



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

Carla Garcia, the AZ USO Director, was our guest speaker on January 17. She told us about several projects that the AZ USO is involved with. Of course, she thanked us for our \$250.00 contribution. We try to make a contribution to the USO every year. As you know, our Post funds many veteran/military organizations in need of our help. But we cannot do it without contributions. That is why we hold our golf tournament and our Holiday Party. Thanks to all of you who attended our Holiday Party on January 20. I have not seen the final income statement for the party yet, but I am hoping we did well. Also, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to Melissa Williams and her entire team who put together this great dinner and celebration.

Another guest speaker who joined us at our January meeting was District 12 Commander Ben Carrillo. He had some great words for our Color Guard. He mentioned that we are the only Color Guard in District 12 who presents the Colors as opposed to pre-posting the Colors. WE are definitely proud to present our Colors at any time.

On February 10, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1011 will be hosting an Agent Orange seminar at the First United Methodist Church at 15 E. 1st Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210. This seminar is FREE. There will be several AO specialists presenting this program. It starts at 9:00 am and should be finished by Noon. If you are a Vietnam veteran or any veteran, please try to attend. As you may know I have Agent Orange, and I am 100% disabled. If you would like to attend, contact me. Or if you want to RSVP contact John Dodge, VP of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1011. His phone # is (480) 323-5869 or email is sjjpdodge@hotmail.com. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to thank our Color Guard members for getting involved whenever you are asked. GREAT JOB.

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

We have 150 paid up members which is 76.5% of our 196 goal. 56 members have paid online at www.legion.org/renew which is great!

Milestones:

Thanks to the following who have supported the American Legion, our Post, and veterans for the past 20-plus continuous years: Floyd Simenson 29 yrs., John Bushko 28 yrs., William Adams 27 yrs., Roger Munchbach 27 yrs., David Rau 25 yrs., H.B. Smith 25 yrs., Dwight Morton 24 yrs., Gerald Allen 23 yrs., George Marra 22 yrs., John Redding 22 yrs., Ralph Garlow 21 yrs., Henry Johnson III 21 yrs., Raymond Kubiak 21 yrs., Patricia Lawlis 21 yrs., James Robbins 21 yrs., Charles Schulz 21 yrs., David Seward 21 yrs., David Arseneau 20 yrs., M.B. Schmitt 20 yrs., Jaclyn Search 20 yrs., John Stafford 20 yrs., and David Wright 20 yrs.

3. FROM SECOND VICE COMMANDER PETE MEIER:

We had an outstanding Holiday Party ! Thanks to Melissa "Mel" Williams, Mary Willams, Terri Williford, Alice Maynard and others who helped with ticket sales, decorations, clean up etc. That's the largest turn out we have had in years...we received many compliments on Cmdr Ed's POW/MIA ceremony and a big thank you to Dave and the Color Guard.

4. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18 MEETING:

26 members and guests attended.

The golf tournament in December netted approximately \$3000.00.

"Thank You" cards from our two Christmas families were presented to the Post.

Mary Williams reported that 135 tickets had been sold for the Post Holiday Party scheduled for Sat., January 20. Dave VonTersch reported that the Color Guard would present Colors, do a Salute to the Armed Services, and perform the POW/MIA Table Ceremony on January 20.

On Fri., January 26 the Color Guard will present Colors for the grand opening of Ahwatukee Urban Air Park at 48th St. and Ray Rd.

On Sat., Feb. 10 an Agent Orange Seminar will be held in Mesa (see ad).

Akime! Patriotic Day is Wed., Feb. 21 (see ad).

Oratorical Contests during February for Districts and Areas in Arizona are on the calendar later in this newsletter. Post 64 will host the Department Oratorical Finals on Sat., March 3. Ed Mangan provided an update on recent ESGR activities.

District 12 Commander Ben Carrillo (from Post 41) visited the meeting and congratulated Post 64 on how they promote American Legion programs, in particular Membership and Americanism. He invited Post 64 members to attend the District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction on Sat., Feb. 10 at Post 35 (see ad) and the Veterans Helping Veterans Dinner and Auction on Sat. Feb. 24 at Post 29 (see ad). The Iwo Jima Memorial Parade will be in Sacaton on Sat. Feb. 24 (see ad). Ben spoke about the "Heroes of WWII" DVD which was made here in Arizona, and a "Heroes of WWII" DVD currently being planned. He also mentioned the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion (1919-2019).

Arizona USO Director Carla Garcia also visited the meeting. She reminded us that the USO started under FDR in 1941 and staffs over 220 locations around the world with 45 at US airports. The Phoenix Sky Harbor USO served more than 140,000 military members and their families last year. They can always use monetary donations, but they need volunteers, also.

5. THE NEXT POST 64 GENERAL MEETING: Will be on Feb. 21, 2018, at 3 pm. Plans are for the February speaker to be from the Area Agency on Aging (Region One) which works in partnership with AmeriCorps (Caring Circles), assisting people over the age of 50.

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**AGENT ORANGE SEMINAR
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2018
9:00 AM TO NOON
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
15 E. 1ST AVE.
MESA, AZ 85210
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

IMAGES FROM JANUARY



(top row)
District 12 Commander Ben Carrillo and AZ USO Director Carla Garcia

(middle row)
POW/MIA Table Ceremony from Jan. 20 Holiday Party

(bottom row)
Urban Air Adventure Park January 26, 2018



2018 Rehab February 10th



Post 35 and 91
The American Legion working together for our veterans.

The American Legion Post 35 and Post 91

PRESENT:

The 2018 Rehab Dinner and Auction

The Signature District 12 Fundraiser for
D12 Veterans Rehab Fund

February 10th at Post 35, Chandler AZ
Dinner at 5pm, Auction at 6pm

Buffet Style Dinner \$15 per person
Courses include:

Chef Carved Roast Beef
Or -
Pork Tenderloin

With:
Smashed Potatoes
Candied Carrots
Tossed Greens
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

The food is donated by Posts 35 and 91.
The dinner and auction proceeds go to D12 Veterans Rehab Fund.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST
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**2240 W. CHANDLER BLVD.
CHANDLER, AZ 85224**

**CONTACT
ROGER MUNCHBACH
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON THE REHAB DINNER AND
AUCTION**

Twenty-Fifth Annual

Patriotic Day Celebration

Please join us as we honor the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans and active duty military.

Ceremony will include guest speakers and musical presentations, and the Akimel A-al PTSO will be hosting a breakfast for visitors immediately following.

This celebration is open to the public, please share this invitation with others whom you think would like to join us.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School

9:00 AM • AMS Gymnasium
2720 East Liberty Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85048

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Tel: 480-541-5800 ■ Fax: 480-541-5810 ■ www.kyrene.org/aki



The US Department of Veterans Affairs
Estimates that 69,000 Veterans Are
Homeless on Any Given Night!

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE February 24, 2018

American Legion Post 29
6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301
Cocktails – 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Dinner – 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Music & Auction Following Dinner
\$15.⁰⁰ per Ticket
Donations from All Veteran Support Organizations
and Individuals Are Welcome

For more information or to donate contact:
Al Aranda (602) 448-6019
Ray Bingham (480) 460-0801



73rd Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Military Parade and
Flyover to begin at 8:30 AM.
Ceremonies to follow at the
Mathew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes
Veterans Memorial Park in
Sacaton, AZ.
All Public and Veterans Groups are welcome

Feb. 24 2018



Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 84 with St. Peter Church and School.
Event sponsored by American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit No. 84
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186 Sacaton, Az. 85147 / Phone: 520-562-3484 / Fax: 520-562-3297
Email Address: ipoc84@glanet.net / Website: irahayespost84.org

Iwo Jima Event is a NO FLY ZONE. No Personal Drones Allowed.



February 2018 ***indicates Color Guard activity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <small>Groundhog Day</small>	3
4 <small>Super Bowl</small>	5	6	7	8 CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL PHOENIX VA HOSPITAL 9 AM	9	10 9 AM AGENT ORANGE SEMINAR MESA, AZ (see ad) DISTRICT 12 REHAB DINNER AND AUCTION 5 PM AT POST 35 (see ad)
11	12 <small>Lincoln's Birthday</small>	13	14 <small>Valentine's Day</small> POST 64 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3 PM AT ARC	15	16	17 DISTRICT 12 ORATORICAL CONTEST 10 AM POST 35 DISTRICT 2 ORATORICAL CONTEST 1 PM POST 102 DISTRICT 11 ORATORICAL CONTEST 2 PM POST 1
18	19 <small>Presidents Day</small>	20	21 <small>***PATRIOTIC DAY</small> ANGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL 9 AM (see ad) <small>***POST 64 GENERAL MEETING</small> 3 PM AT ARC	22 <small>Washington's Birthday</small>	23	24 AREA B ORATORICAL CONTEST 9 AM POST 27 AREA C ORATORICAL CONTEST 10 AM AT CAMP VERDE LIBRARY AREA A ORATORICAL CONTEST 1 PM AT POST 102 VETERANS HELPING VETERANS DINNER AND AUCTION POST 29 DINNER 6 PM (see ad)
25	26	27	28	Upcoming Events: <small>***March 3 Department Oratorical Contest at ARC 10 am</small> <small>March 4 District 12 Family Picnic at Post 35, Noon, FREE !!</small> <small>***March 31 Alive at/see Easter Parade</small>		