



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

May 2018

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

I am looking forward to leading our May 16 meeting. I missed the last meeting due to medical issues, but I feel better, and I'm ready to go. The main topic at this meeting will be any further nominations of officers and then Post elections for the 2018-2019 officers. (See nominations made at the April meeting in # 10 below). The new officers will take over at our June 20 meeting. If you would like to take a leadership role in our Post, be sure to come to the May 16 meeting.

Our annual School Awards programs are in progress. At our March meeting we elected to increase our 4 high school scholarship awards. We will now be giving our 4 awardees \$200.00 each combining with Charlie Roloff's family. In addition, we will be presenting American Legion medals at our middle schools.

Our Color Guard is keeping its busy pace. Dave VonTersch and several other members posted Colors at the USO volunteers luncheon on April 28. On March 29, several of our Color Guard members attended the Vietnam Remembrance Ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza. And now we are getting ready to present our Colors and our wreath at the National Cemetery in North Phoenix on Memorial Day, May 28. This early morning program will be followed by brunch at Post 107, which is near the cemetery. Post 64 is picking up the tab for the people in our group. If you have not signed up for this busy morning, please contact Dave VonTersch.

Please keep in mind that we are preparing for our 2018 Post 64 annual golf tournament. We are not only looking for golfers, we are looking for sponsors as well. Pete Meier and Doug Patterson have all of the details.

Post 64 has several projects and programs every year, and we need members and their spouses to join a committee and get involved. Don't be shy.

2. CONDOLENCES: To the family of Tommy Crawford, a Vietnam era veteran and 3 year member of the American Legion, who passed away last year.

3. SENDING "POSITIVE THOUGHTS" AND "GET WELL WISHES":

To Joe Gustafson, Commander Ed Mangan, Thomas Stirrup, and Robert Danielson.

4. SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: (from John Boyer)

The American Legion has access to numerous job opportunities and Job Fairs. Interested members can contact Service Officer John Boyer at nisjohn@cox.net for access to this information.

5. THANK YOU FROM MARY WILLIAMS:

"I just want to thank everyone who worked so hard at making our Easter cookout such a great success. This could not have been so successful without all of the help you provided. We served 252 hot dogs with all of the trimmings at a cost of \$580. We took in over \$500. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended we cut the cost the American Legion had to pay to under \$100. We also had a few extra expenses for supplies we needed this year. Our buns were donated by Sonic on Chandler Blvd. So once again-Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!" *Mary Williams*

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

We are nearing our 100% goal of 196 paid up members for 2017-2018. To date 183 have paid which is 93% of our goal.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

Beginning Balance 3-1-2018				5708.23
	Deposits		dues	90.00
	Expenses		golf bills	581.70
Ending Balance 3-31-2018				5216.53

8. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2018, MEETING

19 guests and members attended. First Vice Commander Bob Smithson presided. Membership report was given.

Second Vice Commander Pete Meier told all School Award presenters to watch their dates and be ready to go with medallions, certificates, and scholarship checks as needed. PLEASE NOTE: FOLLOWING THE ARIZONA TEACHERS STRIKE, PLEASE CONFIRM PROGRAM DAYS AND TIMES WITH YOUR ASSIGNED SCHOOL !!!

Financial Report was given. The checking account currently has a balance of \$5216.00. Finance Officer Gerald Kramer has stepped down from his position. Bob Smithson has the records and checkbook and will work with Jay Hendrix to transition him into the position.

Doug Patterson reported on the progress of the Post Member Surveys. There has not been a large response. If you would still like to respond to last month's survey, please return it to John Boyer or Doug Patterson. Post Marketing Plans include Post business cards, articles in the *Ahwatukee Foothills News and ARC Life Newsletter*, and announcement of Post/Veterans Club activities on the ARC message board.

Doug Patterson also reported that the next Post Golf Tournament will be on Friday, December 7, 2018. Doug is the Chairman of the event, so if you are interested in assisting him, he can be reached at 602-791-6843 or dpatterson27@cox.net.

Sgt-at-Arms Dave VonTersch reported dates for upcoming activities with the Color Guard. (see item # 9 below in this newsletter) The Color Guard will not be participating in the drill team event at Department Convention in June.

9. COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES:

March 29, 2018 Five members attended the Vietnam Remembrance Day Ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza.

March 31, 2018 Another successful Ahwatukee Easter Parade and ARC Hot Dog Feed/Akimel Jazz Band Concert was held.

April 7, 2018 Parade clean-up and re-folding of flags was done.

April 20, 2018 Flags posted along the entry to ARC on patriotic holidays and special events were inspected and repaired as needed.

April 23, 2018 Members and their families met the AZ Run for the Fallen near Fry's Electronics at I-10 and Baseline Rd.

April 28, 2018 Colors were posted prior to the USO Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at ARC.

May 28, 2018 We are again registered to participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery. We will be leaving from ARC at 6:30 am as we need to be to the cemetery by 7:15 am. More emails will be sent by Dave VonTersch closer to the event.

10. OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2018-2019

Commander: Pete Meier

Adjutant/Historian: Roger Munchbach

First Vice Commander: Bob Smithson

Chaplain: Rebecca Schmidt

Second Vice Commander: Doug Patterson

Service Officer: John Boyer

Finance Officer: Jay Hendrix Sgt-at-Arms and Asst. Sgt-at-Arms: Dave VonTersch and Roddy Charlton

11. AGENT ORANGE INFORMATION: Member Ron Dirck suggested taking a look at the following information:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/agentorange/reviews/ao-newsletter-summer-2017.pdf#>

12. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT:

On April 20, the Post fielded two foursomes at the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held at Foothills Country Club. Players included Bob Smithson, Doug Patterson, Jay Hendrix, Pete Meier, John Opsahl, and an Afghanistan veteran with his service dog and 4-year-old son.

13. EVENTS THIS SUMMER AND FALL

- July 4 at ARC, tickets will be \$10 (hot dogs, etc.)
- September 22, Vietnam Era Veterans Recognition Event sponsored by the Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs
- October 13, Oktoberfest at ARC (brats and beverages)

If you have questions on any of these events, contact Mary Williams 480-203-6662 mary.williams@asu.edu

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April 23, 2018
Meeting
Run for the Fallen



April 28, 2018

USO Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

May 2018 ***** indicates Color Guard activity						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7-8:30 pm SCHOOL AWARDS MT. POINTE HIGH SCHOOL (pending outcome of Teachers Strike)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 3 pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ARC	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16 3 pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT ARC WITH POST ELECTIONS ****	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21 DISTRICT 12 MEETING POST 41 WITH DISTRICT ELECTIONS; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1:30 pm GENERAL MEETING 2 pm	22 Maritime Day	23 PROMOTION CEREMONIES AND SCHOOL AWARDS AT AKHMEI, ALTADENA & CENTENNIAL **** MIDDLE SCHOOLS (pending outcome of Teachers Strike; times vary)	24	25 National Poppy Day	26
27	28 Memorial Day ***** COLOR GUARD LEAVES ARC AT 6:30 am FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY	29	30	31	June 2-8 ALLECA at Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott June 3-9 Boys State at NAU	