



Jonathan D. Rozier Unit 164 Katy

CHILDREN & YOUTH NARRATIVE REPORT 2025-26

Children are our future. Long after we have left this world, our legacy and teachings will live on through today's children, their children and future generations to come. It is for this reason we are called upon to teach and guide, to recognize and reward as well as develop and grow ALL children. In doing this we will be strengthening our community, state and nation while fulfilling the vision and mission of our great organization.

The purpose of the Children & Youth program is to work collaboratively with The American Legion to cultivate an atmosphere that assures our children and youth that they are valued, respected, and supported. We promote program events that protect, care for, and support them, especially those of our military and veterans.

Volunteer opportunities showcase the American Legion Auxiliary's mission, vision and values. For our annual Wreaths Across America ceremony the FFA helps set up tables and chairs; the Young Men's Christian League mark and clean up graves; the National Charity League passes out programs; the Boy Scouts and Girl Scout pass out pennies for marking the graves; the Katy Youth Choir opens the ceremony with patriotic songs; the Boys State, Girls State and National Honor Society representatives explain the meaning behind the 10 boughs that comprise a wreath; and the Sea Cadets present the Colors and the Honor Wreaths.

To provide opportunities for growth and development, we partner with KISD and other non-profit organizations for student participation in the popular Service Hours Program. Our student volunteers make over 4,000 poppies for distribution on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and greet our Honor Flight veterans on their return from Washington DC. This year at Katy parades they showed their patriotism by passing out 6000 flags to the families lining the streets; while at our local festival Auxiliary tents, National Honor Society students applied patriotic tattoos.

Each year we incorporate activities designed to engage children and youth in many of our events. At our monthly Breakfast with our Veterans volunteer students earn Service Hours working in the kitchen, our local Heritage Girls assist by clearing tables and carrying trays for our more senior veterans, and we provide a Kids Activity table with star spangled crafts and games. 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 spring 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.

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500 Christmas cards were made at Wreaths Across America by the youth attending the ceremony and delivered by the elves of Unit 164.

In honor of the outstanding young women in our local high schools, 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 Girls State scholarships through our annual Wreaths Across America \$5-back program when we seek wreath sponsorships at our branded tables outside local businesses. This campaign also serves to educate our local community about Girls State. KISD provides one scholarship for each of the 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.

Other Auxiliary programs that encourage and develop our children and youth are the Americanism Essay Contest; the celebration of National Education Week; for the third consecutive year we donated 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to the students in four of our low-income schools; Local Education Scholarships; The American Legion School Awards Medal Program and the Oratorical Contest.

At Halloween we host a Trunk or Treat event with treats and games for our local community children. Supporting our mission that no child should be left out, at Christmas we adopt 5 veteran families providing gifts for each member of the family.

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 and they responded by handing out firefighter hats along with various teaching moments and inviting the children to climb on the firetrucks.

To recognize and reward outstanding students, our Scholarship Committee awards 3 types of High School scholarships:

1. The Blue Posse scholarship supports the FFA and provides \$250 to help raise an animal to a student with a financial need.
2. We offer two \$250 scholarships to a band or an orchestra student in need of help.
3. Finally we offer three Higher Education Scholarships of \$500 each that can be used for college, trade school, nursing or any other advanced form of education.

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

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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.

Estimated donation for Education activities = \$8,250

Estimated hours = 814

Respectfully submitted,
Children & Youth 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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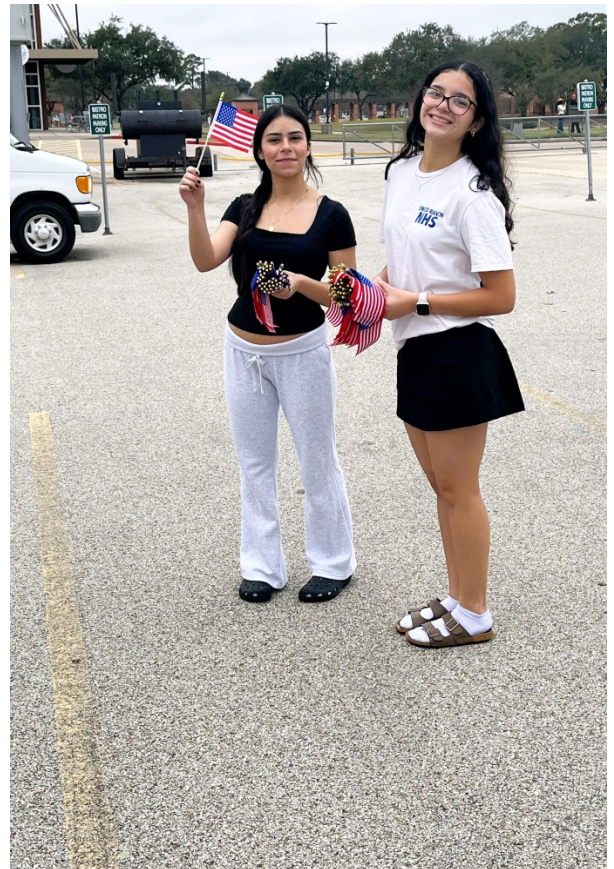
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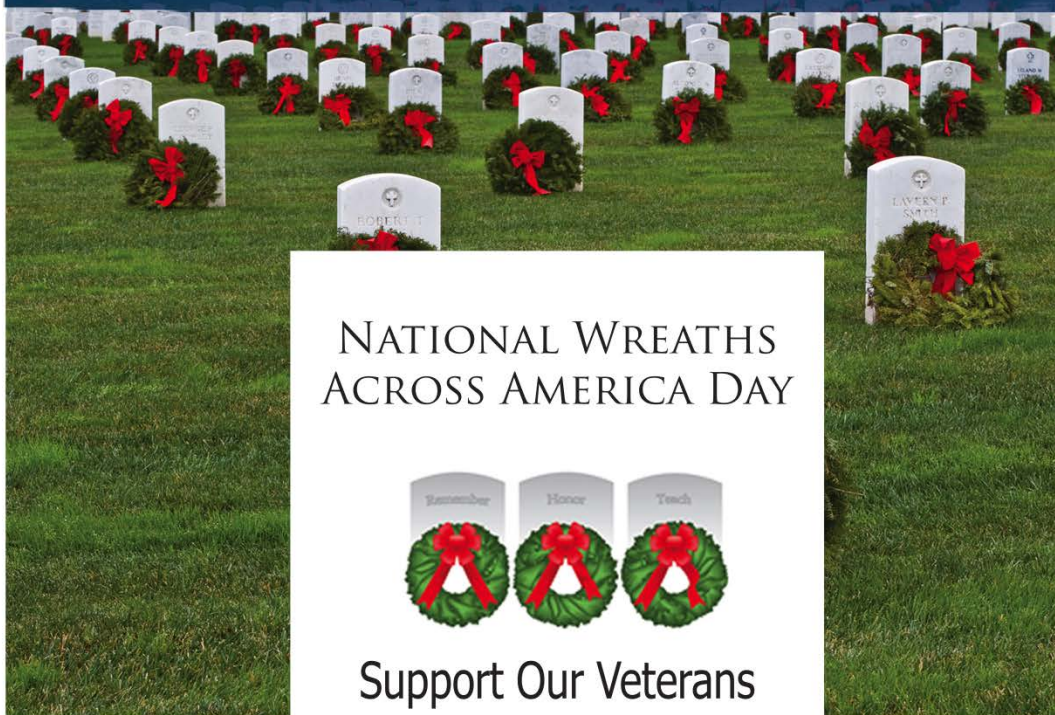
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Join Us in Our Mission to REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



SPONSOR A WREATH



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Post 164 Katy



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Unit 164 Katy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



BREAKFAST WITH OUR VETERANS

\$10 all-you-can-eat!

On the first Saturday of every month from 7 AM to 10 AM join the American Legion Post 164 Katy, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 Katy and the Katy Elks at the Katy Elk's Lodge for an all-you-can-eat breakfast benefitting our veterans.



WHO:

Everybody is welcome, bring your family!

WHEN:

First Saturday of every month
7:00 AM—10:00 AM

WHERE:

Katy Elk's Lodge
1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd.
Katy TX 77493

*American Legion Post 164, Katy TX
Katy Elk's Lodge #2628, Katy TX
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164, Katy TX*

\$10 all-you-can-eat
\$5 for kids under 12
Little kiddies eat free



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



Do you have an interest in government & current events?

Do you have leadership qualities?

Do you have above-average scholastic achievement?

YOU ARE A POTENTIAL GIRLS STATE CITIZEN!

TALK TO YOUR COUNSELOR & SIGN UP NOW!

Apply in September of your junior year for the week-long summer program (3rd week in June) before your senior year



**form new, life-long friendships ~ learn about civic responsibility ~
perform community service ~ become an empowered young woman**



"I would say that Girls State is the most life-changing week of my life." ~ Emily Worthmore
a life-changing experience



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

The American Legion Post 164



FAMILY DAY



APRIL 25, 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

22125 Kingsland Blvd., Katy



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

ALL GAMES - 1tk

Hamburger Sliders - 4 tkts
Hot Dogs - 4 tkts
Frito Pie - 4 tkts
Tater Tots - 3 tkts
Cookies - 1 tkt
Drinks - 1 tkt

\$1 FOR 1 TICKET

\$5 FOR 8 TICKETS

\$10 FOR 20 TICKETS

