



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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

Today was the **Easter Parade** 2018. I was not feeling too well, so I stayed home. I was told that Post 64 and many helpers did a great job. I want to thank all of you for making it work. The food and soda sales were very profitable. Mary Williams and the entire kitchen team, please take a bow.

The Easter Parade is always one of our main events for the year, followed by our golf tournament. We will begin formulating our Fall golf outing in the very near future. If you are interested in being on that committee, please contact Doug Patterson, Pete Meier or myself.

Again, a great big THANK YOU to all of you who helped today with the parade.

2. CONDOLENCES:

To the family of George Herwig who served as Post 64 Commander in 2000-2001. George was a Korea era veteran of the US Army and had been a Legion member for 30 years.

To the family of Reed Neddermeyer, a Korea era veteran of the US Air Force and 10 year member of the American Legion.

To member John Madigan following the recent loss of his wife, Margaret.

This month we also received word on the passing of 2 long-time Legion members last year:

Sando Cosenza was a Korea era Navy veteran and American Legion member for 29 years.

H.B. Smith was a Korea era Navy veteran and American Legion member for 24 years.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Our current membership stands at 172 of 196 or 88% for 2017-2018. Believe it or not, there are only a few more months left in the 2018 program year. On July 1 the 2019 year begins. If you still need to pay those dues, consider doing it online at www.legion.org/renew. Post 64 dues are \$30 per year.

4. MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21 MEETING:

25 members and guests were present.

The **District 12 per capita** of 20 cents per member will be due at the May 20 District Meeting and Roger Munchbach will make sure to obtain the check for payment (approximately \$40).

The Post voted to keep **dues** at \$30 for the coming year.

The motion to increase the amount of Charles Roloff Memorial **Scholarships** at Mountain Pointe and Desert Vista High Schools was untabled, and a final vote was taken. The scholarships will be increased with the Post matching \$400 contributed by the Roloff sisters. This year one male and one female student from each high school will receive \$200. Amounts of scholarships in the future will be voted for on a yearly basis.

Dates and assignments for **School Awards Programs** were announced:

Tuesday, May 1, Mountain Pointe HS, 7-8:30 pm, Pete Meier

Wednesday, May 2, Centennial Middle School, 6-7 pm, with Posting of Colors, John Boyer

Monday, May 21, Desert Vista HS, 6:30 -7:30 pm, Roddy Charlton

Wednesday, May 23, Akimel and Altadena Middle Schools, at Promotion Ceremonies, Roger Munchbach and Ed Mangan.

The School Award Medallions have been ordered from Emblem Sales and will arrive before the next meeting.

So far, one student has applied to attend AZ **Boys State** sponsored by Post 64--Tanner McDonald from Mountain Pointe HS. Roger Munchbach will submit required paperwork and the \$300 portion of the fee supplied by Post 64. Due date is April 10.

Final Plans were discussed for the **Vietnam Remembrance Program** at Wesley Bolin Plaza on Thursday March 29 to be attended by the Color Guard, and the many needs and assignments for the **Easter Parade** and Hot Feed/Band Concert afterward on Saturday, March 31.

Member Butch Carter (and manager of the Ahwatukee Sonic Restaurant) donated 300 hot dog buns for parade day.

Roger Munchbach passed out forms to report **Community Volunteer Hours**. (see additional information under # 5 below).

During the "Good of the Legion" discussion at the end of the meeting, a new member asked, "**What does Post 64 do?**" Others have asked this question and there is a ready answer: tell them to check out our website americanlegionpost64.com There are 2 and one half years of our Post newsletters, pictures of events from the past year, information on how to contact our Senators and Representatives, histories of the Post and Ahwatukee, meeting information, Color Guard information, and contact phone numbers and emails for the Post leaders. During the meeting Roger Munchbach handed out business cards to give a prospective member with the meeting date and time, and website address. Let's use all of that information online to increase **public awareness** of who we are and what we do.

Following refreshments, the "Evolution of the Flag" Program was videotaped.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS: (from Adjutant Roger Munchbach)

It will soon be time to complete the Post Consolidated Report to Department and National (due mid-May). This is the report where we let them know how many hours and dollars we have put into service to veterans, their families, and our community in the year from May 2017 to May 2018. We have a record of the hours that you have worked at the Post 64 functions, but if you also DONATE BLOOD, OR VOLUNTEER AT ARC, YOUR CHURCH, WITH OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, OR ANYWHERE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, please give a list of activities and hours to Roger Munchbach BEFORE MAY 5, 2018. See his contact information further on in this newsletter.

6. THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018, AT 3 PM AT ARC. At that time, nominations for the 2018-2019 Post Officers will be opened. The Election of Officers will be at the May 16 meeting.

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Roger Munchbach would like to thank everyone who helped make the Department Oratorical Contest on March 3 (at ARC), such a success. Pictured in the back row are the judges and Roger. The results of the contest are as follows: (not in pictured order)

- Kylie Cochrane, Pinnacle High School, \$1500.00
- Caleb Doerkson, Verrado High School, \$1000.00
- Cassandra Lawson, BASIS Oro Valley, \$750.00
- Mallorie Cohen, BASIS Oro Valley, \$400.00
- Gavin Roman, Benson High School, \$400.00
- Dallin Gordon, Mingus Union High School, \$400.00



SCENES FROM EASTER PARADE SATURDAY





April 2018 ***** Indicates Color Guard activity						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6 US entry into WWI (4917)	7
EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR APPLICATIONS DUE TO NATIONAL						
8	9	10 Equal Pay Day	11	12	13	14
AMERICAN IN DINNER POST 27 APACHE JUNCTION \$10 no host bar 4 pm, awards 5 pm, dinner 6 pm	AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE TO NATIONAL	BOYS STATE APPLICATIONS DUE TO DEPARTMENT	3 pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ARC		NATIONAL ORATORICAL FINALS IN INDIANAPOLIS	
15	16	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	18	19	20	21
7:00 am FINAL ROUND OF NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST STREAMED LIVE AT www.legion.org			**** 3 pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT ARC			
22 Earth Day	23 World Immunization Week Starts	24	25 Administrative Professionals	26	27 Arbor Day	28
29	30	Upcoming Events				
		MAY 1 SCHOOL AWARDS AT MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL 7:30 pm (Pete Meier in charge)				
		****MAY 2 SCHOOL AWARDS AND POST FLAGS AT CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:7 pm (John Boyer in charge)				