



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter May 2024

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Greetings,

We find our selves in a new Membership Year and we are 98% of quota. That translates to 7 people short of what we need. We have 21 NEW members and 4 transfers from 888. Those are good numbers; however, they aren't where we need to be. We can do better. We have had a number of things going on within the Post that has brought these new members to us. We will continue working to get more.

We are once again Hosting the Grove City Community on Memorial Day. The Parade Permit has been approved so we have that to look forward to soon. We have had a number of individuals request placement in the Parade, so we are getting a line up put together now.

Now for Post Maintenance, we have a new Lawncare company, Hollywood Landscape and Lawncare. You will most likely catch them around the post cutting grass and trimming scrubs, trees and mulching.

As you know from the last membership meeting our Hall Side HVAC System is no longer repairable. It would cost as much to repair as it will to repair. So the Executive Board has review two estimates and has selected AQS for the work. Additionally the cost of this work has been donated. We will not be using Post Funds. This will cost \$20,000.00 Plus and will be covered by a single donation. So if you pray, please thank God for the donation and that the party who did so be may be blessed for a long time.

I have been looking at the Hall and the outside. We need someone to volunteer to clean our Gutters out. They are full of debris. Also, the Chair Rail around the Meeting Hall walls could use some touch up painting. If you can hold a brush and would like something to do some Saturday or even a week night, give me a call, email catch me in the Post.

The Post Election is coming up on May 11th. It will be from Noon to 8:00PM. The Polls will be closed promptly at 8:01. If you are in line at that time you will be permitted to vote. If you come in after that time you're late and like any election you will not be permitted to vote. A count of the ballots will be held after the last ballot is cast and the results will be announced following the count and verification of the count, that evening. To Vote you MUST have your current Legion ID for 2024. Without it you will not be permitted to Vote.

That's it for this month. God bless and be safe.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner: **Chaplain Len Stayton**

Not much this month, may the Peace of the Lord be with you all and God Bless.



Greetings Auxiliary members,

I hope everyone is enjoying Spring so far even though it's been a bit rainy. But you know what they say, April showers bring May flowers!

We have one new Auxiliary member who joined in April, Jessica Bouchard. Please give her a warm welcome when you meet her!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our April meeting. At that meeting our current officers declared they would like to continue in their positions for another year. No other members were nominated. Therefore, we have an acclamation of officers. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 pm. If you have any agenda items, please send to me at robinshockley@att.net.

I'm pleased to announce that our Unit will be hosting the 12th District Spring Conference on Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch will be at 11:30 am and the cost is \$6.00. All ALA members are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can add you to the attendance list. It's a great opportunity to hear what's happening in our District and meet other ALA members.

Don't forget we are still collecting items for our Care Packages to send to our troops. There is a tote at the Legion for donations. A few suggestions include sunblock, socks, underwear, lip balm, powder, chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, non-melting candy, trail mix, drink mixes in single-serving packets.

I appreciate the donations we have received so far.

Happy Mother's Day! Whether you're celebrating with your own mother, a maternal figure, or simply honoring the spirit of motherhood, I hope your day is filled with love, warmth, and cherished memories. Remember to express your gratitude and appreciation to the remarkable women who have shaped your life!

Take care everyone,

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow SON's,

Hard to believe its already May, seems like I was just writing about our new membership year and asking you to get those renewals sent in. Well, you all have listened, as of the last membership report our squadron is at 103.4% of quota and we were close to all time high. Great job by all!! Our 2024 membership year will come to a close with our Detachment convention, which will be held in Finlay Ohio on May 17th and 18th. Jon Coakley and I will be attending the convention and representing the squadron.

At our April meeting we had our nominations for our 2025 squadron officers, and they are:

Dan Finnell - Commander

Curt Long – 1st Vice Commander

Kevin Carpenter – 2nd Vice Commander

Mike McCune – Chaplain

JL Clark – Sgt of Arms

Michael Flannigan – Asist Sgt of Arms

Jon Coakley II – Adjutant/Finance

There were no other nominations, so the above officers were voted in for the 2025 year. Congratulations to all the new officers. Our next meeting will be on May 7th at 6pm. Remember May 27th is Memorial Day, a day to remember our fallen heroes. Make sure to take time out that weekend to pay your respects!

“FOR GOD AND COUNTRY”

Dan Finnell

164 Squadron Commander