



**AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64**

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**2. Commander's Comments: (from Commander Ed Mangan)** At our next Post 64 meeting on June 21 we will be inducting our new 2017-2018 officers. Then we will take two months off to relax. Our Color Guard is one of the busiest in the State. Dave VonTersch and all of the other members jump in whenever called upon. If you are interested in joining this fine group, contact Dave or myself.

On June 14 we will be conducting our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at ARC starting at 7:00 pm. Then we will have a FREE social function in the ballroom after that ceremony. Bring your old worn out flags, and we will dispose of them in the proper manner. We need all of the members we can to conduct this service. It takes at least 10 people to fill all of the positions. Please join us and help.

Then on June 24, we will be competing in the state-wide Color Guard competition at the annual American Legion Department Convention. We need at least 4 Color Guard members to compete in this program. Again, contact Dave if you can join us for this competition.

It takes a lot of dedicated members and non-members to make our Post successful. I am grateful to everyone who has stepped up to help. Plus, it is nice to have the access to ARC facilities for our meetings. Most other Posts meet in smoke-filled bars. We don't have those problems. Many thanks to ARC General Manager Amy Nicholls, Activities Director Mary Lentz, Andy and Ed for technical help with electronics, and Bob, Mark, and Joyce at the front desk.

Don't forget that our meetings are held every third Wednesday at 3:00 pm at ARC, except for July and August. 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. There are many activities in our Post 64, attend as many as you can.

**3. Condolences:** To the family of Post member Robert Moore, who passed away in early May. To the family of Post member Gerald Allen, whose wife Mary Ellen passed away on May 16. To the family of Steve Conder, a Navy veteran who passed away May 16. The Post Honor Guard was part of Steve's Memorial Service on May 25.

**4. A "Hello" Shout-Out to** Ray Ehret, Ralph Garlow, Frank McPhillips, and John O'Donnell.

**5. Membership: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)**

2017 Final Report: Active 193; up for Renewal 5

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who renewed, transferred, or joined our Post for the 2017 Legion year. The task of Membership chairman was very satisfying this year because of your dedication to the Legion, Post, and Veterans. Your cooperation to renew on time made for a smooth and rewarding ride. Also, thank you for entrusting me to lead the Membership Program for the next Legion year. July starts our new year, so don't forget, if you can, to renew online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). Our annual dues remain at \$30. While you are on the site take a look at the "Paid Up for Life" offer, and see if it's right for you.

**6. Color Guard: (from Sgt-at-Arms Dave VonTersch)** Check out the calendar at the end of the newsletter for scheduled Color Guard events and practices. They are marked with \*\*\*

**7.** The next Post 64 meeting will be at 3:00 pm on Wed., June 21, at ARC. THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING UNTIL WED., SEPT. 20.

This is also the last newsletter until September 1. Everyone have a safe and fun summer !!!

**8. Finance Report: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)**

CHECK BOOK BALANCE 4/1/2017				2552.18
	DEPOSITS			
	Easter Parade Hot Dog Cookout	531.78		
	Membership Dues	90.00		
	Flag Sales	16.00		
	Kramer Donation	5.00		
	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>		<b>642.78</b>	
	EXPENSES			
	Flag Clips	23.28		
	Name Tags	19.80		
	Dues to Department	69.00		
	Stick Flags	55.90		
	Purchase School Award Medals	199.50		
	Newsletter postage	39.20		
	Gift Shop Flag Supply	155.45		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>562.13</b>	
CHECK BOOK BALANCE 4/30/2017				2632.83

**9. From the May 17 meeting:** 27 members and guests attended. Elections for 2017-2018 Officers were held and the results were as pictured above. Installation of officers will be at the June 21 meeting. Thank you to all who “answered the call” to lead the Post next year. Year-end reports are in progress or have already been submitted. The 2017-2018 Budget will be voted on at the June 21 meeting.

Adjutant Report: The District 12 per capita (\$0.20 per member) is due at the District Meeting scheduled for May 21--received check for \$38.60.

Second Vice Commander Report: Post 64 Golf Tournament will be in November or December. Volunteers are needed for the committee. Contact Pete Meier.

Service Officer Report: One veteran was assisted this past month. Ed Mangan and John Boyer were the Guest Speakers. Ed is the State of Arizona ESGR Military Outreach Chairman, and John serves as a Military Outreach Coordinator. ESGR stands for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Their presentation was about the laws that have been in existence since 1972 on employment rights and responsibilities pre- and post-deployment for National Guard and Reserve personnel. More information is available on these topics at [www.esgr.mil/az](http://www.esgr.mil/az).

**10. High School Awards 2017**

**Charlie Roloff Memorial Scholarship Recipients (\$100.00 per student)**

Mountain Pointe

Daniel Diaz

Sara Bacon

Desert Vista

Braden Gaines

Eryn Holden

A special thank you from the American Legion to Charlie Roloff’s daughters, Diane Laubmeier, Debra Bruns, and Renee McLaughlin, for their continued sponsorship of these four scholarships.

**Middle School Awards 2017**

Centennial

Jake Harrison

Michaelangelo Walter

Akimel

Olivia Thorpe

Bailey Busby

Altadena

Clark Lemon

Suttyn Lappin

