



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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

I would like to thank all of those members and friends who helped with our **golf tournament**. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We could not have put on this program without you. Of course, Pete Meier and Doug Patterson did the bulk of the work. I don't know what the final amount is, but we did a good job. Looking forward to next year.

On November 30, Ann Schminke and I presented our \$250.00 check to the **USO**, in Terminal 4 at Sky Harbor. In fact, I invited Carla Garcia, the AZ USO Director, to be our guest speaker on January 17. She was 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 why we hold our golf tournament and our Holiday Party. So, get your tickets for the Holiday Party and maybe find a local business friend, and see if they will contribute a gift for our party on January 20.

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 Agent Orange specialists presenting this program. It starts at 9:00 am, and it 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 have any questions, give me a call.

Post 64 is a member of the **Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce**. Recently I submitted us to be the non-profit member of the year for the chamber. Maybe we will win.

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

2. PICTURES FROM THE GOLF TOURNAMENT:



A huge THANK YOU to Lisa Mangan for photographing the Golf Tournament on December 16. Her complete collection can be viewed at

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14EMfclOj6Ik4p6roFV313hf60_GORCE2?usp=sharing

There is also a link to the complete collection on the Post website under "photos", americanlegionpost64.com

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

Our goal for 2017-2018 is 196 paid members, and as of 1 Jan., 140 have paid (71% of our goal). For those who have not renewed yet, remember you can go on line at www.legion.org/renew to do so. It's an easy, fast, and safe way to pay your dues. So kick off the new year, and avoid getting the renewal notices.

Milestones: I would like to recognize those members who have attained 30+ years of continuous membership in the American Legion.

Dennis Siewert 39 yrs; Richard Fitch 35 yr; Donald Simmons 33 yrs; Donald Gerhard 31 yrs; Sando Cosenza 30 yrs; Joseph Gustafson 30 yrs; Joseph Helsper 30 yrs; George Herwig 30 yrs.

Congratulations! It is greatly appreciated that you have supported all veterans, the American Legion, and our Post for so many years.

4. FROM THE DECEMBER 20 MEETING:

29 members and guests attended the meeting.

52 players participated in the Post 64 **Golf Tournament** on Sat., Dec. 16. Final financial report from the tournament will be presented at the January meeting, as not all bills have been received.

Service Officer John Boyer reported that he works with many Vietnam veterans who have just retired from a civilian job and are re-experiencing PTSD. He also continues to be very active with ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve), giving frequent presentations to National Guard and Reserve members about their federally regulated employment rights during and after deployment.

The **Maricopa Co. Stand Down** is scheduled for Jan. 25 and 26, 2018. See the ad in this newsletter. John Boyer will make sure the Post 64 budgeted donation for this project will be delivered.

Another **"Agent Orange" Seminar** is planned for Sat., Feb. 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Mesa. Starting time will be 9:00 am. Contact Ed Mangan (info further on in this newsletter) for more information.

Color Guard Commander Dave Von Tersch asked for volunteers for a memorial service for CSM Martin Barreras at the AZ Grand Resort scheduled for Fri., Dec. 29. (See Dave's report on the event below.)

The Post 64/ARC Veterans Club **Holiday Party** is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 20, beginning at 5:30 pm. Ed's Catering will be providing the food. Tickets will be available for \$25 at ARC beginning Jan. 2, 2018. (see ad in this newsletter) Post 64 members will perform the POW/MIA Table Ceremony before dinner.

Deb Munchbach reported that Jane Nesbitt and her team collected \$353.25 in poppy donations at the ARC Craft Fair. All of this money was used to sponsor 2 single women veterans, with a young child each, through the **"Save the Family"** organization for Christmas. A total of \$452 was spent on gifts for the two families. They were delivered on Dec. 19.

The Post is still working on plans to tape the **"Evolution of the Flag"** program so that it can be distributed on DVD.

5. FROM COLOR GUARD COMMANDER DAVE VON TERSCH:

A special thank you to those who went to the **AZ Grand Resort on Dec. 29**. Our hosts thanked us for our attendance, and we received a nice "Thank You" card and a check for \$150.00. I'll present both to the Post at our next monthly meeting. I left a voice message with Michael Volasco, thanking him for the opportunity to present the Colors, and told him that it was an honor and privilege.

ALSO, a general thank you to all Color Guard members. The next "flag ceremony" is scheduled for Friday, Jan 19, 2018, at 5:00 pm. More details to come, once I hear back from Mary Turner regarding the **"Grand Opening Event for the Urban Air Adventure Park"**.

6. CHECK THE CALENDAR AND ADS FURTHER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER:

Department Open House Sat., January 6, 2018, at AZ Legion Headquarters, Noon to 5.

The **next General Meeting** will be Wed., January 17, 2018, at ARC at 3:00 pm.

Post 64 Holiday Party Sat., January 20, 2018, at 5:30 pm.



7. PICTURES FROM THE DECEMBER 20 MEETING:

(left) The Post presented a complete indoor American Flag set to the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce for use at their meetings. Pictured is Gina Jenkins, Membership Development Coordinator for the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce.

(middle) AZ Area B Vice Commander Ken Queen and AZ Auxiliary Vice President Cindy Queen were guests for the meeting and potluck. Ken delivered greetings from the Department of Arizona.

(right) Rod Green spoke on his experiences this year working with FEMA in Louisiana, Texas, and Puerto Rico following the devastating hurricanes.

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The American Legion,

The American Legion Auxiliary and

Sons of The American Legion

And the Riders that they may be...

Annual Open House

January 6, 2018

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM

We would like to see ALL of you for relaxing company,
excellent food and some "after holidays" fun .

Bring your favorite dish and join us at

Department Headquarters 4701 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix

See you all then!!

ARC VETERANS' CLUB / AMERICAN LEGION



Annual
Veterans' Club / American Legion

Holiday Party

Saturday, January 20, 2018

ARC Main Ballroom

- DINNER • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- DANCING • RAFFLE

ALL ARC MEMBERS & GUESTS ARE WELCOME

A festive night for only \$25 per person

Tickets on sale starting January 2

Bring your own beer or wine



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2018 PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULE

7/25/17, 10AM-12PM	Volunteer Appreciation & Planning Kick Off Valley of the Sun United Way 3200 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 375, Phoenix, AZ 85018
9/18/17, 4PM-5PM	Planning meeting and call for fair volunteers ACC QUAD NE, VA Hospital Basement 650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012
12/11/17, 4PM-5PM	Planning meeting ACC QUAD NE/NW, VA Hospital Basement 650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012
1/9/18, 4PM-5PM	Planning meeting ACC QUAD NE/NW, VA Hospital Basement 650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012
1/24/18, 10AM-2PM	Pre-Event Setup Veterans Memorial Coliseum (Arizona State Fair Grounds) 1826 W McDowell, Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/25, 1/26 & 1/27/18	2018 Maricopa County StandDown Veterans Memorial Coliseum (Arizona State Fair Grounds) 1826 W McDowell, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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