Bluff Road, Katy TX 77494 or by email to illowry77@gmail.com A copy of the form is to be retained and brought to the convention by the Delegation Chairman.

The voting strength of each unit is based on 2025 membership as certified by the Department Secretary. Each Unit will be entitled to two Delegates for the first ten members or major fraction thereof whose 2025 dues have been received in Department Headquarters fifteen days prior to the convening of said Convention, and to one Alternate for each Delegate.

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited to attend, and each Unit in the District should send a delegation to the convention. If you have not done so, please furnish your District 22 Chaplain Tracey Vacek at tvacek6479@gmail.com with a complete list of members deceased since the 2024 District Convention for the Memorial Service. Your cooperation in making this convention a success will be greatly appreciated.

For God and Country,

Maria Holmes

Maria Holmes
22nd District President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Texas



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas 22nd District Convention Information April 12, 2025

By virtue of the authority vested in the District Presidents by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas, a convention of the 22nd District is hereby called. to convene on Saturday April 12, 2025 at the Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 located at 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy TX 77450. The purpose of this Convention is to hear the year's reports of each unit in District 22 and to transact such other business as may be properly presented to the convention.

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend the Convention and each unit in the 22nd District should send a delegation to the Convention.

The voting strength of each unit will be based on the 2025 membership certified to the District 22 President by the Department Secretary. A unit shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first ten (10) members and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by Department fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of said Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate.

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Member Registration forms and the Pre-Registration fee of \$25 for each member attending (checks made payable to American Legion Post 164 earmarked Convention Registration) should be sent to the Legion Post 164 Finance Officer, 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy TX 77450. The cutoff date for Pre-Registration is April 1 2025.

Members can also register at the door with a completed Member Registration form and \$30 (checks made payable to American Legion Post 164 earmarked Convention Registration) but

we encourage you to take advantage of the reduced Pre-Registration fee (\$25) and pay prior to April 1 2025 so that Unit 164 will know how much food to prepare.

Each Unit President will be required to make a 3 minute oral report highlighting the unit accomplishments they are most proud of from this past year and should turn in a hand-written or typed report to the District 22 Secretary on their unit's activities for the year. Committee Chairs should also be prepared to make a brief oral report on activities within the District.

There will be a Joint Memorial Service so please send a complete list of your unit members deceased since the 2024 District 22 convention to our District 22 Chaplain Tracey Vacek at tvacek6479@gmail.com.

There will be a 50/50 draw benefiting ALA District 22 and a Lottery Ticket Hat benefiting our host Unit 164.

A hot breakfast including coffee and juice will be available throughout registration; and food from Gringos will be served for lunch.

Schedule (subject to change):

08:00 – 09:00 AM	Registration, breakfast and coffee
09:00 – 09:15 AM	Joint Memorial Service
09:15 – 10.15 AM	Joint Session
	Guest Speaker – Chris Fahey, Camp Hope
	Past Dep Commander Butch Sparks' Special Presentation
10:15 – 12:00 PM	Training with Licia Kim, 2nd Division President
12:00 – 01:00 PM	LUNCH
01:00 – 02:15 PM	Business Meeting
02:15 – 02:30 PM	BREAK
02:30 - 04:00 PM	Business Meeting (continued)

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Convention and your cooperation in making this convention a success will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

Kind regards,

Maria Holmes

Maria Holmes 22nd District President American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas 22nd District Convention Registration Form April 12, 2025

Our Convention this year will be held on April 12, 2025 at American Legion Post 164 located at 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy TX 77450

The Pre-Registration fee is \$25.00. \$30.00 at the door.

Cut-off Date to Pre- Register is April 1 2025

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Post 164** earmarked Convention Registration and send completed form and payment to

Post Finance Officer, 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy TX 77450

Please print name and Unit number.

NOTE: This is an electronically fillable form if you would care to use that method

NAME	UNIT #
NAME	UNIT #
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Please send list of deceased members to

Legion: Robert Harvey at rlh.wings@gmail.com Auxiliary: Tracey Vacek at tvacek6479@gmail.com

SAL: Jeff Hallinan at awol0095@hotmail.com



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas 22nd District Convention Delegate Registration Form April 12, 2025

Unit Name _____ Unit # ____ Name of Town _____

<u>DELEGATES</u>		<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
NAME	2025 ID	NAME	2025 ID
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Chairman of Unit Delegation		Unit President	

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ALA District 22 Spring Convention April 12, 2025

8 AM - 4 PM

Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 Katy 22125 Kingsland Blvd. Katy TX 77450

GENERAL AGENDA

08:00 – 09:00 AM Registration, breakfast and coffee

09:00 – 09:15 AM Joint Memorial Service

09:15 – 10.15 AM Joint Session

Guest Speaker - Chris Fahey, Camp Hope

Past Department Commander Butch Sparks' Special

Presentation

10:15 – 12:00 PM Auxiliary Training with Licia Kim, 2nd Division President

12:00 - 01:00 PM LUNCH

01:00 – 02:15 PM Business Meeting

02:15 - 02:30 PM BREAK

02:30 – 04:00 PM Business Meeting (continued)

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order District 22 President

Advancement of District Colors District 22 Sergeant-at-Arms

Invocation District 22 Chaplain

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony District 22 President and Sergeant-at-Arms

Pledge of Allegiance Membership
Preamble Membership

Convention Call

Roll Call – District Officers & Unit Presidents

Address of Welcome

District 22 Secretary

District 22 Secretary

Unit 164 President

Response Unit with the highest % membership

2024 Convention Minutes District 22 Secretary
Treasurer's Report District 22 Treasurer

Membership Report Dept. Membership Committee Representative

Introduction of Convention Committees District 22 President
First Report of Credentials District 22 Credential Chair
Rules Committee Report District 22 Rules Chair

Introduction of Distinguished Guests District 22 Distinguished Guests Chair

Address from Department Vice President Department Vice President Leigh-Ann Stewart

Resolutions & Endorsements District 22 Resolutions Chair

BREAK

Final Report of Credentials District 22 Credentials Chair

Unit Reports (oral & written)

District 22 Unit Presidents (3-5 minutes)

District 22 Program Chairs (3-5 minutes)

Unfinished Business District 22 President
New Business District 22 President
Announcements District 22 President

Courtesy Resolution District 22 Courtesy Resolution Chair

Benediction District 22 Chaplain

Recover the POW/MIA flag District 22 Sergeant-at-Arms
Retire the Colors District 22 Sergeant-at-Arms

Adjournment District 22 President

District 22 Officers 2024-2025

President Maria Holmes (Unit 521)
Vice President Diana Aguilar (Unit 490)
Secretary Maria Wells (Unit 164)
Treasurer Jennifer Lowry (Unit 164)
Chaplain Tracey Vacek (Unit 521)
Historian Teresa Contreras (Unit 472)
Parliamentarian Gillian Woodstrom (Unit 164)

Sergeant-at-Arms JoAnn Mata Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms Tina Neel

District 22 Program Chairs 2024-2025

Carlene Ashworth (Unit 521)
Girls State Linda Malsbary (Unit 164)
Legislative Carlene Ashworth (Unit 521)
Training Carlene Ashworth (Unit 521)
Nurses Scholarship Diana Aguilar (Unit 490)

VA & R JoAnn Crawford (Unit 521)



American Legion Auxiliary 22nd District Convention Unit 521 Auxiliary Meeting Room 2221 Preston Ave. Pasadena, Texas 77503

April 13, 2024

Starting at 9 a.m. ALA and AL had a joint session with guest speakers, Sharon Fentin with Operation Home Front and Ellis with VFBA (Funeral, Insurance, and disabilities information).

Following the guest speaker, the Auxiliary adjourned to their meeting room. Madam President introduce Department President Holly Heatly and Division 2 President Leigh-Anne Stewart.

Prior to meeting:

22nd District President Linda Malsbary called for training program session to begin. Training was on our PEP (Program Engagement Plan). We were divided into four groups. Each group received a program and had to tell what the program was about and include an action plan.

A Joint Memorial Service of the Legion, Sons and Auxiliary was conducted by the chaplains of their respective branches. Candles were lit to honor the lives of members who passed away during the past year, prayers offered, and Post members retired to the Post Everlasting.

22nd District President Linda Malsbary called to the meeting to Order at 1:13pm.

Advancement of District Colors. Chaplain Maria Holmes led the prayer. A POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony was conducted. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was said.

Lupe Cisneros 22nd District Secretary, conducted the roll call of officers, unit Presidents and activity chairs. There were seven officers present. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian and Parliamentarian).

The quorum to conduct business is four units. Five out of nine units were present (Units 52, 164, 472, 490 and 521 were present)

Address of Welcome by Maria Holmes of Unit 521 as host, and the response from the district 22 Unit with the highest percentage of membership Unit 472. Thanks to Unit 521 for being host for the convention and welcoming all members and guests.

2023 Convention Minutes were read and approved by Ann Nicholson Unit 521, Bertha Torres Unit 472, and Janet Ruhnke Unit 52. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, so they were voted on and approved as written.

District 22 Treasurer Bertha Torres read the financial report. Ending balance of as of March 31, 2024, is \$3,826.93. It was accepted and filed for audit.

First Report on Credentials Jennifer Lowry, unit 164. Total Voting strength 30. District had 9 units with voting strength of 38. Five units registered and were present with a voting strength of 29, which constitutes a quorum of 76%.

Linda Navarro (Unit 52) presented the Rules Committee Report and moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Gillain Woodstrom introduced the distinguished guests.

Resolutions and Endorsements

Candidates for Department of Texas Officers 2024- 2025
Sharon Phelps candidate - Dept. President - Unit 84 endorsed
Leigh-Anne Stewart candidate - Vice President - Unit 95 endorsed
Leigh-Anne Stewart was in attendance and addressed the Convention Members. She passed out candy and cards.

Unit Reports:

Unit 52 – Report read by Linda Navarro

Unit 164 – Report read by Linda Malsbary

Unit 472 – Report read by Dolores Orta

Unit 490 – Report read by Diana Aguilar

Unit 521 – Report read by Maria Holmes

Programs Reports:

Girls State report read by Linda Malsbary
Cancer Research read by Ann Nicholson
Children and Youth read by Gillian Woodstrom
Constitution and Bylaws read by Bertha Torres

Unfinished business Soldier Rest.

Announcements:

Impact and End of Year Reports are due April 15, 2024. Please send to our District President. \$515.00 donations were collected for the Children Foundation Welfare. 50/50 was \$254.00 and \$127.00 is going into the general fund.

The Second Division Convention is scheduled for June 15, 2024, and will take place at Sam Houston Post 095, 1919 American Legion Drive, Huntsville, Texas. Details to follow.

The Department Convention is scheduled for July 11- 14, 2024 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd. \$117.00 per night. The reservation cut-off is June 18, 2024. This information is on The American Legion Department of Texas website.

Final Report on Credentials Jennifer Lowry, unit 164. Total Voting strength 38. District had 9 units with 5 units registered and present with a voting strength of 29, which constitutes a quorum of 76%.

Elections were held for 2024 to 2026 District Officers.

President:

Maria Holmes

1st Vice President:

Diana Aguilar

Treasurer:

Siomara Sanchez

Chaplin:

Pam Gilman

Historian:

Jennifer Lowry

Sergeant at Arms:

JoAnn Mata

Appointed - Asst. Sergeant at Arms: Tina Neel

Appointed Secretary:

District President Linda Malsbary recognized the Milestone Anniversary's of those members with 20 or more years in the Auxiliary.

District President Linda Malsbary presented certificates to units-

Unit 52 - The Caretaker Certificate

Unit 472 - Girls on Fire Certificate

Unit 490 - In The Trench Certificate

Unit 521 - The Load and Proud Certificate

Unit 596 – The All or Nothing Certificate

Unit 77 – Older than Dirt Certificate

Unit 164 – Holy Cow Certificate

Unit 654 - Heart of the Lion Certificate

Unit 319 – The Mighty Mouse Certificate

District Chaplain Maria Holmes led the closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms recovered the POW/MIA flag.

The colors were retired by the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

District 22 President Linda Malsbary adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lupe Cisneros

22nd District Secretary