# American Legion Post 164 Newsletter January 2023

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#### AMERICAN LEGION

I hope that all of you had a most Joyful Christmas or Hanukkah. At the Post we are getting things done in preparation for the New Year. You all will have celebrated the New Year before you have read this, so I send you wishes for a Happy New Year. What is going on at the Post? There is allot going on at Paschall Post 164.

- We have a new Canteen Manager. Please join me in welcoming Linda Roehrenbeck. She has a good background in management, especially with 1. Non-Profit organizations. She is going to be in the Post selected evenings; she wants to meet our members, and she will be present at various meetings as well.
- 2. Angel Rowley is our Lead Bartender and the assistant to Linda. Beanie is still working as well.
- We are looking for a Parttime Cook to manage the Kitchen so that our menu has more than Fried Foods going forward. Angel and Beanie have done a respectable job; however, truly it is difficult to cook, tend bar and manage EBingo/Paper Pull Tabs all at the same time when the Canteen is
- We are looking into the purchase of new entry doors for the Post that are more welcoming than the doors we currently have. Really, the doors we have do not have windows and they remind me of a Warehouse. Don't you agree? The current doors are not functioning properly either and need repair. A repair person indicated they cannot be fixed, due to the non-availability of parts for this door. Those doors are the same age as the Post itself. They need replaced.
- Our Financial numbers are creeping up and that is a BIG HELP. 5.

I am asking if you can spare \$30 to please donate to our Flag Display Stand Fund. The display we have is nice, however, if we need to pull any of the flags to use at a ceremony it is difficult to pull out. They are wedged in and putting them it back is even harder. We have nine flags; National Colors, American Legion, S.A.L., Auxiliary, VFW and POW/MIA on one side and the four Branches of Service with the possibility of adding either The Ohio Burgee (State Banner) or the newly created U.S. Space Force which would make a total of 10 Flags. If you can donate to this, please do.

May God bless you and your families this new year.

Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

Commander, American Legion Paschall Post 164

### SONS of the AL

Greeting fellow SON's,

Hope everyone had a great holiday. Hard to believe that we are now in 2023. What will the new year bring to us?? If you haven't renewed your membership, the new year will bring a key card that will not work to the canteen, so get your membership paid!

Thanks to everyone that came out to our steak fry last month. We are planning another steak fry for around the Valentine's Day weekend in February. We will be making plans for the dinner at our next meeting, which will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Hope everyone stays warm and safe.

Dan Finnell

164 Squadron Commander

#### LADIES AUXILIARY

A big "Thank You" to all who contributed or helped in any way with our December 10 Bake Sale. It was the first one we have had in quite a while and it was quite a success.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18 at 6 p.m. weather permitting.

If you have not paid your dues, the white key card will no longer work after January 1, 2023. You may drop off at the Post or pay online. Dues are \$30. Hoping this finds everyone well, and don't forget to check on your neighbors. A get well to all who are not feeling well, and prayers for our servicemen and women

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy 2023. Harriet Blagg, President

## Chaplain's Corner

As a member of the Post Honor Guard, I often have the privilege of honoring our fallen comrades as part of their funeral or memorial service. Although it is usually a sad and solemn event, it is also a time of joy, knowing that our fellow veteran has gone to his or her final reward.

When remembering those who have passed on, I think it is important to remember their service; yet not only their service, but what they served and why. They served the United States of America and the principles on which that nation is built and by which it was made great. Those principles are detailed in two very important documents: the Constitution of the United States and the Bible. If we are to honor their service, it is imperative to understand the reason these documents are so important, not only to the history, but to the future of our nation.

The Constitution provides the legal authority for the federal government. It is literally an agreement between sovereign States to cooperate in certain areas that have been agreed to by all involved. It tells the federal government what it can, and more importantly, cannot do.

The Bible provides the moral authority to accomplish that which is laid out by the Constitution, Indeed, John Adams, one of the pre-eminent founders of this nation stated, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." What the Founders understood was that laws are only obeyed by those who believe in doing what is right and that, because man is imperfect, there needed to be both a legal and a moral foundation on which to build the society they envisioned.

Today, we face a situation where both of these documents are under attack. All one need do is to sit down and read the Constitution and then watch the evening news to see that the government we have today has strayed so far from the Constitution as to make it unrecognizable. "Why is that?", one may ask. The answer is in the observation of John Adams cited above.

For decades, forces within of country have been driving a wedge between government and religion. This was never meant to be. The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof." Notice that this law applies to "Congress", not to the States or the People. Also note that it is a prohibition on Congress to keep them from establishing a national religion. It does not prohibit those in government from exercising their religious beliefs. In fact, the second half of the clause forbids Congress from "prohibiting the free exercise" of one's religious beliefs.

History makes it clear that the Founders never intended for there to be a separation of church and state. The Founders were Christians and their intent was that this be a Christian nation. It was founded to be and it still is. Yes, we allow those with other beliefs to come here and practice their religions. It is the Christian thing to do. But that act of Christian charity is not a relinquishment of the values and principles on which the nation was founded. Once we relinquish our principles, we are no longer a great nation. We will have joined the many others that have started down that slippery slope that leads to enslavement by a dictatorial government.

The words of a country song seem to sum up the issue. "You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything." What do you stand for? Do you stand for "all men (and women) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."? Do you stand for a government "of the People, by the People and for the People"? Those who fought and died for our nation believed in those things. They honored the Constitution, they honored the Bible, and they honored the flag of the United States of America. How do we honor our fallen comrades if we do less?

Len Stayton, Chaplin American Legion Post 164

| American Legion Post 164 January, 2023 Events Calendar |  |                  |                    |  |                  |                                    |
|--|--|------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday          | Wednesday          | Thursday   | Friday           | Saturday                           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| Happy New Year   | 6:30 Euchre                                  | 6:SAL Mtg.       |                    | \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm<br>\$1 board sign up by<br>6:45 drawing @ 7pm                  | 6: Bar Bingo     | Texas Hold'em<br>\$5 Board Draw    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9 <sup>th</sup>                              | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 14 <sup>th</sup>                   |
| District Meeting<br>Canteen will not<br>Open till 4pm  | 6:30 Euchre                                  |                  |                    | 6:Legion Mtg.<br>\$1.50 beers 2-8 pm<br>\$1 board sign up by<br>6:45 drawing @ 7pm | 6: Bar Bingo     | \$5 Board Draw                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                                       | 16 <sup>th</sup>                             | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 21 <sup>st</sup>                   |
|  | Martin Juther King<br>Jr. Day<br>6:30 Euchre |                  | 6: Ladies Aux Mtg. | \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm<br>\$1 board sign up by<br>6:45 drawing @ 7pm                  | 6: Bar Bingo     | \$5 Board Draw                     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                       | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 28 <sup>th</sup>                   |
|  | 6:30 Euchre                                  |                  |                    | \$1.50 beers 2-8 pm<br>\$1 board sign up by<br>6:45 drawing @ 7pm                  | 6: Bar Bingo     | 10: Exec Bd Mtg.<br>\$5 Board Draw |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                                       | 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 Euchre                 | 31 <sup>st</sup> |                    |  |                  | Every Brick has a story to Tell    |

- \* Memorial Bricks are for sale. See bartender. Cost per Brick is \$50.00
- \* See list of Special Events posted in Canteen
- \* Corn Hole Monday, Tuesday & Friday @ 6pm
- \* Monday's Shrimp / Wings
- \* TACO Tuesday, 3 Taco's (hard or soft shell, hard shell is homemade) 3 TACO's for \$5.00
- \* Wednesday -
- \* Thursday Brats / Side / Chips
- \* Friday Food 5-8, Bar Bingo 6, Karaoke after Bar Bingo

#### 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