



**AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
NOVEMBER 2019**

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Links to other Veterans' Websites, Flag Etiquette, and Much More !**

1. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Pete Meier)



In October we provided Color Guard services for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce. They had a turnout of about 200 people. "Sparky" from ASU was there to help commemorate the event.

We are starting to see some progress on the new and improved parking lot at ARC; they expect completion by the end of November.

We will be providing Color Guard and Veterans Remembrance Services at Sunrise Senior Facility in Chandler at the corner of Gila Springs and Chandler Blvds. on November 9.

Brenda Smull is organizing a "happy hour" for the Schwab Military Veteran's Network at Aunt Chilada's near Pointe Parkway and Baseline Rd. (2019 W. Baseline Rd. Phoenix) It is scheduled for Friday, November 15, between 3:30 and 5:30. Post 64 members are invited to mingle with other veterans. There will be patriotic raffle prizes and drawings. Everyone is welcome to attend. At the last event we had 35 people show up. A good time was had by all.

Our meetings are every third Wed. At 4 pm at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center. All are welcome to attend.

2. CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS: (from Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt)

VETERANS DAY: On Monday, 11 November, we celebrate Veterans Day, commemorating the signing of the WWI Armistice (1918). Let us thank ALL veterans, alive or transferred to Post Everlasting, and their families, for their courage and sacrifices. And we ask you, Lord, to please watch over our military, and to please continue to bless and protect our nation.

SICK CALL:

WWII Army veteran Sam Wiggins is now residing at: Brookdale North Glendale, Suite D-3, 6735 W. Hillcrest Blvd., Glendale AZ 85310. Daughter Paula said Sam would love a visit, and his favorite snacks are chocolate chip cookies and Snickers candy bars. When we're in that area, let's please stop by and say "hi!"

CONDOLENCES:

Member Sam Wiggins buried his wife Beverly on October 28. Please keep Sam and family in your thoughts and prayers.



Janice Langley-Smith will be laid to rest on November 11, 9 am, at the Arizona National Cemetery on Cave Creek Rd. Janice was a member of Post 64 for three years, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. Please keep her daughter Tracie and family in your prayers.



Dr. Raymond Brandt transferred to Post Everlasting on October 9, 2019. Dr. Brandt served in the U.S. Army during WWII and had been a member of the American Legion for 69 years.

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

2020 to date: Total roster (227); Total paid (135); Expired (8); Transfers in (17); New (3); Deceased (5). We are presently at 65% of our goal of 207 paid. Good news: of the 135 paid members, 65 have renewed Online. The fastest and safest way for those who have not yet renewed is to go to www.legion.org/renew. Renew now to avoid having an expired membership on 1/1/2020. Also, those who renew prior to 1 January will get an Early Bird stamped on the card.

As discussed in the October newsletter the vote concerning the increase in Post 64 dues to \$35 for next year was taken. It passed unanimously and is effective 1 July 2020.

Ken Dembiec and I attended the Department Revitalization Drive which resulted in 3 transfers from Post 100.

As you know, the eligibility for joining the American Legion has changed. Any veteran who has served honorably since December 7, 1941, can join. I have received the "American Legion Appreciation" coins and am itching to award them to anyone who recruits 3 new members.

Thanks to all who have renewed and to those who are considering renewing now. It is greatly appreciated!

4. SPECIAL REPORT: (from Second Vice Commander Doug Patterson)

Hello, Post 64 Members! Your help is needed!

A local girl scout, Jane Spellman, has chosen to help the Post by committing to a Gold Award Take Action Project to provide the Post and Ahwatukee Recreation Center (ARC) with a plaque for the new flag pole and a drop-off box for retired American flags. Post 64 through anonymous donations has purchased the flagpole for ARC to replace the one removed during the recent parking lot remodel project. Jane will provide a plaque that will reflect the date of the dedication and that it was donated by Post 64.

She is also trying to purchase a retired U.S. mail box to decorate and place at ARC so residents will have a place to drop off their American flags that are no longer usable.

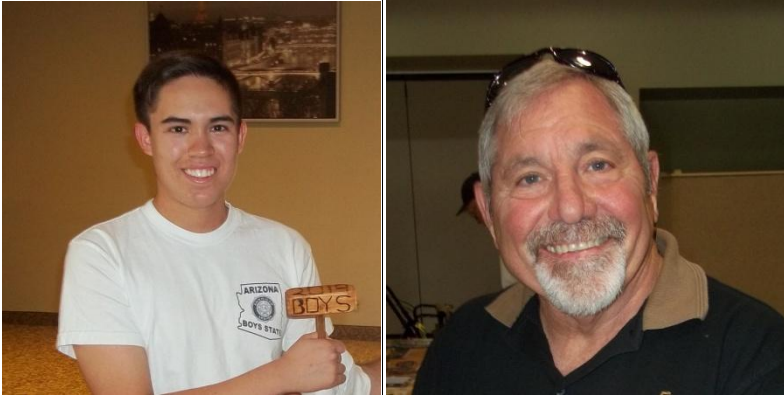
SHE NEEDS OUR HELP TO RAISE SOME FUNDS TO COMPLETE HER PROJECT! To accomplish this, she is doing various activities to raise the money needed to buy the plaque and mailbox. She has received permission to be at the ARC in the reception area on Veterans Day from 9 am to 11 am to talk to members about her project and ask for donations. We would like to request that you visit ARC that day, and talk with Jane. Provide whatever support you can. The Post would appreciate your participation! Thank you!

5. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16 MEETING:

29 members and guests were in attendance.

Mountain Pointe High School senior Zachary Cortez gave a report on his experiences at Boys State in June of 2019. He was elected Mayor of his city and won the "Boys State Citizen of the Year" Award. Post 64 presented him with a handmade gavel and a certificate. Zach also interviewed at the Air Force Academy in June.

New Post 64 member Gary Werner talked about his business and products by WOW. He is in search of veterans he can employ to assemble his products at home.



(left) Zach Cortez
(right) Gary Werner

First Vice Commander Bob Smithson reported membership at 123/207 or 59% of the 2020 goal. The Post members voted to increase dues NEXT YEAR (2020-2021), beginning in July 2020, to \$35.00 because of coming increases in the amount of dues forwarded to the Department of Arizona over the next 5 years. Bob also repeated the new membership eligibility for the American Legion approved at National Convention in August. Any Honorably Discharged veteran (or active duty military member) who has served since December 7, 1941, is now eligible to join the American Legion. A Post 64 member recruiting 3 new members during 2019-2020 will receive an award and gift.

Commander Pete Meier reported that there will be a dedication ceremony for the new telescoping flag pole with solar lighting that the Post is donating to the Ahwatukee Rec Center. It will be installed in the renovated parking lot at the appropriate time. There will be an inscription on the pole with the Posts's name.

Adjutant Roger Munchbach reported the Department of Arizona Fall Conference will be Nov. 8-10, 2019, at the Double Tree Hotel in Tucson. Pre-registration is \$10 (\$20 at the door), and program book boosters are \$2 per name (due October 23). Information is available on the Department of Arizona website at azlegion.org

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt reported that a Memorial Service for Janice Langley-Smith will be held at the National Cemetery on Nov. 11. She and Roddy Charlton will attend and present family with a "Post Everlasting" Certificate.

Color Guard Commander Dave VonTersch reported that the Color Guard will present Colors on Thursday, October 24, at Wild Horse Pass for the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce. There is also a "5 Military Service Flags" program scheduled for Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 5757 W. Chandler Blvd. in Chandler on November 9 at 2 pm. Color Guard members please check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for other scheduled events. Contact Dave by phone or email with questions, etc.

Support the Troops will be wrapping and boxes packages for our service men and women on Wed. and Thurs. November 13 and 14, beginning at 9 am both days. Helpers are needed.

Tickets for the ARC Thanksgiving Dinner (\$15-adults only-limited number of tickets) will go on sale at ARC soon. Post 64 made a donation to the dinner expenses.

Ed Mangan will be taking the Post 64 Colors to the "Massing of the Colors" at Marcos de Niza High School on Friday, December 6, 2019.

The Post 64 Winterfest is scheduled for Sat., January 18, 2020, at ARC. We are still planning on a golf tournament in the spring.

Deb Munchbach continues to make nametags after the meeting for friends, new members and their family who attend Post 64 meetings.

THE NEXT POST 64 MEETING WILL BE WED., NOV. 20, AT 4:00 PM AT ARC. SEE YOU THERE! The address is 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix AZ 85044.

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7. REMEMBER WHEN (Installment #7 reviewing the first 25 years of Post 64): *Earlier installments are available online in the newsletters of February thru June and October of 2019*

JUNE 2006 TO JUNE 2007

Department Commander was Tom Cosgrove. Post Commander was Hank Johnson. Color Guard Commander was Hank Ubowski. The Color Guard presented Colors or patriotic flag programs at ARC, Centennial Middle School, Altadena Middle School, and Akimel Middle School. The Honor Guard attended funerals/memorial services for Robert Rockwell, Joe Lewallen, and Bill Kramer.

Ed Mangan, Rod Green, and Bob and Judy Enns are pictured in the History Book for the first times during this year.

On October 8, 2006, members walked in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk.

On November 14, 2006, flowers were delivered to area schools for American Education Week.

Akimel Patriotic Day was April 5, 2007. The Easter Parade/picnic/concert was April 7, 2007.

School Awards were presented to Jordan Ahern and Aubri Carman (Mountain Pointe High School), Erik Lee and Laura Johnson (Desert Vista High School), Emanuel Aguirre and Nicollette Villescuz (Centennial Middle School), Casey Cantor and Alisa Partland (Akimel Middle School), and Kearney Dylan and Khaira Charnjeer (Altadena Middle School).

June 21-24, 2007, was the Department Convention at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Phoenix. The Post attained its 06-07 membership goal of 126.

JUNE 2007 TO JUNE 2008

Department Commander was Bruce Conklin. Post Commander was Hank Johnson. Color Guard Commanders were Hank Ubowski and Ed Mangan. The Color Guard presented Colors or patriotic flag programs at Centennial Middle School, Akimel Middle School, ARC, and Monte Vista Elementary School. The Monte Vista program was on November 9, 2007, and the Post gave the school 35 American flag kits, one for each classroom.

Candy was delivered to area schools during American Education Week, November 11 to 17, 2007.

December 1, 2007, Post 64 hosted its first "catered" Holiday Party, with 192 people attending. The membership goal of 126 was attained by February 2008.

Roger and Deb Munchbach attended the Creative Arts Festival at the Phoenix VA Hospital on February 14, 2008. They have returned to help with that program every year since then.

The Easter Parade, hot dog picnic, and jazz band concert were March 22, 2008.

Color Guard Commander Hank Ubowski transferred to Post Everlasting on April 1, 2008. A large Honor Guard from Post 64 attended his funeral mass on April 4, 2008.

Patriotic Day at Akimel Middle School was on April 4, 2008. The National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Raymond Giehll, Jr., was a special guest.

School Awards were presented to Garret Geughan and Paul Liska (Centennial Middle School), Taylor Baron and Brittney Boeke (Akimel Middle School), and 6 other students (2 each at Mountain Pointe High School, Desert Vista High School, and Altadena Middle School.)

Roger Munchbach served for the first time as a Sr. Counselor for Boys State at Northern Arizona University from May 31 to June 7, 2008. He has returned every year except for one since then.

At the Post meeting on June 18, 2008, Maricopa Co. Sheriff Joe Arpaio was the guest speaker. Close to 200 people came to hear him speak about his job, his supporters, and his critics.

Department Convention was June 19-22, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde in Tucson. Membership ended the year at 110% (138). The 2007-2008 National Convention, August 22-28, 2019, was hosted by the Department of Arizona at the Phoenix Convention Center.

November 2019 ***denotes Color Guard event						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
						*** 5 Service Flag Ceremony Sunrise Assisted Living 5757 W. Chandler Blvd. Chandler 2 pm
American Legion College Week in Indianapolis						
					Department Fall Conference Doubletree Hotel Tucson	
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
100th Anniversary American Legion Auxiliary			Executive Committee Meeting 4 pm at ARC		Happy Hour at Aunt Chiladas with Schwab Veterans 3:30 - 5:30 pm 2019 W. Baseline Rd. Phoenix	
Marine Corps Birthday 1775			Support the Troops wrapping and packaging 9 am both days			
Last Day Fall Conference Tucson						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
District 12 Meeting Post 41 1:30 pm			*** General Membership Meeting at ARC 4 pm			
American Education Week--Thank someone working at a School!						
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
National Family Week						