



**AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64  
May 2022**

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**Commander—Pete Meier**

Well after a long hiatus, we had another Easter Parade. Kudos to Mike Schmitt, Parade Boss, for hosting another fine event. There were 70 entries marching from Warner to Cheyenne Drive north on 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The weather couldn't have been nicer

The American Legion Post #64 "Ahwatukee" was presented with the First Place Trophy for the Color Guard. This was presented to the Post by Mike Schmitt. The five Color Guard members who marched in the parade were: Pete Meier, Brenda Smull, Mark Shillinger, Doug Patterson and Roddy Charlton. Jay Hendrix led the Burial Flag Detail.

At the Post meeting on May 18, 2022 (4:00 pm in the ARC Main Hall) there will be a special Memorial/Remembrance Ceremony for those who passed in the last year. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event



## **Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the March 16, 2022 Meeting**

**Commander Pete Meier** opened the meeting with greetings to 12 members in attendance. The colors were pre-posted. "The Colors" were sounded. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt provided a prayer. She discussed the **Honor and Remembrance Service to be conducted at the May 18, 2022, Post Meeting.** **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. As the minutes of the March meeting were published in the Post Newsletter, the reading of the minutes was dispensed by the Post Commander. A request for corrections was made by Adjutant Roddy Charlton and there were none. A motion for acceptance was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed.

**Commander Pete Meier provided an** update on Post activities. The Post will be sending Jane Spellman, senior at Corona Del Sol High School, to the Arizona Girls State program. This event will be held in Tucson in June 2022. Jane was responsible for the development and installation of our two Flag Retirement boxes at the ARC.

**Membership Leader Al Hunter** provided an update on Membership Committee activities. Post members Jack Armstrong and Bill Musik met with **Communication Officer Brenda Smull** and made a lot of progress on expanding Post communication on social media. Webmaster Brenda Smull is providing leadership and technical support in revising/updating the social media websites. Many new ideas are being developed and discussed including working with a local gun range C2 Tactical with posters, recruiting table and a raffle to bring in new members to our Post.

**Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt** provided the closing prayer, and **Refreshment Chairperson Alice Maynard** provided refreshments. Thank You.



### **Roddy Charlton - Adjutant**

#### **Arizona Girls State Program**

Post 64 is sending Jane Spellman to this year's Arizona Girls State program, being held at the University of Arizona on June 5th-June 11th. She is a Senior at Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe. Jane is responsible for the funding, procuring, painting and installing our two Post Flag Retirement boxes at the ARC. She also developed the Flag Retirement Etiquette sign located between the two boxes. Jane took this task on as a Girl Scout Gold Award project. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is open to girls who are seniors in high school with the purpose of educating young women on the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Jane is very deserving of our Post support.

## **Roddy Charlton - Sgt-At-Arms**

The Color Guard/Honor Guard has gained one new member this month. Doug Patterson (Marine Vietnam veteran) has returned to our Post and returned as a member of our Color Guard/Honor Guard. Welcome back Doug. We now have nine active members and are looking for additional Post members to join. We have many events we support throughout the year. This is a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in supporting this team, please contact me at: [WRCinAZ@aol.com](mailto:WRCinAZ@aol.com). (Training and uniform patches/badges will be provided.)

### **Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade**

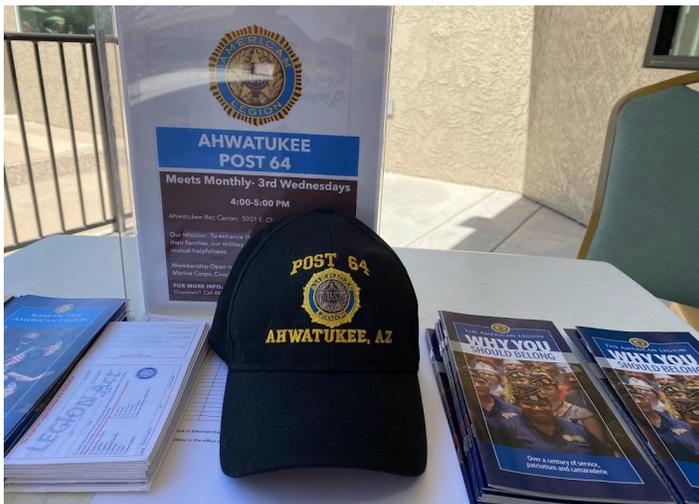
The Color Guard supported and led the 46th Annual Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Five Color Guard members marched in the parade: Pete Meier, Brenda Smull, Mike Shillinger, Doug Patterson and Roddy Charlton. **Jay Hendrix, Finance Officer**, led the Burial Flag Detail with six members: Chris Reum, John Conway, Bob Curran, Marlene Saens, Christy Hendrix and Jay Hendrix.

The parade was very well attended and had 70 entries, including 200 Ahwatukee Little League players, Desert Vista High School and Mountain Pointe High School Bands. Brenda Smull's husband Steve Smull, professional photographer, took many excellent pictures of the event with one published in the Ahwatukee Foothills Newspaper.

After the completion of the parade, a wonderful foot long hot dog lunch was provided at the ARC for Post and ARC members. **Refreshment Chairman Alice Maynard** took the lead of volunteers and **First Vice Commander Rod Green** was the grill master. Thanks to all the Post members and volunteers who made this event such a success.

### **Color Guard Support/National Memorial Cemetery/Memorial Day**

Our Post Color Guard will be marching at this year's Memorial Day event at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Monday, May 30, 2022. This event will be held in Cave Creek, with brunch at the local American Legion Post following. This is a very rewarding experience. Please mark your calendar. Details will follow.



## **Brenda Smull—Post Information Officer**

I am pleased to announce the work of a newly formed Marketing and PR committee at Post 64. The mission and objective of this team is to increase membership and improve retention through active public relations, activities and awareness campaigns. The group members include Jack Armstrong, Al Hunter, Bill Musik, and Brenda Smull.

New developments include:

The creation of an Ahwatukee American Legion **Post 64 Facebook group**. If you are on Facebook, please join this group to see the latest photos and updates on events. Brenda Smull is the moderator.

New custom, **color flyers** to hand out and post on local bulletin boards. It lists our meeting times, location and mission.

Event planning and **promotion of our post at C2 Tactical** in Tempe.

Vendor table with our flyers, brochures and membership application for Post 64 on Saturday, 4/30/22.

We are also planning a shooting competition event that is open to members and the public with prizes and raffles. More details to come.

Submission of photos and stories about Post 64's involvement in the Easter Parade to the local newspapers.

Ideas for activities to include:

Line dancing.

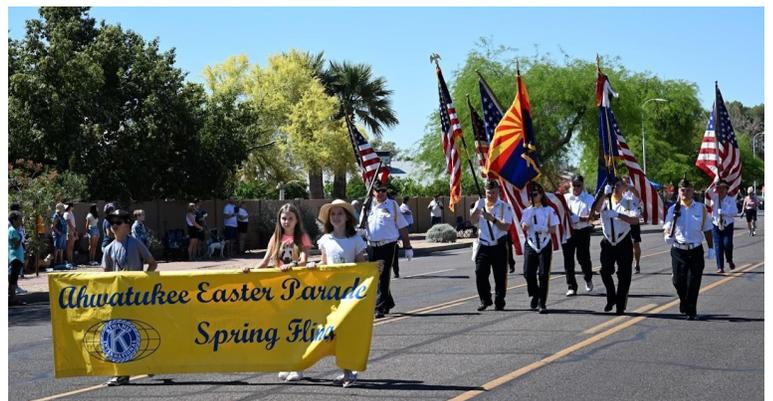
Quarterly social meetings.

Guest speakers at our monthly meetings.

Programs to assist veterans and their families in our community.

Outreach to the local police and fire departments.

If you would like to participate in our marketing efforts or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Brenda Smull at [bsmull@me.com](mailto:bsmull@me.com) or call at 303-301-4429.



## Rebecca Schmidt—Chaplain

DEAR LORD, we pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, and for the end of this horrible conflict. We ask you to speak to the hearts of men. You have words which search and shake the heart, enlighten the mind, soften anger and drive out hatred and revenge. Say the word that can still the storms and grant a just and lasting peace. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! (Sunday, May 8, 2022)

Lord, please bless our Mothers, Grandmothers, Wives, Step-Mothers, Foster Mothers, and all the wonderful women who gave done so much for all of us! We love them and appreciate them!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Georgene Smithson, wife of "busibob" Smithson and long-time Auxiliary member, passed on March 19, 2022. Edward Recker passed. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and was a member of our Post for 14 years.

SICK CALL

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our member Jim Woods and Ken's wife Debbie Diembec. Debbie was our bugler for many years. Please get well soon!

POST 64 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Wednesday, May 18, 2022)

Our May meeting will include our annual Remembrance Service, to honor our members who passed in the last year:

Kenneth Cornelius  
Bernard Korczyk  
Joe Gustafson  
Clarence Hogan  
Edward Recker

All are welcome! Please let me know if we should be honoring any other members.

MEMORIAL DAY (Monday, May 30, 2022)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, with reverence and love we pause to pay tribute to our honored and valiant departed comrades. Grant that we be ever mindful of their service to God and country and of our comradeship with them in the ranks of the American Legion. Hallow their graves, and give courage and comfort to those having suffered the loss of a loved one. Watch over the graves of our comrades, grant eternal rest of their ashes and peace and happiness of their souls, and keep them until the hour of final Revile when they are called before the Divine Commander. May their souls and the souls of all departed veterans rest in peace. Amen.





## AHWATUKEE POST 64

**Meets Monthly- 3rd Wednesdays**

**4:00-5:00 PM**

Ahwatukee Rec Center, 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr. Phoenix, AZ

Our Mission: To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military and our communities by devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Membership Open to the following: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and all Reserves

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11 <i>Executive Meeting ARC 4:00 pm</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>General Meeting ARC Main Hall 4:00 pm</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 	31				

## The American Legion Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues)  
 Male  Female  
 (Gender)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |



30-009      Signature of applicant      Date      Name of recruiter

### Receipt of Dues (Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are just a few of the many programs The American Legion sponsors. Please check the one(s) that are of interest to you. If the program you like is not listed, please indicate it in the "other" area.

- Volunteer work at VA Hospital.
  - Work with youth.
  - Help/participate in Post's social activities . . . dances, dinners, etc.
  - Participate in educational activities . . . (essay contests, oratorical contests, scholarships)
  - Work with sports teams.
  - Supervise groups (drill team, drum & bugle, scouts, etc.).
  - Post improvement projects.
  - Membership drives.
  - Community projects.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse would be interested in the Auxiliary.  
 Son would be interested in the Sons of The American Legion.



### Membership

Submitted by Rod Green, First Vice Commander

\$35.00 (2021-2022)

Please make your check out to:  
*American Legion Post 64*

Mail to:

Ahwatukee Recreation Center  
American Legion Post 64  
5001 E. Cheyenne Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

