



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

MARCH 2017

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1. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Ed Mangan)

The annual Patriotic Day Celebration at Akimel Middle School was very nice, but not many veterans or visitors attended. It was held on February 22 and our Color Guard presented the Colors. We enjoyed hearing the kindergarten students sing several favorite songs. The AMS students filled all of the bleachers. The Junior National Honor Society students passed out USA flag pins to all veterans attending. Then they served us breakfast after the program. As always, it was a great program. As far as I am concerned Akimel Middle School leads the entire community when it comes to honoring the veterans.

The annual Easter Parade will be on April 15. We have two main functions that day; march in the parade and cook some good food for all of our guests. I hope most of you can help in either one of those activities. I know Dave is working overtime getting the Color Guard and our other marchers ready to go. ARC Veterans club and Post 64 lead the way every year. Please join us?

For the March and April meetings, we have great presenters scheduled, so put it on your calendar for the third Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the ARC. Of course, we always have refreshments following every meeting. And I understand from Bob Smithson that we have reached our membership goal of 100%. Congratulations to Bob and all of our members. Our biggest annual fundraiser, the Post 64 golf tournament, is being developed by Pete Meier and other members probably for the October/November 2017 time frame. If you can help with this golf project, call Pete.

Don't forget that our meetings are held every third Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the ARC. If you have a neighbor or a friend who is a veteran, ask them to join us. There are many activities in our Post 64; attend as many as you can.

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

Our goal of 177 paid-up members for 2017 has been met. We still have 22 members that have not renewed. Remember you can renew on line at www.legion.org/renew. It is an easy and fast way to do it. Also, if you do not like getting those renewal notices from National, look into the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) option.

Congratulations to Robert Moore for his 25 years of continuous membership.

I would also like to recognize our members who have exceeded 25 years of continuous membership.

26 yrs: William Adams, Roger Munchbach

27 yrs: John Bushko

28 yrs: Floyd Simenson

29 yrs: Sando Cosenza, Joseph Gustafson, Joseph Helsper, George Herwig

30 yrs: Donald Gerhard

32 yrs: Donald Simmons

34 yrs: Richard Fitch

38 yrs: Dennis Siewert

39 yrs: John O'Donnell

40 yrs: Bob Smithson

41 yrs: Herbert Mauch

47 yrs: Craig Annis, Laverne Kidd

54 yrs: Arthur Kohler

66 yrs: Raymond Brandt

A big Thank You from your Post and the American Legion for supporting our Veterans for so many years!

3. CONDOLENCES: To the family of Paul Baker, Sr., who passed away in May 2016. Paul was a WWII veteran of the Navy, and a 6 year member of the American Legion.

4. GET WELL SOON WISHES: Go out to Commander Ed Mangan, William Shestko, and Terri Williford.

5. FINANCE REPORT: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

CHECK BOOK BALANCE 1/1/2017				1620.16		
	DEPOSITS					
	Holiday Party receipts	2051.00				
	Donations	370.00				
	(Thank you to Alice, Rose, Rod, and the Hayballs for Donations)					
	ARC Grant	100.00				
	Membership Dues	90.00				
	TOTAL DEPOSITS			2611.00		
	EXPENSES					
	Dues to Department	135.00				
	Holiday Party expenses	215.60				
	Newsletter postage	28.20				
	TOTAL EXPENSES			378.80		
CHECK BOOK BALANCE 1/31/2017				3852.36		

6. AVAILABLE IN THE ARC GIFT SHOP:



Thank you to Second Vice Commander Pete Meier for coordinating the project to sell US Flags in the ARC Gift Shop.

The flags are embroidered and measure 3' x 5'. They were purchased from Legion Emblem Sales and are selling for \$20.00 each.

The Post will make a small profit from each flag sold.

The flags are Made In America.

7. ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

Wed. and Thurs. Feb. 8 and 9: Veterans Creative Arts Festival at Phoenix VA Hospital. Roger and Deb Munchbach volunteered at the events.

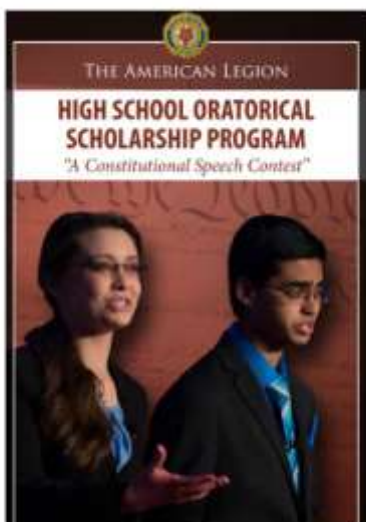
Sat. Feb. 11: 14 members and friends of Post 64 attended the District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction at Post 35. Post 64 provided 3 gift baskets for the auction. Approximately \$11,500.00 was raised for Veterans Rehabilitation.

Wed. Feb. 15: Post 64 General Membership Meeting attended by 17 persons. Viewed DVD entitled "Remembering Arizona Heroes of WWI", a 10 minute production commemorating the 100th anniversary of WWI. Bob Smithson received an award from National for recruitment of new members. The speaker was Doug Patterson from the East Valley Marine Corp League. He talked about Marine veterans in need,

the Fallen Marine Program, working together with the American Legion to make both organizations stronger, and the golf tournament being sponsored by the East Valley League on April 7.
Wed. Feb. 22: 13 members and friends of Post 64 attended Patriotic Day at Akimel Middle School.



8. “HONOR AND REMEMBER” SPEAKER FOR MARCH MEETING: Our guest speaker scheduled for the March meeting is Mr. George Lutz. He is the founder of the Honor and Remember organization. He founded it in memory of his son who was killed in action. Some of you may remember he gave us a talk a few years ago. Since then a lot has happened for the organization. He will give is an update of what is going on within the States, Nationally, and the American Legion with the Honor and Remember Flag and the Run for the Fallen. The meeting will be March 15 at ARC, 3:00 pm. If you ever need a ride, please let us know !



**ARIZONA
FINALS**

SATURDAY
MARCH 4, 2017
DOORS OPEN AT
9:00 am
CONTEST BEGINS AT
9:45 am

EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE LUNCH

**DO YOU HAVE HOUSEHOLD GOODS YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE?**



EAST VALLEY MARINES 4TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
24215 S. OAKWOOD BLVD., SUN LAKES, AZ 85248

Contact Doug Patterson 602-791-6843 or dpatterson27@cox.net if you have questions.

Check In at 7:00 am
Shotgun start at 8:00 am
4 person scramble
Lunch, cash awards, and raffle
\$85 per person which includes golf, cart, goody bag, lunch, and FUN
Mail check(s) and registration for your team (see below) to:

East Valley Marines
Marine Corps League #1296
PO Box 13192
Chandler, AZ 85248

INCLUDE FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR TEAM: NAME _____ CELL # _____ EMAIL _____

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March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST AT ARC COLORS POSTED AT 9:50 AM AND CONTEST WILL FOLLOW FREE LUNCH
5 DISTRICT 12 PICNIC POST 41 AT NOON FREE TO ALL	6	7	8 Intl. Women's Day POST 64 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ARC 3:00 PM	9	10	11 CAR AND BIKE SHOW BENEFITTING GIRLS STATE AT POST 81 LAKE HAVASU CITY
12 Daylight Saving Begins	13	14	15 POST 64 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ARC 3:00 PM AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY (1919)	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18
19 DISTRICT 12 MEETING POST 41 2:00 PM	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)	21	22	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes: APRIL 7 EAST VALLEY MARINES GOLF TOURNAMENT SEE AD IN NEWSLETTER APRIL 15 EASTER PARADE