



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

June 2022

<http://www.americanlegionpost64.com/>

**CHECK OUT THE POST WEBSITE. INFORMATION INCLUDED:
Photos, Newsletters, Uniforms, Veterans' Benefits, Congressional
Contacts, Items of Interest,
Links to other Veterans' Websites, Flag Etiquette, and Much More !**

Commander—Pete Meier

We are moving forward with our Facebook site with the help of several members who have volunteered to help out. The goal is to reach other, and new members, in our community. Future events scheduled are: A Flag Day Honorable disposal of our flags at ARC on June 14, 2022, and a 4th of July Support the Troops fundraising event at the ARC.

Adjutant - Roddy Charlton

Student Awards Program

Post 64 has completed the American Legion Student Awards for this year. This program provides awards to two students, one girl and one boy, who are selected by nomination committees at each school. The award is based on six qualities: **Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service**. The student awards provided by our Post include: a Bronze Medallion and Certificate. The high school awards also include a \$200 cash award to each recipient.

Post School Award **Coordinator John Augustyn** presented awards at Centennial Middle School to students Ethan Vega and Arianna Gortez. Post **Commander Pete Meier** presented awards at Mountain Pointe High School to Nelson Lara-Castillo and Mi-Ae-Hope Nkulu. **Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt and Adjutant Roddy Charlton** presented awards at Desert Vista High School to Jules Donnelly and Keaton Dudley.

Congratulations to the American Legion Program award recipients, all very deserving students, becoming better equipped to live their lives as outstanding good citizens.

American Legion Department of Arizona Convention

This year's Convention will be held June 23-26, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. The convention will be hosted by Post 132, Oro Valley, and held at El Conquistador Hilton Resort (10000 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85704). A special room rate of \$109 plus tax is available (use group code ALD622, call 1-888-270-0980 or 520-544-1155). Conference Pre-registration is \$10 due by June 3, 2022 or \$20 at the door. Pre-registration checks may be mailed to American Legion post 132 (PO Box 69665, Oro Valley AZ 85737).



Roddy Charlton Minutes from the May 18, 2022 Meeting

Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with greetings to 20 members and guests in attendance. The colors were pre-posted. "The Colors" were sounded. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The POW/MIA Empty Chair cover was pre-posted. New Post member Kurt Wagner was introduced. He a Navy veteran and was assigned to P-3/Patrol Squadron 17, NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. Welcome Aboard! As the minutes of April 2022 meeting were published in our Post Newsletter, the reading of the minutes was dispensed by the Post Commander. He also discussed the Post quarterly Adapt-A-Street cleanup project that was completed last week. Post members Doug Patterson, Alice Maynard, Roddy Charlton, Rod Green and Pete Meier participated.

Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt conducted the **Honor and Remembrance Service**: A memorial table was set up with candles and religious objects. The service was started with a prayer followed by the reading of the five names, branch of service and war era of Post members who have passed in the last year. **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** rang the bell twice after each person was announced and recited a prayer. A slow Salute was conducted by all uniformed Post members. We honored: Kenneth Cornelius, Bernard Korczyk, Joseph Gustafson, Clarence Hogan and Edward Recker.

Information Officer Brenda Smull shared the new Post 64 Facebook Group posting she has developed and deployed. The Marketing and Public Relations team (Jack Armstrong, Al Hunter and Bill Musk) helped in the development. The Post Facebook has much information and many pictures taken by Brenda Smull's husband, professional photographer Steve Smull. Bill Musk discussed the Post information table at C2 Tactical Range in Chandler. C2 Tactical provided the Post a membership to raffle off. Bill Musk also shared a dog story. The dog "Chester" was up for adoption at C2 Tactical and Bill, being smitten, took Chester home.

Adjutant Roddy Charlton discussed the Color Guard Support at the National Cemetery on Monday, May 30, 2022. See the Sgt-At-Arms report for details. He also discussed the completion of the American Legion School Award. See the Adjutant report for details.

Refreshment Chairperson Alice Maynard discussed the ARC's "Support The Troops" organization. Volunteers fill 150 boxes, twice a year, for our troops overseas. She also provided refreshments. Thank You!

First Vice Commander – Rod Green

As for membership we currently have 160 members who have renewed either on line or by mail. This number puts us at roughly 85%. The renewal season for 2023 is just around the corner so let's stay focused.



Please join our Post 64 Facebook page to view all of our events and photos.

search on FB for " Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64".

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/715188046152873>

Roddy Charlton - Sgt-At-Arms

The Color Guard/Honor Guard gained one returning member this month. Dan Chong has returned to Ahwatukee from northern Arizona after completing his Master's Degree. Welcome back and congratulations on your advanced degree. There are many events the Post supports throughout the year and we are looking for additional Post members to join the Color Guard. Training and uniform patches/badges will be provided for those participating in the Color Guard. If you are interested in supporting this team, please contact me at WRCinAZ@AOL.com

Centennial Middle School Color Guard Support

The Color Guard presented the colors at two 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies at Centennial Middle School. Members Brenda Smull, Mark Shillinger, Dan Chong and Roddy Charlton presented the colors as the band played the National Anthem. Post School Awards Coordinator John Augustyn presented two American Legion Student Awards.

US Flag Day Retirement Ceremony

The Post will conduct a **Flag Day Retirement Ceremony** on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm, in the ARC parking lot. The Color Guard will assemble and Post Colors. There will be a Presentation of the Flags of inspection and disposal. At the completion of the ceremony the Post will offer refreshments. Details to follow.



John Augustyn,
representing Post 64,
presenting the awards at
Centennial Middle School

Rebecca Schmidt—Chaplain

A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom.

May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence.

Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to honor and support them.

Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends. Amen.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY! (Sunday, June 19, 2022)

To all of our members who are Fathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers, and so much more, we thank-you and honor you for all you do and have done to make your loved ones lives so safe, secure, happy, and blessed!

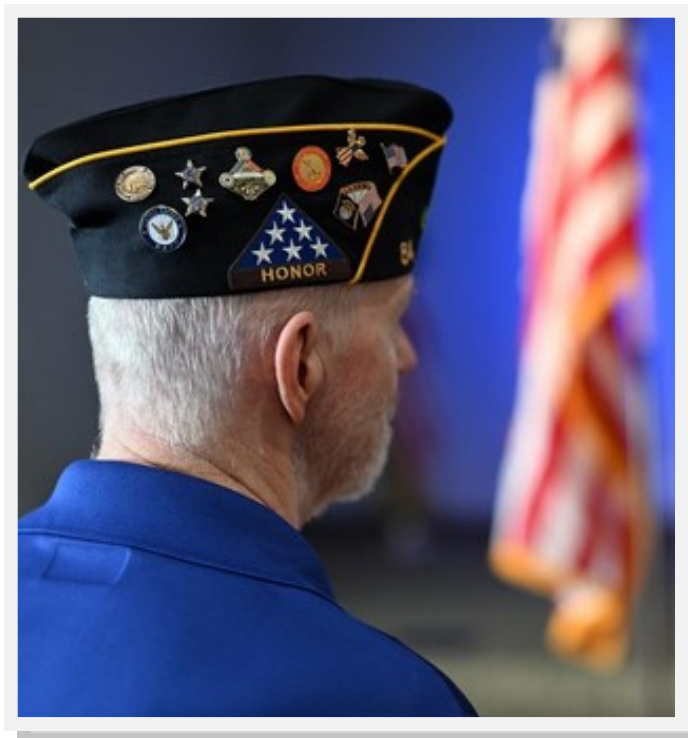
OTHER SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE

- June 6, D-Day, the Allied Invasion of Europe (1944)
- June 14, Flag Day and U.S. Army Founded in 1775
- June 19, Juneteenth National Independence Day
- June 22, Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942) and the G.I. Bill was signed into Law (1944)
- June 25, Korean War Began (1950)

SICK CALL

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Debbie Diembec, Jim Woods, and Jerry Crutcher. Please get well soon!

Dear Lord, please guide and keep safe our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine! Amen



Remembrance Meeting

Please go to the link below for the most recent event information and photos of our May 18, 2022, Honor and Remembrance Meeting.

<http://www.americanlegionpost64.com>



Brenda Smull—Post Information Officer

Our PR/Marketing teams continue to work and make progress within the community about Legion awareness and membership.

The Post 64 Facebook page has numerous photos and event updates and our monthly meetings are now advertised in the Ahwatukee Foothill Newspaper.

The April event at the C2 Tactical Range in Tempe was a positive experience and broadened our reach and message to younger veterans and first responders.

We have new color flyers to advertise our Post meetings and look forward to coordinating more veteran-helping-veteran events.

To help spread the word, please join our Facebook group by searching “Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 and add some Memorial Day photos.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can market our post, please contact Brenda at 303-301-4429 or bsmull@me.com.





The American Legion Post #64 "Ahwatukee" was presented with the First Place Trophy for the Color Guard in this year's Easter Parade. This was presented to the Post by Mike Schmitt. The five Color Guard members who marched in the parade were: Pete Meier, Brenda Smull, Mark Shillinger, Doug Patterson and Roddy Charlton. Jay Hendrix led the Burial Flag Detail.



Hidden Treasures: Golden Bonds

By Brenda Smull

05/07/2022

Bill donated a gold nugget and came home with a treasure named Chester.

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, five members of Ahwatukee American Legion Post 64 volunteered at a local event called Coffee and Rigs in the parking lot of C2 Tactical in Tempe, AZ. Their mission was to increase awareness of the benefits of joining the American Legion and recruit new members.

The Coffee and Rigs event was the first of its kind and featured eight vendors/organizations including: Off Road Warehouse, Turtleback Trailers, Buff City Soap, the American Legion Post 64, Rubicon Rescue, Precision Sports Accessories, and Circle R Farm Food truck.

The Post 64 table of brochures, flyers, flags, candy and historical Legion caps also included tickets for two raffle prizes: a one year family package membership at C2 Tactical and a 2.2 gram gold nugget.

Bill Musik, a Vietnam veteran, donated the gold nugget and discovered a wonderful treasure in return and adopted an adorable dog named Chester from the Rubicon Rescue team two tables down. Chester was perfectly suited to Bill because of their compatible stages in life. Bill had wanted a more senior pet that he could care for through the rest of the dog's life.

C2 Tactical provided Post 64 with the generous one-year membership and has been extremely supportive of Phoenix area First Responders, Veterans and animal rescue organizations. C2 Tactical is generous with donations of membership packages, classes, and range time when asked. This April 2022 event was the third time to they have had Rubicon Rescue host a table at their community functions.

Rubicon Rescue, a local non-profit organization, brought eight dogs and a litter of tiny kittens to the event. It was great news to hear that four dogs, including Chester, were adopted that day. Rubicon Rescue's Mission is to save abandoned, abused and injured shelter animals and they certainly made a positive impact toward this goal.

This event is part of a new PR and membership campaign at Post 64 and was spearheaded and attended by Al Hunter, Jack Armstrong, Bill Musik and Brenda Smull. Our Post Commander Pete Meier also supported our efforts at the table.








Street clean up on 05/14/2022

left to right Pete Meier,
Doug Patterson, Roddy Charlton,
Alice Maynard and Rod Green

June 2022 American Legion Post 64



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 	7	8 <i>Executive Meeting</i> ARC 4:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 <i>General Meeting</i> ARC Main Hall 4:00 pm	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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 your check out to:
American Legion Post 64

Mail to:

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

