



## American Legion

Greetings,

Well, another month has come and gone. We are seeing changes, painting and lighting, in the Post Canteen and Hall. Want to say a Fond Farewell to Karen Wright and to thank her for her many years of service to our Post. Karen, as you know, informed us this past August that she wanted to retire. It took a bit but we found a person to be the Canteen Mgr., Linda Roehrenbeck, and she has grown into the position well. With her and Angel in the Canteen we are doing well. Life isn't all Roses and Champaign, but we are seeing better times. We need to find something for our Wednesday Evenings. Wednesday is still a very bad day for us financially. We aren't making enough to cover cost of Payroll, lighting, Heating/Cooling, Insurance. Yes all of these factor into the budget. I am open to ideas. I tried Trivia and had NO takers. The Canteen on Wednesday's is all but deserted.

It takes the Membership to make things work, and that means participation on their part. Please attend the meetings, give your ideas, volunteer to do things around the post. Our Membership is down. If you meet someone who is a Veteran, ask them "Are you a member of the American Legion?" if they answer NO your next question should be "Why Not!?". Veterans are the biggest VOICE we have for our Veterans Benefits. If we don't fight and continue to fight for benefits we will surely lose them. Right now the Government is trying to roll back some benefits we gained under the Trump Administration. Benefits that directly relate to our HEALTH CARE. Speak up, write your Congressional Rep. Write to your State Reps. Without your speaking out our Veterans, WE, will lose.

The 2nd Thursday, 13 April, is the All Members Meeting, 6:30 PM. I expect to see all of you there, this is your post it needs you to keep it running and open. We need you to tell us what you like, dislike, and what you would like us to do. All Post Officers (Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary) are required to attend this meeting. NOTE: Post Canteen will be CLOSED during this All-Members Meeting.

Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

Commander, American Legion Paschall Post 164

## Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow SON's,

Looks like springtime is here. I am happy to report that our squadron is 100% quota!! Thanks to everyone for renewing your membership. At our last meeting we had our nomination for our squadron officers for the 2023-2024 membership year. The following were nominated:

Dan Finnell - Commander; Kurt Long – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Kevin Carpenter – 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Commander; Mike McCune – Chaplain ;; JL Clark – Sgt of Arms; Jon Coakley II – Adjutant/Finance

There were no other nominations. At our next meeting we will have our election of officers. If you wish to be an officer, you need to be at the next squadron meeting which will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 530pm. At our next meeting we will also be discussing some fund raising for the near future. Any ideas are welcomed.

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"

Dan Finnell

164 Squadron Commander

## Ladies Auxiliary

Aux Members,

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19@6 p.m. at Post 164.

This meeting will be for the nomination of officers. All positions are open. Speaking for myself, I have held an office for 20+ years and am not seeking an office. I will help anyone who wishes to run.

If there are no candidates, then we will become what is known as a ghost auxiliary. I have no idea how long a unit can remain a ghost. At the present time, we do not have enough support to continue to have meetings. It is impossible to conduct business without a quorum.

I am sorry it has come to this, but the solution lies with you, the members.

Happy Easter to all! Speedy get well to all who are not feeling well and prayers for all our servicemen and women.

Harriet Blagg, President

## Chaplain's Corner

I hate turning on the news any more. All I see is hatred, lies, name calling and hypocrisy. Regardless of your political leaning, one cannot honestly claim that this is how our government is supposed to work. There has never been a time in American history when there were not opposing parties, sometimes more than two; yet there is only one other time in our history when the divisions were as bad as they are now: the period leading up to the Civil War.

I fear we are on the brink of another civil war. Every election year we hear that "this is the most important election in our history. The divides keep getting wider. Whole families are split over their political beliefs. As a nation, we have bought into the idea that our lives are only going to be made better (or worse) based on which political party is in power. We have come to put our entire faith in government.

The trouble is that our government is made up of people, men and women who are no better or worse than we are. For the most part, they know no more nor no less than we do. In other words, they have no more credentials to deserve our faith than the guy who picks up our trash or the woman that waits on us at the restaurant; both worthy professions, but not the kind of people we would normally seek out for advice on how to manage our lives.

In Romans 3:23, God, through the apostle Paul, tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The important word in that sentence is "all". This statement tells us that if we put our hopes and trust and faith in people, we will be disappointed. Even the best of us can fail to live up to the ideals we set for ourselves. Stuff happens! We live in a fallen world. Sin, strife, trial and tribulation abound in it. So, where is our comfort here? On whom can we rely when we are truly in need? We cannot expect the fallen world to provide protection from the fallen world. Our only hope, our only comfort, our only peace must come from something outside of the world.

Isaiah 54:10 says, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed." Only the love of God can bring hope, comfort and peace to those who are afflicted by all the sin to which we are daily subjected.

If we look at the world through those glasses, through the love that God gives to us; if we are truly honest with ourselves; we find that most of our problems are internal. We allow ourselves to be divided, we allow ourselves to hate, we allow ourselves to deny others the right to an opposing opinion. You see, going back to that passage in Romans, we also are part of the "all". Perhaps we, ourselves, are part of the problem. Perhaps, we ourselves need to look at our own thoughts and deeds to see how we are affecting the world in which we live. For we are sinners, too. Just as the love of God alone can bring hope, comfort and peace to the afflicted; only the love of Christ can free us from the part we play in it, for the sin that afflicts us the most, is our own.

Len Stayton, Chaplin

American Legion Post 164

**American Legion Post 164 April, 2023 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 Euchre	4 <sup>th</sup> <b>5:30-SAL Mtg.</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Gold Star Spouse Day</b> \$1 board sign up by 6:45 drawing @ 7pm	6 <sup>th</sup> \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Good Friday</b> 6: Bar Bingo	1 <sup>st</sup> \$5 Board Draw 8 <sup>th</sup> \$5 Board Draw
9 <sup>th</sup> <b>EASTER</b> Post Closed <b>Former POW Recognition Day</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 Euchre	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> \$1 board sign up by 6:45 drawing @ 7pm	13 <sup>th</sup> <b>6:Legion Mtg. All Hands</b> \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm	14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Air Force Birthday</b> 6: Bar Bingo	15 <sup>th</sup> \$5 Board Draw
16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 Euchre	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> <b>6: Ladies Aux Mtg.</b> \$1 board sign up by 6:45 drawing @ 7pm	20 <sup>th</sup> \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm	21 <sup>st</sup> 6: Bar Bingo	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Earth Day</b> \$5 Board Draw
23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Army Reserve Birthday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 Euchre	25 <sup>th</sup> Madi Gras: Specials	26 <sup>th</sup> \$1 board sign up by 6:45 drawing @ 7pm	27 <sup>th</sup> \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> 6: Bar Bingo	29 <sup>th</sup> 10: Exec Bd Mtg. 5: Texas Holdum \$5 Board Draw
30 <sup>th</sup>						

\* **Memorial Bricks are for sale. See bartender. Cost per Brick is \$50.00**

\* See list of Special Events / Menu posted in Canteen

\* Corn Hole – Monday, Tuesday & Friday @ 6pm

Canteen Hours

Sunday's - 12pm to 11pm

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Tuesday's - 12pm to 11pm

Wednesday's – 12pm to 11pm

Thursday's - 12 pm to 11pm

Friday's - 12pm to 11pm

Saturday's -12pm to 11pm

**Open Position: Cook**

Hours: 20-25 per week between the hours of 2:00p - 7:00pm with some flexibility required

Pay: \$15.00 per hour

Experience required and hours to be determined. Interested please call the Post at 614-875-5106 ask for Linda Roehrenbeck.