



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

December 2021

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Photos, Newsletters, Uniforms, Veterans' Benefits, Congressional
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Commanders Report— Pete Meier, Commander

Octoberfest was very successful. 158 people attended. It looked as if everyone enjoyed the food, band and had a good time.

At our November 17, 2021 meeting, Adjutant Roddy Charlton, presented a special program. Roddy was involved with the development the "APACHE" helicopter which was developed and tested right here in Mesa, AZ. We may have to bring this program back at our next meeting since the word got out a little late.

Congratulations to Brenda Smull on her successful book launch on November 5, 2021.

The American Legion set up a POW/MIA table in the lobby of the ARC for members to view over the Veteran's Day. Red poppies were also available to be wore in honor of the veterans who died and did not return from World War I.

Mark your calendars – Winterfest, January 15, 2022. Winterfest is a dinner and dance event.



Rod Green – First Vice Commander

Wanted to say thanks the post members for your past, present and future support of Post 64 and The American Legion. My wife, Nancy, and I personally want too wish you a Happy Holiday season.

On behalf of Post 64, I would like to thank Carmelle Debbins for a most gracious donation of \$100.00.

We had a small surge in renewals. To date, we have a total of 88 members, out of 188, that have renewed either online or by mail. Based on these numbers we are at 47%. Rome was not built in a day, so I am sure we can reach 100% by January 1, 2022.

Something to keep in mind!

Membership actually expires December 31, 2021. The date on your card makes this a little confusing. Your annual dues should be paid by January 1st each year. National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by January 1st, when the actual year begins.

If dues are not paid by January 1st, the member becomes delinquent. On February 1st the member is suspended. On June 30th, the member is dropped from the membership rolls.



Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the November 17, 2021

Eleven people were in attendance. Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with greetings to the five members and three guests. The colors were pre-posted due to a shortage of Color Guard members in attendance. (Dave Von Tersch, Ken Demeic, Roddy Charlton) Members and guests recited Pledge of Allegiance. As the minutes of the October 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 vote for acceptance was made and a second to approve as printed.

Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt provided a prayer. The other Post Officer reports were waved due to only four in attendance. Commander Pete Meier provided an update on post events. The Octoberfest was a great success with 158 people in attendance and netting approximately \$1,500 to our Post finances. A donation to Support The Troops was given by the Post for \$250. We currently we have 188 Post members and 47% have paid. The Winterfest is planned for January 15, 2022.

Adjutant Roddy Charlton, a 35 year Apache Engineering Design Manager, presented a joint Army/Boeing documentary "Back from Iraq - Gauntlet of Fire", which documented a two hour gauntlet of enemy fire during the Battle of Karbala, Iraq on March 23, 2003 which would not bring down on Apache Longbow helicopter. This was the first combat test of Apache Longbow helicopters. All of the aircraft receive small arms fire and heavy machine gun fire. The enemy could not bring any of the aircraft down. This Air Cav unit 6 of 6 "Six Shooters" flew more than 900 combat missions at 10,000 combat hours in the next year. A number of Apache hardware was on display and a discussion on Apache Ballistic Tolerance Design. A question and answer session completed the briefing.

At the completion of the meeting, refreshments were provided by Alice Maynard. Thanks

Roddy Charlton - Adjutant

In the last three months we have had a significant reduction in Post meeting attendance. At the September 2021 meeting we had 16 members and guests in attendance. At the October 2021 meeting we had 15 members and guests in attendance. At the November 2021 we had 10 members and guests in attendance. This was a breakdown of 7 members and 3 guests. With a Post 64 total membership of 188 and 7 members were in attendance. Our American Legion Post is only as strong as our members.

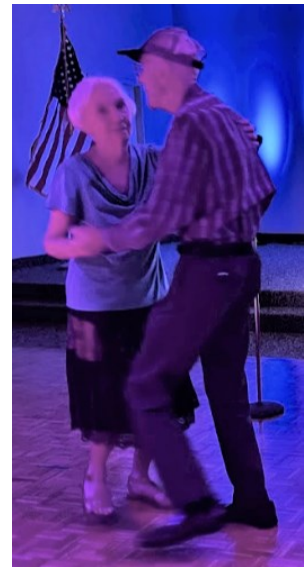
Please make this once a month, third Wednesday at 4:00 pm at ARC Main Hall, a priority.

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt

Christmas is Saturday, December 25 2021. Lord, during this holy and happy time of year, we thank you for our many blessings. Please keep our family and friends safe and well. Please watch over our troops and all those who protect and defend us. Please guide us to help those in need, and those who might be alone during this season.

Wishing you and your loved ones Peace, Joy, Health, and Happiness!

Octoberfest, October 30, 2021





Kenneth Dembiec raising the flag flown over a US base in Saudi Arabia in September 2021.

American Flag Glossary

Band

A narrow strip of canvas along the edge of the flag that goes next to the staff. Sometimes called the “heading.”

Canton

The blue field in the upper left corner of the flag.

Color

In the military service, a national flag carried by unmounted units is called a “color.” The expression “the colors” is used generally in referring to the flag.

Dip

To dip the flag is to lower it at salute. Refers to a flag of an organization, state or city. The U.S. flag is never dipped.

Finial

The object on the top of a flag pole – generally an arrow, ball or eagle.

Fly

The length of the flag.

Fringe or Gold

Gold braiding placed along the three edges of the flag away from the pole.

Grommet

The eyelet through which the halyard is fastened to the flag.

Half staff

To lower the flag some distance (not necessarily halfway down) from the top of the staff, as a sign of mourning.

Halyard

The rope used to raise the flag. Also called a hoist rope.

Hoist

The width of the flag. To hoist the flag is to raise it to the top of the staff.

Old Glory

Refers to the U.S. flag. This famous name may have been coined in 1831. Some friends presented Capt. William Driver with a 24-star flag. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze, he exclaimed, “Old Glory!”

Peak

The highest point to which a flag can be raised.

Point of Honor

On the U.S. flag, this is the blue field and stars (union).

Staff

Flag pole. On a ship it may be referred to as a mast.

Union




The blue background with white stars, symbolizing the union of the states.



“Brenda Smull of Ahwatukee has a special extra reason to celebrate Veterans Day. The Desert Storm veteran just published her first book, which in part celebrates veterans and Ahwatukee Legion Post 64, of which she belongs.”

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

PART 7—Final 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

