



Jonathan D. Rozier Unit 164 Katy

AMERICANISM NARRATIVE REPORT 2025-26

Americanism is a set of national values which aim to create a shared American identity. It's a belief in loyalty to the United States, respect for its flag, its traditions, its customs, its culture, symbols, its institutions, and its form of government. Its ideals include independence, equality before the law, freedom of speech and democracy. This year the key challenge from the Department of Texas Americanism Committee is "Learning Through Action". Actively communicating that mission has led us to work closely with our veterans, youth and Katy community.

Texas Bluebonnet Girls State is a key program shared between ALA Unit 164, KISD and various private and home schools. Over the past 8 years we have sent 262 citizens to this prestigious national program which teaches the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of being an American citizen – "together they learn by doing". ALA Unit 164 raises funds for scholarships through our annual Wreaths Across America \$5 back program; KISD provides one scholarship for each of their 10 high schools, school principals fund additional students; plus the ROTC Booster Club, the National Charity League, the Girl Scouts and local businesses provide additional scholarships.

Actively engaging with our local First Responders, for the 5th year we supported the Katy Fire Department with their Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Funds raised through our 10 donated raffle baskets went to scholarships for their EMTs and Firefighters. Each year Post 164 presents awards to the finest of our Katy firefighters, paramedics and police at the First Responders Annual Awards Dinner. For the 11th year the Auxiliary's assistance has been critical in providing the script and programs, the decoration and ambience, the appetizers and door prizes. Patriot's Day, commemorating 9/11, provided us the opportunity to showcase our First Responders of ESD 48 and our local Precinct 5 Constables. The Auxiliary invited the community and local dignitaries to attend an afternoon of fun, food and education. Over 100 members of the community had the chance to thank our First Responders for all they do.

On April 25 we held the Post 164 Family Day. Events included Harris County ESD 48 Fire Truck Demo; games, food and fun activities for the adults and kids. We handed out Star Spangled Banner Kids bags to educate our youth about United States history, Americanism, the US Constitution and our 250th Birthday.

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in Grades 3-12 and this year the assigned topic was "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans Who Fought for our Freedom". For the second year we requested Americanism Essays from our Girls State Candidates and received 22 submissions, with our winner submitted to Department.

Festivals, parades, Expos and sponsorship tables give us an opportunity to pass out our American flags to kids of all ages. This year we passed out 1000 more than last year for a grand total of 6000 flags. On any given weekend you can see us set up one of our branded Unit 164 tables in front of a local business

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gathering sponsorships, passing out flags and poppies for Memorial Day, or sharing information about our Legion Family. At many of our events we also engage National Honor Society Students to apply patriotic tattoos.

Since 2018 our unit has been the driving force behind our local Wreaths Across America national ceremony. Every December we lay a wreath on each of the 575 veterans' graves at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery. Gathering wreath sponsorships on 5 different weekends, we set up our branded Unit 164 tables outside local businesses. To further generate wreath sponsorships we have added a QR code to our print and social media. The ceremony reflects our commitment to our veterans and community with over 400 attendees including our mayor and state representative, legion commander and numerous dignitaries. The ceremonial wreaths are laid by veterans; the honor guard and sea cadets post the colors; the Katy Youth Choir sings patriotic songs; and representatives from our local youth organizations lead the pledge and explain the meaning of the wreath. At the District level we re-established the District 22 Wreaths Across America ceremony at Soldiers Rest, 6900 Lawndale St, Houston and have continued our support for the past 3 years.

This is the 5th year that Unit 164 has led the organization of the ceremony celebrating the heroism and selflessness of the Four Chaplains. Each year we hold the event at a different church within the Katy community featuring local ministers and rabbis. We partner with the Four Chaplains Foundation to honor those citizens that exemplify the service and character shown that day on the USS Dorchester. We have honored Auxiliary members VA&R Rep Joanne Crawford, Past National President Carlene Ashworth and Past Department Commander Lynn Sparks from the Auxiliary to name a few.

Unit 164 actively participates in The American Legion Oratorical Contest's efforts to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. 10 Auxiliary Unit 164 members played an active role as moderator, judges, tabulators and time keepers to support our Post and at the Post/District/Division levels.

Respecting our veterans residing in assisted living facilities, Unit 164 has launched Operation Bunny Hop, a simple outreach program by members and students from Duschesne Academy, Houston and Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School. Over 500 cards were written and delivered by the Easter Bunny and her cohorts to our delighted veterans. Out of the overwhelmingly positive response to this effort, Operation Jingle Bells was born. 500 Christmas cards were made at Wreaths Across America by the youth attending the ceremony and delivered by the elves of Unit 164.

Estimated donation for activities = \$4,250

Estimated hours = 1114

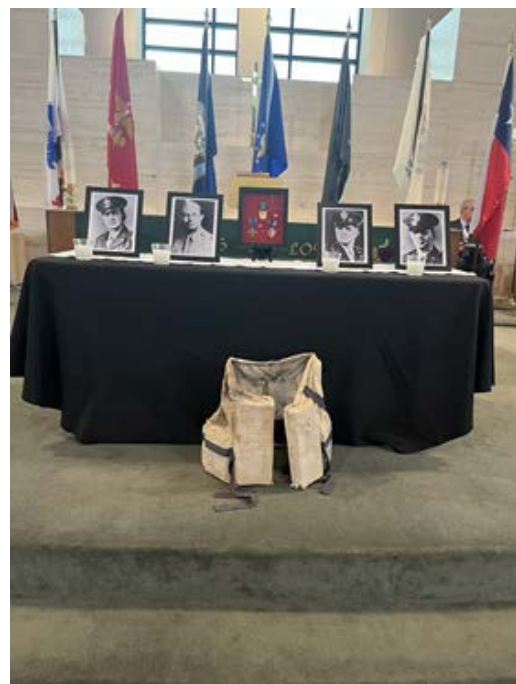
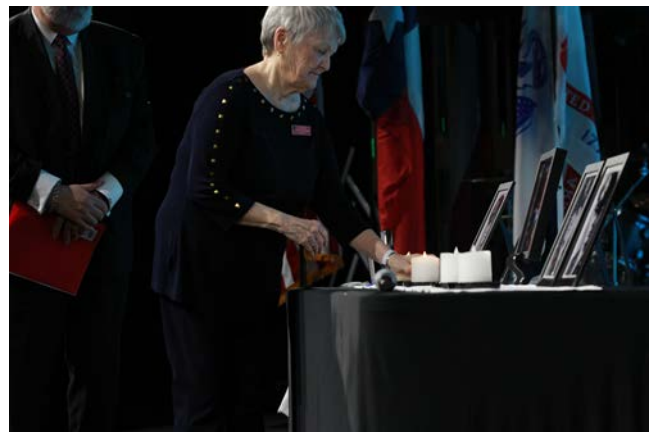
Respectfully submitted,
Americanism Committee
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Please see below in this document for some embedded pictures and photos that highlight our various events. As requested, please see the following zip files for the same photos sent full-size.
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Join Us in Our Mission to REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY



Support Our Veterans
at

Katy Magnolia Cemetery
6801 Franz Rd, Katy TX 77493

SPONSOR A WREATH



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



Help send our future leaders to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State. Your donation will help support our Girls State Scholarship Fund



Female Juniors!

Develop leadership skills
Practical hands-on experience with our system of government
Cultivate friendships and share your talents
Stay a week on a university campus



form life-long friendships ~ learn about civic responsibility ~ become an empowered young woman



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Honoring the Four Chaplains



A Priest, a Rabbi and two Ministers who gave their lives that others might live

A service to commemorate the Four Chaplains who modeled great faith, courage and selflessness during the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester February 3, 1943, during World War 2. Of the 902 men aboard the Dorchester, only 230 survived.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains—arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers. “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven,” said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains’ selfless act.

Saturday February 7, 2026

2PM to 3PM

Venture Christian Church, 5425 Morton Rd, Katy

American Legion Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 Family
in association with the Four Memorial Chaplains Foundation

The American Legion Post 164



FAMILY DAY



APRIL 25, 2026

starts at 10:00 AM

22125 Kingsland Blvd., Katy



Horse Shoe Tournament
Bocce Ball Tournament
Hula Hoop Contest
Cake Walk (Cupcakes)
Face Painting
Patriotic Tattoos
PRIZES

Hamburger Sliders
Hot Dogs
Frito Pie
Tater Tots
COOKIES





REMEMBER 9/11
SEPTEMBER 11: 4 PM TO 7 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 164 KATY
22125 KINGSLAND BLVD., KATY 77450

MEET OUR KATY FIRST RESPONDERS



**FIREFIGHTERS
POLICE
PARAMEDICS
CONSTABLES**

COOKIES/POPCORN/GAMES

**INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS FOR
ADULTS & CHILDREN**

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 164 FAMILY



red
white
& blue

TATTOOS



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