



Jonathan D. Rozier Unit 164 Katy

VA&R NARRATIVE REPORT 2025-26

Driven by compassion, social responsibility and the desire to make a positive impact, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 fulfills the mission of Service Not Self. We advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Since 2018 our unit has been the driving force behind the mission of our local Wreaths Across America national ceremony to "Remember. Honor. Teach." Every December we lay a wreath on each of the 575 veterans' graves at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery. Gathering sponsorships on 5 different weekends we set up our branded Unit 164 tables outside local businesses. 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 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.

As the primary team behind the 9th year of our monthly Breakfast with our Veterans, we plan the menus, execute the meal production, serve our veterans and community visitors, provide the raffle baskets, the Kids Activity Table and work with local volunteer organizations. The key to the success of this event is the opportunity for veterans and the community to meet each other and share their stories such as 104 year old WWII veterans Thelma Williams and 101 year old Aaron Mendoza, who received a Quilt of Valor.

Creating an annual event we call Pies for Hope in 2019 has raised community awareness for Camp Hope (part of the PTSD Foundation). For 3 weekends in the fall we set up tables outside local businesses and solicit donations to provide Thanksgiving pies for Camp Hope. This year we delivered over 100 pies and a \$500 check for turkeys. In support of the Be The One campaign this program continues to educate the importance of Suicide Prevention amongst our veterans. Upon the completion of the Be The One online course, an Auxiliary member earns a pin.

This is the 5th year that Unit 164 has organized 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

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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; Past Department Commander Lynn Sparks; David Maulsby from PTSD Foundation (Camp Hope); Crystal Laramore from Wheelchairs for Warriors.

For 5 years on the July Fourth and Christmas holiday seasons, a big, bright yellow box with “FIREWORKS” emblazoned on its side has drawn our community to support our Post 164 veterans with their purchases. Alongside our Legionnaires we set up the stand, manage and work shifts, and close it all down when it’s done.

Focusing on veterans’ needs, we maintain a strong alliance with our community partners in support of our Westgreen VA Clinic. A monthly Stakeholder’s Meeting creates a unified effort to serve our veterans in Katy. We exchange news, updates, event planning and information. Numerous projects involve the VFW 9182 Post and Auxiliary, Katy Christian Ministries, Combined Arms, the Houston Vet Center, HEB, the VA Clinic and Precinct 4. Events include the KCM Veterans Picnic, Turkeys for Vets, the adoption of Veterans Christmas Families, and the Fall Freedom Fest. Twice monthly the Unit joins the Post at a branded information table outside of our local Westgreen VA clinic and dispenses information and event updates to all those entering the clinic. We deliver water and snacks on a monthly basis. In support of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center we work with our VAVS to provide clothing, toiletries, footwear (Crocs) and other needs as requested.

Supporting our very own Post Legionnaires is one of our favorite pastimes. At the annual American Legion Birthday we celebrated the 250th Birthday of the United States by presenting the Post with a commemorative flag. At the American Legion Family Day we set up a table with information, membership, patriotic tattoos and Star Spangled Kids Bags that included patriotic coloring books and pocket copies of the US Constitution. Honor Flight Houston honors all veterans by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials and for the past 4 years we’ve joined our Post 164 Honor Guard in welcoming home these veterans at Hobby Airport with clappers, pom-poms, posters and signs. Answering the need to support veterans’ widows deal with the loss of their spouse, one of our members leads a monthly Widows Luncheon. The group shares resources and emotional support.

By distributing poppies at numerous locations in Katy, we remind the community of our veterans and why they matter. We actively seek the involvement of our Post in the poppy distribution because having a veteran with us wearing their cap makes all the difference to members of the public. They have a chance to talk with them, to share stories and to remember their passed loved ones. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day we set up tables outside local businesses with each table staffed by 2 Post and 2 Auxiliary members. As a visual and branding tool, each table member wears a Poppy Day

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Button/Ribbon Combo. We distribute poppies at our local VA clinic prior to each holiday. Additionally we distribute poppies to various senior citizen centers in the area that are not usually able to participate in honoring our veterans.

Estimated donation for activities = \$9,450

Estimated hours = 1419

Respectfully submitted,
VA&R Committee
ALA Unit 164
22125 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy TX 77450

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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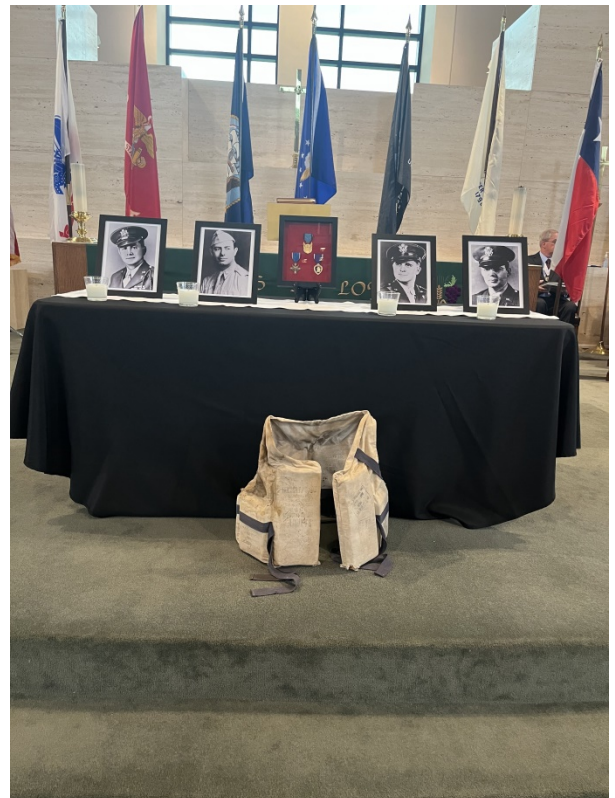
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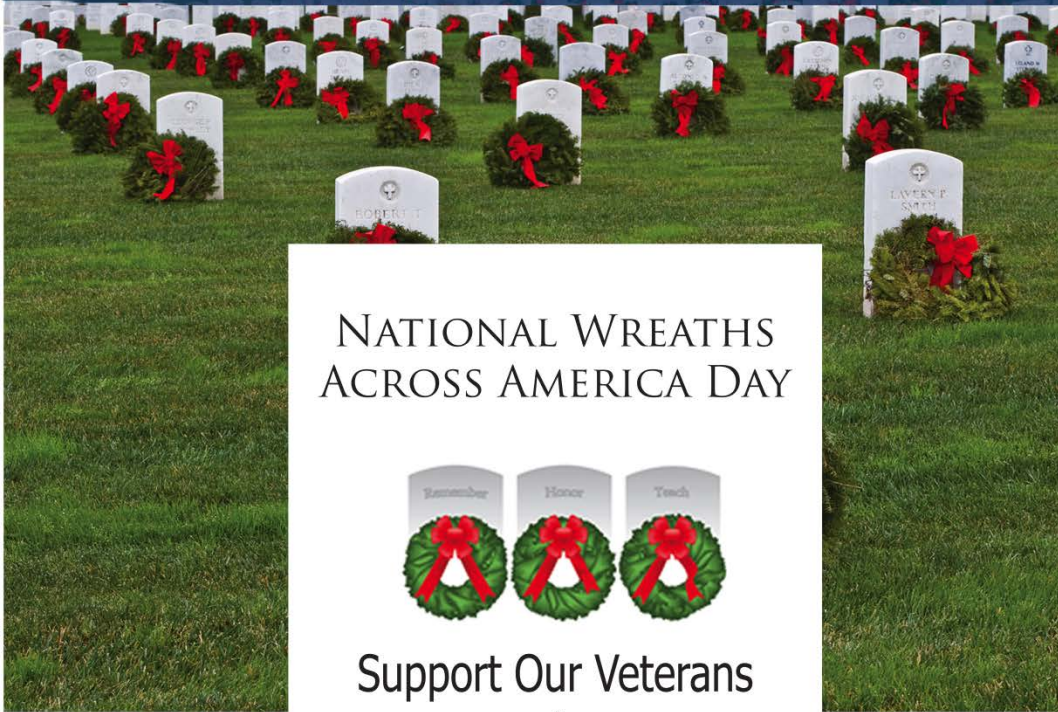
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Join Us in Our Mission to REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

PIES FOR HOPE



APPLE PECAN PUMPKIN

BUY A PIE FOR HOPE

ORDER THANKSGIVING PIES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OR DONATE THE PIES TO CAMP HOPE.

PROCEEDS GO TO CAMP HOPE AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 164



CAMP HOPE
9724 Derrington Rd.
Houston TX



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 164 KATY
22125 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy TX

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



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



"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."



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Unit 164 Katy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



In Flanders Fields
the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place;
and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt down, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now
we lie,

In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we
throw The torch; be yours to hold
it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

John McCrae, 1915.



graphic c. Leere Aldrich



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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