



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
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1. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Ed Mangan)

We need a lot of help with our upcoming **golf tournament**. Please contact Pete Meier or Doug Patterson at (602) 690-3361 or (602)791-6843. (See the ad further on in this newsletter). This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Try to get a foursome to join us on December 16. Or sponsor a hole or ask one of your local businesses to provide a gift for our raffle. There are many ways for you to help out. Give Pete or Doug a call.

On November 30, Ann Schminke and I presented our \$250.00 check to **the USO**, in Terminal 4 at Sky Harbor. They were very happy to get the funds. As you know, our Post funds many veteran/military organizations in need of our help. But we cannot do it without contributions. That is the main reason that we hold our annual golf tournament. We need to raise as much money as possible. Why don't you or some of your friends golf with us on December 16 at the Legacy Golf Resort?

Mary Williams and many of her friends from Post 64 and the ARC packed 200 **boxes for our troops** overseas. Post 64 does a lot for our community, whether they are close to us or far away. We will have American Legion guests at our 12/20/17 meeting along with a potluck. 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. It has been proven that the personal contact is the best way to increase membership. Try it.

2. GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE: (from the Tournament Committee) **READ, HEED, PROCEED!**

There are some great gifts and prizes for our golf tournament on December 16. The only thing we need is **GOLFERS!** We are sorely lacking participants and need all of your help to call all your golfer friends, tell them about the wonderful gifts and prizes and the fact that they can play one of the nicest golf courses in the Valley for \$90 in December, and that price includes a first-class lunch.

We have been fortunate to have wonderful hole-in-one prizes given to us. There will be a new Harley Davidson motorcycle on Hole #4, a new Ford Fusion on Hole #17, and a new Mazda 3 on Hole #15. The Mazda dealership is also offering additional prizes on all the 'Par 3s' like \$500 shopping sprees

and TaylorMade golf clubs. If you don't win a new car or motorcycle, but are closest to the pin, you will win a twosome of golf at Legacy.

For our raffle, we have a gift pack from Cruz Tequila that has two bottles of premium tequila with Cruz shot glasses and a silver serving tray, and lots of twosomes at the Duke, Ahwatukee Country Club, Foothills Golf Club, and Talking Stick Golf Club. There will be more prizes by the beginning of the tournament! There is also a foursome (or fivesome) for the newly renovated Club West that includes playing with Frank Sanders of the Arizona Cardinals which includes a signed Cardinal football, and a goodie bag with golf balls and other accessories from Club West. There are numerous gift cards for dining at Va Bene, Hillside Spot, Black Bear Restaurant, Oregano's, etc. There is even a car detail from Cobblestone Auto Spa, and for the ladies, we have 2 microderm treatments from Cleo's Spa in Ahwatukee.

Everyone will also receive a goodie bag with TaylorMade balls with the American Legion logo with Post 64 below and other edibles and gifts to use during the round.

BUT, we need golfers! Please show your support for our Legion by actively seeking golfers for our tournament! Thank you!

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

To date we are at 133 paid up members and 68% of our 196 paid members goal. Don't forget that the easiest, fastest, and safest way to renew your membership is at www.legion.org/renew. By doing so you will avoid getting that late dues notice in the mail which will be coming soon.

A **Post Revitalization Membership Drive** will be held at Post 1 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday December 4, 5, 6, 2017. Anyone wishing to help Bob, please contact him. You will need to bring your cell phone and charger along with you. Lunch will be provided.

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5. FROM THE NOVEMBER 15 MEETING:

26 members and guests were in attendance.

Finance Officer Gerald Kramer reported an Oct. 31 checking balance of \$1483.00 and a Nov. 15 balance of \$2405.00

Donations approved and budgeted this month as follows: United Food Bank \$50, USO \$250, "Save the Family" \$100 (Christmas Families), Wreaths Across America \$60.

Mary Williams reported that the **Oktoberfest** held on Oct. 21 resulted in a \$637.14 donation to Post 64. The 50/50 raffle that evening netted an additional \$200.00 for the Post. Many thanks to Mary and her crew for organizing a very successful event. Those in attendance suggested it become a yearly tradition.

Our annual **Holiday party** is scheduled to be held Saturday January 20. Tickets will be available at ARC soon.

Roger Munchbach and Bob Smithson presented Post 64 Awards received at the Department of Arizona Fall Conference Nov. 3-5. They were for Color Guard, Community Service, History Book, and Drill Team Competition.

Terri Williford gave a report on the **'Wreaths Across America'** program. This year the wreaths will be placed at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Rd. on December 16 beginning at 10:00 am. The Post 64 donation purchases 4 of those wreaths.

Kyrene Traditional Academy wrote 207 letters and notes to be included in the 200 boxes packaged for **Support the Troops** this week. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the boxes.

Two **'Run for the Fallen'** T-shirts were awarded as door prizes.

6. 'SAVE THE FAMILY' CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: (from Roger and Deb Munchbach)

The Post is helping to sponsor 2 families for Christmas this year through Save the Family. They are both single mothers (and veterans) with one preschool age child. Roger, Jane Nesbitt, and Jane's friend, handed out poppies for donations at the ARC Craft Fair on November 18, raising \$354.00 which will all be used buying gifts and food gift cards for the families . . . more next month.

7. THE NEXT MEETING: Will be on Wed., December 20, at 3:00 pm at ARC, and will be followed by a potluck in honor of the holidays. Special guests will include Andy Jaime (candidate for Alternate NEC), Area B Vice Commander Ken Queen and his wife Cindy (current AZ Auxiliary Vice President), and District 12 Commander Ben Carillo. Ben will bring tickets for two upcoming events--the District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction on Sat., Feb. 10, 2018, at Post 35 in Chandler, and the 'Vets Helping Vets' Dinner and Auction on Sat., Feb. 24, 2018, at Post 29 in Glendale. Tickets for both events are \$15.00.



Annual American Legion Post 64 Golf Tournament

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

18 Holes • Practice Balls • Awards Dinner • Raffles
Prizes for Closest to Pin • Long Drive • Hole-in-One

Date: Saturday, December 16th, 2017

Time: 8:00 AM (Shotgun Start)

Place: **Legacy Golf Club**
6808 South 32nd Street, Phoenix

Cost: \$90 per person – Golf & Dinner
\$15 Spouse/Partner Dinner Only

Contact: Pete Meier • 602-690-3361 • petemeier@cox.net
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*Would you like to
be a sponsor?
Talk with me,
Pete Meier—see
my number below.*

American Legion Post 64 Golf Tournament Sign-Up • Mail/Deliver to
American Legion Post 64 c/o ARC, 5001 E. Cheyenne Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85044-1706

Name	Phone	Email	Amount
1. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf & Dinner \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Dinner \$ 15.00
2. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf & Dinner \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Dinner \$ 15.00
3. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf & Dinner \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Dinner \$ 15.00
4. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf & Dinner \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Dinner \$ 15.00
Paying By <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Type: Visa, etc. _____			Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash in Person Only			Account Number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check—make payable to American Legion Post 64			Card Holder Name _____
			Expiration Date: Mo _____ Yr _____ Security Code _____

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SCENES FROM THE PAST MONTH

above Evolution Program at Akimel Middle School
below left Donation to Sky Harbor USO Director Carla Garcia
below right ARC Craft Fair



December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day (1941)	8	9
10	11	12 Hanukkah	13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ARC 3 PM	14	15	16 Battle of the Bulge (1944) POST GOLF TOURNAMENT 8 AM LEGACY GOLF COURSE (SEE AD) SET UP CHRISTMAS TREE AT VA HOSPITAL
17	18	19	20 POST MEETING AT ARC 3 PM POTLUCK DINNER AFTERWARD	21 Winter Solstice	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 REMOVE CHRISTMAS TREE FROM VA HOSPITAL
31 New Year's Eve	JANUARY 6, 2018 DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE NOON TO 5 PM JANUARY 20, 2018 POST 64 HOLIDAY PARTY (EVENING)					