



Jonathan D. Rozier Unit 164 Katy

EDUCATION NARRATIVE REPORT 2025-26

Education is the transmission of knowledge and skills and the development of character traits. The key program guidelines provided by our National Education Committee, gives us the incentive to actively develop programs that reflect this. We support quality education through volunteer service, scholarships and mentorship.

Unit 164 provides volunteer opportunities for our youth that teaches them about the American Legion Auxiliary's mission, vision and values. We purposefully include them in our events and programs that support our veterans, our active military and our community.

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 Scouts 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.

We partner with KISD and non-profit organizations to provide opportunities for community education along with the popular Service Hours Program. This includes making over 4,000 poppies for distribution on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; greeting our Honor Flight veterans and drive-through participants at the Operation Homefront Turkey Giveaway; making over 1,000 Christmas and Easter cards for our veterans in assisted living; cooking and serving at our monthly Veterans Breakfast with our Heritage Girls specializing in cleaning tables and assisting senior veterans; passing out over 6,000 flags to the citizens lining the streets at our Katy parades; applying patriotic tattoos at Katy festivals.

The National Education Program recommends the recognition of National Education week in November and for the second year we adopted West Memorial Junior High School. We provided each of the 135 staff members with handwritten thank you cards, snacks, breakfast, sweet treats and 30 prizes for their Thanksgiving Luncheon draw. In addition we partnered with our Legion Post 164 for The American Legion School Awards Medal Program. Also for our 5th Teacher Appreciation Week in May we will continue our tradition of goody bags recognizing our Girls State high school counselors.

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In support of the National Give 10 Program our Auxiliary membership works in conjunction with the Post to fund our Backpack Program. For the third consecutive year we donated 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to the students in four of our low-income schools.

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.

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.

We continue to promote our scholarships through a link to our scholarship information on the Katy ISD School List. Students may now apply directly for American Legion Auxiliary scholarships at the local, state and national level. We also encourage the use of the Department’s QR codes and online applications that lead directly to scholarship applications.

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 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.

Continuing education and mentorship for our membership includes “Be the One” course completion; registrations for “Grassroots Alerts” for legislative notifications; utilizing the “ALA Academy” courses; attending Department’s “Presidents School”; District 22’s “Conflict Resolution Training”; attracting membership with an effective “Elevator Speech”; and our District’s “What Is A Program” – the effective use of Program Engagement Plans; At our monthly meetings we invite speakers from support groups such as Camp Hope, Harris County Victim Advocates, Ballard House, Disabled Vets, Operation Homefront, and Wheelchairs for Warriors. All new unit members receive “Personal Orientation Training”.

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Connecting to our community and membership is essential. To achieve this we use the following educational tools - Facebook, Instagram, Evite and SignUp Genius; snail mail, posters, flyers and buddy checks.

Estimated donation for activities = \$3,450

Estimated hours = 397

Respectfully submitted,
Education 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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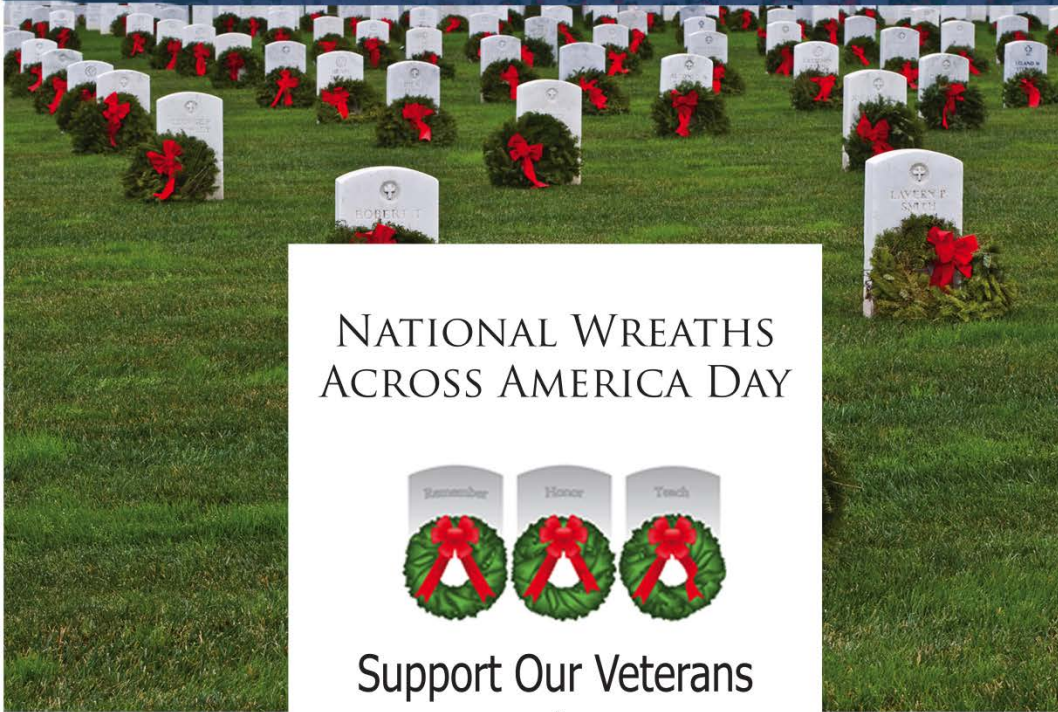
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SPONSOR A WREATH



American Legion
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**

