



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

March 2023

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Upcoming Post 64 Events

Mar 15- Monthly Membership Meeting- 4:00 pm

Mar 30 – VetTalks – 11:00 am

Mar 4- Springfest Dance and Light Dinner- 5:30 pm

Mar 11- District 12 Family BBQ- Noon at Desert Breeze Park

Apr 5 – Veteran Social – 5:00 pm

Apr 8 – Easter Parade

Apr 19 – Monthly Membership Meeting

For more information and links to the past newsletters:

Go to *www.AmericanLegionPost64.com*

First Vice Commander – Brenda Smull

We have 119 members who have renewed or joined this year. This is 107% of last year's membership. Our Post has reached 70% of the District 12 goal of 170 members.

Membership and recruiting efforts continue with planned events in March and April including a VetTalks career fair on March 30, 2023, at the University of Phoenix 11:00 am—1:00 pm—Post 64 will be posting the Colors) and a Veteran Social Mixer in the ARC Main Hall on April 5, 2023 (5:00 pm-6:30 pm).



February 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes - Roddy Charlton

Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with greetings to twenty-three members and guests. New members Mike Rooney (Air Force) and Kurt Wagner (Navy) were introduced and greeted. The colors were pre-posted and **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Sgt-At-Arms Mark Shillinger** conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. **Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt** provided a prayer. The minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting was published in the Post Newsletter and 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 was made and a second to approve the minutes as published.

Commander Pete Meier discussed upcoming Post activities including the Post Color Guard to lead the 47th Kiwanis Ahwatukee Easter Parade. Finance Officer Jay Hendrix will lead the burial flags carried by Boy Scout Troop 174.

Sgt-At-Arms Mark Shillinger provided additional information on Post 64's Springfest Dinner and Dance. The event will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, in the ARC Main Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner at 6:00 pm followed by dancing at 6:30 pm with music provided by "The Cover-Ups!" Tickets will be sold at the ARC for \$25 from February 13, 2023 to March 2, 2023. No tickets will be sold after March 3, 2023. This is a major fund raiser for Post 64 with a 50/50 raffle and auction. All are encouraged to attend.

Vice-Commander Brenda Smull discussed current activities to support the development of an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). Post member, spouse Darlene Hunter, with support by member Al Hunter, will take the lead in the ALA creation. There are already more than twelve prospective members to start this organization. Veterans Social Mixer sponsored by Post 64 is scheduled for April 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the ARC. All are invited to attend, there will be refreshments and music provided. (It's BYOB)

Finance Officer Jay Hendrix provided an update to Post finances with a current balance of \$8,700.00 in our checking account. Required forms including IRS 990 have been filed.

Adjutant Roddy Charlton discussed the urgent need to fill the vacant Post Service Officer position. See Adjutant report for more details. Post documents were presented and discussed. These included Post Charter, Constitution and Standing Rules. The Post Constitution and Standing Rules will be reviewed for changes or additions by all Post members in attendance at the March 2023 Post General Meeting.

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt discussed the passing of Post member Bill McLellan. He was a long time active Post member and served in the Army during the Korean War. The annual Remembrance Service will be held this year at our May 17, 2023 Post meeting. All are welcome to attend. A closing prayer was conducted.

Refreshment Chairperson Alice Maynard provided refreshments. Thank You.



Adjutant – Roddy Charlton

Post Service Officer: Post 64 continues to seek a Post Service Officer (PSO) to support veterans outreach activities. This Post Officer position requires a dedicated member to support veterans and their dependents for outreach, coordination and assistance tasks including access and coordination for available services and assistance with benefits. This officer will access and utilize expert services through, and be supported by, professional staff of the American Legion. Training will be available for this officer position. If you have questions or are interested in supporting this critical position, please contact **Post Commander Pete Meier** at peterhmeier@gmail.com or myself at WRCinAZ@aol.com.

Transfer of American Legion Members: We are constantly increasing Post 64 membership. The American Legion Member Data Form (Form No. 30-001) is the document used to transfer American Legion members from one post to another. This form is also used to report the following changes/corrections: name/address; date of birth; continuous years; deceased members and post transfers. Transfer Guidelines are included on the form. The Post Adjutant signature is required to complete the form. This form is available at all Post meetings.

Post 64 Documents: American Legion Post 64 Charter, granted by National Headquarters, will be displayed at post meetings for members to review. The Post 64 Constitution will be available and reviewed at the March 15, 2023, Post meeting. This document was first adopted and approved at Post 64 meeting November 11, 1996. It was amended in November 2006 and September 2008. The Post 64 Standing Rules document will also be reviewed. The last review of this document was completed November 16, 2019, and adopted at the General Post Meeting. If you have any questions about these Post 64 documents please contact me at WRCinAZ@aol.com.



Post Street Cleaning
December 3, 2022

Sgt at Arms Report – Mark Shillinger

At the February monthly general meeting, the colors were pre-posted and the Pow-Mia ceremony was performed.

Springfest tickets are now being sold at the ARC, February 13, 2023 through March 3, 2023, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 9:00 am-11:00 am, and Friday evenings from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Thank you to all who are helping to sell tickets!

A request for participation for the Color Guard went out February 9, 2023 for five upcoming events. At this point, we have a compliment of four members for four of the events (see details below).

There was a practice drill session on February 25, 2023, from 9:00 am-11:00 am, in preparation for these events. Color Guard members Brenda Smull, Dan Chong, Rod Green and myself will attend.

On Monday February 27th, the Color Guard posted the colors at the Boy Scout Troop 172 meeting. This is partially an instructional exercise, to show the Scouts how to properly post the colors and demonstrate proper flag etiquette. Color Guard members Brenda Smull, Dan Chong, Rod Green and myself attended.

March 4, 2023, will be our annual dinner-dance fundraiser Springfest. The Color Guard will post the colors. (Brenda Smull, Dan Chong, Roddy Charlton and myself) At this writing, members supporting this event will be Pete Meier (Who will MC the event), Roddy Charlton, Rebecca Charlton, Alice Maynard, Brenda Smull, Dan Chong and myself.

The Pow/Mia table will be prepared and stationed at a prominent place in the hall. Thursday, March 30, 2023, the Color Guard has been requested to post the colors at VetTalk event, at 11:00 am, at the University of Phoenix. As of this writing, we still need Color Guard members to commit to this event.

Wednesday April 5, 2023, the Color Guard has been requested to post the colors at the Vets social meeting, at the ARC, at 5:00 pm. As of this writing we have four members supporting this event. They are Pete Meier, Brenda Smull, Dan Chong and myself.

Saturday, April 8, 2023, is the Kiwanis Easter Parade. We have been requested to lead the parade down 48th street, as in years past. We have four Color Guard members marching, Jay has agreed to lead the burial flag detail and Rebecca will help with outfitting and organizing the members. Then Rebecca and Alice will manage the refreshments at the ARC.

Post 64 is in need of additional Color Guard members. This is a very rewarding activity that honors our flag and veterans. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact me at markshillinger@hotmail.com.



Easter Parade 2022

Chaplain—Rebecca Schmidt

Our Divine Father in Heaven, look upon us with compassion, with mercy, with understanding. Give us the light of wisdom that we may see the pitfalls and errors that lie in our paths. Give us, we pray, a portion of Your higher knowledge that we may be able to discriminate between that which is evil, and that which is good.

And, Oh Father, give us courage ever to do that which right, and to champion that right; and to fight always against wrong, even if our stand meets with ridicule and contempt. Make us true champions of truth, wherever we go and against any foe we meet, that the world may be brought closer to Your truth, and to Your peace. Amen.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Member and friend of many years, Bill McLellan, passed away on February 1, 2023. Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Please remember Bill's daughter Susan and family in your thoughts and prayers.

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

Mar 3 --"Star Spangled Banner" was made U.S. National Anthem (1931)

Mar 4 -- Post 64 Springfest at ARC

Mar 6 -- Purim Begins

Mar 12 -- Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Founded (1912)

Mar 17 -- St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19 -- Iraq War Began (2003)

POST 64 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Wednesday, May 17, 2023)

Our May monthly meeting will include our annual Remembrance Service, to honor our members who passed away in the last year. All are welcome.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!



Pictures from the past.

Tickets are still Available!

This annual event is the primary fundraising activity for Legion Post 64 which helps veterans and students in our community. Tickets can be purchased next week at the ARC from 9-12am.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

Spring Fest

DINNER AND DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:30 - 9:30 PM

5:30 DOORS OPEN

6:00 LIGHT DINNER

**6:30 - 9:30 DANCE TO THE
COVER-UPS!**

BYOB • 50/50 RAFFLE



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

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VETERANS SOCIAL MIXER

Open to the Public

Free Refreshments, Music & Spades!

5:00-6:30 PM

Ahwatukee Recreation Center (ARC)

5001 E. Cheyenne Dr. Phoenix, 85044

Light food, iced tea & water will be provided. BYOB.

For more information contact Brenda at 303-301-4429