



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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Commanders Report— Pete Meier, Commander

We have been doing our American Legion work as best we can given today's constraints due to COVID-19. During this last quarter we held 2 meetings at Western Star Park. We dedicated the new flag pole and flags at the ARC. We held a Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration on December 7, 2020 at 7am. The ceremony included special battlefield sound effects were provided by Andy Wangstad, a prayer by Rebecca Schmidt and a Color Guard presentation lead by Dave Von Tersch. A wreath was laid at the flag Pole and taps were played at the conclusion of the program with a half masting of the flags. The Post also made a donation of \$250.00 towards the Support The Troops program. Our next meeting will be at Western Star Park Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 4pm. Bring your own chairs and mask. The address of the park is 4425 E. Western Star Park. This is NW of Elliot Rd and 48th St.

Financial Report – Jay Hendrix, Finance Officer

There has not been too much financial activity noted in 2020 and the Post has had very little expense. Our checking account balance remains at the same level as year ago. We do not expect any additional income or expenses for the rest of this 2020 year. Hopefully we can put 2020 behind us and kick off 2021 with a more structured agenda. Happy Holidays to all the members and associates.

Membership – Rod Green, First Vice Commander

Membership renewals have been slow, there were 9 memberships mailed in and 17 renewed online since the last newsletter. These additions bring our total to 107 of 210 members, just over 50%. That is a great increase in a short period, but we still a ways to go. Stay vigilant and be safe.

Post #64 currently has (2) positions open: Post Adjutant and Historian. If you are interested in filling one of these openings, or have any questions, contact Pete Meier at 602-690-3361 or petemeier@cox.net.



A New Year's Prayer – Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt

Dear Lord, you have seen us thru many challenges in 2020. Please keep us and our loved ones safe and well. Please guide us in all we do. Please continue to watch over our military personnel, first responders, medical staff, and all those who do so much for us. Please guide our elected officials to do right, and please continue to watch over our wonderful nation.

As the old year comes to an end, let us ponder on what it has held for us. Let us be thankful for the rich experiences it gave us, for every sympathetic smile, for every tear, for moments which brought laughter's melody, for nature's loveliness, and for friendship's beauty. Let us also ask forgiveness for thoughts and deeds unwise. As we stand on the threshold of a New Year, let us be thankful for the opportunity to stand and peer intently, eagerly beyond the door to so many challenges that lie ahead. May we have the courage, truth and faith to meet them without flinching and thought of self. In the Lord's Name we pray! Amen.



Color Guard—Dave Von Tersch, Sgt-At-Arms

On December 7th, we performed a ceremony commemorating Pearl Harbor Day. Commander Pete Meier provided an opening statement. Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt provided a prayer. Roddy Charlton provided statements about the sneak attacks and remembered his Uncle who had been stationed on the USS Arizona. The Color Guard, Wreath Detail and Flag Detail marched to the flag pole and placed a wreath near the base of the pole. The flags were then ordered to half mast, present arms and salute. Taps were played while at present arms. After Taps, the Color Guard and Detail marched out. Thank all the Color Guard members, spouses and those in the audience.



***SUPPORT THE TROOPS
NOVEMBER 19, 2020
REPORT SUBMITTED BY ALICE MAYNARD***

Packing the boxes for the troops was a little more difficult because of the COVID-19 distancing requirements. The participants needed to stay 6-ft apart as they went down the lines putting items into the boxes. We had so many things for the boxes it did not take long to fill each box. We had 150 tee shirts and socks this year, Frisbee's, hand made Christmas cards and ornaments, pictures, books, Santa's hats, a large selection of food items, candy, gum, pencils, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand wipes and much, much more. Each box was almost overflowing.



And when the 150 boxes were packed, labels had to be placed on each of the boxes. The boxes were then loaded into the cars and taken to the Post Office for delivery. Delivery of these boxes is paid for by the Support the Troops. Funds are raised at the Shred-a-thon, other events and donations. These funds help pay for the postage. We do have a great group of volunteer's that also do a great job of wrapping various items in Christmas paper and for storing itmes at their homes until the day the boxes are packed..



The reward for the workers is a sandwich and chips donated from Chick-Fil-A, which donated the lunch to the volunteers each time Support the Troops packs boxes. A nice treat for packing the boxes. .

I hope Support the Troops can continue to send boxes because the troops do appreciate receiving such wonderful surprises, especially this time of the year.

Our next in person Post Meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday January 20, 2021

4:00 PM

The meeting will be held **OUTSIDE** (not virtual), at

Western Star Park

4401 E. Western Star Blvd.

Phoenix, AZ 85044

The park is accessed by going North from Elliot Rd. on 48th St. to Western Star Blvd. and turning west. We will assemble on the south / southwest side of the park. There are a number of trees at this area.

Color Guard please arrive by 3:35 pm for a practice run. The meeting will begin at 4 pm.

Bring your own chair, beverage, and **MASK UP!**

We will be limited to 25 people.

