



22nd District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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November 17, 2024

American Legion Post 164 Katy

The 22nd District Executive Committee Meeting was held on November 17, 2024, at.

District Vice Commander Robert Harvey called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted in due form.

Roll Call of Officers and Posts

All current District Officers except the District Commander were in attendance. The district still has vacancies for a Service Officer and Public Relations Officer. All posts except 391, 416, 472, 596, and 654 were represented. According to Judge Advocate Jimmy Mitchell we had a quorum.

District Vice Commander Harvey acknowledged Past NECman Butch Sparks, Past State Commander Lynn Sparks, Past Division & 22nd District Commander Jimmy Mitchell, Past District Commanders, Harry Woodstrom, Jim McGuire, and Joseph Thomas, Past District Commander, and current SAL Commander for the 2nd Division. Also in attendance were Gene Britton, Commander of Squadron 164 in Katy and Max Maxwell, Finance Officer of Squadron 208 in Kerrville.

District Vice Commander Harvey then introduced Past Department Vice Commander, 3rd Division Richard Huntley who addressed the body. He informed the body that he was a candidate for State Commander for 2025-2026 and asked for our support. He also informed the body that he is the Boys State Chair for the Department this year and that the enrollment fee is now \$400 per boy.

District Vice Commander Harvey then introduced Thom Skelly, member of Squadron 208 in Kerrville, Texas. Thom informed the body that he was a candidate for National Commander, Sons of the American Legion for the year 2026-2027 and asked for everyone's support.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks read the District Finance Report (ATTCH1). Motion by Lynn to accept the report, second by J. T. Thomas. Motion accepted.

Judge Advocate Jimmy Mitchell asked members to review our 22nd District C&BL's and provide him recommended changes that can be addressed. He hopes to get a revised edition completed and approved for submission to the Department at our Spring Convention.

Chaplain Bruce Pettengill informed the body that there will be 4 Chaplains ceremony on February 15, 2024, in Katy. Details to follow.

Historian Hector Hernandez reported that he is working with posts to get information on their history so he can work on the District Yearbook. He also gave a verbal report on the history of Post 164 in Katy.

Sergeant -At-Arms J. T. Thomas said there were twenty-one members and 3 guests in attendance. (ATTCH 2)

Vice Commander Robert Harvey provided an update on District Membership. According to the numbers the 22nd District is falling way behind in membership, and everyone needs to take action to get our members on board. (ATTCH 3)

Post Reports:

Post 52 – Post Adjutant read his report (ATTCH 4)

Post 77- Post Commander Hernandez read his report to the body. (ATTCH 5)

Post 164- Post Commander Krum read his report to the body (ATTCH 6)

Post 319- Post Adjutant Sherry Thomas read her report to the body. (ATTCH 7)

Post 391 – No Report- Absent

Post 416 – No Report- Absent

Post 472 – No Report- Absent

Post 490 – Post Commander Rene Sanchez highlighted the post's activities. (ATTCH 8)

Post 521 – Post Commander Robert Harvey highlighted the post's activities. (ATTCH 9)

Post 596 – No Report - Absent

Post 654 – No report - Absent

Committee Reports by Chairs that were at the meeting:

Boys State; Oratorical; Webmaster – Chairman Woodstrom provided a verbal overview of these important topics (ATTCH 10) Harry also provided the body the website for our 22nd District. It is www.legiondist22.com. Also please check the web site to make sure the information in your post is correct.

Americanism/School Awards – Chairman Jimmy Mitchell asked the posts to see him after the meeting and provide him their post points of contacts for these important programs. (ATTCH 11)

Community Service – Chairperson Sherry Thomas provided an overview of community activities by posts that have provided her input. She congratulated Post 164 for accumulating over 2000 hours of community support this year to date. (ATTCH 12)

Constitution and By-Laws: Chair Butch Sparks asked posts to review their C&BL's and if needed they should be revised and sent to Department for review and approval.

Hubmaster – Chair Butch Sparks informed attendees that he sends out information as he receives it and if posts want information sent out to other posts within the district, please send it to him for distribution.

Membership – Division Membership Chair Butch Sparks provides membership stats for the district on a weekly basis. A copy of the latest report is attached. (ATTCH 13)

POW/MIA – Chairman Hector Hernandez highlighted the status of this program. He also invited posts to attend the National Cemetery Council meetings held the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Funeral Home which is located adjacent to the Houston National Cemetery.

Advisor to the S.A.L. – Advisor Jimmy Mitchell provided an overview of the 22nd Squadron's data.

Scouting – Chairman J.T. Thomas informed the body of the available 2nd Division Scholarship for \$1000 that is given out to a Scout each year. Asked the body to contact him for more details.

School Awards – Chair Jimmy Mitchell discussed the importance of School Awards.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Butch Sparks read Richard Huntley's resolution for Department State Commander for the year 2025-2026 and moved that the 22nd District endorse Legionnaire Huntley for his office. Jim McGuire seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Harry Woodstrom made a motion to raise the District Nursing Scholarship to \$1000. Sandy Krum seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Harry will update the application form will send it to the appropriate committee members.

Good of The Legion:

Vice Commander Harvey said our next D.E.C. will be on February 16, 2025, at Post 521 in Pasadena starting at 2 p.m.

Jimmy Mitchell discussed the Department Drill Team competition and that there were no participants this year. We need to work to have one from our District next year.

Harry Woodstrom gave an overview of the Siegmund Fund.

Members from Post 319 presented a donation check to Thom Skelly to assist in his candidacy for National Commander of the Sons for year 26-27.

Closing Ceremonies were held in due form.

Butch Sparks

22nd District Adjutant

Enclosures