

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
22ND DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164
22125 KINGSLAND BOULEVARD
KATY, TEXAS 77450
FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas at 1400 hours.

Opening ceremony was conducted in the usual manner.

Roll Call was conducted by Adjutant Jimmy Mitchell. All District Officer were present except Historian and Service Officer. Committee Chairs absent were, Community Service, Children & Youth, Oratorical, Public Relations, S.A.L. Advisor, and VA&R. Posts absent were 316, 391, 416, 472, 594, 596 and 654. Per District Constitution & By-Laws a quorum was established.

Jimmy Mitchell moved to accept the minutes from January 2021 as posted on the District Website. Seconded by Butch Sparks. Motion carried.

Commander introduced distinguished guests to include National Executive Committeeman, Butch Sparks, Past Department Commanders, Butch Sparks and Lynn Sparks, and Past District Commander Jimmy Mitchell.

Officer's Reports

Vice Commander Woodstrom gave a report on the 22nd District's membership to include which Posts were meeting their target date goals. He also presented information concerning the various awards that Posts should be pursuing. There was discussion concerning the recent District Training and the lack of attendance by 8 of the Posts in our District. It was noted that all the Posts in the District were notified about the training. VC Woodstrom suggested that we all should all try to assist other Posts in our district that are in need of guidance.

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave the Financial Report. Jimmy Mitchell moved to accept the report. Seconded by Harry Woodstrom. Motion carried.

Judge Advocate NEC Butch Sparks reminded Posts of the need to update their Constitution & By-Laws and forward them to the Department Judge Advocate

immediately if you have not done so. Virtual meetings are not sanctioned unless it is included in your Constitution & By-Laws. Procedures by the Department Judge Advocate have been e-mailed to all the Posts in our District.

Chaplain Robert Harvey reported that he is available to assist Post Chaplains whenever they require his assistance.

Sgt.-at-Arms Jim McGuire reported 16 members in attendance.

Committee Reports

Americanism No Reports

Baseball Chairman David Saucillo reported that there are not any teams registered at this time. Registration is still open until March 15, 2021.

Boys State Chairman Mitchell noted that the final details were still pending. There was a discussion that followed with a request of the Boys State Chairman to send an email to, the Department Commander, Department Adjutant and Boys State Chairman, requesting updates on this year's program, including the prospect of having community centers for the boys to participate.

Constitution & By-Laws Report given with Judge Advocate report.

Legislature Chairman Commander Thomas stated there are bills this year concerning veterans and seniors. He will forward them.

National Security No Report

Webmaster Website address is www.legiondist22.com

Hubmaster reported he is prepared to send information when he receives it from the Posts.

Commander Thomas commented on the status of the Department Hubmaster.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. Harry Woodstrom moved to have Boys State Orientation virtually. Seconded by Butch Sparks. Under discussion there were questions as to the value of having an orientation at all if Boys State is to be virtual again this year. Motion was tabled until the March DEC after receiving input from Department. Vice Commander Woodstrom inquired what is the procedure for accepting Cadets to Boys State from outside of our District. He was told to contact the appropriate District Commander.

Commander Thomas discussed the new edict for vetting all members working with any of the Children and Youth programs. This stipulation will need to be incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws of each Post.

Commander Thomas stated there will be 5 to 15 minute training before every DEC and a committee needs to be set up.

Butch Sparks moved to establish a Disaster Preparedness Committee for the District. Seconded by James McGuire. Motion carried.

Commander Thomas discussed the need for a Law & Order Committee. Harry Woodstrom moved to establish a Law and Order Committee. Seconded by James McGuire. Motion carried.

Commander Thomas directed the Adjutant to notify each Post Commander that did not attend the meeting this date requesting they notify the District Commander in writing their reason(s) for not being present.

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James McGuire noted the social media linking Boys State information.

Harry Woodstrom informed the DEC of the PTSD activities conducted at Post 164. Mondays at 1pm. The meetings are open.

Next DEC is scheduled on March 14, 2021, Post 490, at 1400 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1517 hours.