

22ND DISTRICT D.E.C.

13 FEBURARY 2022

AMERICAN LEGION HARRISBURG POST 472

7599 AVENUE C

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77012

2:00 PM Training : Post Awards Jim McGuire District Adjutant

2:15 PM Commander Woodstrom Called meeting to order

Chaplain gave a prayer

Sgt at Arms Posted the Colors

Sgt at Arms Posted the POW/MIA Flag

Commander Woodstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Woodstrom led the Preamble pf the Constitution of The American Legion

The District Adjutant conducted Officer Roll Call: The Vice Commander was late, The Assistant Sgt at Arms was excused, The Historian, Service Officer, And Public Relations officer were absent.

The District Adjutant conducted Post Roll Call: The following post were absent, 416, 594, 654

Commander Woodstrom made the following introductions: Butch Sparks NEC, Past Dept Cdr, Past District Cdr, Lynn Sparks Past Dept Cdr, Past Div Cdr, Past Dist Cdr, Joseph Thomas Immediate Past District Commander, Jimmy Mitchell Past District Cdr, Juan Torres Past District Cdr

The District Adjutant made a motion to suspend the reading of the previous meeting minutes as they were posted to the District web site. Butch Sparks seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Awards

Commander Woodstrom presented the following Awards Post, District, and Division Oratorical Certificates of Appreciation to the following individuals:

Butch Sparks, Lynn Sparks, Jim McGuire

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer: Gave report of the District Finances. See report

Judge Advocate: see report

Chaplain: No report

Historian: No report

Sgt at Arms: 25 attendees

Service Officer: No report

Public Relations: No report

Vice Commander: See report

Post Commanders: Post 164 see report, Post 319 see report, Post 521 see report, Post 490 see report

District Commander: see report

Committee Reports:

ALR no report

Americanism: see report

Baseball: see report

Boys State: see report About \$1600 a bus

Community Service: no report

Children and Youth: no report

CB&L: see report

Disaster Preparedness: no report

Hub Master: see report

Junior Shooting: no report

Legislative: no report

Membership: District is at 62%

National Security: see report

Parliamentarian: no report

POW/MIA: no report

Oratorical: Dept contest Feb 21st in San Antonio

SAL Advisor: 75% target District 41%

School Awards: no report

Scouting: no report

Training: see report

VA&R: no report

Web master: Convention packet is on the site

Resolutions: The District Adjutant read Resolutions for District Adjutant, Division Commander for Harry Woodstrom and Jimmy Mitchell. Also for Shirley Platt for Dept. Historian, Michael Griffith Dept. Commander, and or Uniform and Protocol Legion Cap.

Butch Sparks moved to endorse resolution for the American Legion Cap. Edward Ruhuke seconded motion passed.

John Cronin moved to endorse both candidates for 2nd division Commander. Edward Ruhuke seconded motion passed.

New Business:

Butch Sparks moved to initiate a contract for Busses for Boys State. John Cronin seconded motion passed.

Butch Sparks moved to prorate the busfare. John Cronin seconded and the motion passed.

Butch Sparks moved for the National Security report to be sent out via the Hub master to Department. David Saucillo seconded , motion passed.

Good of The American Legion:

Jimmy Mitchell spoke about the Museum coming to Houston.

Chaplain gave he benediction

POW/MIA Flag recovered by the Sgt at Arms

Colors of our Nation retired by the Sgt at Arms

Commander Woodstrom declared the meeting adjourned

22nd District Executive Committee

Report for February 13, 2022

Judge Advocate: Proper procedures in handling motions have been an issue at meetings at all levels of our organization. In an effort to assist our members, I emailed a Robert's Rules of Order Cheat sheet for Non-profits to members listed on my hub list. (copy attached)

Highlights of Department Judge Advocate Report at Mid Winter (copy of complete report attached)

C&BL's:

Department Post Information report as of February 11, 2022 (copy attached) indicate the following Posts have missing information recorded at Department.

The following Posts have not certified their officers:

Post 416; and Post 594

The following Posts do not have a current C&BL's recorded:

Post 77; Post 416; Post 594; Post 596; and Post 654. It is important to keep your C&BL's up to date.

Please take to take a look at your C&BL's and make necessary changes to bring them up to date and submit them to Department for review and approval. Changes may have been made to the Department C&BL's that may affect your Post C&BL's. Suggest you download a copy of them for use at your Post.

The District C&BL's are current as of May 2021. We will continually review them to make sure they are up to date. A copy of the District C&BL's can be found on our District website

Speaking of our District Constitution and By-laws, I have prepared a voting tally sheet that can be used by our Adjutant for items brought up for a vote at our meetings. (Copy attached)

Sometimes there is a lot of confusion on who can vote, who has voice but no vote etc.

Here are excerpts from our C& BL's that may help clarify these issues:

Section 1. *The elective officers of the Twenty-Second District shall consist of a District Commander, a Vice Commander, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate, a Historian, and a Sergeant at Arms.*

Section 2. *The following officers shall be appointed by the District Commander and must be approved by a majority of the District Executive Committee: Chaplain, Service Officer, Public Relations Officer, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, District Hubmaster, District Webmaster, and any other Officers as may be recommended by the Commander and approved by the District Executive Committee.*

**BY-LAWS
OF
THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

Section 1. *The Twenty-Second District Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers set out in Article IV, Section 1, of the District Constitution, the immediate Past District Commander, and the Post Commander (or appointed alternate) and one member from each Post of the Twenty-Second District; all of whom shall have voice and vote. The appointed officers set out in Article IV, Section 2, of the District Constitution shall have voice but not vote.*

Section 7. *It shall be the responsibility of each Post Commander in the District to see to it that their Post is represented at each regular or called meeting of the District. Posts not providing representatives at 3 consecutive Executive Committee Meetings will be sent a letter signed by the District Commander stating they are in non-compliance to the 22nd District Constitution and By-laws. Posts in non-compliance shall not be counted in the District when determining if a quorum of Posts are present for District Executive Committee meetings or District Conventions.*

Section 8. *A quorum for transaction of business at any 22nd District Executive Committee meeting shall consist of the representation of a majority of the member posts and a majority of the district officers with both voice and vote. Quorum count does not include Posts that have not certified Officer Elections or missed more than 3 consecutive District Executive Committee meetings.*

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Hubmaster:

Continued to send out Legion information via emails to contacts that I have. I emailed a copy of all provided Department committee, commission, and officer reports presented at our mid-winter conference to each Post in the District. They contain a lot of valuable information that should be shared with your membership.

One specific item that your Post membership may be interested in is a motion to present a motion to ask for a \$4 increase in Department dues for 2024. The rationale presented was additional funds are needed to help defray Department costs with a continuing decline in membership. I personally don't like this specific approach but would like to see a complete evaluation of the Department processes to see where savings could be found. Your input to this process is important. Putting together a resolution on suggested ways to address these issues is recommended. If you are not receiving communications from this system, please let me know at butchsparks@legion.org. Also if you have information you would like to share with the District, please send it to me and I will distribute it.

Training: Due to the cancellation of January's DEC and rescheduling of the District Convention to March we have made a few changes in the Training Schedule. We have been advised that we will still have Service Officer Training at our District Convention. We are also working to schedule Boy State Orientation in early May. When the revised training schedule is completed a copy will be sent to each Post. If you did not get a copy, please let me know. A copy of the revised schedule is attached.

Respectively submitted

Butch Sparks

Enclosure: Voting Tally Sheet

Department Judge Advocate Report

Robert's Rules of Order Cheat Sheet for Non-Profits

Department Post Information Report

Revised Draft Training Schedule

**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE
MID-WINTER DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Austin, Texas
23 Jan 2022**

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **Status of Constitution & By-Laws Revisions.** At my last report on 26 Sep 2021, 259 of the now 453 Posts in the Department had completed revision of their Post Constitutions & By-Laws. Since that time through today, an additional 33 Post C&BL's have been submitted for consideration.

31 have been approved and either have been returned or are now on their way back to the Posts. 2 have been rejected and returned to the Posts, but have not yet been resubmitted.

As of this date, my best estimate is that 290 Posts have successfully completed revision of their Constitutions and By-Laws. Assuming the anticipated closure of 1 Post, that leaves about 162 Posts operating under the Department's Recommended Constitution & By-Laws. Each District and Division may view their Posts that have not yet submitted their updated Post Constitution & ByLaws on the Department website on the current Post Information Report which can be found at:

https://xlregion.org/web_reports/Post%20Information%20Report.pdf

Any assistance the District Commanders might provide in urging your Posts who have not updated their Post C&BL's will be much appreciated.

2. **Department Constitution Conflict with the National Constitution.** The current Department Constitution is now in conflict with the National Constitution as it pertains to eligibility and membership in the American Legion. The current Article III, Section 1 of the Department Constitution reads:

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility Dates and Discharge. Any person shall be eligible for membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION who was a member of the Armed Forces Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941, to the present; all dates inclusive, or who, being a 3 citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, or continued honorably after any of said periods; provided further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service.

The Department Constitution should, at the earliest opportunity, be amended by replacing “Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force” with “Armed Forces” as indicated by the redline and strike-outs shown above. The Department’s Recommended Constitution and Bylaws for Posts has already been corrected to reflect that change. As Department Judge Advocate, I have already been requiring any Post C&BL’ submitted for approval to comply with the Recommended Post C&BL’s.

3. Department Bonds. The Department Constitution requires the Department Judge Advocate to review and approve the bonds for all Department Officials required to handle American Legion money. The Department Adjutant, who maintains current copies of the insurance policies on behalf of the Department has provided copies of each and those existing policies are currently under review for approval.
4. Post Bonds. The Department Constitution also requires Posts to forward a copy of their Post Bonds to the Department Judge Advocate annually by October 1 each year. I have not received a single copy of a Post Bond from any Post other than my own and I had to go find that one myself. The prior Department Judge Advocate was contacted and he informed me that if he ever received a Post bond it was forwarded to the Department Headquarters and a file of them might be maintained there. After contacting the Department Adjutant, it was determined that no such file exists and, to his memory, no Post has submitted copies of their Post bond to Department.

I contacted Randy Bristow, the current insurance agent who is shown on the Department website under “Post Forms.” His contact information is rbristow@rivercitybonding.com and (210) 865-2963. He updated the Blank Bond Form and fees, which was forwarded to Department and has now been updated on the Department website and can be found at:

<https://xllegion.org/Files/Bonding%20form.pdf>

Earlier this month, Mr. Bristow was able to provide a list of our American Legion organizations which have a current insurance policy through his agency. The following is a breakdown of those organizations:

- 220 Posts;
- 6 Districts;
- 3 Sons of the American Legion Squadrons
- 1 American Legion Riders (Post 453 Dallas Love Field)

This does not mean that 232 Posts do not have bonds in place. It only means that many Posts likely have obtained bonds from another source. Collection of information will continue.

This requirement to obtain copies of all 452 Post bonds will require time and effort to educate the Posts on this requirement but is not impossible.

5. Variety of Legal Issues.

Old Business. In my last report, I mentioned novel ideas from 2 Posts that were addressed, and have now been resolved:

a. Alamo Post 2 San Antonio was considering acquiring or merging with an existing business to provide regular dance activity at the Post to stimulate membership increase. They ultimately decided to just continue to lease the Post to the existing corporation to continue the dancing activity.

b. League City Post 5 was considering allowing their Post to be used as an Early Voting Location for their county elections. They ultimately decided that it would be too disruptive to the Post routine activities since the Post Bar would be within the 100-ft distance markers

New Business: In the roughly 119 days since my last report, more than 130 calls, text messages, e-mails and questions have been fielded. Most were repetitive issues like internal Post conflicts, procedural rules of order questions, bar management and employer/employee issues, real property lease issues and insurance and bond approval questions.

The most significant issue worth specific mention was that the proposed \$2.7 billion BSA sex abuse bankruptcy settlement was rejected by the victims early this month. The settlement had to be approved by at least 75% of the more than 82,000 victims and received approval by only 73%. Under that plan, each victim would have received about \$31,000. It has been rescheduled for another court hearing date on February 22, 2022.

Currently under review are numerous questions concerning how gaming machines and other means of gambling might be introduced into the Posts as an addition revenue source. I hope to produce an article discussing the issue of gambling on Post property soon.

I am happy to conclude this report by simply saying that there have been few moments of boredom and many opportunities to provide mutual helpfulness.

Respectfully submitted,


J. D. LANGLEY
Department Judge Advocate

**DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT
CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

1/19/2022

Constitution & By-Laws to be presented to the Department Executive Committee on January, 2021 for approval are listed below:

NAME OF POST	LOCATION	POST	APPROVED	SENT TO JA / REMARKS
Arthur Gembler	San Antonio	P. 375	Yes	
Milton Giles Fort	Weslaco	P. 464	Yes	
Harrisburg	Houston	P. 472	Yes	
C. R. Simmons-C. G. Hardwicke Jr.	Sherman	P. 29	Yes	
Colonel Louis A. Carter	El Paso	P. 832	Yes	
Col H. B. Moore	Texas City	P. 89	Yes	
Bee County Post	Beeville	P. 274	No	E-mailed 10/14/21
Bert M Fleming	Junction	P. 237	Yes	
The American Legion Memorial	Hebbronville	P. 357	Yes	
Onion Creek	Austin	P. 326	Yes	
H. U. Wood	Seguin	P. 245	No	e-mailed 11/10/21
Greater Fort Worth	Fort Worth	P. 516	Yes	
Harry P. Stumpf	Perryton	P. 254	Yes	
Baytown	Baytown	P. 323	Yes	
Donald N. Thompson	Haltom City	P. 655	Yes	
Laramore-Osborne	Royce City	P. 100	Yes	
John R Burkett-Beverly E Miller	Houston	P. 77	No	e-mailed 11/24/21
Karnes County	Karnes City	P. 415	No	e-mailed 11/24/21
Eagle	Eagle Pass	P. 211	Yes	
Gordon Mattison	Pittsburg	P. 422	Yes	
Oliver Windell Buzan	Glen Rose	P. 462	Yes	
PFC Ruth E. Warlick	Southlake	P. 14	Yes	
Walton F. Hoffmann	New Braunfels	P. 179	No	e-mailed 12/20/21
Saginaw	Saginaw	P. 467	Yes	
Paso Del Norte	El Paso	P. 58	Yes	
William R. Blackshear	Jasper	P. 78	Yes	
Herman E Rochelle	Houston	P. 827	Yes	
H. U. Wood	Seguin	P. 245	Yes	
Bee County	Beeville	P. 274	Yes	
Division				
District				
19th District			Yes	

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22nd District Sign In Date 02-13-2022

NAME	POST#	POSITION
1. <u>HUBERT WINTERS</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
2. <u>Roberto Rocha</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>Commander</u>
3. <u>Jimmy Phelan</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>Finance Officer</u>
4. <u>Edward V. Ruhke</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>Finance Officer</u>
5. <u>JUAN TORRES</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>J. A</u>
6. <u>Miguel Navarro Jr.</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>Commander</u>
7. <u>David Saucillo</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>Commander</u>
8. <u>John J. Cronin</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>Commander</u>
9. <u>Butch Sparks</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>Judge Advocate</u>
10. <u>BILL KENNISON</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>POST ADJUTANT</u>
11. <u>Harold Godwin</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>Commander</u>
12. <u>Jim McGuire</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>Dist Adj.</u>
13. <u>ORLANDO GARCIA</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>Commander</u>
14. <u>Juan R. Torres</u>	52 <u>472</u>	<u>SAL</u> <u>District Commander</u>
15. <u>ROBERT HARVEY</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
16. <u>J. THOMAS</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>Judge Advocate</u>
17. <u>Marky Carter</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>Cdr</u>
18. <u>HECTOR HERNANDEZ</u>	<u>77</u> / MIA/POW	<u>MIA/POW</u>

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22nd District Sign In Date 02-13-2022

NAME	POST#	POSITION
1. <u>Jose M Romero</u>	<u>97009 472</u>	<u>_____</u>
2. <u>Alonso McQueen</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>Service Officer</u>
3. <u>LYNN SPARKS</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>F.O.</u>
4. <u>Sharon Bradley</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>District Sgt. at Arms</u>
5. <u>John Gomez</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>Web Master</u>
6. <u>DAVID Kark</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>Council</u>
7. <u>Kendrick Bradley</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>vic</u>
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____
16. _____	_____	_____
17. _____	_____	_____
18. _____	_____	_____

Department of Texas 2022 Membership
as of 2/11/22

Including Encumbered HQ Transfers

TX Dist 0022 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
TX-0052	Houston	Houston	4	12	31	0	47	56	83.93
TX-0077	John R Burkett Beverly E	Houston	11	52	112	0	175	284	61.62
TX-0164	Jonathan D Rozier	Katy	8	54	200	4	266	322	82.61
TX-0316	Greater East End	Houston	0	1	2	0	3	18	16.67
TX-0319	Cortez/Norris	Deer Park	1	9	35	0	45	79	56.96
TX-0391	Theodore Roosevelt Inc	Houston	0	3	20	0	23	27	85.19
TX-0416	Southern Pacific Lines In	Houston	0	17	16	0	33	105	31.43
TX-0472	Harrisburg	Houston	3	26	124	0	153	230	66.52
TX-0490	South Houston Inc	South Houston	106	241	900	5	1,252	2,074	60.37
TX-0521	Edward H White, li	Pasadena	3	45	151	0	199	305	65.25
TX-0594	Griffith-Zann	Houston	0	23	53	0	76	157	48.41
TX-0596	American-Chinese	Houston	0	2	23	0	25	33	75.76
TX-0654	Spring Branch	Houston	8	40	110	1	159	246	64.63
		SUM:	144	525	1,777	10	2,456	3,936	62.4

COMMANDER REPORT

POST 164

FEB 13, 2022

Post 164 has been very busy as of late. In January we went back to Magnolia Cemetery to pick up the Wreaths that were laid out during our Wreath Across America event. We also picked up all of the Flag that were used to mark the correct Veterans Graves.

The Post winning Contestant for the Oratorical Contest competed in the 22nd District event and won and then moved on to compete at the 2nd Division Contest. He also won at the 2nd Division Contest and now will compete at the Department Contest on Feb 21st in San Antonio.

The Post is going thru some changes at our location. We are now the only occupant in the whole building. So we will be working to get the building ready for us to occupy the rest of the building.

The Post, Unit, Squadron and Riders will be participating in the Katy Rodeo Parade on Sat Feb 19th.

The Post and Unit 164 will be hosting Pizza Night at Camp Hope on Feb 24th.

The Post Hosted the Gulf Coast Blood Bank for a Blood Drive Sat Feb 12th. We had 12 donors. We will be hosting again next quarter again hoping for better results.

The Post and Unit 164 host a Pot Luck at the post on Sat Feb 12. A good time was had by all. We celebrated Jim Foland's 79th Birthday.

On Feb 1, 2022 Post 164 lost a veteran who was one of the Greatest Generation. His name was Ralph West. He was a member of The American Legion for 67 Continuous Years of Service.

On Feb 6, 2022 Post 164, Unit 164, Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation, Marine Corp League McLemore Detachment 324, and many other Sponsors Conducted a

Four Chaplains Ceremony at The Church at the Cross. It was a great Ceremony.
Thanks to all who helped put this on.

Post 490 report

We are currently at 69% on membership.

Today we have a membership drive and a chili cook off.

In the month of Jan, we donated three thousand dollars to the children and youth program for Pasadena Independent School.

Our Baseball team has started with practice games.

The post members have gone to three assistant living community and dropped off blankets and socks.

The service officers have help 7 members with there disability and has instructed the members on new forms for disability.

I have given lectures on Americanism and the 13 folds of the flag with other members from the post at two different elementary schools.

We are currently on the final draft on the new building.

Groundbreaking ceremony will be on March 1st.

Commander that is my report.

POST 521

FEB 13

MEMBERSHIP

305 GOAL

206 (9 TRANSFERRED NEW)

LOST 5 MEMBERS

WE HAVE 67.5% OF GOAL

APR. WILL HAVE CANCER DINNER

THIS COMING FRIDAY NIGHT

FROM 4P-6P. PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

BOY STATE

4 CONFIRM FROM 2 HIGH

SCHOOL WITH A POSSIBLE

OR 3 MORE FROM THESE

2 HIGH SCHOOLS

STILL WAITING ON SAM RUBY (BURN

1 PASSERON HIGH & BAPTIST

SCHOOL. POSSIBLE 6 MORE

FROM THESE 3 SCHOOLS.

WE WILL HAVE OUR BOYS STATE

INTERVIEWS SAT, MARCH 12TH

@ 1 PM. START.

WILL THERE BE AN ORIENTATION

@ POST 521 ON SAT, MAY 14TH

& @ WHAT TIME.

WHAT IS THE BUS FARE

& WILL THERE BE A BUS

FOR THIS SIDE OF DISTRICT 22?



Cortez / Norris American Legion Post 319

P.O. Box 2052 • Deer Park Texas 77536 • dpal319@gmail.com

Commander's Report

Aug - Auxiliary

Jan - S.A.L. Installation officer

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February 4, 2022 – Four Chaplins Ceremony

February 12, 2022 - Cortez, Norris American Legion Post 319 held its name change Dedication, in Deer Park Tx. Special guest included the members of the Cortez Family, two of his sisters and nieces and nephews, friends of PFC Cody Norris, Department Vice Commander Gene Toohey, Deer Park City Councilman Tommy Ginn, Deer Park Fire Department Chief Don Davis, JROTCs from La Porte High School and South Houston High School. *Sandwich trays were delivered to Deer Park Police & Fire Departments.*

March 10, 2022 – 103rd American Legion Birthday Celebration (At Post General Membership Meeting, 7:15pm Claude Burgess Recreational Center).

March 19, 2022 – Blood Drive with Gulf coast Blood Center (9am-1pm St. Hyacinth Church, 2921 Center St Deer Park Tx.).

April 9, 2022 – Voices of the Past (10am Crown Hill Cemetery, 813 N Richey St, Pasadena, Tx

~~May~~ Speaking of WWII Veteran Ben Geuterizes

May 30, 2022 – Memorial Day (At Twilight and La Porte Cemetery)

^{July}
~~June 8 – 10, 2022~~ – Jr Law Cadet (in Deer Park)

June 11, 2022 – Flag Day Celebration (TBD)

Projects with no set dates.

Video session with area Veterans.

Working with local Scouting unit and Eagle Scouts for requested projects.

CBOC for La Porte Texas

Coffee Cart, Deer Park High School North and South Campus

David W. Saucillo

Commander

02/13/2022

The American Legion 22nd District Commander's Report

Membership:

The goal for January is 85%
No post meet the goal.

Committees:

For a variety of reasons, we have Committee vacancies. We currently have openings for Disaster Preparedness, Legislative, Parliamentarian, Scouting and VA&R. Volunteers?

District Convention:

The District Convention will be held on March 26th at Post 164 in Katy. The Post will have gained control of the entire building by then, so there should be plenty of room. Convention packets are available on the web site.

Elections will be held at the Convention. If you are planning on running for a District office, the first step is to draft a resolution identifying support from your Post. The Post approved resolution is then used to served notice to District of your intention to run for office. The elected offices are: Commander, Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian and Sergeant at Arms. If you are an incumbent and would like to continue in that position, please inform the current Adjutant and your original resolution for the position will be honored.

I will not be seeking to fill the position of Commander. The Commander position will be need to be filled. Please think about the role you want in the 22nd district and start your resolutions



Harry Woodstrom
Commander 22nd District

AMERICANISM
AT
District 22

The American Legions pillar #3 is Americanism and it shows **our** respectful observance of Patriotic Holidays and Special Events.

AMERICANISM at a Post is about Programs;

ORATORICAL PROGRAM

This is for High School students and they will gain a better understanding of the U.S. Constitution because they must research it for their speeches.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

This program is about teaching young students gun safety, and marksmanship.

FLAG PROTECTION PROGRAMS AT SCHOOLS FOR THE STUDENTS.

These programs will increase awareness of how to display our Flag.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 39 BOOKLETS AVAILABLE ON AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITE FOR THE POST TO ORDER OR DOWNLOAD.

NOTES;

Posts need to create a Web Site to show their value in and around their community.

This is my report on some of the Americanism Programs.

William Kennison, Committee Chairperson
February 13, 2022

Baseball Committee

Registration is now open and on 31 March players must be established

May 15 all Coaches and Managers Staff and Volunteers background check and abuse awareness Certification must be submitted.

May 15 DEADLINE for team registration, included payment of registration fee and insurance (200 dollars late fees after May 15)

COMPOSE

Keep as New Reply Reply All Forward Delete Spam More

Search Mail

- Today on AOL
- New Mail 22
- Old Mail
- Drafts 20
- Sent
- Spam
- Recently Deleted
- Contacts
- Calendar

- Folders
- Saved Mail
- 1973 class ... 8
- 2018 MCCC
- 22nd Adjutant 1
- 22nd Chaplain
- 22nd distric... 3
- 40&8 22
- 40&8 Chef 3
- A M National 4
- Adjutant Po... 1
- AM Materials 3
- american g... 1
- American V... 38
- American ... 105

RE: Boys State 2022

Royal Carriages (info@royalcarriages.com)

To: you Details

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your recent inquiry for limousine information. We, at Royal Carriages Limousine We exclusively carry a wide variety of late model Lincoln MKT Sedans, Cadillac XTS Sedans, which range in size from 10 passenger Lincoln MKT Stretch limousines and 18 passenger Str passenger vans, 20 to 35 Passenger Limo Buses, minibuses which range in size 25 passeng Passenger Motor Coaches.

The following is a list of prices as of 02/2/2022

Type of Service: Point to point
Date of Service: 6/12/22 and 6/17/22
Time of service: 8AM
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National Security

We have 6500 or more Texas National Guard troops deployed at our border. They were Federally funded under President Trump, but the funding was taken away under President Biden. They have pay problems and live in poor conditions. They have given up jobs as police persons, small business owners, and college students. They and their families are enduring physical, mental, and economic hardships. Suicide is a major issue with these troops. I move that the District 22 of the American Legion and its Posts make it a priority to locate where these troops are and find out their needs, and their families' needs. See what we can do to assist them through lobbying, providing financial relief, and any other assistance. Further, I would like to hear from The American Legion Department of Texas why we have not given attention to this problem.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

TEMPLE POST 133, TEMPLE, TX

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT FOR SHIRLEY PLATT

AS A CANDIDATE FOR

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS HISTORIAN

2022-2023

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 133 in Temple, TX has a member in good standing in Shirley Platt; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Platt became eligible for membership in the American Legion by her honorable service in the United States Air Force from June 1975 until July 1996; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Platt is currently serving as Temple Post 133 Historian 2019 to 2022 and serving as District 11 Historian 2021 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Platt was the Post Historian winner of the Department of Texas History Book competition for 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By Temple Post 133, Temple, Texas convened in regular post meeting, February 1, 2022, that we go on record as proudly and unanimously endorsing the candidacy of Shirley Platt for the office of Department of Texas Historian for the years 2022 to 2023; be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to all District Commanders, Division Commanders, and Department Officers for their support of this outstanding Legionnaire.

ATTESTED BY:


William Sterling, Post 133 Adjutant



John Potts, Post 133 Commander

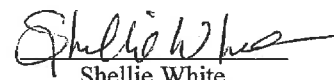


**Resolution of Endorsement
Michael Griffith
for
State Commander
The Department of Texas
2022-2023**

- WHEREAS:** It is the duty of the delegates of the 103rd State Convention in Austin, Texas to elect a State Commander for the year 2022-2023, and
- WHEREAS:** Missing in Action, Post 231 has a qualified candidate who is eligible for membership as a result of his service as an Electronics Technician in the United States Navy from August 1969 to August 1973, being Honorably Discharged, and
- WHEREAS:** He has been a working member of The American Legion for 51 years, a member of the Sons of the American Legion for 41 years and has given outstanding service to his Post and The American Legion, and
- WHEREAS:** On the Post level he has served as Judge Advocate 2 years, 2nd Vice Commander 3 years, 1st Vice Commander 2 years, Adjutant 15 years, Finance Officer 2 years, and as Commander he was Goal Post 3 times and Hall of Fame and All American Commander, once each, and
- WHEREAS:** He has served the 4th District in the Color Guard, Service Officer, S.A.L. Liaison, and as Commander for the years 1994-1996 where he achieved 100% membership each year, and was the top District Commander in the State, and
- WHEREAS:** He has served the 1st Division on several committees and as Division Commander for the year 2002-2003, where he achieved Hall of Fame and top Division Commander, and
- WHEREAS:** He has served the Department on Membership, Americanism, VA&R, committees and as S.A.L. Liaison, as Vice-Commander in 2005-2006 he traveled 32,000 miles promoting American Legion Membership Programs, and
- WHEREAS:** He has served on the National Americanism Commission, and is currently serving as the National Sergeant-At-Arms, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That with pride and full support of the Members of Lake Texoma Missing in Action Post 231 Department of Texas on this Ninth day of October 2021 at its regular general membership meeting go on record as wholeheartedly and unanimously endorsing Michael Griffith, an outstanding Legionnaire, as candidate for Department Commander of The American Legion Department of Texas for the year 2022-2023.


Gary Winters
Adjutant


Shellie White
Commander

Endorsed at the 4th District Convention on October 24, 2021.



**The American Legion
Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164
PO Box 1171
Katy, Texas 77492**

RESOLUTION FOR UNIFORM and PROTOCOL

WHEREAS: According to Resolution No. 46, passed in spring 1965 by the National Executive Committee, "A Legionnaire is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official American Legion Cap."; and

WHEREAS: being in uniform generates pride of self and organization; and

WHEREAS: being in uniform is a privilege of The American Legion membership; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the only head gear allowed at American Legion meetings be the approved American Legion cap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that, we the members of American Legion Katy, Texas Post 164, at our regular membership meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2022, go on record as adopting this resolution for Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164, Katy Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Texas for their adoption.

Attest:

James McGuire, Commander
Post 164, Katy, Texas

William Kennison, Adjutant
Post 164, Katy, Texas

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 5-6, 1965**

Resolution No. 46: Regulations Governing - Wearing The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia

Origin: Emblem Committee

Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21, adopted May 5, 1939, dealing with "Regulations Governing Use of Caps" was rescinded by action of the National Executive Committee in May 1962, omnibus Resolution No. 54 upon recommendation of the National Emblem Committee as "Purpose Accomplished"; and

WHEREAS, Regulations Governing-Wearing The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia appear in the Manual of Ceremonies section of the Post Commander's Guide and are deemed proper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1965, That the following be and they are hereby declared to be the official regulations governing the wearing of The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia:

- 1. The Legion cap, uniform or regalia should be worn by its members, only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions. For all ceremonies, the uniforms adopted by a department are recommended. However, an official American Legion cap, dark blue or black civilian coat white or dark trousers, white shirt, black four in hand tie, black shoes and socks, make a very attractive and inexpensive uniform. A Legionnaire is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official American Legion cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear an American Legion cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.**
- 2. The cap should be worn in church only by the guard of honor, color guard and commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.**
- 3. Legion posts marching in formation into a church should uncover, at the church door, hold the cap in the right hand opposite the left shoulder until arrival in the pews and commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise, the members holding the cap in the right hand opposite the left shoulder will march out of the church and re-cover after marching through the door. Note: The hat should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket and is not at any time worn in church except by the guard of honor, color guard or commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.**
- 4. Legionnaires not in formation will uncover upon entering the church and remain uncovered during the entire service and will re-cover after leaving the church.**
- 5. At the graveside the cap should be held in the right hand opposite the left shoulder during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather the cap should not be doffed.**
- 6. In Legion meetings the cap should be worn except during the moments of prayer and except when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held in the right hand at the left shoulder.**
- 7. A Legionnaire wearing the cap should deport himself as to salutes, etc., the same as he would if he were wearing the military uniform. If he is not wearing the Legion cap the ordinary rules of etiquette for civilian dress should be observed.**
- 8. Female members of The American Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the Armed Services; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED, That those actions and resolutions heretofore adopted by the National Executive Committee or National Conventions of The American Legion pertaining to the Regulations Governing-Wearing of The American Legion Cap, Uniform and Regalia be and they are hereby rescinded.



**The American Legion
Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164
Katy, Texas 77492**

**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT
FOR James E. McGuire
As ADJUTANT
22ND DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2022-2024**

WHEREAS: The American Legion, Department of Texas, in its efforts to better serve veterans and their families And further the aims and purposes of the American Legion, continues to seek qualified and dedicated Leadership; and

WHEREAS: American Legion Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164, Katy, Texas has such leadership in the person of James McGuire, a member in good standing for the past 10 years, whose devotion, hard work ethic, and Commitment to The American Legion is well documented; and

WHEREAS: James McGuire is eligible for membership in the American Legion by his 20 years of active service in United States Army during the Cold War Era retiring in 1998 as a Sergeant First Class; and

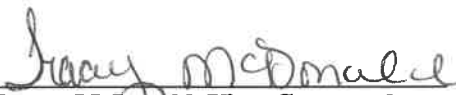
WHEREAS: James McGuire has served as the Commander of Post 164, during which time the post started The Junior Shooting Sports Program, he has served Post 164 as Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Historian, and a member of the Honor Guard; and

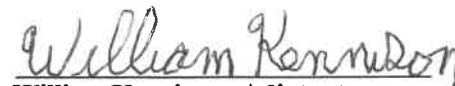
WHEREAS: James McGuire served honorably as the 22nd District Sergeant at Arms during 2018-2020; and the 22nd District Adjutant from 2021 – 2022

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that, we the members of American Legion Katy, Texas Post 164, at our regular Membership meeting held on the 18th day of January, 2022, go on record as endorsing James McGuire For the office of Adjutant, 22nd District, Department of Texas, for the years 2022-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to each post in the 22nd District of the Department Of Texas, soliciting their support.

Attest:


Tracey McDonald, Vice- Commander
Post 164, Katy, Texas


William Kennison, Adjutant
Post 164, Katy, Texas



**The American Legion
Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164
Katy, Texas 77492**

**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT
FOR Harry R Woodstrom
As COMMANDER
2ND DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2022-2023**

WHEREAS: The American Legion, Department of Texas, in its efforts to better serve veterans and their families and further the aims and purposes of the American Legion, continues to seek qualified and dedicated leadership; and

WHEREAS: American Legion Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164, Katy, Texas has such leadership in the person of Harry Woodstrom, a paid-up-for-life Legionnaire, whose devotion, hard work ethic, and commitment to The American Legion is well documented; and

WHEREAS: Harry Woodstrom is eligible for membership in the American Legion by his 11 years of active duty in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict Era and his 15 years of service in the Army National Guard retiring in 1986 as a Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS: Harry Woodstrom has served as the Commander of Post 164, during which time the post started the Auxiliary Unit 164, the Katy Post 164 Honor Guard was formed, the monthly Breakfast with our Veterans program was launched, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 164 was formed; and

WHEREAS: Harry Woodstrom served honorably as the Post 164 Commander from 2017 to 2019, 22nd District Vice Commander from 2018 to 2021 and as the 22nd District Commander from 2021 to 2022; and

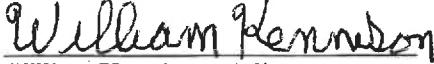
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that, we the members of American Legion Katy, Texas Post 164, at our regular membership meeting held on the 18th day of January, 2022, go on record as endorsing Harry Woodstrom for the office of Commander, 2nd Division, Department of Texas, for the years 2022-2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to each District in the 2nd Division of the Department Of Texas, soliciting their support.

Attest:



James McGuire, Commander
Post 164, Katy, Texas



William Kennison, Adjutant
Post 164, Katy, Texas

THE AMERICAN LEGION
RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT
FOR JIMMY L. MITCHELL
COMMANDER 2ND DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS 2022 – 2023

WHEREAS: The American Legion, Department of Texas, 2nd Division, in its efforts to better serve veterans and their families and to further the aims and purposes of the American Legion, continues to seek qualified and dedicated leadership; and

WHEREAS: American Legion John R, Burkett Beverly E Miller Post 77 Houston, Texas believes standards of performance and codes of conduct always are of great value, especially for future generations; and

WHEREAS: Has such leadership in the person of Jimmy L. Mitchell, a qualified Legionnaire with 12 years of membership in the Legion, whose devotion, work ethic, and commitment to The American Legion, and to his community is well-documented; and

WHEREAS: Jimmy L. Mitchell is eligible for membership in the American Legion by virtue of his active-duty service in the United States Marine Corps during the periods of the Vietnam War and the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS: Jimmy L. Mitchell has given dedicated service to The American Legion, as 1st Vice Commander & Post Commander, Oratorical & Boys State Chairman, Finance Officer, & Adjutant for Post 77, 22nd District Boys State, National Security & School Awards Chairman, Vice Commander, and Commander with two years as number one District in the Department and top District in the Nation for category 3, 2nd Division National Security Chairman, served on Long Range Planning Committee, and Membership, Organization & Post Activities Commission, Uniform Organization and;

WHEREAS: In addition to his service to The American Legion Jimmy L. Mitchell served other Military Associations: Marine Corps Coordinating Council, 40&8 Voyageur 163, Houston Military Affairs Committee, Reserve Officers Association, Jimmy L. Mitchell served in other community organizations: Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) HISD, Houston Texas, Fort Bend (ISD) JROTC programs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the membership of American Legion John R. Burkett-Beverly E. Miller Post 77, Houston, Texas, at our regular membership meeting held on January 27, 2022, go on record as unanimously endorsing Jimmy L. Mitchell for the high office of Commander 2nd Division Department of Texas for the year of 2022-2023.

BE IT FURTHER **RESOLVED**, that a copy of his resolution be forwarded to each District in the 2nd Division in the Department of Texas, soliciting their support for this resolution.

Attest: /s/ Octavio Gonzalez, Commander

/s/ Maria Martinez, Adjutant

Endorsement by Post

Endorsed by Post, 77, 22nd District of the Department of Texas at our Post Meeting held on the 27th day of January, 2022

Attest: Octavio Gonzalez Commander, Maria C Martinez Adjutant