



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter April 2025

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Greetings;

Spring has sprung. The month of March was good and we accomplished a lot; thanks to our members who stepped up and helped out. We cleaned out and organized our Storage facility, (aka the Garage). It took a bit of work, but thanks to those volunteers we made quick progress of the task. We rented a 30 cubic foot dumpster, and we used every bit of it. We had 25 members Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary working hard. Honestly it was well organized, and the work was done quickly. It was a mess; Mouse, Rat, and other Vermin crap and nests. The leader of this project was 2nd Vice Cmdr. Charlie Smith; accompanying him were, 3 Year Trustee Bill Hall, his Wife Debbie, Finance Off. Jason Norris, Sgt @ Arms Harry Jones, Post Adjutant Steve Jenkins, Judge Advocate Craig Huffman, S.A.L Advisor Mike Flannigan and his sons David and Michael. Thanks to the following members Steve and his Wife Rosita Sandell, Steve Wainio (I know this is spelled wrong), Joe Karrasch S.A.L. and I am certain there were a few other S.A.L Members out there that I am not aware of. Jackilyn Troyer (Auxiliary) and her Husband Jonathan. We are glad that Angel Rowley helped oversee this and prevented several things from being tossed out that we MUST keep. Yes I was there I bought the Beer, and the Post bought the Pizza. Thanks to all of you who helped; it was a Great day, and we appreciated greatly those who helped.

We have things coming up in April. On the 5th we have Roger Mathison, American Legion National Vice Commander for the Central District visiting our Post. He is due to arrive about 7:00 PM and will be sticking around for about an hour and a half. Stop in and let's see that he has a great welcome to our Post Home. We have the 12th District Bowling Night at Stardust Lanes here in Grove City. \$19 cost per person, includes the cost of Shoe Rental. Bring the Kids and let's have some fun. April 12th the Grove City Church of the Nazarene is holding its Blood Drive at our Post. 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a community event, please sign up to donate. We welcome the members of the Church into our Post Home.

The Executive Board has authorized the purchase of a new Ice Machine. The one we have is rusting to the point that we are being told by the Board of Health we need to replace it before our next inspection. So just another thing we have to purchase to keep our Canteen operational. We have a guy coming to fix the Fan above the Canteen Bar so that will be operational soon. We are working on the Stall Doors in the Lady's room on the Canteen side and the Men's Room on the Hall side.

During our Executive Board Meeting, David Flannigan stopped in and proposed a Family event for the Post that would include the Grove City Community. We're talking games for Kids, a Live Band and Food. Raffles, Games for the Adults and Food. Dave will be chairing this committee; so he will be around to speak with you about assisting him with this event. It sounds like FUN!!!!

This event will be in May. Watch the Post Bulletin Screen, Facebook Page and Website for further information.

Elections for Post Officers, (Legion, S.A.L. and Auxiliary) are just around the corner. April's meeting, we will open the floor for Nominations. Read the Constitution and By-Laws on the Post Website so you understand the eligibility requirements for each elected position. Next membership meeting is the 10th of April at 6:00 PM and the next Executive Board meeting is the 19th of April 10:00 AM. If you wish to address the Executive Board, send a request to me with your reason for attending and I will get you on the Agenda. Let's have a good month of April, Easter is just a few weeks away, God Bless

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner:

Until then: Enjoy!

As we enter into the Easter season, I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 2:24-25: "A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment?" I think it is good, as much as it is in our power, to enjoy that which God has given us. Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in should be experienced to the full extent that He intended. This is not a call to excess, but simply to take what is before us and enjoy it as a gift from God; which it is. Too many people want to fret and worry and complain about their lives. I think it is better to thank God for what we have and live our lives to the full. "One day at a time" is a good motto, for we "do not even know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:14). Each day is a new gift to be opened and enjoyed. Yes, there are boundaries. God has made them clear in His Word. Yet within those boundaries, God has given us a freedom to live: "to eat and drink and find satisfaction" in our work, in our play, in our relationships with friends and family. It is a great and wonderful gift and should not be wasted or denied.

So as we approach the time when we celebrate the day that our Lord was resurrected, let us celebrate with joy, repent with sadness for the pain we have caused our Savior, and enjoy the life that He has given us. We each have a mission and a ministry in the world. Our best shot at happiness is to fulfill that which God has laid before us as best we can. So, this season, we will eat and drink and tell war stories and simply enjoy each other's company, and enjoy the bounty God has given us out of His great mercy. Happy Easter!

God Bless.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Hello fellow Auxiliary members,
Don't forget to submit any hours and/or money you spent helping veterans or our community last year. Please send that information to me by April 4. I need to turn in the report to the ALA Ohio Department by April 15.

I'm planning to have a "Grove City Adopt a Street" clean up on McDowell Road and around the Post this month, but a date hasn't been set yet. I'll post the date and time on the Legion's Facebook page, so be sure to watch for that. The more volunteers we have the quicker we get done!

Last month, we raffled a gift basket to help raise money for the Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down this fall. It was sold out in just 3 days, and we made \$200, so a big thank you to everyone who bought and helped sell tickets. We also plan to raffle a "Mother's Day" gift basket starting later this month. Those proceeds will also go towards the Stand Down.

As of March 19th, we are at 94% paid membership. We're getting so close to 100%. So, if you haven't paid your dues yet, there's still time. Please send your dues to Dee Capretta at the Post or better yet come on in and leave it in an envelope for Dee. Membership dues are still \$35 for 2025. Our next regular business meeting is Wednesday, April 16th, at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there! Easter is proof that nothing is truly lost, only renewed. Hope you have a wonderful Easter!

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Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow Son's,

Hard to believe that April is already upon us. Which means you only have a month to get your membership renewed. At our last SAL meeting, we discussed the upcoming election of officers for the 2025-2026 year and who might be willing to step up and fill some key leadership roles. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2nd at 6pm. We will have the official nominations for squadron officers. So, if you want to be considered for an office, please be at this meeting. Our voting for officers will be held on Thursday April 10th from 2pm to 7pm at the Post. YOU MUST present your 2025 membership card to vote!! The election results will be posted on the Facebook page and this newsletter. I would like to give a shout out to Jon Coakley, Jon will be travelling to Albuquerque NM to attend National Commander Joseph Navarrete's homecoming later this April. Jon will be representing the Post and the Detachment. Thanks, Jon, for your dedication to the American Legion Family. Hope to see you all that the meeting this coming Wednesday

Dan Finnell
164 Squadron Commander