



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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1. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Ed Mangan): The **Easter Parade** was better than ever. Even though I did not march in it, I heard that it was great. We carried 28 burial flags behind our Color Guard. Many thanks to Post 64 members/families/friends, First Sergeant (RET) Craig Gardner and the Camelback High School JROTC, and Chris Quon and the East Valley Boys Service Club for assisting with carrying the flags. And a huge thank you goes out to our Color Guard Commander, Dave Von Tersch, for leading this effort. Donations for the hot dog picnic were \$531 and covered expenses. 244 hot dogs were cooked and served. The hot dog buns were donated by Butch Carter, manager at the Sonic Restaurant on Chandler Blvd. Thank you to Mary Williams, Terri Williford, Jim Woods, Bob Smithson, the extensive group of other food preparers and servers, and Mike Krill and the Akimel Jazz Band.

I would also like to thank those who attended our April 19 meeting and listened to **Lin Sue Cooney** talk about **Hospice of the Valley**. This not-for-profit hospice care facility sounds like a wonderful organization, especially for veterans. I would encourage all of you to consider supporting this organization. Their programs include more than just end-of-life hospice care: outreach palliative care, palliative care for dementia, Gardiner Home (dementia), pediatric care, perinatal support, grief support, mindfulness for caregivers and community (meditation), volunteer support, music/massage/pet therapy, Saluting our Veterans, Quiet Moments, 11th Hour Companion, senior placement, health care decisions, Ryan House (pediatrics), Circle the City (hospice care for the homeless), and White Dove Thrift Shoppe. You can read more about Hospice of the Valley at hov.org.

On April 23, our Color Guard paraded our Colors and presented our wreath at the **Vietnam Memorial** at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix. Post 64 participates in countless functions like this as often as we can. At our **next meeting on May 17**, we will be electing our new slate of officers. I would like to thank all of those individuals who have stepped up to take a leadership role. Another thank you goes out to the people who make the food and beverages available to us after our meetings and those who clean up afterwards.

At our next meeting, John Boyer and I will be talking about ESGR (**Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve**). Keep in mind that we will again be presenting our Colors and wreath at the **National Cemetery on Memorial Day**. Join us.

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. CONDOLENCES: To the friends and family of **Herb Mauch**, who passed away on April 24. Herb was a Korea Era veteran of the Navy and a member of the American Legion for 41 years. He transferred to Post 64 from Post 44 in Scottsdale in 2014. He will be buried at the National Cemetery with the Honor Guard on duty at the cemetery performing duties. Family would like us to conduct a service at Herb's residence at 4617 E. Euclid Ave. either on May 18 or May 19, and the Post 64 Honor Guard will present his son Rick with Herb's flag at that time. At this time, please hold both of those dates open, and we will let you know the family's decision.

We have also received word that **Rod Rogers** passed away in June 2016. He was a Vietnam Army veteran and member of the American Legion for 6 years.

3. GREETINGS: Rod Green asked us to tell everyone, “Hi from Louisiana”.

4. MEMBERSHIP: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson): For this 2017 membership year 182 have renewed and 6 new veterans have joined for a total of 188 paid up members. We have exceeded our goal of 177 to give us 106% of membership. Your continued membership makes an impact on all veterans and their families. Again, thanks to all who renewed and, don't forget, next year renew on line if you can at www.legion.org/renew.

WWII ended in Europe in March, 1945 and the Pacific in June 1945. We have 21 active Veterans of the Greatest Generation in our Post and would like to introduce them to you:

1st LT Raymond Brandt, Army. Field Artillery, Philippines.

TSGT Ralph Brevig, Army. 1st Cavalry Platoon, Philippines. Occupied Japan.

FN1/C Robert Danielson, Navy. Gunner in a PB4Y2, Pacific. Pearl Harbor.

PFC John Decastillo, Army. Anti Aircraft, Philippines.

PFC Arthur Garlow, Army. Medic, Ambulance Driver, Surgical Tech, Germany.

AOC Joseph Helsper, Navy. In charge of 2 catapult planes, USS New Orleans CA 32, Pacific.

PFC George Marra, Army. 90th Div., Invasion of Normandy at Utah Beach, wounded in Germany, occupied Czechoslovakia, Purple Heart.

FN1/C Arthur McMaster, Navy. USS Portland CA 33, European Theater, Decommissioning crew.

1st LT Frank Mc Phillips, Army Air Force. Flew B24, European Theater.

SSGT Robert Moore, Army Air Force. 97th Bomb Group, 414 Bomb Squadron, flew B17 from Italy, Shot down over Yugoslavia, member of the Forgotten 500.

GM2 John O'Donnell, Navy, USS Jack W. Wilke DE 800, Invasion of Normandy.

PVT Edward Recker, Army. 78th Infantry, Quartermaster Corps.

SGT Charles Schulz, Marine. South Pacific, Palau Island.

PFC Anthony Sebastiano, Army. 90th Div 339, Co A, Invasion of Normandy D+2, wounded in Germany, Purple Heart.

PO2 Albert Sipek, Navy. Cook, Minesweeper, Panama Canal, Pacific.

SSGT Chester Thomas, Army. Infantry New Guinea, Civil Affairs Philippines.

SGT Sam Wiggins, Army. 2nd Armor Div, 92 Artillery with Gen. Patton, Pacific Islands including Leyte & Luzon. 632 Tank squadron.

BUCK SGT Edwin Wilner, Army. Infantry, Jefferson Barracks and Guard at Fort Leavenworth.

Arthur Fairbanks, Army Air Force, 15th Bomb Group, Flew B17 for 35 missions from Folgia Italy.

Corporal Edward Meyers, Enlisted in the Army. 96th Field Infantry, Amphibious landings in the Marshall's, Leyte & Okinawa. Went ashore with General MacArthur in the Philippines.

5. COLOR GUARD: (From Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch): There has been a last minute request for a Color Guard by **AZ Disabled Sports** on Friday, May 12 at 4:45 pm. They are hosting the Desert Challenge Games for paralympic athletes at ASU. Please let Dave VonTersch know if you can assist with that event. (Contact information is later in this newsletter.) In the calendar at the end of this newsletter, all scheduled Color Guard activities are marked with *****.

6. FREE BASEBALL TICKETS: Bob Smithson has seven tickets for the baseball game between the Rockies and Diamondbacks on Sunday, July 2 at 1:10 PM. It is Military Appreciation Day and the tickets are free. Call Bob if you want any of them. (Contact information is later in this newsletter.)

7. FINANCE REPORT:

CHECK BOOK BALANCE 3/1/2017				2435.06
	DEPOSITS			
	Scholarship Fund		400.00	
	Thank you to Renee McLaughlin, Diane Laubmeier, and Debra Bruns for their continued support of the Roloff Scholarships			
	Flag Sales		16.00	
	Membership Dues		180.00	
	TOTAL DEPOSITS			596.00
	EXPENSES			
	Easter Parade Registration		35.00	
	Dues to Department		149.00	
	Flag Purchase		179.68	
	Oratorical Contest Food		75.00	
	Newsletter postage		40.20	
	TOTAL EXPENSES			478.88
CHECK BOOK BALANCE 3/31/2017				2552.18

8. NOMINATIONS FOR 2017-2018 POST 64 OFFICERS: The following members have been nominated to be next year's Post 64 officers. Further nominations and the election will be held at the May 17 meeting.

COMMANDER: ED MANGAN

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: BOB SMITHSON

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: PETE MEIER

ADJUTANT/HISTORIAN: ROGER MUNCHBACH

FINANCE OFFICER: JAY HENDRIX AND GERALD KRAMER

SERVICE OFFICER: JOHN BOYER

CHAPLAIN: REBECCA SCHMIDT (CHARLTON)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: DAVE VON TERSCH

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: RODDY CHARLTON

9. BUSINESS FROM THE APRIL 19 MEETING: Meeting attended by 29 members and guests. Lin Sue Cooney gave a very heart-felt presentation on Hospice of the Valley. November dates were discussed for the Post 64 Golf Tournament at AZ Grand Resort. Burial Flags used during the parade scheduled to be folded for storage on Sat., April 22. The Shred-a-Thon supporting Packages for our Troops scheduled for Sat., April 22. Packaging of Support Our Troops boxes scheduled for Thurs., April 27. Street Clean Up was scheduled for Sat., April 29. The Post approved purchasing a gift membership. School Awards and Year-End Reports will all be done in May. There were no applications for Boys State from Mountain Pointe or Desert Vista this year.

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Top: Waiting for the parade to start

Middle: JROTC cadets from Camelback High School

Bottom: Hot dog picnic



Top Left: Lin Sue Cooney and
Commander Ed Mangan

Top Right: Vietnam
Remembrance Day at Wesley
Bolin Plaza

Bottom: Street Clean Up

2017 MAY IS "HONOR AND REMEMBER" MONTH

		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
			SCHOOL AWARDS MOUNTAIN POINTE 7:00 PM	***** SCHOOL AWARDS CENTENNIAL 5:00 PM (NEW TIME)		Circo De Mayo		
7	German surrender signed 1945	8	VE Day 1945	9	10	11	12	13
					EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ARC 3 PM		***** Military Spouses Day ***** DESERT CHALLENGE GAMES AT ASU, PRESENT COLORS 4:45 PM	
14	Mother's Day	15	Women's Army Corp Founded 1942	16	17	18	19	20
					***** POST MEETING AT ARC 3:00 PM			Armed Forces Day
21	DISTRICT 12 MEETING AT POST 27 APACHE JUNCTION 2:00 PM	22	SCHOOL AWARDS DESERT VISTA 7:00PM	23	24	25	26	27
28		29	***** Memorial Day ***** CEREMONY AT NATIONAL CEMETERY, LEAVE FROM ARC NO LATER THAN 6:30 AM BRUNCH AT POST 107 AFTERWARD	30	31	Notes: ***** JUNE 14, 2017 FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY AT ARC ***** JUNE 22-25 DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION AT CABERREE RESORT ***** June 24 DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD COMPETITION 5:00 PM ***** JULY 1 (727272) RED, WHITE, AND BOOM ***** JULY 2 MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY ROOKIES VS. DIAMONDBACKS 1:10 PM (see newsletter #6)		