



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter August 2026

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Year-End Financial Review and Audit

As we close our fiscal year and complete the review of our financials, the Executive Board will conduct the annual audit once the July books are finalized. I expect the audit to be completed by mid-September, after which the results will be published.

The audit results will be available on our website, and a paper copy will be placed in the Canteen for members to review. Our Constitution and By-Laws require this audit each year, and we want our membership to know that we are fulfilling those responsibilities.

Membership and Dues

Membership in Paschall Post 164 for 2026 membership year has reached 102% of quota, and we continue to grow. We enter our 2027 Membership year 1 August.

As previously shared, the Department of Ohio has increased its per-capita dues by \$5.00, which means our annual dues will increase to \$50.00. To put that in perspective, the increase amounts to about 1.36 cents per day. If that creates a concern for you, please let us know so we can talk.

Even with this increase, our dues remain lower than some organizations that charge \$85.00 or more per year. Remember, we are not simply a club; we are **The American Legion**, the leading veteran's organization in the United States.

Department Convention

This past month the following Post Officers were designated as Delegates to the Convention representing Paschall Post 164

- Commander Joe (Woody) Woodrum
- Finance Officer Janson Norris
- Adjutant Ken Flaute
- 1st Vice Commander David Flannigan (who was unable to attend due to personal issues here at home).
- Past 12th District Commander Brad Beatty was our Alternate delegate.

We gathered valuable information and attended meetings focused on supporting veterans and strengthening our Post. These included:

- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R)
- Finance
- Constitution and By-Laws
- 12th District Caucus
- Additional sessions related to veterans' programs and Post operations

The Department budget affects our Post because it influences our dues. VA&R also affects us because it helps us stay informed about changes that may impact veterans' benefits.

For example, we learned that tinnitus and sleep apnea may likely be removed from the disability list going forward. However, members who are currently receiving benefits for either condition are not losing those benefits.

The Convention also offered officer training through the Ohio American Legion College at no cost. Classes on leadership and other important topics help provide the proper practices needed to manage and lead the Post effectively.

Around the Post

The new HVAC unit has been installed on the Canteen side. We also had all the vents throughout the Post cleaned; which many of us believe had not been done since the building was constructed in 1991.

The difference is noticeable. Air now flows more cleanly and smoothly throughout the Post. The new HVAC system should also help reduce electrical costs because it is more efficient and does not have to work as hard.

This unit is identical to the system installed on the Hall side about two years ago. We also have a maintenance plan with Air Quality Services, so we look forward to both units providing reliable heating and cooling for years to come.

Membership Meetings

I know I say this often, and I will continue to say it: the best way for members to stay informed about Post business, programs, projects, finances, events, and other important matters is to attend membership meetings.

The American Legion is more than a bar. It is an organization that works for the benefit of all veterans. This is **your Post**, and you have a voice in its business. However, that voice must be present at membership meetings to be heard. The Canteen is not the place to conduct Post business.

We have a strong Executive Board, and one of the best ways to support them is to take one hour each month to attend a meeting. That one hour can make a difference for the Post and for your fellow veterans.

I do not expect every member to attend every meeting, but I do ask that you consider attending at least once a quarter. That is only four hours a year in support of your brothers and sisters who served.

Our Executive Board members receive no pay for what they do, yet they give many hours each month for the benefit of the Post, our members, and our veterans. We also have members like Mike and Vickie Flannigan, who give generously of their time through the M.A.S.H. Garden and by attending membership meetings.

They are examples of members stepping up for the Post. Please take a moment to ask yourself: can I give one hour a month to attend a meeting and support the Post?

August Meetings

- Membership Meeting: August 13 at 6:00 PM
- Executive Board Meeting: August 29 at 10:00 AM

Paschall Post Leading the Way

Joseph (Woody) Woodrum, Commander

The Adjutant's Corner:

The 2027 membership cards are here. They will be available after August 3rd when you pay your \$50.00 membership dues. I plan to be available to provide you with your new card on Thursday evening in the month of August from 5 PM until 8 PM at the Post canteen. I also plan to be available on other days, but because my schedule is very fluid at this time, due to family issues, I am not sure exactly when, but you can watch our Facebook page for these additional dates and times. That said, I think that the best time will be Thursday, August 13th and then you can attend the monthly membership meeting also. You may see that it is actually enjoyable to attend membership meetings, and it will give you a voice in what happens at the Post as well.

In service to our Veterans
Ken Flaute, Post Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP

No Report on Membership at this time.

David Flannigan
1st Vice Cmdr.

EVENTS

Greetings from the Events Chair.

I hope everyone has had a great start to summer. The month of August will find us having 3 Saturdays of entertainment with our local bands. September starts football season, and those Saturdays will be filled up with football games and tailgate parties instead of bands. (Majority rules) With that in mind, the following Saturdays have these bands scheduled from 6pm to 10pm.

8th of Aug. Alexander Brothers in the canteen.

22nd of Aug is the Post Family Picnic outside in the shelter house. The Phantomz Band is playing in the evening.

29th of Aug is a Potato Bar Signup Dinner. Our Band is the For What It's Worth Band.

5th of September is the Labor Day Community Charity Event with the Elks Lodge #37, here at the Post. It is an outside event with Bob Browning and Double Barrel Band playing in the evening in the shelter house. All proceeds from this event will be donated to a Local Charity. Less expenses of course. Please Check our Facebook page for updates and more information.

I would like to thank everyone that showed up in July to support the Canteen, Kitchen, and the Post. I encourage everyone to continue supporting your Post, and to reach out to your friends who have not been in for a while and invite them back in for these events.

As a reminder, the Post Canteen will be closed on Sundays until August 31. With that said, let us visit the canteen often during the week to support our staff and keep the bills paid!

Jeffrey L. Shupe
Paschall Post 164
2nd Vice Commander



Chaplain's Corner:

No Article from the Chaplain this Month

Len Stayton, Paschall Post Chaplain



Greetings Auxiliary members,

No Report this month.

Regards,

Erin Stout
President



Sons of the American Legion

Greetings fellow SONS.

Fellow Sons,

No Report this month.

Curt Long
164 Squadron Commander