



## American Legion Post 164 Newsletter November 2025

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We enter November with Hope and Thanksgiving. A Hope for a better future for this Nation and being Thankful for what we have. We are working better together here and we are understanding more of what it takes to be an active and community minded operation. We have made a positive impact on our Community by the things we do for them. We have held four Blood Drives so far this year. Our own this past July and we have helped several non-profits by affording them a place to hold their Blood Drives. We have had Open Houses to welcome the Community into our Post Home. We support the JROTC of both Grove City and Central Crossing High Schools. We visit Nursing Care facilities in our community to look in on our Veterans there. We perform Memorial Ceremonies for those Veterans who move onto the Supreme Command of God's Kingdom. This is not all we do for our Community. What we do raises awareness of our Veterans and our worth to this Community. It demonstrates our willingness to do what it takes to help. That too is what we are seeing within our Post; we see people willing to do what it takes to make our Post a better place for ALL our members. Working together, contributing as much as we can based on our abilities and strengths. We do not scoff at those who are not able to contribute physically, and we thank those who are contributing physically and financially. We have great people working behind the scenes that some are not aware of. Much is being done daily to make this Post a better place. A place that our Members can be proud of; as it should be. This Post is Home to some of the finest people in Grove City, OH. I thank all those who Volunteer in the Post to do the work, donate time and money, perform the duties of Post officers (Legion, S.A.L. and Aux). Let us not forget our Paid Staff. WOW they are great. My wish, for all, is a Great Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving with Family, and Friends, with a good feast and much laughter. Let us give thanks for all that we have been given, and a prayer for those less fortunate. To all our Veterans ***Thank you for your service.***

Update on our Sign: I know this has been a touchy issue within the Post. The application for Permit has been submitted, again, with the supporting documents and modifications as requested and required by the City. Thanks to David Flannigan and Ken Flaute for ALL their hard work. Both Men have had experience submitting requests such as this to the City and they know the ins and outs of the process. The Board of Building and Zoning will be meeting November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. I, and a few other Officers will be attending this meeting in hopes of garnering support for our New Sign. We need this new sign to give us the advertising ability to promote events at our Post. Especially Community Events like Blood Drives, Open Houses, Veterans Luncheons, and Veterans Affairs events. Things such as these need to be advertised. Also we need to make the community aware that we have a Large Hall for their events should they need to rent one. This is WHY we needed a new sign, and why it was purchased. It should bring in new business, new members, and replace the sign that is currently there and an eyesore on the community. Honestly, if you look at that sign it is Aged, and out of date. Grove City's Building and Zoning Board has told us that sign is out of CODE. Just wanted to clear up this issue; you should know the Membership did vote on the new sign in Aug or Sept. of 2024 at a regular meeting. Yes Post meetings are an important event that members should take note of. It is where YOUR voice is heard and counted with the other members. If you are not there you cannot vote. Membership Meeting Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM, Exec. Board Mtg. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM.

God bless and good health.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

## MEMBERSHIP

Hello fellow Post 164 members.

We have a great legion membership when it comes to getting things done! I would like to thank everyone that made it out to the Legion Halloween Party this past Friday! It was a fun night with a great band to play for us. I would also like to thank Jeff Davis for cleaning up all the homeless trash around the Legion garage. Looks great. We have talked about moving the stacks of bricks along the property tree line. I am asking anyone with a wheel barrel and some free time to show up on Saturday November the 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM to help move them inside the garage and restack them before the weather turns bad.

I would also like to thank the Executive Board for stepping up and helping me contact our members to rejoin our Post again. Great effort by all! We currently have about 60% of our members who have paid early. Our Post 164 has offered three prizes for Early Bird renewal. If you renew by 15 Nov. you are entered into a raffle to win either a \$100 gift card as first prize or two prizes for One Year Legionnaire Membership. Those that pay early are entered in this raffle and the drawing will be at the Early Bird Dinner in November.

Thank you.

Jeffery L. Shupe

1st Vice Commander

Paschall Post 164

## EVENTS

November Events:

- Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hilliard Veteran's Day Parade at 2 PM
- Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Resource Fair from 1:00 PM till 5:00 PM {For more information go to the Grove City Parks & Rec Facebook Page}
- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – JROTC Archery Contest at South High School
- Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Rally {from 11: AM till 3:30 PM at National Veterans Memorial Museum 300 West Broad St., Columbus}
- Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Marina Corps 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – next General Membership Meeting.
- Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Band at the Post – “Confederate Rose” starting at 7:30 PM (After Card Madness)
- Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day to sign up for the Early Bird Dinner at the Post Bar.
- Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Lunch (at the Post Hall) at 12:00 PM
- Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Early Bird Dinner
- Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – POST CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> District Christmas Party to be held at our hall starting at 3PM see Post website for further details.

There are new mailboxes in the hallway, next to the Hall entry doors, one is marked for EVENTS. If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions for events, or a complaint about an event, please drop a message into that mailbox. Please include a way to contact you so that I may communicate an answer, or a question on something that I don't understand. Making things better is everyone's job!

Ken Flaute

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

Paschall Post 164



## Chaplain's Corner: Count Your Blessings

It is the first of November and Thanksgiving is just around the bend. It occurs to me that we often do not take the time to remember to be thankful for all that God has provided us. Many of the blessings in our lives seem to be natural blessings and we don't think of them coming from our Creator but the Declaration of Independence declares that "we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights" and that these may not be taken away from us. Are these not the natural blessings that we so often take for granted?

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 colonist 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 evolved into a strong and proud people who valued, above all things, their freedom, because they recognized it as a natural blessing. 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.

It was by the grace of our loving God that we were able to break away from that tyrant and become a free people, blessed with the ability to make each his/her own way in life. This was one of the many blessings that God has endowed upon His new chosen people. Since that time, we have endured much as a nation and as individuals. At no time has life been always easy, yet we have persevered and built a nation that is the envy of the rest of the world, so much so that all other nations either want to be like us or to destroy us out of their envy.

Thinking back over my years as your chaplain, I find that I have much to be thankful for at Post 164. We have prospered in these years, continuing to improve both our Post and our relationships within the Post. In fact, my favorite memories are of getting to know people whom I would not have otherwise known. Sometimes these relationships became adversarial, and I am saddened by that and embarrassed for my part in them. But I find that, as I seek to mend those relationships, I am finding friends whom I value a great deal. I know that my own actions have not always been a good example to the members of this Post and for that I am truly sorry. We have an incredible group of people here and the more I get to know you all the more I see the value that each person brings to the table. That is another blessing for which I am becoming increasingly thankful.

I pray that this coming year will bring even more of those kinds of blessings because the people in our lives ARE the best blessings that God gives us. I have made a promise to myself and to God that I will continue to seek to know all of you better because with each of you I find that incredible value that God has blessed this Post with because of your presence here.

So, as we enter into this season of Thanksgiving, I pray that all of us will give each other the simple courtesy to get to know each other better. In so doing, we will become closer to each other and together make our Post a place we all love and enjoy even more. May God's blessings overflow for you this Thanksgiving season and continue to grow us all in His love and His strength.

God bless you and yours during this holiday season.

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 31, 2025, to remain an active ALA member. Pay your 2026 dues by November 15, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a free 2027 membership. Plus, if you pay by October 31, you qualify for the Legion's Early Bird dinner in November. We have 78 out of 147 members paid as of October 27. You can drop off your dues at the Post in a sealed envelope for Dee and give it to the bartender. Please indicate on the envelope whether you would like your membership and key card mailed to your address or held at the Post for you to pick up.

Our 2nd annual OSU/Michigan breakfast is November 29, 10:00-11:30 am. We will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage patties, sausage gravy and biscuits, and hash browns. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle that day. We could use 4-5 volunteers to help with taking breakfast orders, serving food, and assisting with the raffle. Please let Lois Horning or me know if you can help by November 20.

The Columbus VA Clinic is having their annual Veteran's Thanksgiving dinner at Post 144, 3253 S. High Street, on Friday, November 21, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. They're asking for our District Units to donate pies (Pumpkin, Apple and Sweet Potato) or contribute money so staff can purchase them. They are expecting 400 veterans. They could also use volunteers to help serve and clean up. Your support will help make this event special for our veterans. If you can donate pies, money or volunteer your time, please let me know by November 15. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity!

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center has requested help with Christmas gifts for the veterans they serve. They are asking for \$50 Walmart gift cards to be given as presents to the 150 veterans they support through the Community Living Centers (CLC). I will have a donation can at the Post if you would like to donate. Thank you for your generosity and support for our veterans during the holiday season.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 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.

November is a season of thanks – let each day be a reminder to count your blessings and spread kindness.

Robin  
Robin Shockley  
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



## Sons of the American Legion

Fellow SONS,

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Summer is gone and it seems that Fall was skipped this year in Ohio. Right into Winter we go. There is not a lot to report currently, just some early planning for Dec. & Jan. events.

At this time, we have 82 paid members and are still encouraging everyone to pay their dues at the Legion vs. online. Again, when dues are paid online there will be a delay in receiving your membership card by the time everything gets processed.

The SONS will be starting a raffle in the next few days for a 4-burner flattop griddle. Planning continues for our Dec. steak fry. More details to come on this.

I was unable to attend the last Executive Board meeting, held this past Saturday. I was out on vacation with my family. Once the meeting minutes are finalized, I will update everyone at our next stated meeting on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Curt Long

Post 164 Squadron Commander