



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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Commanders Report— Pete Meier, Commander

Hoorah!!! At our last meeting, 05/19/21, we were back in our regular meeting place in the Main Hall at the ARC and the A/C was on, very nice. We had a special “Remembrance Ceremony” for the 21 members who have passed in the last 2 years. Our Chaplain, Rebecca Schmidt, headed up the program assisted by our new Adjutant Roddy Carlton who rang the bell as John Boyer read the names. Dave Von Tersch lead the Honor Guard. It was a very moving experience and a memorable event. We had about 30 members in attendance. Great job to all in putting this together. A special thanks to Ed and Mary Doney. They placed the image of the flag and the American Legion logo on the back wall of the stage – very impressive.

Our next meeting will be on the 16th of June at 4:00 pm at the ARC. We will be holding elections for this next fiscal year. We have openings for a Junior Vice Commander and Historian. If anyone is interested, please contact me. We will also have a swearing in of the Officers for next year.

We no longer need to wear masks inside as long as we have been vaccinated. I haven't seen so many friendly smiling faces and teeth in a long time! Let's think about a way to get more members since we lost 10% of our membership in the past 1-1/2 years.

Currently nothing is scheduled for Flag Day and the 4th of July.



Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the May 19, 2021 Meeting

25 members and guests attended, including Paul Maryniak, Executive Editor of the Ahwatukee Foothills News. New Post member Michael Louchery (Navy, Grenada/Lebanon War ERA) was welcomed. For the first time in some months, the meeting was held inside the ARC. This was a special Honor and Remembrance Service to pay tribute to Post members who have passed in the last two years.

Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with a greeting. Sgt-At-Arms Dave Von Tersch led the Honor Guard with the posting of colors and post members and guests reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance . Adjutant Roddy Charlton conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. As the minutes from the April meeting were published in the Post News Letter, the reading of the minutes were dispensed by the Post Commander. A request for correctons or changes was made, with no changes or corrections. A vote for acceptance as printed was made and seconded to approve as printed.

Reports: Post Officer Reports were waived to provide time and focus on the Honor and Remembrance Service.

Honor and Remembrance Service: A Memorial Table was set up with candles and religious objects. The service started with a prayer by Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt. Service Officer John Boyer read the twenty-two names, service branch and war era of post members who have passed in the last two years. Adjutant Roddy Charlton rang a bell after each person was announced. Roddy Charlton recited a prayer Taps were played, and a Slow Salute was conducted by all uniformed post mem-

Jay Hendrix—Finance Officer

I have received a Thank You letter from the ARC Support The Troops for our donation of \$250.00 toward this great cause. It takes a lot of effort in packing and sending 150 boxes to our military overseas. They raised approximately \$6,500.00 to pack the 150 boxes as well as shipping each box. They are scheduled to send another 150 boxes in November 2021.



Everyone be safe celebrating Memorial day this year and never forget those whom served so valiantly for the freedom we now enjoy!!.

Roddy Charlton - Adjutant

Student Awards Program: We are completing our annual American Legion Student Awards program for local high schools and middle schools. Two students are selected from each school by nominating committees, one boy and one girl student based on six qualities (courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, service). The award consists of an American Legion medallion, certificate and a check for \$200. (Checks are for high school students only.) Matching funds in past years to support this program have been provided in memory of post member Charlie Roloff by his family. The high schools we support are Mountain Point and Desert Vista and the middle schools are Centennial and Altadena. Post officers supporting this activity are Post Commander Pete Meier, Service Officer Ed Mangan and Adjutant Roddy Charlton. Due to COVID restrictions, this year we will provide the awards but not participate in the ceremonies.

Arizona District 12 REHAB Picnic: The annual District 12 REHAB fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 1st at Post 35 Chandler. Post Commander Pete Meier provided tickets to 12 post members who attend this silent auction/dinner fundraiser. Post Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt provided two raffle gift baskets from our post: A Red, White, Blue and Bourbon basket, and a Jose Cuervo basket.

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt

WITH SYMPATHY

Our friend and member Bob Guignard passed on May 2nd. Bob was retired Air Force. Bob's wife Barbara and family have our deepest sympathy. Bob will be laid to rest in Eugene, Oregon.

HONORING OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

At our May 19th monthly meeting, we conducted an Honor and Remembrance Service to pay tribute to our members and friends who have passed in the last two years: Edward Meyers, Anthony Wiersch, Alfred Alvarez, Janice Langley-Smith, Raymond Brandt, Robert Enns, Robert "Doc" Graves, Ed Wilner, Bob Padgett, John Lyon, Sam Wiggins, Robert McCarthy, Frank Schweller, LaVerne Kidd, David Goodson, Leonard Allen, Keith Iverson, Donald Simmons, Bob Guignard, and Jean Jolkouski. We thank them for their service, patriotism, and devotion to duty.

JUNE MILESTONES

- D-Day, the Allied Invasion of Europe began 6 June 1944
- The U.S. Army was founded 14 June 1775 (Also Flag Day)
- Father's Day, Sunday, 20 June
- On 22 June 1942, the Pledge of Allegiance was recognized by Congress
- On 22 June 1944, the GI Bill was signed into law
- On 25 June 1950, the Korean War began

FATHER'S DAY (Sunday, June 20, 2021)

Dear Lord, we thank You for our wonderful Fathers, Stepfathers, Grandfathers, and all those men who did so much for us. Please bless them and keep them in your care. Amen.



**District 12 REHAB Fundraiser
Saturday, May 1st at Post 35 Chandler.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 D-Day	7	8	9 Executive Meeting ARC 4:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14  Flag Day Army Birthday	15	16 General Meeting ARC 4:00 pm	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25 Korean War Began in 1950	26
27	28	29	30			

PART 4 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

