



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

October 2021

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Photos, Newsletters, Uniforms, Veterans' Benefits, Congressional
Contacts, Items of Interest,
Links to other Veterans' Websites, Flag Etiquette, and Much More !**

Commanders Report— Pete Meier, Commander

It's good to be back on our regular meeting schedule at the ARC. We have a general meeting for all members and guests every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm. Meetings last 1-1.5 hours. After the meeting we have a Happy Hour. We also have a drawing for a door prize (you have to sign up on the attendance list to participate).

We will be having our Octoberfest on October 30, 2021. Dinner will be brats, all beef hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut, a pretzel and for dessert apple strudel. After dinner there will be dancing to a Bavarian style "oompah" band. Our last Octoberfest was held two years ago and we sold approximately 130 tickets. Everyone had a great time.

We are looking for raffle prizes for the Octoberfest event. The American Legion is a 501(3)c organization. If you make a donation of a raffle prize, this could be deductible. There will also be a 50/50 raffle held during the event. Anyone wishing to sell tickets please contact me at 602-690-3361. Call me for specific selling times.



History

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.



Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the September 15, 2021, Meeting

15 people were in attendance. Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with a greeting. Sgt-At-Arms Dave Von Tersch led the Honor Guard with the posting of colors and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Adjutant Roddy Charlton conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. As the minutes from the June meeting were published in the Post Newsletter, the reading of minutes was dispensed by the Post commander. A request for corrections or changes was made with none. A vote for acceptance was made and a second to approve as printed.

Post Officer Reports: Finance Officer Jay Hendrix provided a summary of finances with a \$9,359 balance with most all new revenue received (\$5 per member) from Post membership renewal. A check for \$250 was given to Ahwatukee Recreation Center (ARC) Support The Troops. First Vice Commander Rod Green provided an update on membership with 190 members and updating reports and issuing membership cards. Incoming Sgt-At-Arms Keith Hugus discussed the Post Color Guard participation at the 911 Memorial Ceremony held by Mesa Police/Fire/Rescue. Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt provided prayer and presented a letter received from Post 64 Student Award recipient Shanti Oza, Desert Vista High School. Shanti also included Ahwatukee Neighborhood stickers she designed as a Girl Scout project in appreciation of the award.

Commander Pete Meier gave an update on Post events. The Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center (ARC). This year will have a German catered dinner and German music band. The Winter Fest will be held on January 15, 2022 at the ARC. Adjutant Roddy Charlton conducted the Installation of Post Officers Ceremony. The Post 64 2021-2022 officers were sworn in to fill various post positions. Commander Pete Meier, First Vice Commander Rod Green, Adjutant Roddy Charlton, Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt, Service Officer Ed Mangan, Sergeant-At-Arms Keith Hugus, Finance Officer Jay Hendrix, Public Relations Chairman Brenda Smull, and support, Post newsletter Judy Steffen, and Refreshment Chairman Alice Maynard. At the completion of the ceremony there were closing comments.

Brenda Smull discussed her new book being published "Strong Words and Strong Truth" which documents her military career and included Post 64 activities. A book launch event is scheduled for November 4, 2021. There was a discussion on whether to start a Facebook page for Post 64. After a brief discussion of pro's and con's, Brenda Smull volunteered to research/provide feedback on the Facebook page and present information to Post officers and members.

Roddy Charlton - Adjutant

Installation of Post Officers: As Post Adjutant, I have the duty and honor to install the incoming Post Officers. As part of this ceremony, keywords are used to ensure each new officer understands the importance and responsibility of his/her position: "You have been chosen to fill the various offices of Post 64. I know you will vindicate the trust that has been placed in you. I know you will fulfill the obligations required of you. Familiarize yourselves with the duties of your offices and carry out those duties with the same spirit from which arose The American Legion." The installation of new Post Officers occurred at the September meeting.

Post Officer Certification Report: At the completion of the installation of Post Officers, a Post Officer Certification Report will be completed and sent to department headquarters. This report is to comply with national requirements and update the department file and data for each office is required. This report documents each officer's position, date of enlistment, date of discharge, rank and organization, and serial number. This report will be completed following the installation of Post Officers and sent to department headquarters. This important information is certified as being correct by the Post Adjutant.

SAVE THE DATE

American Legion Post 64
PRESENTS



Oktoberfest '21

WITH
Die Liedermäuse
Bavarian Band



Saturday • October 30 • 5:30 PM

Bratwurst, German potato salad,
sauerkraut & dessert • BYOB



TICKETS On sale in the Social Area
JUST October 9-23 (except Sundays)
\$20.00 9 AM to Noon until sold out

PLUS
RAFFLE!
Prize
and 50/50

We need ticket sellers

Please contact Pete Meier

602-690-3361 or petemeier@cox.net

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt

Almighty and Eternal God, who created us in your image, we stand in humble gratitude for all the mercies You have ordained upon us. We thank You for these United States in which we live; for those ideals of freedom, justice and democracy that have made them a shining star in the galaxy of nations. Grant us fearlessly to contend against those things that would undermine the heritage of the people called Americans.

Grant us grace to make no peace with oppression, no compromise with evil, and no yielding to the godless philosophy of Communism. May we reverently use our freedom and help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.



Honoring the 13 US service members killed on Thursday,
August 26, 2021 outside of the Hamid Karzai International
Airport, Afghanistan





Keith Hugus - Acting Sgt-At-Arms

Keith Hugus was sworn in as the new Color Guard Commander at the September 15, 2021, Post 64 meeting

On September 6, 2021, Labor Day, eight Color Guard members led the New Flagpole Dedication and the raising of the US flag received by Support The Troops as a “thank you” to the men and women of the Ahwatukee Recreation Center from the troops for the packages sent from the ARC.

Three Color Guard members participated in the city of Mesa 9/11 Commemoration at the Mesa Amphitheatre on the morning of September 11, 2021.

Installation of Officers 2021-2022



From left to right: Dave Von Teresh (Asst. Sgt-At-Arms), Pete Meier (Commander), Rod Green (First Vice Commander), Rebecca Schmidt (Chaplain), Keith Hugus (Sgt-At-Arms), Jay Hendrix (Finance), Brenda Smull (PIO). Fore Front: Roddy Charlton (Adjutant)

A compilation of blogs and stories from the past 9 years and a big chapter on Veterans which features American Legion Post 64.

BRENDA'S BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

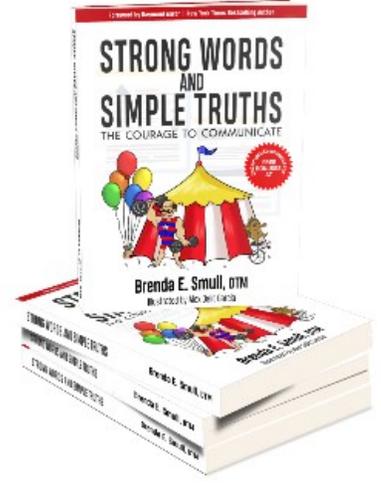
The Buzzed Goat
 4302 E. Ray Rd. Phoenix 85044
 5pm- 7pm

Come join us for a spirited gathering of Toastmasters, veterans and friends to help celebrate the publication of *Strong Words and Simple Truths*. Ernie the Hedgehog will be available for food, fun and signatures.

FOR DETAILS: BSMULL@ME.COM
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**October 2021
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11  | 12 | 13  Executive Meeting ARC - 4:00 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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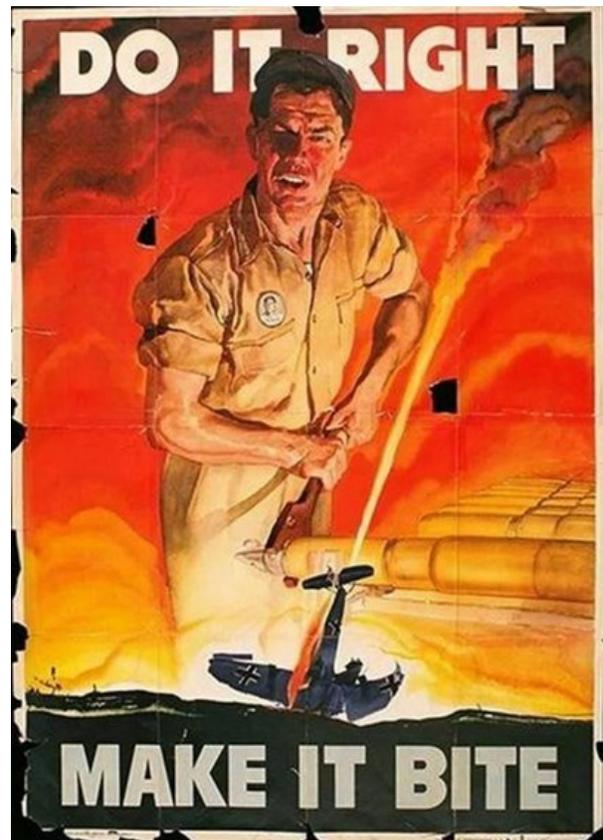
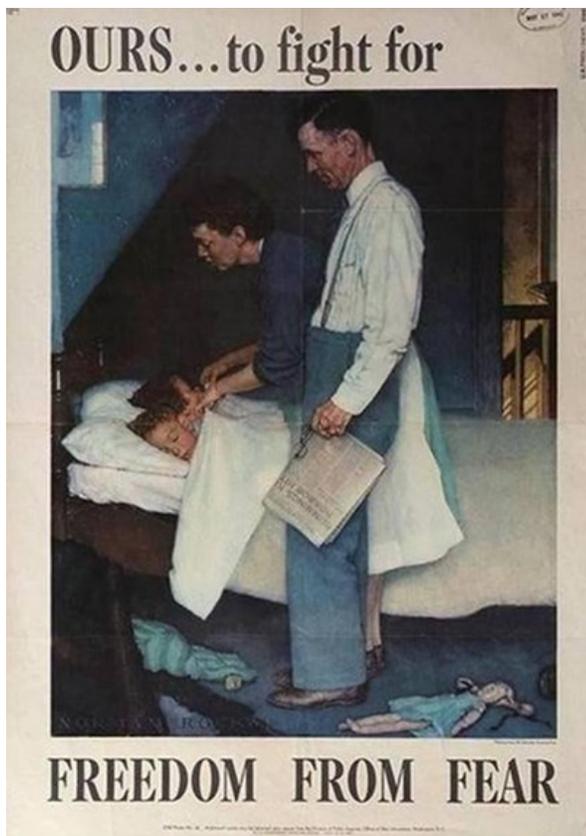
PART 5 Old Post Cards

While being in the Army stationed at Washington DC with a few buddies, we would do the Smithsonian quite often.

On the way back to Ft. Eustis (125 miles), we'd often stop for something to eat. One time, it was getting late. We landed in Falls Church, VA. We saw an old general store that was still open. We walked around on the old creaky floors looking for Frito's or something? I came across, an old wire frame post card holder. It was full of WWII post cards ... penny a piece! I asked the guy, "How much do you want for the Post Cards?" He said, "A penny. They have been here ever since he was a kid.". I counted them ... 300 plus. I gave him \$4.00, and I got the rack, too.

In San Diego, I sold a bunch for \$1.00 each. I still have a bunch to hand down. I know some of you are too young to recall these posters and WWII, but they were a part of my life and others who are now "older than dirt". These are great. Pass them along, especially to your older e-mail friends. I wonder whatever happened to this kind of thinking.

I got a lump in my throat when I read this. I "grew up" thinking: patriotism, it is the AMERICAN way! I am glad to see that somebody saved them. The statement at the end says it all!



The American Legion Membership Application

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

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 you check out to:
American Legion Post 64

Mail to:

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

