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THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR. THE NEXT POST 64 NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 1, 2018.

THE POST GENERAL MEETING AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018, WILL BE THE LAST MEETING FOR THE 2017-2018 PROGRAM YEAR. OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE JILL SEARS FROM YOPAS. DURING JULY AND AUGUST, POST, DISTRICT, AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS THROUGHOUT ARIZONA WILL BE MAKING PLANS FOR 2018-2019. THE FIRST POST 64 MEETING AFTER THE SUMMER HIATUS WILL BE AT ARC AT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

CHECK THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY FOR POST 64 AND VETERANS CLUB EVENTS WHICH WILL BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER.

1. CONDOLENCES:

To the family of Chester Thomas who passed away in June 2017. He was a WWII veteran of the US Army and a 12 year member of the American Legion.

To the family of Harold Bowdoin who passed away in February 2018. He was a Korea era veteran of the US Navy and an 8 year member of the American Legion.

To the family of Ronald Cox who passed away March 20, 2018. He was a Korea era veteran of the US Army and an 11 year member of the American Legion.

2. GET WELL SOON:

Sent to Commander Ed Mangan and Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch.

3. MINUTES FROM THE MAY 16 MEETING: (see results of Post elections for 2018-2019 officers above)

27 members and guests were in attendance.

First Vice Commander Bob Smithson reports that our membership should be at 195 (99.5% of the goal of 196) once all of the transfers we have received during the year are counted and recorded. The final statistics for the year are: 24 transferred in; 1 transferred out; 12 entered Post Everlasting; 2 new members. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues and/or invited friends and relatives to join us. We are an American Legion Post that concentrates on Community Service and Patriotism in the Community in which we live. We make a huge impact in our world. There is still time to renew if you haven't yet done so for 2017-2018. The safest, fastest, and easiest way to renew is at www.legion.org

John Boyer reported that there will be articles on the Post and its activities in local news sources over the Memorial Day Holiday. *Follow Up: There was an excellent article in the Ahwatukee Foothills News on May 23 highlighting the Post 64 Color Guard and events planned at the National Cemetery--thank you to Paul Maryniak for authoring the article. A picture of the Color Guard at last year's ceremony was also included on azcentral.com under "Local Events for Memorial Day."*

The current checkbook balance is \$6580.00.

Service Officer John Boyer reported on helping a local veteran with rent money through Veterans Helping Veterans. He also reported on a recent pre-deployment event he attended through ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) for 500 National Guard members. The children of the Guard members received Josh Dogs. (See info on GI Josh later in this newsletter.)

Dave VonTersch suggested that we ask Jill Sears from YOPAS to the June meeting to talk to us about volunteer opportunities, in particular driving Ahwatukee Seniors to appointments. He will invite her to attend.

Street Clean-up will be conducted Saturday morning May 19. (See picture further on in newsletter)

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018, members and friends of the Post will be attending the ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery on Cave Creek Rd. The Color Guard will participate in the Parade of Colors, display the Post 64 wreath, and then attend the Poppy Brunch at nearby Post 107. They will be leaving ARC at 6:30 am. (See pictures further on in newsletter.)

On Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 2018, Post 64 will be conducting a Flag Retirement/Disposal Program for US flags which are no longer serviceable in the ARC parking lot beginning at approximately 7 pm. There will be refreshments served inside afterward. Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch has scheduled two rehearsals of the retirement program on June 9 and 12 at 8 am.

On Wednesday, July 4, 2018, the Support the Troops Club from ARC will be hosting an Independence Day Celebration at ARC from 7:30 to 9:30 pm for \$10 per person.

On Sunday, September 9, 2018, we have again been invited to participate in a Massing of the Colors at Shadow Mountain High School.

Saturday, September 22, 2018, will be the Vietnam Era Veteran Recognition Program at ARC. (see more detailed information later in this newsletter)

Oktoberfest, co-sponsored by Post 64, will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at ARC.

The 2018 Post Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2018, at the Legacy Golf Course. Doug Patterson is the Chairman. If you would like to be part of his committee, his contact information is in the pictures at the beginning of the newsletter.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, January, 19, 2019.

4. SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS: *Thank you to all of the “presenters” who attended the programs.*

The following high school students received American Legion School Awards and a \$200 Charles Roloff Memorial Scholarship:

Mountain Pointe--Lauren Everett and Antoine Kepczyk

Desert Vista-- Karisten King and Nicholas Miller

The following middle school students received American Legion School Awards:

Akimel-- Raelynn Brady and Wyatt Ostermeyer

Altadena-- Riley Kendall and Sophia Siekierski

Centennial-- Paul Arcieri and Matthew Luoma

5. OTHER INTERESTING WEBSITES: (brought to our attention by members)

Fleet Reserve Association www.fra.org

AZ Department of Veterans Services dvs.az.gov

About The GI Josh Project

Every day there are many brave men and women who leave their homes to defend our country, and many of the silent victims left behind are their families. The adjustments they make while their loved one serves either here or abroad are many, and the loneliness and the unique fears they share while their loved one is away are real.

The GI Josh Project chronicles the journey Josh and Smudge make with young Cassie, whose daddy is sent abroad during our nation's military operations in the Middle East. Josh and Smudge befriend Cassie, who is lonely and heartbroken over her daddy's departure. Together they find coping tools which help Cassie during this trying and difficult time. Even though Cassie is still lonely, the love and comfort Josh and Smudge bring to her family helps them soldier through this difficult time together until her daddy's triumphal return from his deployment.



More information available at

www.joshandfriends.com

6. IMAGES FROM MAY: (top left) street clean-up on May 19 (all others) National Cemetery on Memorial Day May 28, 2018

Check out more pictures at americanlegionpost64.com



