

American Legion Post 164 Newsletter November 2026

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Greetings to every member of the Paschall Post 164 family.

I use the word *family* because that is exactly what we have become. United by a shared purpose, we continue to make great strides toward being the best membership Post in Ohio. Over the past several years, we have achieved many firsts and transformed a worn-down Post into a revitalized organization—one that every member can proudly say they belong to: "I'm a member of Paschall Post 164 in Grove City, Ohio." Our work supports all four pillars of the American Legion.

1. **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**: We donate to veterans and support projects that address their needs, along with many other efforts that improve their well-being.
2. **National Security**: Our Post advocates for a strong national defense, a high quality of life for military personnel, homeland security, sound foreign relations, and a full accounting of prisoners of war and those missing in action.
3. **Americanism**: We promote patriotism, responsible citizenship, flag protection, and voter participation. We also support youth programs, including Scouting, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, and Girls State.
4. **Children & Youth**: The Legion protects and supports young people through initiatives focused on catastrophic illness, intellectual disabilities, immunization, family integrity, and child welfare.

Progress and Innovation

Our Post is actively advancing each of these priorities, expanding our efforts year after year. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished. I believe we were the first Post in Ohio to accept credit cards at the canteen, a change that helps us serve younger generations, who often prefer cards to cash. We have also extended this convenience to online hall-rental reservations.

A New Sign and a New Look

Our new sign is scheduled to be installed within the next few weeks, marking another major step forward. It will allow us to share important messages, welcome dignitaries, announce parties, weddings, and birthdays, and post community updates such as emergency notices and closures. This long-awaited improvement gives Paschall Post 164 a fresh, modern presence. The sign also includes the logos of the Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary—another visible reminder that we are one family.

Fall Activities and Member Participation

Fall brings football, basketball, holiday gatherings, and many memorable occasions. As we enjoy the season, please be mindful of those around you and treat everyone with respect. If someone is unkind, do not engage; simply move on and do not let the encounter ruin your day.

In Conclusion

This month may be a little slower with thoughts of Thanksgiving and such. However, let us not forget we have FOOTBALL GAMES on. Friday and Saturday, big College Games; Sunday, Monday and the occasional Thursday are Pro Football days and nights. Least we forget the impromptu gathering of friends just for fun.

Please also attend your respective meetings, whether you are a Legionnaire or a member of the Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary. Participation is a responsibility of membership. Without your input, leadership cannot know what you want—or what you do not want. Decisions are not based on informal canteen conversations. The S.A.L. Commander and Auxiliary President attend the Legionnaires' Executive Board meeting so that each organization can share information through an efficient, effective communication process. That is how we do things. Your cooperation is essential to the process. Be a part of the solution, attend your membership meetings. Be involved in the Post. You may find that you like what your doing and have a new purpose in life.

I have been asked why I like being a Commander. The truth is, I like seeing the Post thrive. I like seeing it become what it should have always been. A Place were Veterans and their Families can come, enjoy the company of others that have shared experiences. A place where their Families are welcomed as well. The Legion is Generational. How many of our Post members are members because their Father, Mother, Grandfather, Brother, or other Relatives were members? There are quite a few. Stay safe and healthy.

Joseph (Woody) Woodrum
Commander

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Post 164 members,

Happy November its the month to reflect on what you are thankful for. Our Post family is growing every month and every month our Post is getting better for it. We are continuously working to improve our post and continuously strive to make it a place to be proud of. I am proud to be part of the team and I thank you for allowing me to represent you. I want to personally thank the people who volunteer and give up their personal time to make our post a better place. Thank you to every member for making our post what it is today and for making every person who walks in our door feel like family. And to our staff you guys are the heart and soul that makes this place great every day.

I am very excited to say that we have alot of things going on this month so make sure you check our calendar for events, special dinners and activities. We are going to start an in house dart league if you are interested please let the staff or I know. If there is something that you would like to see at our post please do not hesitate to discuss with the staff or a board member. We are here for you and want to know what you would like to see.

Happy Holidays
1st Vice Commander
David Flannigan

EVENTS

Good Day American Legion Post 164!

I hope everyone enjoyed the past month and the activities we had scheduled. I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the post.
Just a reminder for everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd

This month the 11th is Veterans Day. We will be meeting at the Park Street Town Center for our yearly Observance of America's Veterans. Afterwards we will be meeting at the post for open house. Cash bar with food provided. And as always, this is open to the public. Please inform your friends and neighbors to help us celebrate this day.

This month we have the following events scheduled:
Nov 14th, 5-7pm Smoked Wings, mac and cheese.
There will be a pot luck bring in for the Buckeye game.
Bob Browning and Double Barrel providing the music from 6-10pm.
Also during this time the Auxiliary will be having a bake sale.
Nov 19th Chicken Noodles Dinner with mashed potatoes. 5-7pm Sign up sheets in Canteen
Nov 21st, Landis Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner with Salad and a roll. 5-7pm. Sign up sheets in Canteen
Nov 28th Beat Xichigan tailgate party! Morning breafast being served between 10-1130am.
Game kick off is at noon or there after. Potluck during game day! For What it's Worth Band is providing the music from 6-10pm.

Go Buckeyes! Beat that team up north!2nd Vice Commander
Jeff Shupe



So, What Exactly Is Sin?
(Part Two in a Series)

by Len Stayton, Chaplain 6 Oct 2026

Last time, we discussed how ALL people are imperfect. What does that word, "imperfect," mean? In biblical terms, it simply means "sin." That brings us to our topic today: What Exactly Is Sin? That's a good question. I'm glad you asked.

Many people try to make sin complicated when, in truth, it is one of the simplest things to explain. Sin is simply disobedience to God. Throughout the Bible God gives us commands: do this, don't do that. These commands sound restrictive but, actually, they are meant to protect us from ourselves and our own selfish nature. They also serve to help us get along with each other. Let's look at some examples.

In Exodus, chapter 20, we find one of the best known list of rules in the world: the Ten Commandments. God gave these to Moses on Mount Sinai while Moses was leading the Israelites to the promised land. The Ten Commandments have been the basis for the laws of almost every country in the civilized world; therefore, even if you are ambivalent toward the Bible, it seems important to study them.

The first four commandments describe a believer's relationship with God. We will skip over them now and save them for another day.

The fifth commandment is "Honor your father and mother." This commandment, like some others we will discuss shortly, is designed to make family life harmonious. God established families as the best method to raise children. These children will grow and learn and become upstanding citizens by honoring (meaning to respect and obey) their parents. God believes this so much that He made a command for it and therefore, designated as a sin any disobedience in that regard is subject to His judgement.

The sixth commandment governs how we interact in civil society. "Do not murder" is such an important command that virtually every civilization has adopted it as the law of the land and for good reason. When addressing this commandment, Jesus went even further and stated "… anyone who murders will be subject to judgement. But I tell you … anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool," will be in danger of the fire of Hell." The Hebrew word "Raca" is equivalent to the English word "moron." So, if you think someone is a moron, it's OK to think it, but as soon as you put it on Facebook, you have committed a sin.

"You shall not commit adultery," is the next commandment. This is obviously put in place to preserve marriages. Statistically, there are two major causes of divorce: money and adultery. We'll discuss money later, but adultery, as many of us know, is a big problem in a marriage. Most marriages do not come back from the Big A. God meant to preserve marriages to help people live a happier life.

Another commandment that has been widely adopted in common law is "You shall not steal." You have your stuff and your neighbor has his stuff. As long as we keep it that way, everyone gets along. Allow people to take what does not belong to them and you have chaos. Again, God's plan is to promote civil tranquility.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” This one is also interpreted as, “do not lie.” Telling lies leads to all sorts of bad situations and it is just as bad for the liar as it is to the one who is lied to. Once again, this commandment is designed to make it easier to live with each other.

The last commandment is also designed to keep life simple and harmonious. “Do not covet,” simply means, “do not want.” So we are not to want what our neighbor has or, if we do, there’s a Home Depot right down the street. Go buy your own.

Each of God’s commandments has a purpose and they are all designed to make it easier to live with each other. That is God’s plan and God doesn’t like it when you mess with His plan. Therefore, He made it a sin to do what He told us not to do. So, now that you understand what sin is and why it’s important not to, let’s explore the consequences of disobeying God; in the next installment.

God bless.



From the Post Adjutant:

Well, another exciting month is just beginning. This month is Veteran's Day, followed by Thanksgiving and the BIG Game! However, what you truly don't want to miss is the BIG changes that have been happening at YOUR Post. If you have not been to the Post in a while, you have should come by to see it decorated for Halloween; IT WAS FANTASTIC. We are looking forward to the Christmas Decorations. The Canteen will be decorated for certain holidays to help keep the spirit. Come in, you will love it. And if you haven't seen the Hall side lately, WOW, you don't know what you are missing.

Our kitchen is now operating 5 day a week with some of the best food you can get. We have "Bands" on various weekends. Our Slots are open for your gaming enjoyment in a smoke-free environment. Most importantly, you can have some of the best conversations and hear some of the best, and sometimes funniest, stories around. To use a military vernacular "and this is NO S@#$"… Want something to do or a place to go where you are always welcome?, well, I have a grand solution for you. Paschall Post 164 is always the answer.

We will have an open house, to the public, on Veteran's Day, from 12:00 noon until 10:00 PM. But wait, there is even something more, the next evening, at 6:00 PM we will be having our monthly membership meeting on the hall side. Rumor has it that the Commander will spring for a free drink after the meeting on the Canteen side. This can be your chance to see the new improvements, get some great food and a drink; and finally hear that great story that you have been missing… And maybe you can even add your own story to this mix.

Don't worry if you haven't renewed your membership before, or maybe even joined, because you can also solve that problem with $50.00 and if you are a new member a copy of you DD-214, that night, right on the spot.

Hope to see you then!!!

Ken Flaute, Post Adjutant
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Greetings Auxiliary members,

No Report this month.

Regards,

Erin Stout
President



Sons of the American Legion

Fellow Sons,

The drive for membership is back in full swing! We have the 2027 cards ready for you. As we had mentioned earlier, if you pay your dues before Veterans Day, you'll automatically be entered into a drawing for a free 2028 membership.

Current dues are $35.00 for an SAL membership, $10.00 for youth (under 21), and dual membership (veterans who joined the SAL to honor their parents or grandparents' military service). Our current paid membership for 2027 stands at 87 out of our quota of 169, which means we're slightly over 50%. Great job, but let's ensure that all memberships are paid so that we can meet our lap goals by the specified dates.

Next year (2028 dues), our SAL dues will increase to $40 for SAL members and $15.00 for youth and dual memberships. This is in line with the Detachment of Ohio raising the dues by $5.00 per member at the last State Convention.

Please check the website calendar for Post, Auxiliary, and SAL activities at the post. The SAL is planning a smoked chicken wing dinner on November 14th and Steak Fry's in December, January, and February. Steak Fry's are always held on the second Saturday of these months, so we look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget to check the calendar for nightly dinners and other functions as well. Our monthly squadron meetings are held at the post on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Hopefully, we'll see you there!

If you know someone who is eligible to join any part of the American Legion Family, encourage them to visit us and experience the positive impact we have on our Veterans' lives and our community. We are the "Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage!"

On behalf of Squadron 164 Commander Curt Long, "Thank You" from your SAL 164 Leadership!

Squadron 164 Adjutant
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