



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
FEBRUARY 2019
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1. COMMANDERS COMMENTS: (from Commander Pete Meier)

Well, if you weren't there you probably missed the party of the year, WINTERFEST. It was attended by over 150+ of your friends and neighbors, and all thought it was a great event. One of the highlights of the evening was the Posting of the Colors by our Color Guard led by Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch. Past Commander Ed Mangan did an outstanding job with the POW/MIA Tribute Table. "Taps" was provided by Ken Dembiec. Dinner was catered by "ED". The band not only played great music that we could dance to but also entertained us by participating with the audience and dancers. We had lots of gift baskets provided by local businesses and gift certificates that were raffled off. Later we had a 50/50 cash raffle and our very own Deb Munchbach won that drawing, which she graciously donated back to our American Legion Post #64 Ahwatukee. Thanks, Deb.

The Chairperson of WINTERFEST was Melissa Williams, and she did a GREAT job. Other people helping out with this great event were Alice Maynard, Terri Williford, Judy Steffen, Pete Meier, and Mary Williams. A big Thank You to all !

Upcoming Events for February 2019: SAGA at the ARC (see ad)* Patriotic Day at Akimel (see ad)* and our regular meeting on February 20 at 3 pm. All are invited to attend.

2. CONDOLENCES:



To the family of John Lynch, who entered Post Everlasting on January 5, 2019. John was the brother of Mary Williams, brother-in-law of Jim Woods, and uncle of Melissa Williams. He was a winter visitor from Ohio. John was a Vietnam era veteran and a member of the American Legion for 7 years.

3. MEMBERSHIP: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

As of 31 January, 2019: Total Active (212); Expired (7); New (7); Transfers In (7); Drop Outs (2); Members Yet To Renew (30); Total paid (182). Our 2019 goal is set at 195 paid members, and we are at 93% of that goal. Thank you to all who have renewed, it is greatly appreciated.

As you know I have enclosed two membership applications with the 2019 membership card to all that have renewed. I encourage each and every one of our members to carry the membership application with them and offer it to any prospective member they meet. Engage that person in a brief conversation about the benefits of the American Legion and the effort it is making to preserve our benefits on Capitol Hill.

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OR mail your dues in soon to 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85044. Time is running out to become a member for this Legion year. I am looking forward to having all members renewed soon.

4. MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2019, MEETING:

23 members and guests were in attendance. Membership was reported at 177 or 91% of goal.

Second Vice Commander Doug Patterson reported that the December 7 golf tournament had 75 golfers and made a profit of almost \$4000.00.

Adjutant Roger Munchbach reported the next District 12 meeting will be Sunday, January 20 at Post 138 in Tempe. He still has two American Legion Anniversary coins available for \$10 each. The District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction will be Sat., Feb. 2, at Post 35 in Chandler. (See ad further on in this newsletter.) Patriotic Day (Showcase) is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 20, at Estrella Elementary School, 2620 E. Liberty Lane, Phoenix, from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Our Color Guard has been asked to Present Colors. All are invited to attend. (See ad further on in newsletter.)

Finance Officer Jay Hendrix reported on the Budget.

Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch reported on upcoming events. (See calendar further on in newsletter.)

Final preparations for Winterfest on Jan. 19 were discussed. Mary Williams reported that they have received many thank you emails from service members who received the most recent packages from Support the Troops.

New members and guests were introduced.

The next meeting will be Feb. 20, 2019, at ARC at 3 pm.

5. REMEMBER WHEN: As Post 64 celebrates 25 years of service, and the National organization celebrates 100, we will be publishing a series of articles on the history of Post 64. This first installment covers June 1992 to June 1995. As the series progresses, you will notice some of the years have good details, and some, well, "not-so-much". That's why minutes of meetings and history books are so important. Memories fade, and people move or die.

JUNE 1992 TO JUNE 1993

The "colonizing" group for the new Post was affiliated with American Legion Post 39 in Gilbert, Arizona. Post 39 made a sizable monetary donation to get the Post started. Ahwatukee Post 64 received its Temporary Charter on May 12, 1993. There were 15 Charter Members:

Scott Beardon Richard Dunn Lowell Faulkinbury Ron Guein Tyrone Helland Thomas Holmquist
Michael McClure Troy Mefferd Keith Park Katy Parker Robert Smith Glen Steely Wayne Watson
Kenneth Yackytooahpah Anthony Zwiener

Sometime before the end of June 1993, an Initiation and Installation Ceremony for the new Post 64 was held in the club house of the Presidio Apartments, conducted by the Department Commander Bill Bingham. The first Post 64 Commander was Harold (Hal) Chedester.

JUNE 1993 TO JUNE 1994

The Department Commander was Maria Currie. Hal Chedester continued as the Post 64 Commander. The Permanent Charter for Ahwatukee Post 64 was granted on September 30, 1993.

By November of 1993, meetings were held at the Grace Inn restaurant, where at least 10 people had to buy a meal to be able to use the facility. (Roger Munchbach transferred to Post 64 in November 1993.) Unfortunately, much of the first year was marred by money questions and problems.

Meetings were moved to the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, where they had to pay to use the facility. The amount is not recorded.

In Spring of 1994, American Legion Auxiliary Ahwatukee UNIT 64 was chartered. They were Initiated and Installed at ARC by Department President Leona Proper. The first Unit President was Sharon Haley (soon to be Sharon Smith). Unit 64 surrendered its Charter in 2000, and most of the records have not been kept, so details of its history are sketchy. Deb Munchbach was a Charter Member.

The Department of Arizona Convention was held from June 23-26, 1994, in Yuma, Arizona. The highest ever recorded temperature to date in Arizona of 122 degrees was registered that weekend. Post and Unit 64 had a group of 7 who attended the Convention.

JUNE 1994 TO JUNE 1995

Sometime during this year, (maybe last year ???), Post 64 tried to hold its meetings at a construction office trailer off of Desert Foothills Parkway, which they were allowed to use for free. These meetings were poorly attended, so meetings returned to the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, where they paid \$1 per person attending in "rent" to use the facility. Meetings continued to be at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, as they had been from the beginning.

The Department Commander was Adrian "Catfish" Roberts. The Post Commander continued to be Hal Chedester. And Sharon Haley continued as the Unit 64 President.

On April 15, 1995, Post 64 had an entry in the Ahwatukee Easter Parade (the 19th annual) for the first time. It was a convertible in which Hal and Lance Chedester, George O'Brien, and Bill Mines rode and waved while 4 to 5 other people walked and handed out candy. Deb Munchbach had arranged for the Color Guard from Post 1 to lead the parade at the last minute, when the previously scheduled Color Guard had to back out.

School Awards were presented to Regan Whitesell (Mountain Pointe High School), Jimmy Tricco (Centennial Middle School), and Erin Frazier (Akimel Middle School).

Post and Unit 64 sponsored Boys and Girls State citizens from Mountain Pointe High School: J.W. Salazar, Bruce Woodmansee, Kelly Bennett, Jessica Branch, and Tara Martinez.

Four Post and Unit members attended Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery.

Department Convention was held at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde in Tucson from June 22-25, 1995.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #35 & POST #91
PRESENTS
**2019 Rehabilitation
Dinner & Auction**
THE SIGNATURE DISTRICT 12
FUNDRAISER FOR
D12 VETERANS REHAB FUND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019
AT POST 35
2240 W. Grand Ave., Chandler, AZ 85224
NO HOST BAR 4PM
DINNER 5PM AND AUCTION 6PM
DINNER TO INCLUDE:
PRIME RIB, MASHED POTATOES AND TOSSED GREENS,
PORK TENDERLOIN,
PASTA AND MARINARA SAUCE,
ROLL AND BUTTER
DESSERT
\$15 TICKETS ON SALE NOW
THE DINNER AND AUCTION PROCEEDS GO TO D12 VETERANS REHAB FUND

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ESTRELLA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
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(across the parking lot
from Akimel Middle
School)
8:30 am to 10:30 am
ALL ARE INVITED !

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Ahwatukee RECREATION CENTER
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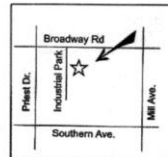
25th Annual Sentimental Dreams

Dance to the Big Band Sounds of the 30's and 40's
Music performed by
"Sentimental Swing Orchestra"
(20 piece Orchestra)

March 2nd, 2019
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
\$10.00 per person



Purchase tickets at the door
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American Legion Post # 2
2125 S Industrial Park Ave
Tempe, Arizona
Ph 480-967-2968



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The American Legion Boys State Program &
The American Legion Girls State Program



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<http://www.americanlegionpost64.com/photos.php>

February 2019 ***denotes Color Guard event						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction 5:00 pm at Post 35
3 Super Bowl	4	5	6	7	8	9 ***Present Colors for Senior and Family Conference at ARC 7:45 am
10	11	12	13 Executive Committee Meeting at ARC 3 pm	14 Valentine's Day Creative Arts Festival VA Medical Center 9 am	15	16 District 12 Oratorical Contest 10 am at Chandler Post 35
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20 ***Patriotic Day Estrella Elementary School 8-10:30 am ***Post General Meeting at ARC 3 pm	21	22	23 Area B Oratorical Contest 10 am at Apache Junction Post 27
24	25	26	27	28	Upcoming Events March 2 Department Oratorical Contest at Benson 9 am March 3 District 12 Picnic Post 65 (FREE)	