



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter October 2025

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Happy Halloween, the time of year for Fall Colors, Pumpkin Show, and other such Fall festivities.

It has been a busy September, so as we close the third quarter of the year and begin the last quarter we find ourselves two months into the Membership Renewal drive. The 1st Vice Cmdr. will be busy, see his article below, and we are going to offer some incentives for early renewal.

Now let us concern ourselves with the Post Home; We have had to replace the Hot Water tank. Only God knows how old that unit was, and it was a costly endeavor, \$4,000.00 plus, but short of \$5K. This cost was truly a blessing; the cost was estimated at approximately Seven Grand plus. We have some very good people associated with our Post and we were afforded some very deep discounts. In addition to the wet mess, we found some black mold because of it. All is well, Tank replaced, mold mitigated, and we had a benefactor pay for it all. There are good groups of people that are our friends. Now we need to focus on the HVAC on the Canteen side of the Post. As you are aware we had to replace the Hall side HVAC system a little over a year ago. We knew then that the unit for the Canteen side would need replacement as well. We have kept it working as best we could, but we have had a few issues during the summer with it, and we do not want to have any with it this Winter. We have a Proposal from Air Quality Services, the same company that took such good care of our needs on the Hall side. The plan is to attend the Jackson Township Trustee Meeting on 7 Oct. and appeal to them for the funding of this new unit. They're meeting hall is small, but I hope to get put on their agenda and I hope to have members from our Post to be there when I appeal to them. I have spoken with the Post Executive Board, and I have many members planning to attend this meeting. The Township Trustees know most of us as we have interacted on many occasions at community events and functions. They are aware of our Community Support and Support of the Jackson Township Fire Dept. It is not a for sure thing they will help us, we can only ask and see what transpires. Watch the American Legion Paschall Family #164 Facebook Page for announcements concerning this meeting to insure we get on the agenda.

I am pleased with the events going on at our Post, and I am glad to see the Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary all working together to make it a better place. I ask you to check out the 2nd Vice Cmdr. article below for all the news on events. Also check out our Website as we keep it updated with our Events; it is a good source of information as is our Facebook Page.

With the colder months coming up, I expect that the Post Canteen will be getting busier. The Board has been discussing the possibility of the Kitchen being able to offer food each night. This is in the planning stage; so more to come on that issue; again look at our Website (***Post Kitchen***). To accomplish we need volunteers from all three Units of our Post willing to work and help prepare.

One final note, we have three Boards of Officers in this Post; Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary. Each of these factions represent you. These are the people you should communicate with concerning issues you have within the Post. These meetings get the information to those who can work together as a group to remedy the issue. Communications between our groups is the answer to most of our issues. Together we are Paschall Post 164, together we make this Post a Family Place.

October 9th Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM, October 25th is the Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM.

God bless and good health.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

MEMBERSHIP

Hello fellow Post 164 members.

The New membership year for Post 164 is currently at 59% of our quota. We currently have 195 members paid for 2026. If you have yet to pay your dues, please do so by 1 November to be included in the “Early Bird Dinner” and Raffle. This year we will be giving away (one) \$100 gift card to one of our early bird members at the dinner. Get those dues paid to be included in the raffle!

I am still looking for a few Legionnaires to form a membership committee. They will help with the membership drive and recruiting duties of the post. Anyone interested in helping can call or text me at 614-264-2361. I am currently waiting on some information on the Legions post card mailers for helping us with this task.

Thank you.

Jeffery L. Shupe
1st Vice Commander
Paschall Post 164

EVENTS

- Thursday, October 9th – General Membership Meeting.
- Monday, October 13th – US Navy’s 250th Birthday.
- Tuesday, October 21st – Veteran’s Free Monthly Lunch & Learn here at the Post at 12:00 PM noon {RSVP (614) 332-6740}.
- Friday, October 31st – Halloween Party Starting after 7:30 PM {Alexander Brothers Band}.
- Friday, November 7th Veteran’s Resource Fair from 1:00 PM till 5:00 PM {For more information go to the Grove City Parks & Rec Facebook Page}.
- We have finally created an Events Committee with representatives from the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. We have had a meeting with the people who were available to start looking at what we would like to do with future planning and activities. I hate to use the old phrase “Under Construction” but that is exactly where we are at the present time, so stay tuned for future announcements about so exciting things to come as we are just getting started.

Ken Flaute, 2nd Vice Commander
Paschall Post 164



Chaplain's Corner: WE ARE FAMILY

On 20 January 2021, newly sworn in president, Joe Biden, in his inaugural address, promised to bring unity to our nation. History will judge how well he is able to keep that promise, but his success or failure is not universal. We need not all share it. Organizations of all sorts all across our great nation are suffering from the disease of disunity. It is a cancer that threatens to eat away the very foundation of our culture. It must be cut out and destroyed. How do we do that? Change our focus.

Disunity occurs when people focus on the things about which they disagree. Certainly, we all have opinions and we have a right to have them. Just as certainly, there will be many diverse opinions, just as there is a diverse mixture of cultures, backgrounds and experiences that come together to make up the society we call the United States of America. We are not always going to agree on everything. While that can be a weakness, it is also our strength. But with all this disagreement, how are we to ever get along with each other? Change our focus.

We will never come together as a family until we stop focusing on our disagreements and start focusing on those things about which we agree. As the American Legion, we agree (or should agree) on three things: love of family, love of country and love of God. These are the bedrock of unity. Without them our Post cannot stand.

American Legion Post 164 is made up of several quasi-independent groups. We have the Legion, the VFW, the SAL, the Auxiliary and, of course, our ever present, always faithful staff who keep the place running. Sometimes these groups seem to have diverse ideas about how things ought to work. Having different opinions is not bad. However, if we allow those opinions to create walls between us, we create a disunity that will eventually destroy us. We are a family in every sense of the word. We thrive on unifying around the military background we share and the cherished freedom that our military has maintained for more than 200 years. Even those who have not served can celebrate that freedom and our military heritage that guarantees it. It is the thing that must unify us.

I have often read that the reason many marriages die is because of lack of communication. I believe this is also true of organizational families. The answer is simple, but not easy. We MUST talk to each other. If you have a question about something that is going on in the Post, ask someone who is likely to know the answer. That person sitting next to you at the bar likely has no more knowledge about the issue than you do. There are avenues of information available to all. The Executive Board is the governing body of our Post. If someone has a complaint or question or a good idea that will enhance the operation of the Post, it is to this Board that these things should be addressed. The SAL and the Auxiliary both have representation on that Board, as do the canteen staff. Address your issues to these people or go directly to the Board member who is responsible for the area of concern. They will listen and address these concerns to the Board. By communicating in a positive and productive way, the good of the organization and all of us who make up that organization will be enhanced and there will be peace in the family.

Jesus told us to love our neighbor and so we should, especially within our beloved military community. Let us focus on those things that unite us: God, country, and family; and surge into the future triumphing over all resistance to that heritage, working as one to make our Post a place that can truly be called family.

God Bless.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Greetings Auxiliary members,

Dee Capretta, ALA Vice President, is currently accepting 2026 membership dues. Dues are \$35 again for 2026 and must be paid by December 31st, 2025, to remain an active ALA member. This year we are offering an Early Bird incentive. By paying early, you will be entered into a drawing for free paid 2027 membership. Pay your 2026 dues by November 15th, 2025, for a chance to win free membership for 2027. Don't miss our Early Bird Special! You can drop off your dues at the Post in a sealed envelope for Dee and give it to the bartender.

Please mark your calendars for our 12th District ALA Conference on Saturday, October 25th. The Southway Unit 144, 3253 S. High St, Columbus, OH 43207, will be hosting the Fall Conference. Registration is usually at 10:00 am and meeting starts at 11:00 am. Based on our membership we are allowed 4 delegates and 4 alternative delegates for voting purposes, but all are welcome to attend. Please let me know by October 10th if you would like to attend so I can send in our RSVPs for lunch. There is a charge for lunch, but it's minimal. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, learn about district initiatives and participate in important discussions.

I would like to thank Sarah Standinger, ALA member, for donating an OSU themed basket that we raffled off at the S.A.L.'s OSU breakfast on August 28th. We made \$200 that will go towards a Thanksgiving dinner for a veteran's family. This contribution will help ensure a local veteran's family enjoys a warm and memorable holiday meal, showing our appreciation for their service.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 15th, at 6:00 pm. If you're new to our group, our meetings are a great way to learn more about our activities and meet fellow members. I encourage everyone to join and share ideas.

Let's welcome October with open arms and joyful hearts.

Robin

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Fellow SONS,

Summer is coming to a close and football season is in full swing (GO BUCKS). Almost the time of year to start enjoying evenings by the firepit with roasted marshmallows and Smores. We provided a couple of sandwich trays for the Celebration of Life for Shellie's brother and Chelsey's uncle, Vince. There was a great turnout to support family and friends in this difficult time.

The SONS hosted a pulled pork and fries sale for the recently held benefit for sex trafficking victims. The turnout was approximately 60-70 people. We had really good feedback from the attendees on not only the food, but our Legion as a whole. Comments such as how nice and helpful everyone was during their event.

Robin Shockley, the Ladies Auxiliary President and I attend the Executive Board meeting. We would like to extend a thank you to our Legion Commander, Woody, for his invitation. This has turned out to be a very "team" oriented approach and has allowed us to keep up to date with Legion news and functions. This has allowed us to update the rest of the members. If anyone would like details, please feel free to see me.

Not a ton of new news to report. We are looking at Fall and Winter events hosted by the SONS, such as our steak fry, etc. Our membership continues to track in a very positive direction.

Curt Long
Post 164 Squadron Commander