



Jonathan D. Rozier Unit 164 Katy

UNIT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION 2025-26

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS WEEKEND WARRIORS ARE ADVOCATING FOR VETERANS.

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. On any given weekend our Unit members are out in the community, loud and proud of who we are and what we do. Out of necessity, as a relatively new unit with monetary restrictions, we have been seen actively raising funds and community awareness on a regular basis. **After 38 weekends and 78 events plus numerous weekly activities, we are still standing.**

Showcasing our impact on veterans and the community, we would like to highlight some of the events that reflect our VA&R, Community and Americanism programs.

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. With over 400 attendees, the ceremony reflects our commitment to our veterans and our community.

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) and solicited donations to provide Thanksgiving pies for Camp Hope. In support of the Be The One campaign this program continues to educate the importance of Suicide Prevention amongst our veterans.

This is the 5th year that Unit 164 has organized the ceremony celebrating the heroism and selflessness of the Four Chaplains. Amongst those honored are Auxiliary members VA&R Rep Joanne Crawford and Past National President Carlene Ashworth; and Past Department Commander Lynn Sparks.

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Focusing on veterans' needs, we maintain a strong alliance with our community partners. 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 our local VA clinic and dispenses information and event updates to all those entering the clinic.

Respecting our veterans residing in assisted living facilities, Unit 164 launched Operation Bunny Hop, an outreach program by Unit 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 overwhelming 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.

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 raffle baskets went to scholarships for their EMTs and Firefighters. Each year Post 164 and the Auxiliary recognizes the finest of our Katy firefighters, paramedics and police at the First Responders Annual Awards Dinner. Patriot Day, commemorating 9/11, allowed us to showcase our First Responders of HCESD 48 and our local Precinct 5 Constables. Over 100 members of the community had the chance to thank our First Responders for all they do. Helping us at our Trunk or Treat Party, HCESD 48 passed out fire hats and let the kids climb on their fire truck.

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. Other programs that involve KISD partnership are the Americanism Essay Contest; the celebration of National Education Week; Teacher Appreciation Week; 100 Backpacks; Local Education Scholarships; The American Legion School Awards Medal Program and the Oratorical Contest.

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.

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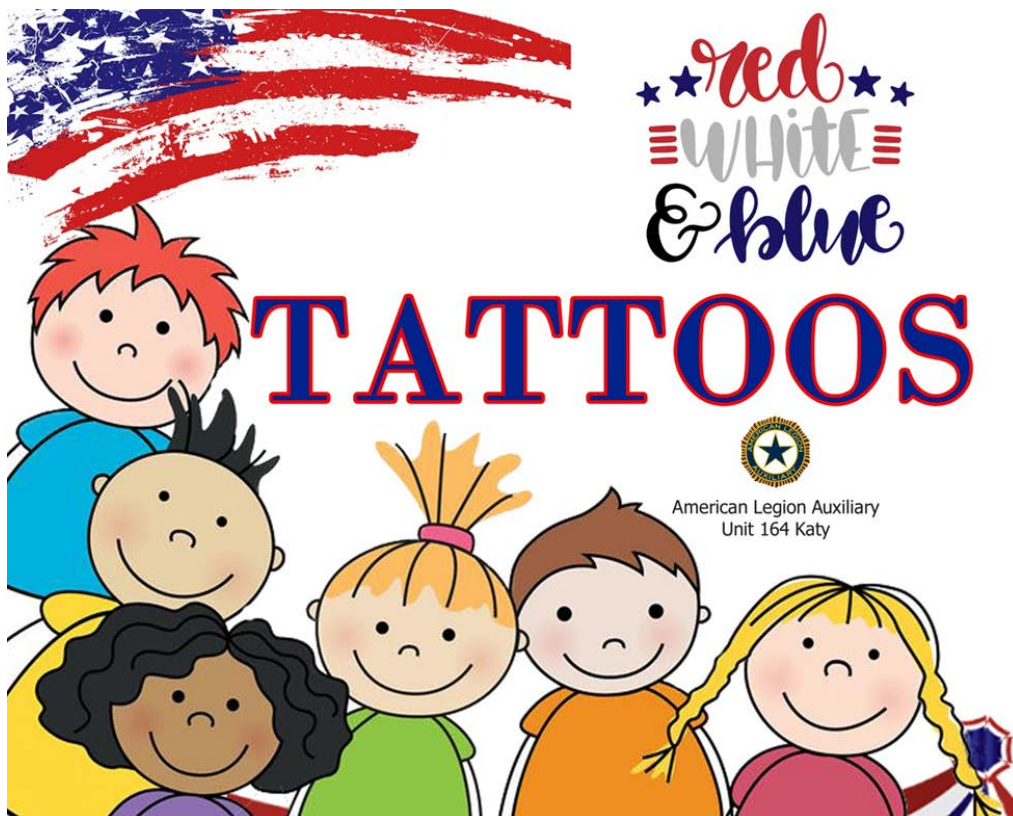
Festivals, parades, Expos and sponsorship tables give us an opportunity to pass out our American flags to kids of all ages. This year we passed out 1000 more flags than last year for a grand total of 6000 flags. On any given weekend you can see us set up one of our branded Unit 164 tables in front of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

Driven by National programs and priorities, we are inspired to be an active force in our community. Caring, giving, involved, motivated, and dedicated are some of the reasons we feel that ALA Unit 164 Katy should be considered for the National Presidents Award of Excellence.

Estimated donation for activities = \$26,663
Estimated hours = 2412

Respectfully submitted,
ALA Unit 164
22125 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy TX 77450

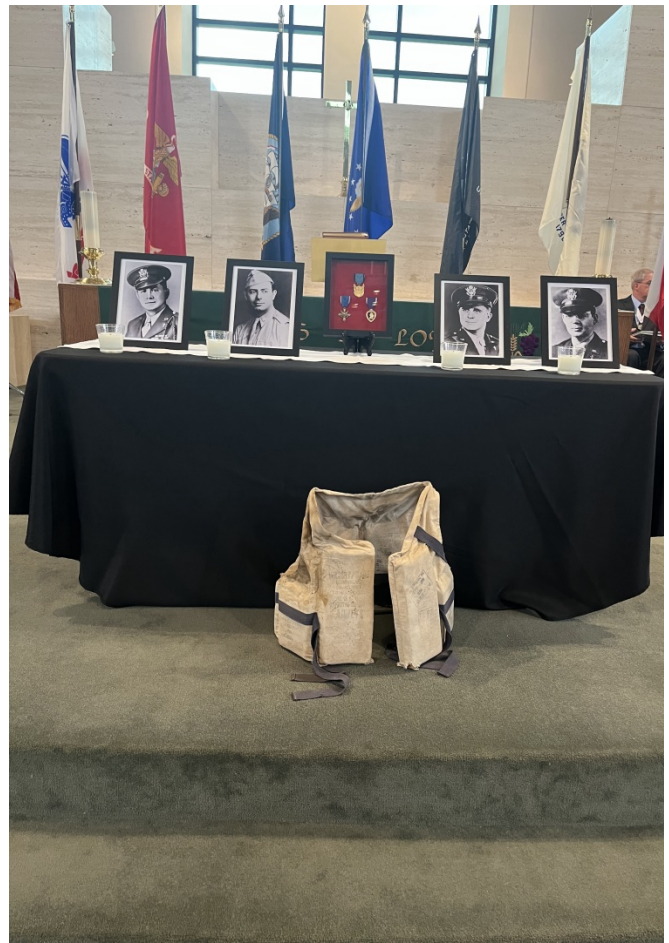
Please see below in this document for some embedded pictures and photos that highlight our various events. As requested, please see the following zip files for the same photos sent full-size.
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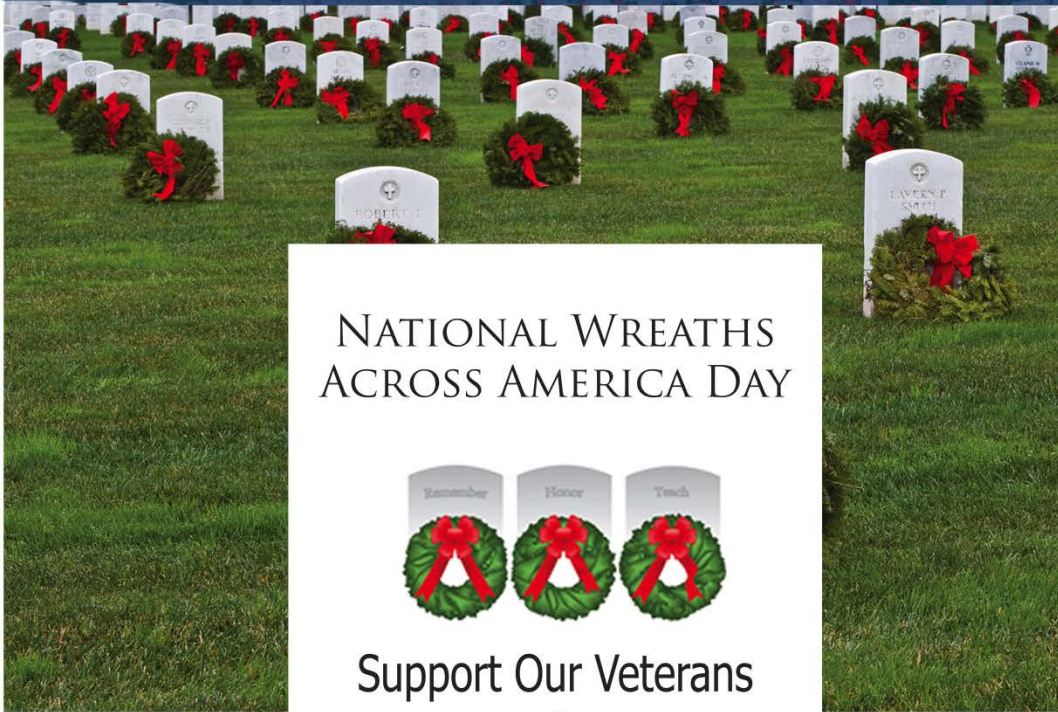
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Join Us in Our Mission to REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



NATIONAL WREATHS
ACROSS AMERICA DAY



Support Our Veterans
at

Katy Magnolia Cemetery
6801 Franz Rd, Katy TX 77493

SPONSOR A WREATH



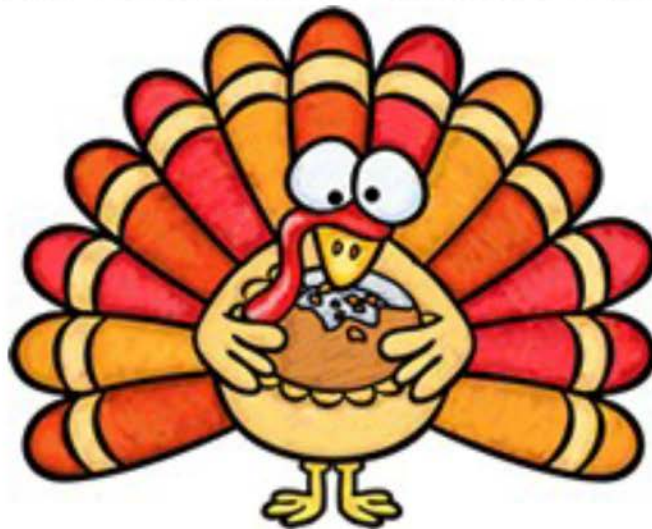
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

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



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!



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



Live Music

THE BANDITS

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

