

AHWATUKEE POST 64 NARRATIVE HISTORY 2017-2018

Thursday, June 1, 2017, was the first Color Guard/Drill Team practice. The practice was conducted at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center at 1730 hours, for the competition at the Arizona Convention later in June.

June 4 - June 10, 2017, was the week for Boys State, Girls state, and ALLECA. Arizona American Legion Boys State began with the arrival of the Senior and Junior Counselors, on Saturday, June 3. Post 64 Adjutant Roger Munchbach was one of the Counselors for the city of Luke. The parents and boys arrived early afternoon on Sunday, June 4, 2017, on the Northern Arizona University campus for check-in and registration to receive city and party assignments and room keys, and to greet Counselors at Sechrist Hall. 2017 was the 71st session of Arizona Boys State; all have been conducted on the campus of Northern Arizona University. The week long program is a governmental youth seminar teaching students, in a learn-by-doing method, the operation of Arizona government on the city, county, and state levels. The Boys State session was concluded in the Field House with the Awards and Closing Ceremony on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Thursday, June 8, 2017, was an Ahwatukee Post 64 Color Guard practice at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, was the practice for the Flag Disposal Ceremony on Flag Day.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, (Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday) was the annual Post 64 Flag Retirement/Disposal Ceremony. The ceremony was conducted in the back parking lot of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan and nine Color Guard members performed the American Legion Retirement/Disposal Ceremony for the 60 people in attendance. Stick flags and poppies were given to all who attended. An indoor reception followed, with refreshments and cookies provided by Post 64.

Sunday, June 18, 2017, Father's Day, was Post 64 Drill Team practice at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Monday, June 19, 2017, was Post 64 Drill Team practice at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, was the Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was held in the ballroom at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, and conducted by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1505 hours with 12 members in attendance. Business for the June meeting included: Post 64 Budget for 2017-2018 was approved; membership 196/177 or 109% of Post goal, annual golf tournament for 2017; Service Officer/Chaplain's report; Color Guard report; and the installation of new Post 64 Officers for 2017-2018. Post 64 Installation of Officers was conducted by Department Oratorical Chairman Roger Munchbach, and he was assisted by Sergeant-at-Arms Dave VonTersch.

Officers were installed as follows:

Post 64 Commander- Ed Mangan

Post 64 First Vice Commander- Bob Smithson

Post 64 Second Vice Commander- Peter Meier

Post 64 Adjutant/Historian- Roger Munchbach

Post 64 Finance Officer- Gerald Kramer

Post 64 Service Officer- John Boyer

Post 64 Chaplain- Rebecca Schmidt

Post 64 Sergeant-at-Arms- David VonTersch

Post 64 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms- Roddy Charlton

No speaker was available for the June meeting, and the meeting was closed by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1557 hours.

Thursday, June 22, 2017, was Drill Team practice at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. Also, on June 22-25, 2017, was The American Legion Department of Arizona's 99th Annual Convention. The

convention was held at the Carefree Resort, 37220 Mule Train Rd., Carefree, Arizona 85377. Four Post 64 members attended the convention, with five Color Guard members competing in the Color Guard Competition on Saturday, June 24, 2017.

Tuesday, July 4, 2017, Independence Day, 35 U.S. flags were posted around the Ahwatukee Recreation Center parking lot. The Support-the-Troops July 4th Celebration was held at 1700 hours in the ballroom. The Post 64 Color Guard presented Colors to start off the evening. The hotdog dinner provided much needed funds to help the Support-the-Troops program.

Saturday, July 8, 2017, was the District 12 organizational meeting and the Department of Arizona organizational meeting. Both were held at Chandler Post 35. Constitution and By-Laws issues and upcoming Post/Unit activities were discussed. Roger and Deb Munchbach attended.

Friday, August 18, 2017, Oratorical Contest informational lectures were conducted by Deb Munchbach for students at AAEC Red Mountain High School.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017, was Post 64 donation day for an east valley family recovering from a house fire. Post 64 donated \$150 of household items.

Thursday, September 7, 2017, was the 2017 Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Post 64 had Booth #33 used to recruit new members, golfers, and sponsors for the Post 64 Golf Tournament, and meet members of the Chamber and other residents. The event was held at the Four Points by Sheraton (the old Grace Inn of Ahwatukee).

Friday, September 8, 2017, Oratorical Chairman Roger Munchbach and Deb Munchbach presented an Oratorical plaque to the Head Master, David Dean, of Veritas Preparatory Academy. Student John Church was our department of Arizona 4th place winner at Department Finals.

Saturday, September 9, 2017, was the quarterly Elliot Road clean-up. Eight Post 64 members manned the crew.

Sunday, September 10, 2017, was the Military Order of the World Wars fifty-third Annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance at Shadow Mountain High School. Participating organizations included American Legion Ahwatukee Post 64. Also, that afternoon was the District 11 meeting held at Peoria Post 62. Roger and Deb Munchbach attended that meeting.

Monday, September 11, 2017, was the 16th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9-11-2001. To remember that date and honor the victims, 35 U.S. flags were posted around the parking lot of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, was the Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was held at 1500 hours in the old boardroom in the Ahwatukee Recreation Center with nine members in attendance. Topics covered included: general meeting speakers; Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting; Post golf tournament; membership; first Oktoberfest fundraiser; gun safe issues; and Color Guard programs. The meeting was closed at 1623 hours.

Friday, September 15, 2017, was POW/MIA Day. In observance, Post 64 posted 35 U.S. flags around the Ahwatukee Recreation Center parking lot. Later that same afternoon, a Post 64 Golf Tournament meeting was conducted in the old boardroom in the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Sunday, September 17, 2017, was the District 12 General Membership meeting hosted by Phoenix Post 65. The meeting was attended by Roger and Deb Munchbach as well as Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Monday, September 18, 2017, was the United States Air Force Birthday (1947).

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, was the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Ahwatukee Post 64. Post 64 was admitted to the Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony was conducted at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center with refreshments and cookies following the official ribbon cutting.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was conducted in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. The meeting was

called to order by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with 36 members and guests in attendance. Items covered included: membership (106/196 or 54% of goal); consider becoming a paid-up-for-life (PUFL) member; golf tournament; the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony; Color Guard events; Arizona and agent orange meeting coming up in Mesa, Arizona; Post 64 Holiday Party (January 20, 2018); Arizona Wall Project update; newsletter/Post 64 website information; Joe Gustafson donated \$250 to Post 64; Commander's visits; and guest speakers. Guests and speakers included: Ahwatukee Recreation Center Manager Amy Nicholls received a Chairman's Oratorical plaque for hosting the 2017 Oratorical Contest Department Finals in March; Jackie Harris of 'My Brother's Keeper' talked about veterans and at-risk veterans - she is looking for coaches and mentors to help returning veterans (mybrotherskeeperaz.com); and Sharon Schrader talked on Strategic Memory Assessment and Rehabilitation for aging veterans in our community. The meeting was closed at 1650 by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

September 22-24, 2017, was the annual Americanism Conference in Indianapolis for Department Chairmen (Chaplain, Boys and Girls State, Baseball, and Oratorical). Post 64 member Roger Munchbach attended the Oratorical Chairmen's meetings.

Sunday, September 24, 2017, was Gold Star Mother's Day.

Saturday, October 7, 2017, was the 1st American Legion Post 124 (Guadalupe) OVC Celebration (a stand-down to educate veterans about benefits and services available). Roger and Deb Munchbach attended the event. Keynote speakers included: Anita Cota Soto, Vice Mayor of Guadalupe and Pasqua Yaqui Tribal Councilwoman; Ruben Gallego, U.S. Congressman District 7; and Catherine Miranda, AZ Senator District 27.

Monday, October 9, 2017, was Columbus Day.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, was the Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was opened by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1500 hours in the old boardroom in the Ahwatukee

Recreation Center, with 5 attending members. Business included: speaker for the October meeting; a Korea War Era celebration in Gilbert on October 24, 2017; American Legion Officers' visits for the December Post 64 meeting /potluck; article in the *Foothills* newspaper; golf tournament; the Post 64/Veterans Club Holiday Party; and concerns about the NFL players kneeling during the playing of the National Anthem. The meeting was closed by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1550 hours.

Friday, October 13, 2017, was the U.S. Navy's birthday (1775).

Sunday, October 15, 2017, was the annual 'Run for the Fallen'. Six Post 64 members attended the event in Tempe and the event at Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Monday, October 16, 2017, Roger Munchbach delivered 8,000 poppies to the Auxiliary Department Headquarters.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, was the Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was opened by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center at 1504 hours with 22 members and guests in attendance. Business at that meeting included: membership was reported as 112/196 or 59% of Post goal; annual golf tournament update; Service Officer/Chaplain's report - helped one veteran receive dental service through Freedom USA; Color Guard events; 'Run for the Fallen' report; \$150 donation approved for the Ahwatukee Recreation Center's Thanksgiving Dinner event; 'Operation Welcome Home' event honoring all Korea War era veterans; the Vietnam Wall in Gilbert; Mary Williams to chair the 1st Oktoberfest celebration (all profits to go to Post 64 to help in the funding of the 'Support-the-Troops' program), Post 64 website was updated; Department Fall Conference; and a potluck to follow the Post 64 December 20, 2017, meeting. The speaker was the Department of Arizona Youth Programs Chairman Stan Evanko. Stan talked about ALLECA, Baseball, Boys and Girls State, Jr. Shooting Sports, Oratorical, Scouting, JROTC, and how you can help to make these programs more successful (evankosk0773@gmail.com). The meeting was closed by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1618 hours.

Saturday, October 24, 2017, was the 1st Oktoberfest (1800-2100 hours). Tickets were \$20 each. The evening included pretzels, brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, sides, and dessert. Polka and folk music were provided by Nickelcity Express, with all proceeds going to Post 64. Mary Williams was the Chairperson for the event which took in \$637.14 and a money raffle which collected an additional \$200.

Saturday, October 24, 2017, was the Gilbert 'Honor our Korean Veterans' dinner. Several Post 64 members were in attendance.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, was the first day to register to work at the National Oratorical Finals contest in Indianapolis. Roger and Deb Munchbach signed up to help.

November 3-5, 2017, was the Arizona American Legion Fall Conference. The Conference was hosted by the Department at the Double Tree, Tucson, Arizona. Arizona Department Commander Domingo Bonilla and National Vice Commander Paula Stephenson attended many of the various meetings during the three days. Four Post 64 members attended the Conference, and the Post 64 Boosters included in the program were Commander Ed Mangan, Bob Smithson, Roger Munchbach, Roddy Charlton, and Rebecca Schmidt. Awards received by Post 64 included: Post History, Community Service, Membership, and Color Guard.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, was Election Day (Get out the Vote). Also, the Post 64 Color Guard performed the 'Charles Roloff Evolution of the American Flag Program' at 0900 hours for over 400 students at Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, was the front page article highlighting the lifelong events of Ahwatukee Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan, including his service in the military, military organizations (especially the American Legion), and the community.

Wednesday, November 9, 2017, was a poppy program lecture given by Deb Munchbach for Mrs. Hemmerling's class at Lomas Elementary School in Ahwatukee.

Friday, November 10, 2017, was the U.S. Marine Corp. Birthday.

Saturday, November 11, 2017, was Veterans Day, a very busy day. Roger and Deb Munchbach joined Post and Unit 124 for the annual Veterans Day Parade in Guadalupe, Arizona. That same day, Roger Munchbach delivered 150 small packages to the Ahwatukee Recreation Center for the Packages-for-our-Troops program conducted on November 15-16. Also, that same day, at 1330 hours the Post 64 Color Guard performed the 'Charles Roloff Evolution the American Flag Program' for seniors at the Mountain Park Senior Living facility. And at 1700 hours, the Post 64 Color Guard presented Colors for the Veterans Day dinner and celebration at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Sunday, November 12, 2017, was the District 11 meeting at Post 12 in Wickenburg. Roger and Deb Munchbach were in attendance.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1505 hours by Commander Ed Mangan in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center with 26 members and guests in attendance. Business included: Bob Smithson reported membership to be 128/196 with the Arizona Revitalization Membership Program to be held at Phoenix Post 1 on December 4-6; Peter Meier reported that the Post 64 Golf Tournament was to be an 0800 start time at the Legacy Golf resort; Service Officer and Chaplain had no reports; Finance Office gave a brief update report on Post finances. Old business was covered: the Oktoberfest at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center made \$637.14 and the money raffle about \$200 (Mary Williams reported); and Roger Munchbach and Bob Smithson gave out Post 64 awards received at Arizona Fall conference. New business: USO (Post voted to donate \$250); East Valley Food Bank (Post voted to donate \$50); and the Arts and Crafts Festival will be held in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center on November 18 (the Post has a table and will collect poppy donations). New business: Terri Williford reported that the 'Wreaths across America' program will take place on December 16 at the Arizona National Cemetery (Post voted to donate \$60 to pay for 4 wreaths). Good of the Legion: letters

and cards from the Chandler Traditional School have been received for the troop boxes. The meeting was closed at 1612 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, was the day for organizing and wrapping at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center for the 'Packages-to-the-Troops' program.

Thursday, November 16, 2017, was the day all 200 boxes were filled with items to be taken to Luke Air Force Base for later flights to active duty military serving in combat areas.

Saturday, November 18, 2017, was the 2017 Arts and Crafts Fair at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. The event was held from 9 am to 2 pm. American Legion Post 64 manned a booth just inside the entry area where Post 64 members in uniform greeted, encouraged veterans to join the American Legion, handed out American Legion poppies, and gave out candy and stick flags.

Saturday evening, November 18, 2017, was Tempe Unit 2's spaghetti dinner. The event was to help fund Unit 2's Girls State program. Post 64 was represented by Roger and Deb Munchbach.

Sunday, November 19, 2017, was the District 12 meeting hosted by Chandler Post 35. Post 64 was represented by Roger and Deb Munchbach.

Thursday, November 23, 2017, was Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. Tickets for the turkey dinner were \$10 each and nearly 200 people attended the annual event.

Friday, December 1, 2017, was the first of many Friday afternoon golf tournament meetings. The meeting was held at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center's old boardroom.

Thursday, December 7, 2017, was Pearl Harbor Day. Thirty-five U.S. flags were posted around the Ahwatukee Recreation Center's parking lot, and Roger and Deb Munchbach delivered 2500 poppies to Auxiliary Headquarters.

Friday, December 8, 2017, was a golf tournament meeting, held at ARC at 1500 hours.

Saturday, December 16, 2017, was the Annual Post 64 Golf Tournament. The event was held at the Legacy Golf Resort. The Post 64 Color Guard presented Colors at the tournament's opening. Also,

that same morning, Roger and Deb Munchbach set up a Christmas tree at the VA Hospital (wing 4c) with two boxes of free items and a box of grapefruit for any veterans to take.

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, was the Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1503 hours in the ballroom at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center with 29 in attendance. The Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce Member Development Coordinator, Gina Jenkins, was presented with a U.S. flag, staff, and base from Post 64 to be used at all Ahwatukee Chamber meetings. Officer reports: the Commander reported that a new eagle was purchased for the Post's U.S. flag; membership is 139/196 (71% of Post goal); Second Vice Commander reported the golf tournament on Dec. 16, 2017, had 52 players (finance report to follow); Service Officer reported he attended the PTSD Vietnam Veterans meeting and two ESGR functions to educate reservists about to be deployed on their employment rights; February 10, 2018, will be the Agent Orange/Toxic Chemical Seminar at the First Methodist Church in Mesa; Finance and Sick Call had no reports; Sergeant-at-Arms reported that Dec. 29, 2017, the Color Guard will present Colors at the Arizona Grand Resort; and Holiday Party events for Color Guard members were reviewed (POW/MIA table, Service Flags program). Additional business included: Post 64 sponsored 2 single mother veterans and their children with the help of poppy donations (value of gifts totaled \$452) through 'Save the Family' for Christmas; Post 64 donated \$250 to the USO at Sky Harbor Airport; and the annual Maricopa County Stand-Down will be the last week in January. Speakers included past Post 64 Commander Rod Green who talked about his work with FEMA, and Area B Vice Commander Ken Queen spoke on membership and Legion programs/involvement. The meeting was closed at 1600 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan. A potluck dinner followed.

Friday, December 29, 2017, was the Memorial Service at the Arizona Grand Resort for fallen Afghan veteran CSM Martin Barreras. The Memorial Service was attended by the Post 64 Honor Guard. Post 64 received a \$150 donation for their efforts.

Saturday, January 5, 2018, was the annual Department of Arizona Open House. The event was held at Department Headquarters with four Post 64 members attending the potluck event.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018, was the Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1500 hours with 13 members in attendance. Items covered included: ARC Ladies Club flag program scheduled for Nov. 12, 2018; Sr. Center flag program scheduled for Nov. 2, 2018; filming of the 'Charles Roloff Evolution of the American Flag Program'; Post 64 golf tournament netted \$2,895, and the Color Guard presented colors at the event; new rolling cooler was donated to the Post thanks to Terri Williford's family; Post 64/Veterans Club Holiday Party had 113 tickets sold; and the Color Guard did the Military Service Flag Program and the POW/MIA Table Ceremony at the party. The meeting was closed at 1545 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Saturday, January 13, 2018, was a poppy making clinic. The event was hosted by Chandler Unit 91 with Unit 91 and Unit 41 taking part. The class was conducted by Post 64 member Roger Munchbach. Ten Auxiliary members attended this instructional workshop.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, was the monthly Vietnam Veterans meeting. The meeting was attended by five Post 64 members.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1502 hours in the Ahwatukee Recreation Center ballroom by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with 26 present. Reports and items covered at that meeting included: membership at 74 % of year's goal; finance (made \$3000 on the golf tournament); 135 tickets sold for the January Holiday Party (\$25/ticket); Service Officer reported helping veterans at the VA clinic in Gilbert; Color Guard events for the month; ESGR report; Vietnam Veterans meeting report; 'Save the Family' thank-you cards and final report; and the annual Mesa East Valley Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange/Toxic Exposure meeting. Speakers: District 12 Commander Ben Carrillo spoke on membership, the District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction, the 'Veterans Helping Veterans' Annual Dinner and Auction,

and American Legion videos for WWI and WWII; and the USO Director for Arizona, Carla Garcia, spoke on the history of the USO, the 220 locations here in Arizona, the 140,000 military and family members helped at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport facility last year, and the volunteers and hours required to make the USO's mission a success. The Post 64 meeting was closed at 1600 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with refreshments and snacks following.

Friday, January 19, 2018, was a meeting at AAEC Red Mountain High School with Oratorical High School Contest students and teacher Tony Fusco. Roger and Deb Munchbach also talked about the opportunity to attend Arizona Boys State in June at the Northern Arizona University campus.

Saturday, January 20, 2018, was the annual Ahwatukee Post 64/Veterans Club Holiday Party. The party was attended by 142, with the Post 64 Color Guard and members performing the Salute to the Military Services, the presentation of Colors, and the POW/MIA Table Ceremony. There was a live band for music, with raffle items, a cash raffle, and Post 64 awards were presented.

Sunday, January 21, 2018, was the District 12 meeting hosted by Post 107. The meeting was attended by two Post 64 members.

January 23-26, 2018, was the annual Arizona Stand-Down at Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Friday, January 26, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Urban Airpark ribbon cutting event. Seven members of the Post 64 Color Guard presented Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance on behalf of the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce. Also, that same day, Ahwatukee Post 64 filed its 2017 tax return with the IRS.

Saturday, January 27, 2018, was the Annual Department of Arizona Children and Youth / National Security Workshop. The event was hosted by Phoenix Post 1 from 0900 to 1300 hours with Chairman Jan Cushing as moderator. Speakers included: Larry Anders (CERT program, Community Emergency Response Team); Patrick Mays (Arizona police officer and Post 1 Commander); Tina Slankas (Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management); Jeff Frain (Sons of the American Legion Co-

Chairman CWF); Roger Munchbach (Arizona American Legion Oratorical Chairman); and Robert Krumwiede (Arizona American Legion Baseball Chairman).

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, was set up and judging for the 2018 Creative Arts Festival. Two Post 64 members attended. Also, that same morning, 251 Valentine's Day cards were given to the Arizona Veterans State Home to be given to resident veterans (donated by Post 64).

Thursday, February 8, 2018, was the Award Ceremony for the 2018 Creative Arts Festival. The annual event was conducted in the basement of the Phoenix VA Health Care System (the Phoenix VA). Awards were given out by Recreation Therapist and CAF Chairman, Dr. Beth Dietrich (CTRS). For more information contact Recreation Therapy at 602-277-5551 ext. 7250. The event was attended by two Post 64 members.

Saturday, February 10, 2018, was the annual Mesa Agent Orange / Toxic Waste Exposure Conference. The meeting was from 0900 to 1200 hours with three Post 64 members in attendance.

Saturday, February 10, 2018, was 2018 District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction. The event was conducted at Post 35 in Chandler, Arizona. That event was co-hosted by Chandler Posts 35 and 91. Nine members from Post 64 attended the fund raising event with Post 64 donating \$364 in dinner tickets and gift baskets to aid the District 12 Veterans Rehab Fund.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, was the Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was conducted in the old boardroom at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. The meeting was opened at 1500 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with eight in attendance. Items covered included: Easter Parade day events (March 31, 2018); wrap-up of the Post 64/Veterans Club Holiday Party; membership total to date (80%); Post 64 website (please use the information easily available on that site); the Post 64 newsletter; and the annual Patriotic Day event. The meeting was closed at 1615 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Saturday, February 17, 2018, was the quarterly Post 64 Elliot Road clean up. Eight Post 64 members participated in the clean up headed by Post 64 Second Vice Commander Peter Meier.

Saturday, February 17, 2018, was the District 11, District 12, and District 2 Oratorical Contests. The District 12 contest was conducted by Oratorical District 12 Chairman Ole Bjerk and hosted by Post 35 Chandler. One contestant, AAEC Red Mountain High School student Sylvana Fuentes, was the first place winner and received \$100. The District 11 Oratorical Contest was hosted by Phoenix Post 1 and conducted by Oratorical Department Chairman Roger Munchbach. Kylie Cochrane from Pinnacle High School was the first place winner (\$100) and Caleb Doerksen, a freshman from Verrado High School, was awarded second place (\$75). The District 2 Oratorical Contest was hosted at the Tucson Estates Mobile Home Clubhouse with five students taking part in the 1300 hour contest: Cassandra Lawson of BASIS Oro Valley, first place \$100; Mallorie Cohen of BASIS Oro Valley, second place \$75; Sabrina Gilbert of Empire High School, third place \$50; Connor Nagore of Catalina Foothills High School, fourth place \$50; and Jordan Sene of Rio Rico High School, fifth place \$50.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, was the Twenty-fifth Annual Patriotic Day Celebration hosted by Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School, 2720 East Liberty Lane, Phoenix (Ahwatukee), AZ 85048, at 0900 hours. The program began with the Presentation of Colors by the Ahwatukee Post 64 Color Guard followed by the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence. Speakers for that morning included: Katie Miceli, United States Army (Engineer, Veteran); Lisa Cimino, Staff Sergeant, Arizona National Guard and Retired Air Force Veteran; and Wanda Wright, Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director, Col.(Ret.) United States Air Force Veteran. A continental breakfast, sponsored by the Akimel A-al PTSO, was held after the event. Post 64 was present with 12 attending the annual event.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center by Post 64

Commander Ed Mangan at 1505 hours with 21 in attendance. Reports and items covered included: membership (80%); Patriotic Day Celebration; Holiday Party; new beverage wagon donated to Post 64; finance report; Color Guard March events; Mesa Agent Orange/Toxic waste Exposure Conference held on Feb. 17, 2018, with 120 in attendance; the 'Charles Roloff Memorial Scholarship' was increased to \$200 per student for this year; new marketing/public relations plan for Post 64 unveiled; Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce non-profit award; alcohol special events permits (\$25); and Easter Parade-Food Handlers Certificate needed. The Post 64 special guest was candidate for Alternate National Executive Committee, Andy Jaime (Post 44 Scottsdale). Andy talked about membership, community service, veterans services, American Legion programs, and encouraged Post 64 to support him as Alt. NEC. The meeting was closed at 1630 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with refreshments and snacks following the meeting.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, was a special meeting at Chandler Post 35. District 12 Oratorical winner Sylvana Fuentes (a freshman from AAEC Red Mountain High School) read her 8-10 minute constitutional speech for the members present.

Saturday, February 24, 2018, were the Oratorical Area contests. Area A contest results were: first place (\$300) Cassandra Lawson (Basis Oro Valley School); second place (\$200) Gavin Roman (Benson High School); third place (\$100) Mallorie Cohen (Basis Oro Valley School); fourth place (\$50) Brandon Dixon (Benson High School). Area B contest results were: first place (\$300) Kylie Cochrane (Pinnacle High School); second place (\$200) Caleb Doerksen (Verrado High School); third place (\$100) Sylvana Fuentes (AAEC Red Mountain High School). Area C contest results were: first place (\$300) Dallin Gordon (Mingus Union High School).

Saturday, February 24, 2018 was the annual Veterans Helping Veterans Dinner and Auction. The event was hosted by Glendale Post 29 (6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, Arizona). Two Post 64 members attended with Post 64 donations of \$110 including dinner tickets and gift baskets.

Sunday, February 25, 2018, was volunteer Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Roger and Deb Munchbach packaged rice for the needy to be delivered to Mathew's Crossing (a local food bank).

Saturday, March 3, 2018, was the Arizona Department Finals for the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, a Constitutional Speech Contest. The event was held in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center and hosted by Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64. Department Oratorical Chairman Roger Munchbach was the moderator. About 65 were present, including Department Commander Domingo Bonilla and Auxiliary Department President Yolanda Bonilla, to enjoy the six students competing for the right to go to the National Finals. Post 64 Color Guard presented colors and led in the Pledge of Alliance. Judges for the contest included: Barbara Carl (retired lawyer), Amy Nicholls (Ahwatukee Recreation Center General Manager), Yolanda Bonilla (Auxiliary Department President), Jane Anderson (retired middle school teacher), Ole Bjerk (past Department Oratorical Chairman), and Julie Vietri (Math Department Chairman for St. Mary's High School and Girls State County Advisor). The results were as follows: first place (\$1500) Kylie Cochrane (Area B); second place (\$1000) Caleb Doerksen (Area B); third place (\$750) Cassandra Lawson (Area A); fourth place (\$400) Mallorie Cohen (Area A); fifth place (\$400) Gavin Roman (Area A); and sixth place (\$400) Dallin Gordon (Area C).

Sunday, March 4, 2018, was the annual District 12 picnic. The picnic was hosted by Chandler Post 35. Two Post 64 members attended and donated \$15 in items for the cake walk.

March 5-6, 2018, two Post 64 members took the exam and received Arizona Food Handlers Certificates.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, was the Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1500 hours with 14 members present. Items covered at that meeting included: Color Guard program at Franklin Elementary School in Mesa scheduled for Nov. 12, 2018; video recording of the evolution program; untable the motion to increase

student scholarship amounts; marketing survey and public relations for Post 64; Sept. 22, 2018, Col. Wright to present at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center certificates and pins to Vietnam-era veterans; golf tournament in Dec. 2018; and no Packages-to-the-Troops to be sent in the spring. The meeting was closed at 1645 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Thursday, March 15, 2018, was the American Legion Birthday.

Saturday, March 17, 2018, was St. Patrick's Day.

Sunday, March 18, 2018, was the District 12 meeting. The meeting was hosted by Scottsdale Post 44. Arizona USO Director Carla Garcia was the special guest. She reported the USO is very busy in Arizona, and District 12 gave her a check for \$175 to continue to help the military and their families throughout the state.

Sunday, March 18, 2018, was the deadline for the Arizona Oratorical winner to submit information to National Headquarters in preparation for the April National Finals Contest.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, was the monthly Vietnam Veterans meeting. Two Post 64 members were in attendance.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan with 25 members present. Reports and items covered included: membership now at 88% of Post goal; School Awards were ordered; District 12 per capita (\$40); Boys State-\$300 to cover Tanner McDonald from Mountain Pointe High School, 14450 South 42nd Street, Ahwatukee - 480-389-7205); Oratorical Contests all completed in Arizona; annual Post 64 dues to remain at \$30 for 2018-2019; Food Handlers Certificates required to assist in the Easter picnic; untabled and approved the motion to give \$200 to each high school student receiving a Charlie Roloff Memorial Scholarship; sick call report; Color Guard report; more workers for the Easter events needed; Sonic donated hot dog buns for the picnic after the parade; Post Consolidated Report volunteer hours (send

reports to Post Adjutant); and new member introduction. The meeting was closed by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1540 hours with refreshments and snacks following.

Saturday, March 24, 2018, was flag set up day for the annual Ahwatukee Easter Parade. Eight Color Guard members took part in organizing the burial flags for the event.

Friday, March 30, 2018, Arizona Department Oratorical Champion Kylie Cochrane performed her Oratorical speech at Arizona Department Headquarters. Seven people attended the practice Oration.

Saturday, March 31, 2018, was the 42nd Annual Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade and Spring Fling. Ahwatukee Post 64 was the lead Color Guard followed by 18 U.S. burial flags, one pick-up truck, and the mixed Akimel/Altadena Middle Schools marching bands. Following the completion of the parade, Post 64 hosted the annual hot dog picnic, serving 250 meals (donations accepted only). An indoor concert was conducted in the Ahwatukee Recreation Center ballroom by the jazz band from Akimel Middle School.

Saturday, April 7, 2018, was the refolding of the Easter Parade burial flags. Seven Post 64 Color Guard members helped refold and return the flags to their owners.

Sunday, April 8, 2018, was the annual Apache Post 27 Americanism Awards Dinner. The program included: the POW/MIA Table Ceremony performed by the Desert Ridge Air Force JROTC; the Fireman/Paramedic of the Year Award; the Policeman of the Year Award; and the Teacher of the Year Award. The stuffed pork dinner and the raffle drawings ended the evening.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was attended by eight members and conducted without Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan (on sick-call) and Adj. Roger Munchbach (flying to Indianapolis for the National Oratorical Contest). The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours by Post 64 First Vice Commander Bob Smithson and was concluded at 1555 hours.

April 12-15, 2018, was the 81st Annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, A Constitutional Speech Contest. Serving on staff were Roger and Deb Munchbach. Arizona champ Kylie Cochrane competed in quarter-final #9 against Connecticut, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington, with Kentucky moving on to the semi-finals. Kentucky took first place at the finals (\$18,000); second place Minnesota (\$16,000); and third place California (\$14,000). Roger Munchbach served as moderator for quarter-final #7, moderator for semi-final #2, and usher for the finals. Deb Munchbach served as quarter-final #7 usher and in the semi-finals was a prep room monitor.

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, was the Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 General Membership meeting. The meeting was called to order by First Vice Commander Bob Smithson at 1505 hours with 19 present in the ballroom of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan was on sick call for the April meeting. Items/reports covered at that meeting included: membership - 176/196 or 90% of Post 64 goal; finance - checking balance \$5216.00; Post 64 golf tournament at the Legacy scheduled for December 7, 2018, Pearl Harbor Day, at \$100/golfer with teams of four; Sgt-at-Arms (Color Guard) flag inspection scheduled for Friday April 20; April 28 USO Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with Colors posted by Post 64; Memorial Day events May 28; School Awards and scholarships; marketing of Post 64 - business cards, newspaper articles, information board, jobs for veterans; sick call report. Unfinished business: Easter Parade--cost to Post \$580 minus \$515 in donations, served 252 hot dogs; July 4 event at ARC \$10/person; Sept. 22 Vietnam Era Veterans celebration at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center; Oct. 13 annual Oktoberfest at ARC; April 21 the shred-a-thon at ARC funding Support-the-Troops. New business: Post 64 officer nominations for 2018-2019 (Commander-Pete Meier; First Vice Commander-Bob Smithson; Second Vice Commander-Doug Patterson; Adjutant-Roger Munchbach; Finance Officer-Jay Hendrix; Service Officer-John Boyer; Chaplain-Rebecca Schmidt, Sgt-at-Arms-Dave VonTersch; Historian-Roger Munchbach. Good of the Legion: Run for the Fallen on April 23

(information at runforthefallen.org). The meeting was closed at 1550 hours by First Vice Commander Bob Smithson. Refreshments and snacks followed.

Friday, April 20, 2018, was the flag inspection/repair for all parking lot flags and poles at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center.

Saturday, April 21, 2018, was the annual Ahwatukee Recreation Center shred-a-thon. Money collected was given to the Support-the-Troops Club.

Monday, April 23, 2018, was the 'Run for the Fallen' event in Tempe. Post 64 members displayed Post Colors and cheered the runners as they passed by.

Saturday, April 28, 2018, was the Arizona USO 'Force Behind The Forces' 2018 Volunteer Awards and Luncheon. The Post 64 Color Guard posted Colors at the opening of the event. Kelly Sandbrink (Arizona USO Operations and Programs Manager) and Carla Garcia (Director, USO Arizona) gave out volunteer years and hours of service awards. The meal and donors included: Chandler Outback Steakhouse, Tempe Outback Steakhouse, and American Airlines. The event was held in the Ahwatukee Recreation Center Ballroom.

Sunday, April 29, 2018, was Girls State Orientation. The event was held at Tucson Post 36 and hosted by Auxiliary District 2. Deb and Roger Munchbach conducted the orientation.

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, was the Mountain Pointe High School Awards night. Pete Meier, Post 64 Second Vice Commander, presented Lauren Everett and Antoine Kepczyk with a certificate, an American Legion Medallion, and a check for \$200 from the Charles Roloff Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Thursday, May 3, 2018, local Boy Scouts took possession of old U.S. flags from Post 64, for proper flag disposal.

Saturday, May 5, 2018, was the morning Girls State Orientation. The event was held at Phoenix Post 1 and hosted by Auxiliary District 11. Deb and Roger Munchbach conducted the orientation. The

evening Girls State Orientation was held at Peoria Post 62 and hosted by Auxiliary District 11. Deb and Roger Munchbach conducted the orientation.

Sunday, May 6, 2018, was the morning Girls State Orientation. The event was held at Chandler Post 35 and hosted by Auxiliary District 12. The afternoon Girls State Orientation was held at Scottsdale Post 44 and hosted by Auxiliary District 12. Deb and Roger Munchbach conducted the orientation.

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, was the Ahwatukee Post 64 Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan at 1500 hours with 11 members in attendance. Items covered included: Officer Reports; next year's Post Budget; membership; election of officers; golf tournament; school awards and activities; marketing of Post 64; short term concerns; long term concerns; and survey results. The meeting was closed at 1615 hours by Post 64 Commander Ed Mangan.

Until next year, God bless America, America's military and their families, America's wounded--injured both physically and mentally, needy veterans, and God bless the American Legion Family.

For God and Country,

Roger N. Munchbach

Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 Historian (2017-2018)