



## AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

FEBRUARY 2017

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### **1. Commander's Comments: (from Commander Ed Mangan)**

Our 2017 Holiday Party was a great event. There were 78 attendees, but it seemed like more than that. Everyone had an enjoyable evening. The catering was excellent. The food was delicious, and I really like the fact that the catering crew stayed until we were finished. I received so many compliments on the entire evening but especially about the POW/MIA table program. The dedicated lighting really amplified the table itself. Bob Smithson and his entire crew did a magnificent job, especially starting as late as we did. We have already scheduled January 20, 2018, for our next Holiday Party. Thank you to all for making this such a tremendous success.

Another annual program that we are involved with is the Patriotic Day Celebration at the Akimel Middle School. This year it will be held on February 22 starting at 9:00 am. Our Color Guard will be presenting the colors, but I would encourage ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN US. You will enjoy the entire program, and then the students will be serving us breakfast after the program. If you have an American Legion cap, wear it.

Don't forget that our meetings are held every third Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the ARC. Our next meeting is February 15. We always have refreshments after the meeting and there is plenty of time to socialize with fellow members and our guests. Alice Maynard has taken over coordinating "food" after the meetings. Her contact information is listed later in this newsletter, if you would like to offer your help. If you have a neighbor or a friend who is a veteran, ask them to join us. There are many activities for Post 64; attend as many as you can.

### **2. Condolences:**

To the family of Thomas Stanton, who passed away on 8-21-2016. Thomas was a PUFL with 29 years of American Legion membership, Vietnam Veteran, Army.

To the family of Robert Fischer, who passed away on 12-9-2016. Bob was a PUFL with 21 years of American Legion membership, Korea Veteran, Army, and Post 64 Commander 2002-2003.

### **3. Correspondence:**

We received a big "Thank You" from the ARC Support the Troops Committee.

The Post Color/Honor Guard received a \$300.00 memorial donation from the Mark Hayball family.

The Post received a \$100.00 ARC Craft Fair Grant to use toward the Department Oratorical Finals which we will host on Sat. March 4, here at ARC. Colors will be posted at 9:50 am.

### **4. Membership: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)**

Paid up members in good standing - 157, Up for renewal - 39, Past due - 16.

Please renew Online if possible. It's fast and easy, plus it may eliminate you from getting those renewal notices in the mail. Don't forget while you are Online to check out the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) option. [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org)

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO POST 64 AND/OR THE LEGION. It is very possible that you will receive a dues notice from National Headquarters after you are paid for the next year, have your current membership card, and even a canceled check. This is a result of the size of the organization, and the fact that "snail mail" notices are printed by National months and months in advance. If you know you are current, just ignore the letter.

## 5. Final Report on Holiday Party: (from Chairman Bob Smithson)

HOLIDAY PARTY INCOME			
	Dinner Tickets		1975.00
	Donations		70.00
	Raffle and 50/50		631.00
HOLIDAY PARTY EXPENSES			
	Printing flyers/circulars		-38.15
	POW/MIA Table		-59.95
	Table Clothes		-33.00
	Guest Dinner Tickets		-50.00
	Music		-60.00
	Caterer		-1556.10
NET PROFIT FOR OUR PROGRAMS			878.80

Thanks to all who attended our annual Holiday Party on Jan. 21. A good time and good food were had by all.

The raffle items brought by the attendees were fabulous and appreciated. A special thanks to the wonderful ladies that helped with ticket sales, the raffle, and decorating: Terri, Alice, Ann, Rose, Barb, Deb, and Georgene. I could not have done it without each person who helped.

## 6. Finance Report: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

CHECKING BALANCE 12-1-2016				1354.46
DEPOSITS				
	Dues	420.00		
	Holiday Party ticket sales	530.00		
	Poppy donations	161.00		
	Donation (Jane Nesbitt)	25.00		
TOTAL DEPOSITS				1136.00
PAYMENTS				
	Dues to Department	-216.00		
	Christmas Family	-261.00		
	Newsletter	-65.80		
	Holiday Party flyers/printing	-17.50		
	Support the Troops	-250.00		
	Wreaths Across America	-60.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS				-870.30
CHECKING BALANCE 12-31-2016				1620.16

The Post 990N tax form for 2016 has been filed and accepted by the IRS.

## 7. Since the last newsletter:

Wed. Jan. 18: Post 64 meeting attended by 25 members and guests. The Guest Speaker was Candidate for Department Commander 2017-2018, Domingo Bonilla, from Post 35 in Chandler. He was accompanied by his wife Yolanda who is a candidate for Department President of the Auxiliary 2017-2018. The Bonillas are strong advocates for Veterans in Need and Children & Youth/Americanism Programs.

Sat. Jan. 28: Street Clean Up completed.

**8. Post Golf Tournament:** Currently making arrangements with AZ Grand; possible dates of April 8 or April 29. Entry fee of \$65 per person. Bob Smithson is in charge--contact him if you would like to help.

## 9. Post Contact Information:

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# MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN February 9 & 10, 2017

Arizona State Fairgrounds Veterans Memorial Coliseum  
1826 W. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Proud Member of  VSA

Thursday Feb. 9	Friday Feb. 10	Saturday Feb. 11
<b>Court Registration</b>	<b>Courts</b>	<b>Courts</b>
<b>All Services</b>	<b>All Services</b>	<b>NO Regular Services Community Service for Courts Site Clean Up</b>
<b>Provided Services to Include:</b>	<b>Transportation pick up locations:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VA Benefits Assistance</li> <li>Medical Services</li> <li>Mental Health Services</li> <li>Housing Assistance</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Maricopa County / City Municipal Courts</li> <li>Substance Abuse Counselors and Referrals</li> <li>Social Security Information</li> <li>DES Employment &amp; Benefits Assistance</li> <li>MVD - ID's and Drivers Licenses</li> <li>Legal Aid Assistance</li> <li>Sleeping Areas for Men, Women and Families</li> <li>Meals / Clothing / Haircuts / Showers</li> <li>Dental / Vision</li> <li>Storage for Personal Items</li> <li>Pet Care - all domestic animals welcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V.A. Medical Center 650 E. Indian School Rd - PHX</li> <li>V.A. - CRRCC 1500 E Thomas St - PHX</li> <li>C.A.S.5 / Human Services Campus 230 S. 12th Ave - PHX</li> <li>Phoenix Rescue Mission 1801 S. 35th Ave - PHX</li> <li>USVETS - Phoenix 804 E. Jones Ave - PHX</li> <li>USVETS - Phoenix 3400 NW Grande Ave - PHX</li> <li>UMOM New Day Centers 3333 E. Van Buren - PHX</li> <li>Paz De Cristo Community Center 424 W. Broadway - Mesa</li> <li>M.A.N.A. House 755 E Willetta St - Phx</li> </ul>	
<b>For more information:</b>	<b>Transportation begins at 8 a.m.</b>	
	<a href="http://www.arizonastanddown.org">www.arizonastanddown.org</a> 602.340.9393 Volunteers please visit: <a href="http://www.arizonastanddown.org/volunteer">www.arizonastanddown.org/volunteer</a>	
<b>The Maricopa County Standdown is considered a 'Safe Zone' for Veterans</b>		

## PTSD TOWN HALL MEETING

(Program conducted by National PTSD Specialists)

FEBRUARY 11, 2017 9 am to 1 pm

First United Methodist Church

15 E. 1st Ave.

Mesa, AZ 85210

(sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America 1011)

Let Michael Marks know if you plan to attend, 480-266-7883, NO COST

## DISTRICT 12 REHAB DINNER AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

AMERICAN LEGION POST 35

2240 W. CHANDLER BLVD.

CHANDLER, AZ 85224

DINNER TICKETS \$15

RAFFLE TICKETS 6 FOR \$10 OR \$2 EACH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

5:00 PM NO HOST BAR; 6:00 PM DINNER FOLLOWED BY AUCTION

# 72nd Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Military Parade and  
Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM.  
Ceremonies to follow at the  
Mathew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes  
Veterans Memorial Park in  
Sacaton, AZ.

All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome.

## Feb. 25 2017



Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peters Church and School. Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 196, Sacaton, AZ, 85147 / Phone: 520.562.8484 / Fax: 520.562.3257 / Email: [ipost84@glanel.net](mailto:ipost84@glanel.net)  
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Twenty-Fifth Annual

# PATRIOTIC DAY Celebration

Please join us as we honor the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans and active duty military.

Ceremony will include guest speakers and musical presentations, and the Akimel A-al PTSO will be hosting a breakfast for visitors immediately following.

*This celebration is open to the public, please share this invitation with others whom you think would like to join us.*

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School

9:00 AM ♦ AMS Gymnasium  
2720 East Liberty Lane  
Phoenix, AZ 85048

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February 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <small>Groundhog Day</small>	3	4
5 <small>Super Bowl</small> 4 CHAPLAINS SUNDAY	6	7	8 POST 64 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3 PM AT ARC	9 CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL PHOENIX VA HOSPITAL 10 AM TO 1 PM	10	11 PTSD TOWN HALL MEETING 9 AM TO 1 PM SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 12 REHAB DINNER AND AUCTION, POST 35 CHANDLER, SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER
				MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN, STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER		
12	13	14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>	15 POST 64 GENERAL MEETING 3 PM AT ARC	16	17	18 ORATORICAL CONTESTS --DISTRICT 2, POST 102 TUCSON, 1 PM --DISTRICT 11, MOUNTAIN GATE CLUB HOUSE, 2 PM --DISTRICT 12, POST 35, CHANDLER, 10 AM
19	20 <small>Presidents Day</small>	21	22 PATRIOTIC DAY, AKIMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL 9 AM, SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER	23	24	25 ORATORICAL CONTESTS --AREA A, POST 102 TUCSON, 1 PM --AREA B, POST 27 APACHE JUNCTION, 9 AM SACATION PARADE SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER VETS HELPING VETS DINNER AND AUCTION POST 2 TEMPE
26	27	28	Notes: MARCH 4 DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST, 10 AM, POST COLORS AT 9:50 AM MARCH 5 DISTRICT 12 PICNIC, POST 41 PHOENIX, NOON, FREE CONTACT ROGER FOR INFORMATION APRIL 19 POST MEETING: GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE LIN SUE COONEY			