



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter June 2026

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Members Paschall Post 164,

The election of Post Officers has been completed, and the Commander has made appointments to the remaining Post offices. Below is the list of elected and appointed officers for Paschall Post 164 for the 2026–2027 year.

Elected Officers

- **Commander:** Joseph (Woody) Woodrum, serving his fifth year as Commander.
- **1st Vice Commander:** David Flannigan, and S.A.L. Advisor. Formerly Veterans Service Officer.
- **2nd Vice Commander:** Jeff Shupe, who previously served as 1st Vice Commander, chose to run for 2nd Vice Commander.
- **Finance Officer:** Jason Norris, elected for another term in his role.
- **3-Year Trustee:** Jeff Davis, previously appointed as Trustee to fill the vacancy left by Butch Ellis.
- **Continuing Trustees:** Bill Hall (1-Year left on his term as Trustee) and Steve Sandell (2-Years Left on his term as Trustee). Steve was elected by the membership to fill the vacated Trustee position of Charles Smith in February. He was selected by the Executive Board and brought before the Membership Body for election in February. He was unanimously elected by the Membership.

Appointed Officers

The following appointed officers were approved by vote of the Executive Committee.

- **Adjutant:** Ken Flaute, former 2nd Vice Cmdr.
- Judge Advocate: Craig Huffman
- **Chaplain:** Len Stayton
- Honor Guard Commander: Ralph Teague
- **Historian/PR:** Serbennia Davis
- Veterans Service Officer: Charles King
- **Sgt. at Arms:** Steve Jenkins

Please join me in congratulating these officers.

Social Media Director:

I have added this new appointee as a non-voting officer. Logan Williams has been doing some Social Media work for us and we decided to that he should attend our Exec. Meetings for planning purposes and publicizing; with hopes that the increase in Media Presence we may grow our Post Membership. Including our S.A.L. and Auxiliary.

Logan will assist the Post Historian, Beanie Davis. His primary focus is on strengthening Paschall Post 164's social media presence. Through this role, we hope to connect with younger veterans and expand awareness of what our Post offers.

Maintaining a strong American Legion presence in Grove City remains important. There are approximately 2,300 eligible veterans in our community who are not members of our Post, and many may not yet be aware of the services and opportunities available to them.

Upcoming Events

We have a busy few months ahead.

- 12th District Summer Conference: June 7 at our Post.
- Department of Ohio Convention: July 10–12 in Toledo.
- National Convention in Louisville, KY: 28 August to 3 September.

We have been allotted five delegates for the Department Convention: Commander Woodrum, 1st Vice Commander Flannigan, Adjutant Flaute, Finance Officer Norris, and Past District Commander Beatty, who will also attend in his role as Department Assist. Sgt@Arms.

S.A.L. Department Convention

I thank all of our Paschall Post Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary Membership. Without all of your help the S.A.L. Department Convention would not have been a success; it went beyond that and was a resounding success. S.A.L. Department Officers gave our Post so many compliments that I honestly could not count. We, as a Post, stepped up and did what we thought was right. In doing so we excelled beyond expectations. We exhibited our ability to meet the challenges and go beyond. Paschall Post 164 “Leading The Way”. Everyone of you deserves a pat on the back and a letter of Commendation.

God bless and good health.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

MEMBERSHIP

Hello fellow Post 164 members.

I would like to congratulate everyone on the efforts to get the membership quota to 100%. We are currently at 99.69%. Frankly we are over 100%, Department has not caught up with our reporting. However, we must report what they have on record. Thanks to all of our members that helped us to achieve this goal. this!

As of this newsletter we have 25 New Members, 241 Renewals, 9 Transfers, 51 PUFL Mbrs. Currently we have 326 members; our quota is 327. As we move forward and begin the 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.

David Flannigan

1st Vice Cmdr.

EVENTS

Greetings from the Events Chair.

Good Day Post 164

On this beautiful 1st day of June, I would like to thank everyone that has helped our post improve in so many ways. From just showing up at our events, to fixing anything that needs done! You have done an awesome job. If you see that you can do something to help out along the way, please stand up and volunteer. Your help is always needed.

As I take over being your New 2nd Vice Commander, I look forward to working with everyone in the planning of our monthly and yearly events. I will be working close with the S.A.L., the Auxiliary, and our Canteen and Kitchen staff, to bring you events that will be fun and enjoyable for our whole family. Maybe, along the way, we will become a place where friends enjoy hanging out.

This month we have booked the following bands:

- June 13th
- from 6pm to 10 pm, “For What it's Worth Band”
- June 17th
- from 6-8 Our own “Chuck Dressler”
- June 27th
- from 6pm to 10 pm, “The Remember When Band”
- There will be a sign up dinner from 5pm to 7pm for the June 27th
- event.

Have a great month Post 164

Jeffrey L. Shupe

2nd Vice Commander

Post 164



Chaplain's Corner 1 April 2026

Now Is the Time

As you read this, Memorial Day is probably passed. We have honored our fallen comrades, once again. It is good to remember those who have given their full measure for the freedom of us all. By giving their lives, they demonstrated their love for God, nation, and family. These are the three pillars of the American heritage.

It was in 1620 that people seeking to escape the persecution of the Church of England founded on the shores of what was to become Massachusetts, a colony where they could express their beliefs according to their understanding of the Bible. Only thirteen years before that, the colony of Jamestown was founded. The purpose of the latter colony was commercial, but the colonists very quickly became appreciative of their new-found freedom in the New World.

This was followed by an influx of people from many nations who sought both religious and cultural freedom. This influx gradually migrated into a strong and proud people who valued, above all things, their freedom. A mere one hundred and fifty-five years later, the descendants of those brave souls demonstrated that they still possessed that pride and strength, as they rebelled against the tyranny of a king who thought of them only in terms of income.

Today, we face many challenges that our Founders probably did not envision. Although we fight wars in other countries, our greatest enemy is here on our own shores. There are those who would usurp our freedom for their own purposes. Their purposes are not important, only that they are not in our interest or in the interest of our freedom. They corrupt our youth, attack our way of life, deny the purposes of our Constitution, and deny the power of God.

In the Book of Judges, chapters 6-8, is the story of Gideon. With only 300 men and the power of God, Gideon defeated an army of 135,000 Midianites. That power is still available to us today and we will be remiss if we fail to utilize it. Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not by religions, but by the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Unfortunately, there are some who would drive that part of our culture out of the nation; but in doing so, they remove one of the three pillars of our heritage, and it is that heritage that has made our nation great. We have survived 250 years because of that heritage. It must be preserved.

John Adams wrote, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." I believe what he meant that the tie that binds our nation together, despite our many differences, is our moral values. Those values come from the Bible. If we are to succeed as a nation beyond these times, we must reclaim those values and we must teach them to our children and grandchildren. If we wish to honor those who have fallen for the freedom we currently enjoy we have no choice but to fight for the values they died to uphold: God, nation and family. It is the first of these that ties the three together. It is only through God's strength that we can remain strong.

Now that Memorial Day is passed, we are fast approaching the day we celebrate the independence won and maintained at the expense of so many lives; lives given freely to protect that which our Founders fought to preserve. I urge you to give some thought to what a well defined moral code means to the survival of our nation and then to stand up for your conclusions.

Winston Churchill once said, "Americans will always do the right thing...after they have exhausted all other alternatives." Well, we have exhausted all other alternatives. We have tried the ways of the socialist and those who would abolish all Christian values. Now it is time to return to what worked for the first two hundred years. Now it is time to return to our culture, our values and our God. May God bless you and your house.

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,

June is finally here and we head into the summer months. Not a ton to report right now, so most of this newsletter will be a recap of the State Detachment Convention hosted by our Squadron this year.

From the desk of the National Executive Committeeman and Squadron 164 Adjutant: On behalf of the National SAL Commander, Bill Clancy (NY), SAL Detachment of Ohio Commander, Todd Bidlack and our Squadron 164 Adjutant, Jon Coakley, we would like thank the members of Post, Squadron and Unit 164 for putting together one of the best Detachment Conventions we have attended in a long time. From Jon Coakley, "It would not have been so great if it weren't for all the members that helped get the Post looking good and putting on one hell of a dinner and party. THANK YOU for what each and everyone of you did to help. I am extremely grateful! I believe we made Paschall Post 164 look exceptional to all!

Jon W. Coakley II
NEC/Squadron 164 Adjutant

Our SAL stated meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd at 6pm. As usual we will be meeting at the Post. Please bring all topics of discussion or concern. One topic will be suspending our monthly meetings over the months of July and August. Folks are camping and enjoying other outdoor activities this time of year. With not a lot going on, we usually suspend meetings until 1st Tuesday of September.

Curt Long
164 Squadron Commander