



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter September 2026

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Commander's Message

Time flies when you're having fun, and this month certainly gave us plenty to keep us busy. Between three bands, a power outage, and operating on paper for two days, our Post had its share of challenges. At times, it seems we thrive on chaos—but we weather the storms because we are a family. We care for one another, accept each other's flaws, and keep moving forward together.

Facility Updates

With September upon us, the Canteen will again be open on Sundays from noon to 11:00 p.m., depending on patron activity. We also have several improvement projects underway. We are preparing the Hall for painting, adding acoustical control boards to the walls, and moving forward with the installation of new floors. Once we settle on doors that complement the new flooring and overall look of the Hall, that project begins Sept. 18 thru the 23. We need volunteers to help paint the Chair Rail and the lower half of the walls in the Hall. Should take only a day. We also need some help removing the cove base along the bottom portion of the wall. Again a minimal amount of time will be required for this. If you can help let us know. A date for this to begin will be posted.

New Membership Year

The new membership year has begun, and I encourage everyone to renew as soon as possible. Beginning January 1, anyone who has not renewed for 2027 will need to pay dues on the spot before entering the Canteen. We will be checking all 2027 membership cards: no card, no admittance.

This policy is necessary because one individual entered with another member while delaying payment of dues through April 2026. I will not share that person's name, but we will be watching membership status closely this year. You know the story "One bad Apple tends to spoil the bunch.". We will treat everyone fairly and remain consistent in our ID checks. We will check Legionnaires, S.A.L.s and Auxiliary.

9/11 Memorial Service

September also brings the 9/11 Memorial Service at the station house on Buckeye Parkway. We will begin gathering at the fire house at 8:00 a.m., and the service will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

If you have never attended this service, I encourage you to do so. It is a solemn and meaningful event, and the Grove City community turns out each year. Our Honor Guard does an outstanding job, and the community has come to rely on our Post to help make the service happen.

On that day 25 years ago, civilians, service members, and first responders suffered tremendous loss. Please join us as we remember those who ran toward the chaos, flames, and smoke to save people who had done nothing to deserve such a tragic end.

Legionnaire Meeting

The next Legionnaire meeting is September 10 at 6:00 p.m. I have said this before, and I will keep saying it: this is your meeting. Attend, add your voice, and get the news straight from the source. It is also a chance to learn how you can help make the Post better for yourself and others.

If you think meetings are boring, come see for yourself. You may find that you enjoy being involved—and we even have an occasional door prize. You never know; you might win something.

Buddy Check Committee

We are looking for a few good people to serve on a committee that will check in, by phone, with active members we do not often see at the Post. This is what we call a buddy check. It does not take much time to ask a few sincere questions and let people know we care.

- How have you been?
- Is everything going well?
- Is there anything we Legionnaires can do to assist you?
- We truly want to help if we can.

Questions like these infer that we genuinely care—and we do. If you are interested in giving about an hour each month to make a few calls, please let me know.

In closing, let us be the Post that leads the way in the 12th District rather than the Post that trails behind. We are better than that. We are stronger than that. We are Paschall Post 164 LEADING THE WAY.

Jospeh (Woody) Woodrum
Commander

MEMBERSHIP

Hello fellow Post 164 members.

As of this newsletter **Dept. of Ohio Reports that** we have **31** Renewals, **1 888** Transfer, **41** PUFL Mbrs. **Our Quota is currently 336** members. As we move forward **within this** New Membership Year, I want to thank each member for the honor of allowing me to serve as your 1st Vice Commander. With your help and support it is my goal to have our Post meet quota by December 1st. Commander Woodrum has requested that we attempt to increase our membership by 2%. That means we need to recruit 6 new members and not lose any members in the process. If we lose one we must recover 2. I ask you help in achieving this goal. **I hope to see you at the next Membership meeting on Sept. 10th.**

David Flannigan

1st Vice Cmdr.

EVENTS

Just a few ramblings from your post 2nd Vice Commander

Once again, I would like to give a big shout out to everyone who came to the legion for the annual summer picnic on August the 22nd

The canteen was packed with people when the power went out for 3 hours but that did not stop us. When the power came back on we were still packed and ready to listen to the Phantomz We really appreciate everybody who came, who stayed, and who spent their time with us. **Once** again the staff saved the day. Thank you!

Sept. 5th is our Labor Day Charity Event with the Elks here at our post. It starts around 4 after the OSU football game. We will also be providing music with Bob Browning and Double Barrel. Food will be provided again, the same menu as the pcnic.

Sept. 19th we will have Okie Dokie Karaoke from 6-10; **we** hope everyone comes out and support our efforts to make this a better post.

Jeffrey L Shupe

2nd Vice Post 164



Chaplain's Corner 1 April 2026

Some People Are Just Asses

by Len Stayton, Chaplain 30 Aug 2026

Let's face it. Some people are just asses. They can't seem to help themselves. They take advantage of any and every opportunity to make the rest of us miserable. Sometimes, we'd just like to shoot them and put them out of everyone's misery. Unfortunately, it is against Post policy to discharge a firearm into the upper torso of another human being unless threatened with bodily harm yourself. So what can we do?

It is a well-known fact that, we cannot control the actions of another human being. They can do whatever they want, as long as they can get away with it, without fear of punishment or reprisal. We have no recourse but to put up with their BS. However, we do have a secret weapon, one that will defeat them before they ever get started.

But before I tell you about that, let's examine what it is the ass gets out of being an ass. His/her object is, of course, to push your buttons, to make you angry or hurt or upset enough so that you react. Chances are, if you react to a bully like that, your reaction will be a negative one. You may shout ugly names at the person or even resort to some sort of physical violence. As soon as you do that, they win. That is the only reason they push your buttons, the only reason they push you until you snap. They want that reaction. It gives them some sort of evil pleasure to see others suffer enough to lose control.

So, what is that secret weapon I mentioned? What can you do to stop the ass in his/her tracks and beat them at their own game? Refuse to react. Nothing will upset them more than to be ignored. Be like a duck and let their snide remarks and hurtful comments roll off your back. Even pretend they are not there. Don't talk to them, don't look at them, don't react to them in any way. It won't be long before they get tired of getting no reaction and move on to be an ass to someone else. If enough people ignore them, they will eventually find some other place to spread their poison.

I know. It's easy for me to sit here at my computer and tell you what you should do. Wielding this secret weapon is not at all easy but it is doable. You can do it. All you have to do is to go into your head and keep telling yourself that that person is an ass and doesn't deserve your time or energy. You are above their petty BS and do not have any interest in listening, let alone reacting, to it.

There is little we can do to prevent people like this from entering our lives; however, we can control how we react to them. That is our one and only defense. If they get no response, we have taken away their pleasure and therefore their reason to be an ass. Oh, and also, you might quietly pray for them. People like that REALLY need prayer.

God bless.



Greetings Auxiliary members,

No Report this month.

Regards,

Erin Stout
President



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Greetings fellow SONS.

Fellow Sons,

No Report this month.

Curt Long
164 Squadron Commander