



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

OCTOBER 2017

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

The **Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting** for Post 64 on September 19 was a huge success. Thank you. Any of our members can attend any Chamber of Commerce function, because we are all members. Last week I mailed letters to our Korean War Era Veterans to see if they would be interested in participating in the **Operation Welcome Home celebration** on October 24 in Gilbert. Last year the Operation Welcome Home organization had a celebration for WWII Veterans. This year it is the Korean War Era Veterans turn. Please let me know if you want to join this celebration. Ann Schminke and I will be attending this function. I need your acknowledgement by October 10. (contact information in **#6**.)

We are approaching **Veterans Day** and our Color Guard is going to be busy. If you have any extra time, please consider joining our Color Guard. Contact Dave VonTersch; his contact information is in **#6**. We have a full slate. To all of our Color Guard members – THANK YOU !

We need a lot of help with our upcoming **Golf Tournament**. Please contact Pete Meier or Doug Patterson. 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. Pete and Doug's contact information is in the ad in this newsletter.

It takes a lot of dedicated members and non-members to make our Post successful as we have been for decades. I am grateful to everyone who has stepped up to help. Plus, it is nice to have the access to the ARC facilities to have our meetings. Most other Posts meet in smoke-filled bars. We don't have those problems. Many thanks to the ARC.

We had a great turnout at our September meeting. Don't forget that our meetings are held every third Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the 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.

### **2. CONDOLENCES:**

To the family of John O'Donnell who passed away August 30. John was a Paid-Up-For-Life member with 39 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. He was a WWII Navy veteran.

Please notify our new Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt of anyone you want to receive a sympathy, get well, or thinking of you card from Post 64. Her contact information is under **#6**.

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

2018 goal is set at 196 paid members. To date 108 have paid which is 55% of goal. A reminder to the 45% who haven't paid yet, to renew you can go on line at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). It is easy, fast, and painless. While you are there look at signing up for a life membership at [www.legion.org/pufl](http://www.legion.org/pufl). Some of the benefits for a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) member are no more renewal notices, no more paying annual dues, and you avoid future dues increases.

#### 4. SERVICE OFFICER: (from Service Officer John Boyer)

John reported that he will be taking the official certification training to be a Service Officer in the state of Arizona. Currently he can answer questions and send you to the right people, but regulations require special training for him to actually fill out paperwork and submit claims.

He will notify us when there will be another "Agent Orange" seminar.

#### 5. COLOR GUARD MEMBERS: (from Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch)

Dave reported that the lock on the gun safe was repaired this past month.

Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter for your upcoming activities. Color Guard is always marked with \*\*\*\*\* on the calendar. Be sure to let Dave VonTersch know which activities you will be attending.

Dave's contact information is under # 6 .

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#### 7. FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING:

36 members and guests attended.

The **Post Executive Committee** (officers) meets one week before the general membership meeting to discuss progress with Post activities and administrative business, and to set the agenda of the upcoming meeting. The date is always included on the newsletter calendar. The meeting is held in the old Board Room. Anyone may attend as a member-at-large.

Ed Mangan reported that the contractor has been chosen for the Arizona Wall Project in Gilbert, and construction for the 80% replica of the Vietnam Memorial will begin soon.

Mary Williams reported that they hope to send 200 boxes during the next **Packages For Our Troop** event. Wrapping of gifts will be on Wednesday, November 15, with boxing and delivery on Thursday, November 16. All members are encouraged to lend a hand when they can. Work is done all done at ARC. Items for the boxes will be collected in the ARC lobby ahead of time. See the list of suggested items in the ads later in this newsletter. The desk at ARC accepts monetary donations as well.

The **Post Holiday Party** will be on Sat., January 20, 2018. The Adjutant was authorized to invite Department Commander Domingo Bonilla and his wife Department President Yolanda Bonilla as guests.

Joe Gustafson and Pete Meier each donated \$250.00 to the Post following the successful sale of Joe's home.

The **next Post General Meeting** will be Wed., October 18, at 3:00 pm at ARC.



The first guest speaker was Jacque Harris from My Brother's Keeper. Jacque started this non-profit organization to deal with issues affecting those who have experienced psychological and physical traumas. She made a request for volunteer mentors to befriend young people needing an adult role model and veterans who have PTSD, brain injuries, or are contemplating suicide. More information can be found at [mybrotherskeeper.com](http://mybrotherskeeper.com)



The second guest speaker was Sharon Schrader from SMART (Strategic Memory and Alzheimers Rehabilitation Training). She provided free copies of Memory and Cognitive Training Materials to those in attendance. The materials were donated in memory of Marc Alan Lee PO2 by his mother. More information can be found at [smartbrainaging.com](http://smartbrainaging.com)



ARC General Manager Amy Nicholls was presented with an Appreciation Plaque for continuing support of the American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program. The state finals of the contest will again be held at ARC on Sat., March 3, 2018. Everyone is invited to watch six outstanding Arizona high school students speak on the U.S. Constitution in order to earn college scholarship money.

**8.** Any items you would like printed in the **Post newsletter** need to be emailed to Roger Munchbach by the last day of the month. Please send specific copy, pictures, or flyers you would like to appear. Items should pertain to the American Legion, Service to Veterans, Post 64 activities, or other veterans service organizations.



**\$20/person**  
 On sale October 2-14  
 in Social Area  
 on Mondays,  
 Wednesdays,  
 Fridays  
 9AM to 11AM  
 Saturdays  
 10AM to noon

- **October 21 6PM to 9PM**
- Pretzels, brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, sides & dessert
- Bring your own beverages
- Door prizes!
- **DANCE!** Polka and folk music by Nickoleity Express
- Proceeds benefit American Legion



**DANCE** following dinner



## "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS"



Items that are needed and wished for are:  
 Small individual packets of .....  
 Cansisters of Pringles (large and small cans)  
 Famous Amos small packets of cookies  
 Oreo cookies  
 Dried fruit and nuts packets  
 Beef Jerky  
 Small boxes of Cracker Jacks  
 Individual servings of (just add water variety)  
 Lemonade (crystal lite or similar)  
 Fruit drink  
 Coffee or tea  
 Snack bars  
 Granola, energy, etc.  
 Chewing gum  
 Individually wrapped hard candies of any variety (we need lots to fill all the cracks and empty spaces in the boxes)

### Fun Items:

Sudoku books  
 Crossword Puzzle books  
 Small notepads or tablets  
 Pencils or pens  
 Small hand type games  
 Decks of cards  
 AA batteries  
 Hygiene Items  
 Band-Aids  
 Small packets of G-tips  
 Chap stick  
 Female hygiene items  
 Baby Wipes  
 Tooth brush wrapped and sealed separately  
 Tooth paste (travel or small size)

Stay away from things that crush easily. (Potato Chip crumbs don't work)  
 Nothing sharp like knives or razor blades  
 If it smells strongly such as soap we don't like to add it with the foods.

**We also need rolls of wrapping paper to wrap some of the goodies and surprises.**

**And, if you have unneeded Christmas cards appropriate for the soldiers, we will write special notes sent from the ARC and we will include a card in each box.**

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 *****NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLIES 9:00 AM MEET AT ARC AT 8:00 AM
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 3:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ARC	12	13 US Navy Birthday 1775	14
15	16	17	18 *****POST MEETING 3:00 PM AT ARC	19	20	21 OKTOBERFEST AT ARC 6 TO 9 PM
22	23 Beirut Bombing 1983	24	25 Grenada Invasion 1983	26	27	28 DINNER HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS AK CHIN CASINO, 4:30 PM, SEE AD IN THIS NEWSLETTER
29	30	31 Halloween	Future Events: November 3-5 Department of Arizona Fall Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Tucson *****November 7 Evolution of the Flag, Akimel Middle School 9:00 am, Meet at ARC at 8:00 am *****November 11 Evolution of the Flag, Mountain Park Senior Center, 1:30 pm, Meet at ARC at 12:30 pm ***** November 13 Evolution of the Flag, Pecos Sr. Center 10:00 am, Meet at ARC at 9:00 am Post 64 Golf Tournament at Legacy Golf Club, 8:00 am Shotgun Start, see ad in this newsletter			

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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  
 Doug Patterson • 602-791-6843 • dpatterson27@cox.net

American Legion Post 64 Golf Tournament Sign-Up • Mail/Deliver to  
 American Legion Post 64 c/o ABC, 5603 E. Cheyenne Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85044-1766

Name _____	Amount
Phone _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash \$90.00
Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$15.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Total \$90.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner \$15.00
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**Paying By**  Credit Card Type: Visa, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash in Person Only \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check - make payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Legion Post 64 \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: Mo \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Legion Post 64 is a non-profit 501(c)(19) organization • Federal ID # 47-0373315

CONTACT RODDY CHARLTON FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS RAFFLE.

SEE #6.

**Wheels & Wings RAFFLE**

Winners drawn Dec. 2, 2017

WIN A BRAND NEW SUV OR B-17 BOMBER RIDE!

Jeep Wrangler Sahara Unlimited 4x4  
-or-  
Cadillac XTS FWD  
YOUR CHOICE! (Yes, you pick what vehicle you want!)

Tickets [www.WheelsAndWingsRaffle.com](http://www.WheelsAndWingsRaffle.com)

**1st prize** \$5000  
A ride in our rare B-17 Bomber "Sentimental Journey" (for 8 people)

**2nd prize**  
A ride in our SNJ Pilot Trainer (for 1 person)

**3rd prize**  
A ride in our C-47 Secret Mission "Old Number 30" (for 10 people)

**4th prize**  
A ride in our open cockpit Stearman bi-plane (for 1 person)

**5th prize**  
A ride in our open cockpit Stearman bi-plane (for 1 person)

**NOBULL.COM EARHARDT SINCE 1931**

Courtesy of Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum and Earhardt Auto Centers

DATE/ TIME: October 28, 2017. Check-in 4:30pm for table seating with no-host bar 4:30pm to 5:30pm  
 PROGRAM: Seating at 5:30pm. Program begins at 5:30pm  
 LOCATION: Elements Event Center, 16000 Maricopa Road, #200, Maricopa, AZ (North/next to) Ak-Chin Casino)  
 ATTIRE: Business-casual or Army Class A (or service equivalent) with military decorations  
 COST: \$50.00/person for a double-entrée meal  
 ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call 1-800-427-7247 for room reservations  
 OTHER QUESTIONS: Call Joe at 520-868-6777 or 602-509-8762

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 TO REGISTER AND PRE-PAY PLEASE MAKE CHECKS FOR \$50.00 PER PERSON PAYABLE TO: ARIZONA MILITARY MUSEUM AND MAIL THEM WITH THIS RSVP FORM TO: ARIZONA MILITARY MUSEUM, 9014 NORTH WEALTH ROAD, MARICOPA, ARIZONA 85139 NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 21, 2017. Please legibly print names, addresses, and contact phone numbers of attendees. LIST ATTENDEES' NAMES BELOW FOR TABLES OF ROUNDS OF TEN.

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Colonel Joe Abodeely, USA (Ret), Director, Arizona Military Museum

CONTACT  
 ED MANGAN  
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 DINNER  
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