



## AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

May 2021

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### **Commanders Report— Pete Meier, Commander**

We just had our first meeting at the ARC since last year at this time. We met in the shade on the large patio located on the east side of the main activity room. It wasn't too bad except for the wind which blew our flags down a couple of times. Hopefully we'll be able to meet inside starting at our next meeting as restrictions are loosened up. There were 18 members in attendance.

Last Sunday, the Color Guard provided last honor's for Jack Lyon, a long time member of the Legion. About 40 people were in attendance. Some of our members participated in the Support The Troops effort in the Shred-A-thon and in sending boxes to the troops.

Our next meeting will be at the ARC on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. We hope to see you all there.

I would like to welcome two new members to Post #64: Jack Armstrong and Al Hunter.

### **Roddy Charlton—Adjutant**

**New Officer Assignment:** I am the new Post Adjutant. I will follow in the foot steps of Roger Munchbach, with the support of wife Deb, who held this position for a number of years. Both were very knowledgeable in all aspects of the American Legion and were so dedicated to our post and Arizona. I have meet with them and received old reports, documents and they will provide any requested assistance.

**Documents:** I have received a 2020 Post Adjutant's Manual and started a deep review of the document and the American Legion Officers Guide that provides critical information in assigning and carrying out Post organizational tasks. This guide states, "The Adjutant only indispensable qualifications are honesty and willingness". I believe I possess both of these and will be successful in the assignment.

**Revitalization:** The last Friday and Saturday in March, four of our Post Officers participated a Arizona District 12 Revitalization activity. Pete Meier, Dave VonTersch, Rebecca Schmidt and myself provided support to Arizona District 12 , Department Adjutant , Angel Juarez . The Revitalization is to move new American Legion members of Post 100 (non-assigned post) into active posts. This is in accordance of American Legion Resolution Number 14 "Affirmative Consent For Transfer". At this two day event with other District 12 post personal, we completed the documentation to move over 2000 new American Legion members in Post 100 into a post near their residence. We look forward contacting these new members assigned to our post, provide awareness, and welcome them to become active members.



## **Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the APRIL 21,2021 Meeting**

18 members and guests ( including 6 officers) attended . The first time in some months, the meeting was held at the ARC, outside on the patio.

**Commander Pete Meier** opened the meeting with a greeting. Sgt-At-Arms Dave VonTersch led the Color Guard with the posting of colors and post members reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance. Adjutant Roddy Charlton completed the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony This calls attention to Americans still unaccounted for from wars and conflicts.

**Reports: Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt** provided a prayer. She thanks the Color Guard for providing a Memorial Service for Air Force veteran and Post member Jack Lyon last week. She discussed the Dist 12 May Day ReHab Picnic to be held Saturday May 1st from 12 noon till 3:30 PM at Post 35 Chandler (2240 W. Chandler Blvd). She will provide two gift baskets from our post for the auction. Pete Meier has tickets for this event. **Finance Officer Jay Hendrix** reported he has received the latest bank statement and is in review. **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** discussed the District 12 Revitalization two day activity that was supported by Pete Meier, Dave VonTersch, Rebecca Schmidt and myself. The Revitalization is in accordance with American Legion Resolution Number 14 Affirmative Consent For Transfer. We completed the transfer of some 2000 new American Legion members from Post 100 ( non-assigned post) into active posts near there residence. Pete Meier introduced new member Jack Armstrong. Jack has moved from Indiana to Ahwatukee and will transfer to our post . He has twenty-five years of continuous membership, and is a Army Vietnam veteran. Welcome to Post 64. **Newsletter Author Judy Steffen** discussed the addition of Post Officers biographies to the newsletters. The April newsletter presented First Vice Commander Rod Green. The May newsletter will present Finance Officer Jay Hendrix. She discussed the Support The Troops boxes that were being assembled at the ARC. She requested volunteers to help move/load boxes at the ARC on Friday 2/23 at 9:00 AM

At the completion of the meeting the colors were retired early due to high winds. A birthday celebration was held for Public Information Office Brenda Smull's husband Steve. Happy Birthday was sung and very delicious cup cakes were provided by Pete Meier. End of meeting.

### **Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt**

MOTHERS DAY (Sunday, May 9th)

Dear Lord, please bless our Mothers, Grandmothers, Wives, and all the wonderful women who have done so much for all of us. We love them and appreciate them.

MEMORIAL DAY (Monday, May 31st)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, with reverence and love we pause to pay tribute to our honored and valiant departed comrades. Grant that we be ever mindful of their service to God and country and of our comradeship with them in the ranks of the American Legion. Hallow their graves; give courage and comfort to those having suffered the loss of a loved one. Watch over the graves of our comrades--grant eternal rest of their ashes--peace and happiness to their souls--and keep them until the hour of final Revile when they are called before the Divine Commander.

May their souls and the souls of all departed veterans rest in peace. Amen.

### **Ed Mangan—Service Officer**

Our Post 64 meetings and activities have varied a lot during this past year, but we are still staying together. So if you can please try to attend when you can. I know that is not easy, but we all should try to attend. We are in need of a few more color guard members, so please join us. If you are in need of uniforms, let me or Dave Von Tersch know.



## GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Jay Hendrix—Finance Officer



Jay joined the Army October 6, 1966, age 19, with basic training taking place at Fort Bliss, TX. He had additional military training as well as testing out for MSO/Clerk typist at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Upon completion of the additional training there he received his orders to go to Vietnam Bien Hoe, Vietnam in early 1967.

After several weeks of going to various parts of the jungle Jay found himself permanently stationed in Nha Trang, Vietnam, attached to the 281st Assault Helicopter Company. He was assigned to the Hooch Operations Shack typing up flight missions and awards for the company.

Among other attachment duties, He flew with Captain Hopper and Major Shelley on missions and performed gunner/crew chief duties on the UH-1D's (Huey's). There were three attachments that were part of the 281st, named Wolf Pack, Rat Pack, Bandits and RVN Detachment B-32 Project Delta. The purpose of the 281st AHC was to support the 5th Special Forces-Green Berets, which our unit did from 1965 to 1970, transporting them and picking them up at all times of the day & night.

Jay left Nha Trang in March 1968 and headed to ENT Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO, and served with the Headquarters Battery Army Air Defense Command for his remaining six months in the Army.

Jay's awards include: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a Purple Heart

Jay's unit published 2 books. The first entitled "Above The Best" detailing personal stories of this special combat assault helicopter unit, from its conception to its conclusion, told by those who served in the 281st. The second book, "More Than A Name On THE WALL" is a Tribute to 41 KIA and MIA individuals from the 281st Helicopter Unit.



**Post #64 meeting - April 21, 2021**



**May 2021  
American Legion Post #64**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <i>Post #35 Picnic</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>VE Day</i>
<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>General Meeting 4:00pm ARC</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 					

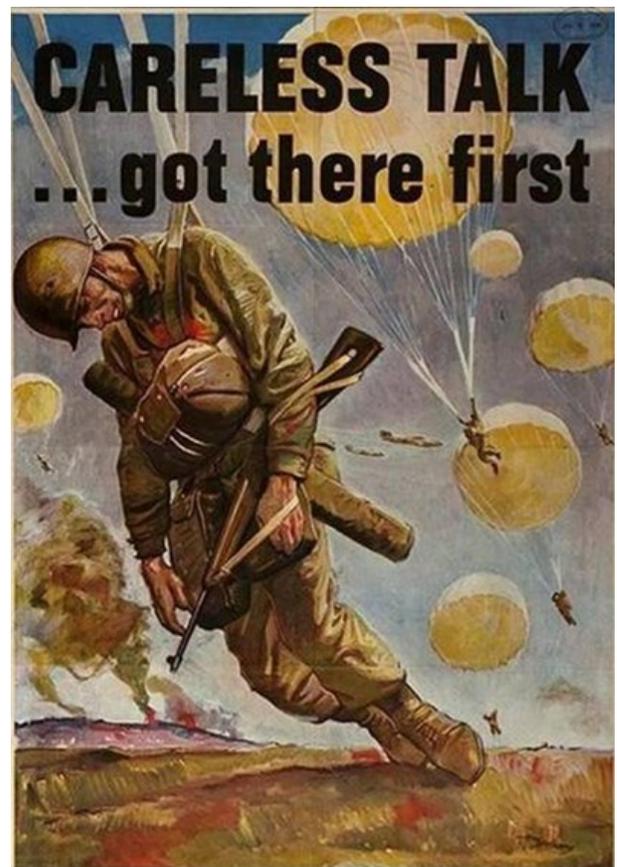
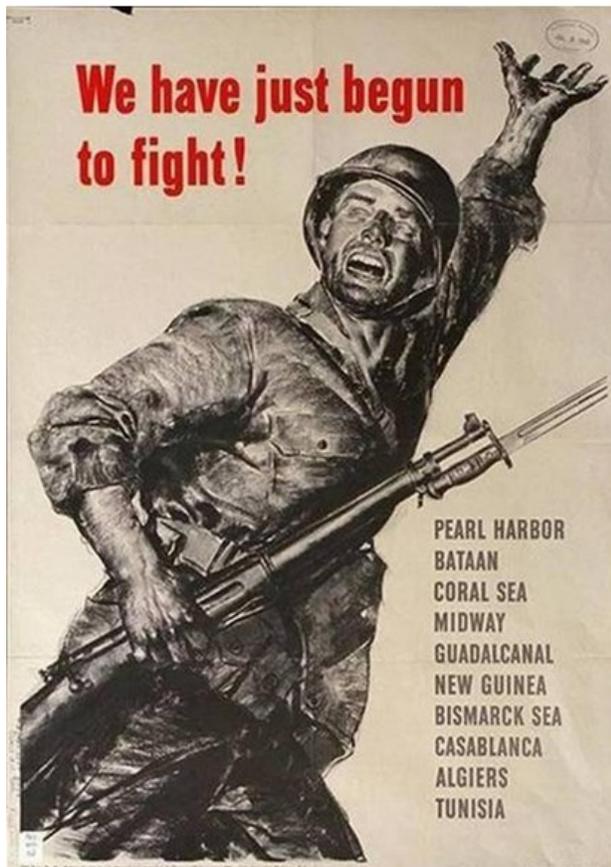
### PART 3 Old Post Cards

While being in the Army stationed at Washington DC with a few buddies, we would do the Smithsonian quite often.

On the way back to Ft. Eustis (125 miles), we'd often stop for something to eat. One time, it was getting late. We landed in Falls Church, VA. We saw an old general store that was still open. We walked around on the old creaky floors looking for Frito's or something? I came across, an old wire frame post card holder. It was full of WWII post cards ... penny a piece! I asked the guy, "How much do you want for the Post Cards?" He said, "A penny. They have been here ever since he was a kid.". I counted them ... 300 plus. I gave him \$4.00, and I got the rack, too.

In San Diego, I sold a bunch for \$1.00 each. I still have a bunch to hand down. I know some of you are too young to recall these posters and WWII, but they were a part of my life and others who are now "older than dirt". These are great. Pass them along, especially to your older e-mail friends. I wonder whatever happened to this kind of thinking.

I got a lump in my throat when I read this. I "grew up" thinking: patriotism, it is the AMERICAN way! I am glad to see that somebody saved them. The statement at the end says it all!



## The American Legion Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail)  Male  Female (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |



30-009      Signature of applicant      Date      Name of recruiter

### Receipt of Dues (Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are just a few of the many programs The American Legion sponsors. Please check the one(s) that are of interest to you. If the program you like is not listed, please indicate it in the "other" area.

- Volunteer work at VA Hospital.
  - Work with youth.
  - Help/participate in Post's social activities . . . dances, dinners, etc.
  - Participate in educational activities . . . (essay contests, oratorical contests, scholarships)
  - Work with sports teams.
  - Supervise groups (drill team, drum & bugle, scouts, etc.).
  - Post improvement projects.
  - Membership drives.
  - Community projects.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse would be interested in the Auxiliary.  
 Son would be interested in the Sons of The American Legion.



## Membership

Submitted by Rod Green, First Vice Commander

**\$35.00 (2021-2022)**

Please make you check out to:  
*American Legion Post 64*

Mail to:

Ahwatukee Recreation Center  
American Legion Post 64  
5001 E. Cheyenne Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

