



**AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

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

I would like to welcome everyone back to the **2019 / 2020 program year**. As most of you know it's been a long hot summer here. ARC is redoing **the parking lot**, and that will impact a lot of clubs and their activities, including us. We had to **cancel** this year's Oktoberfest, and ARC had to **cancel** their annual Arts and Crafts Fair which we also participated in. The smaller events that don't require a lot of parking space are still going on.

Most of you have heard that the US Congress approved **the Legion Act**, which allows all honorably discharged veterans to become members of the Legion with no more "eligibility periods" of service. That should provide a boost to our Legion membership overall.

At our last meeting we voted to **change the meeting time to 4 pm** so that the younger vets who are still working would be more likely to attend and participate. So we will do the same for our Executive Committee Meeting, changing it to 4 pm the Wednesday before the regular meeting to keep things uniform.

I'm looking forward to another great year with the American Legion.

**2. CONDOLENCES:**



To the family of **Edward Meyers**, who transferred to Post Everlasting on March 4, 2019. Ed was a WWII veteran of the US Army, and a member of the American Legion for 10 years.

To the family of **Anthony Wiersch**. We received word that Anthony transferred to Post Everlasting during the summer. He was a Vietnam era veteran of the US Navy and a 13 year member of the American Legion.

**3. JUST SAYING "HELLO":** To member Thomas Strubbe, a Vietnam veteran of the US Army.

**HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING TEXAS:** Howdy from all of us to Joe Gustafson who moved to Azle, Texas, at the end of June. If you would like Joe's contact information, please ask Roger Munchbach to send it to you. (Contact information for the Post 64 officers is in this newsletter.)

**GREETINGS:** Rod Green sent greetings to everyone from Florida. On Memorial Day weekend he attended a program at the veterans' cemetery in Tallahassee, Florida, where the local Patriot Riders invited him to assist them with holding Colors during the ceremony and placing flags on graves afterward.

As this newsletter is being written, Florida is awaiting Hurricane Dorian. Let's pray that the aftermath will be manageable and the recovery quick.

**4. MEMBERSHIP: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)**

Our goal for 2020 is 207 paid members. To date, 104 members have paid which is 50% of our goal. Thanks to all of the early birds that have renewed their membership! Our Post roster now stands at 221 members,

however our mission is to increase membership. The increase will give us a greater voice in Washington to safeguard the past, present, and future veterans. With your help we can do this, therefore any member that recruits three new or reinstated members will be awarded an "American Legion Appreciation" coin.

The American Legion Department of Arizona is **increasing dues 1/1/2020**. If you renew by 12/31/19 the dues remain as is, \$30. Beat the increase and renew now! Anyone renewing in September is still eligible for the Early Bird recognition. Remember you can renew Online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). It's safe, fast, and easy. It also saves me work. 😊

Congress and the White House agreed to expand the definition of war eras to include all who have served. Any U.S. military veteran who has served at least one day active military duty since Dec. 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged, or is now serving, is eligible for membership in the American Legion. Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema was a major sponsor of this Legislation.



**Bill S. 504** was signed on July 30, 2019, and is known as the "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act."

##### **5. MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 19, 2019, MEETING:**

22 members and guests were in attendance.

The **Happy Hour gathering** at the Irish Hare on June 13 was fun and a huge success. Three new members joined Post 64 ! Thank you to Brenda Smull for organizing the event. Post 64 provided raffle items, Ahwatukee hats, and fellowship for the younger veterans who attended.

**Finance** Officer Jay Hendrix reported that the net cost of the Easter Parade and picnic this year was only \$40.00. There were also donations on June 14 at the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Sgt. at Arms Dave VonTersch reported that he needs volunteers to present Colors on **July 4** at the ARC celebration. There were 3 practices prior to the **June 14** Flag Retirement Ceremony. Deb Dembiec is now an Assistant Bugler for the Color Guard.

Post 64 Officers for 2019-2020 were installed by Adjutant Roger Munchbach.

Post Officers were given permission to set up **an Emergency Fund** for veterans from Post monies. Rules and Procedures need to be developed.

The Membership also unanimously voted to **adjust the times of all meetings to 4:00 pm** in an effort to increase attendance. Required changes to the Post Bylaws will be made.

Remember that **if you need a ride** to a meeting or event, call any of the officers, and we will make sure you get transportation.

All of the Color and Honor Guard activities by Post members set a shining example of patriotism to our community. Let's keep it up !

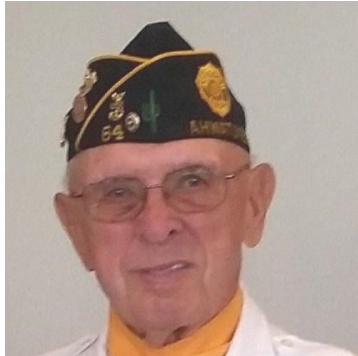
Arizona Department Convention will be June 20-23 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

**The first Post General Membership Meeting of the "new year" will be at 4:00 pm on Wed., September 18 at ARC.**

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# Phoenix Area U.S. Navy 244th Birthday Ball

## 12 October 2019

**www.phoenixnavyball.com**  
*Honoring Vietnam Veterans &  
Returning Navy Sailors from  
Deployment*

### Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas

**6333 N. Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale 85250**

1930 hours - After Dinner  
Program, Navy Birthday Cake,  
Dancing

Attire: Dinner Dress:  
Blue (miniature  
medals), Formal  
Dress

1700 hours - Social  
Time/Photographer  
Available

1800 hours - Opening  
Program & Dinner

Name (Rate/Rank/CIV): \_\_\_\_\_

- If Veteran, please indicate era served (e.g., WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- Food selection: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Info:

Address:	Email:
City: State: Zip Code:	Phone:

Note: Email will be sent to confirm registration.

Guest (Rate/Rank/CIV): \_\_\_\_\_

- If Veteran, please indicate era served (e.g., WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- Food selection: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Rates: \$65.00 per person. I/We wish to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration & Questions:

- Make Check Payable to: 2019 Phoenix Navy Ball
- Mail Check & Registration Form to: CAPT Carol Culbertson, 12241 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Way, Phoenix, AZ 85032
- Questions, please contact: CAPT Carol Culbertson - (602) 799-9480 cell

**Hotel Room Reservation available in August 2019 (not included in Navy Ball Dinner registration):** Please contact the hotel for Room Reservations: (480) 315-2157. Reference "Navy Ball"

Room rate \$124.00 + tax per night, or the govt lodging rate in October + tax per night (whichever is greater); the rate is good through Sept. 12, 2019.

I would like to make a contribution to aid in the success of the 2019 Navy Birthday Ball.

Anchor of the Navy - \$500.00	2 Vietnam War Guests - \$130	Friend of the Navy - \$100	Other - \$
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