



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
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REPORT FROM THE JUNE 21, 2017, MEETING:

12 members and guests were in attendance.
First Vice Commander Bob Smithson reported that the 2016-2017 membership year for Post 64 was ending at 112% of goal (194 of 177).
Second Vice Commander Pete Meier reported that the Golf Tournament has now been set for December 16 at the Legacy Golf Course on Baseline Rd. and 32nd St. in Phoenix. The Committee needs volunteers, sponsors, and recruiters. (See ad later in newsletter.)
The membership approved the 2017-2018 Budget.
60 people attended the Flag Disposal Program on June 14. New Officers for 2017-2018 were installed.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Color Guard presented Colors for ARC Fourth of July Celebration.
Color Guard participated in Color Presentation Competition at Department of Arizona Convention on June 24, receiving third place.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Ed Mangan)

It is time to get back to work for the POST. We all need to start or continue to be involved. Volunteerism is our lifeblood. We need more individuals to step up. Our schedule is getting full already. The **annual golf tournament** needs a few more workers. We need to sign up golfers and sponsors. Every Post 64 member should be able to sign up one golfer or one sponsor. Our golf outing is on December 16 at the Legacy Golf Club. Pete Meier and Doug Patterson have all the details.

Then on September 19 at Noon, we will be having a **Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at the ARC**. Post 64 is now a member of the Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce. And we are all members. Every one of us can

participate in all CoC activities. The Chamber will help us promote our golf tournament as well as help us locate new members.

We are approaching Veterans Day and our **Color Guard** is getting busy. If you have any extra time, please consider joining our Color Guard. Contact Dave VonTersch.

I would like to thank the new slate of officers for our Post. The key to any successful organization is involvement. Attend our **meetings**, take part in some of our numerous activities, or just volunteer. Just help a little. We need new members, but we also need them to get involved. 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.

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.**

CONDOLENCES:

--To the family of Post 64 member Randolph Scott who passed away in April 2017. Randolph was a Viet Nam era Air Force veteran. He joined the American Legion in 2014.

--To Jane Nesbitt following the death of her son Tom in May 2017.

--To the family of Ray Ehret who passed away June 15, 2017. Ray was a Paid-Up-For-Life member of Post 64 with 22 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. He was a Viet Nam era Army veteran.

--To the family of Past Department Area B Vice Commander Michael Thelen (Post 26) who passed away August 9, 2017. Michael was a staunch advocate for homeless veterans in Arizona. He and his wife Mary Lou had visited Post 64 meetings on several occasions.

--To the family of Rose Cherep, who passed away August 12, 2017.

--To the family of Post 64 member William Shestko who passed away August 24, 2017. William was a Viet Nam era Air Force veteran with 12 years of membership in the American Legion.

MEMBERSHIP: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

We exceeded our 2017 goal of 172 paid up members. We reached 194 paid members or 112% of our goal. Your Post, Legion, and veterans want to thank you for your support for our local and national programs.

Our goal for 2018 is set at 196 members. Please help us attain this goal by enlisting one new eligible veteran to your Post. To date 94 have renewed, including 11 Paid-Up-For-Life Members and 31 who paid online.

Remember the fast and easy way to renew, if you can, is online at www.legion.org/renew. Our dues remain at \$30.00 for the 2018 membership year.

Looking forward to seeing all at our September meeting.

ENROLLING FOR VA MEDICAL BENEFITS: (from Service Officer John Boyer)

I recommend using the Southeast VA Clinic in Gilbert at 3285 S. Val Vista Dr. The site is on Val Vista north of the 202. Their phone number is 480-397-2800. Hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

You do not need an appointment, but I recommend getting there early, and ask for "Enrollment". The wait time has been very short for me and for the clients I have driven there.

You will need your military discharge papers (DD-214). You should also obtain your military health records if you don't have them. They are not necessary for enrollment, but may be helpful for your physical exam with your Primary Care Doctor, who should be assigned to you at enrollment. I can assist in requesting your records if you don't have them. Please call or email me with any questions you may have. 520-705-7185 nisjohn@cox.net

LEGION CAP ETIQUETTE: (taken from 2017 Officers' Guide and Manual of Ceremonies)

1. The Legion cap, uniform, or regalia should be worn by its member only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies, as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions, or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions. A LEGIONNAIRE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN UNIFORM IF WEARING AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION CAP. Therefore, it is not proper to wear a Legion cap while eating a meal.

2. The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the guard of honor while in marching order or standing guard. When seated, the cap should be removed. Posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover at the door, **HOLD THE CAP WITH THE RIGHT HAND OVER THE HEART, WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM FORWARD**, until arriving in the pews and commanded to take seats, and remain uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the Post shall rise, hold the cap with right hand over the hearts, march out of the place of worship, and recover after marching through the door. The cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket.
3. Legionnaires not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship, remain uncovered during the entire service and recover after leaving the place of worship.
4. At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should be worn.
5. In meetings, the cap should **NOT BE WORN** during the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer (invocation or benediction), or while standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when it should be held with the right hand over the heart.
6. Members of a “presenting Color Guard” wear their caps during the entire presentation. During the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem, the members of the “presenting Color Guard” **SALUTE, BUT DO NOT SPEAK OR SING**.
7. Female Legionnaires may remain covered at all times, and should place their right hand over their heart during the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, or prayer. They may remain covered during meals.
8. The left side (emblem side) of the cap cannot contain other than the official American Legion emblem and lettering as set forth by the Post, District, Department, or National.

September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
				CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO FOUR POINTS SHERATON 4:30 TO 7:30 PM (MEET AT ARC AT 4 PM)		
10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16
***MASSING OF THE COLORS SHADOW MOUNTAIN HS MEET AT ARC NOON			EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3 PM AT ARC			
17	18	19	20	21	22 Fall begins	23
DISTRICT 12 MEETING POST 65 AT 2 PM		***CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING AT ARC NOON	***POST MEETING ARC 3 PM			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
NOTES OF FUTURE EVENTS: Oct. 28, Dinner Honoring Vietnam Veterans (see ad in this newsletter) Dec. 16, Post 64 Golf Tournament (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 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
Doug Patterson • 602-791-6843 • dpatterson27@cox.net

*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 **Credit Card** Type: Visa, etc. _____ **Total \$** _____
 Cash In Person Only Account Number _____
 Check—make payable to American Legion Post 64 Card Holder Name _____
 Expiration Date Mo _____ Yr _____ Security Code _____

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DINNER-SYMPOSIUM INVITATION HONORING ARIZONA VIETNAM VETERANS

The Arizona Military Museum is pleased to host the "7th Annual Commemoration of the Vietnam War" honoring Arizona's Vietnam and Vietnam-Era veterans. This symposium includes a Vietnamese Color Guard, a wonderful dinner, good music, interesting videos, and a special presentation to Vietnam Veterans. The symposium will dispel myths and "alternate facts" about the Vietnam War and truly honor Vietnam veterans. Two very special guest speakers will present a symposium on the Vietnam War:

Professor Mark Moyer has served as a professor at the U.S. Marine Corps University and as a Senior Fellow at the Joint Special Operations University—and he has advised the senior leadership of several U.S. military commands. The author of six books and dozens of articles, he has worked in and out of government on national security affairs, international development, foreign aid, and capacity building. He holds a BA *summa cum laude* from Harvard and a PhD from Cambridge. Dr. Moyer's articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and numerous other publications. He speaks at a wide range of public and private institutions around the world. His newest book is *Oppose Any Foe: The Rise of America's Special Operations*.

Professor Robert F. Turner holds both professional and academic doctorates from the University of Virginia School of Law, where in 1981 he co-founded the Center for National Security Law. Dr. Turner served two tours in Vietnam and he is extremely knowledgeable about the geopolitics of the Vietnam War. He is the author or editor of more than 15 books and he has published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, and most other American newspapers.

- 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.

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