



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

March 2022

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Commander—Pete Meier

Our last meeting was on the February 16, 2022. We had 20 members and guests present.

Welcome to our new members: Al Hunter and Mark Shillinger (who also joined our Color Guard).

We enjoyed our guest speaker, Ms. Lou Bates, who discussed the IRS Tax updates for today!

We would like to see more members show up for our meetings. Our new member, Al Hunter, has volunteered to work membership. He has over 20-years' experience working on memberships for the Lion's Club.

Our next membership meeting will be **March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm**, everyone is welcome to attend. Come to the meeting to learn about Post 64 and make new friends.

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Roddy Charlton - Minutes from the February 16, 2022 Meeting

Commander Pete Meier opened the meeting with greetings to twenty members and guests. The colors were pre-posted due to a shortage of Color Guard members in attendance. The bugle call "To the Colors" was played and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. As the minutes of the January 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 the **Adjutant Roddy Charlton** and there were none. A vote for acceptance was made and a second to approve the minutes as published. Commander Meier discussed future Post events and American Legion Student Awards. We will continue to support four local schools: Desert Vista High School, Mountain Point High School, Centennial Middle School and Altadena Middle School. Our Post still needs Student Award Coordinators for the two Middle Schools. The Post Color Guard will lead the Ahwatukee Easter Parade to be held April 16, 2022 starting at 10 AM. The Post will provide the traditional hot dogs on the ARC patio for Post members and guests.

Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt provided a prayer. She discussed the Honor and Remembrance Service, to be conducted at the May 18, 2022 Post meeting.

Member Al Hunter will lead an effort to address Post membership. He discussed the formation of a Membership committee with Post members Jack Armstrong and Bill Musik. Al Hunter has completed over twenty seven years as a Lyons Club member and led a team to retain and increase membership. He discussed his approach with the statement "All Post Members Must Be Part Of Membership." Al Hunter will set up a Membership meeting and is looking for additional Post members to join and support this critical effort.

Guest Speaker: Chaplin Rebecca Schmidt introduced our guest speaker, tax expert and professional tax account Ms. Lou Bates. Ms. Bates is a member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and has been supporting military personnel and others with tax preparation for over four decades. Ms. Bates discussed changes to Federal and State tax laws for 2021. She discussed changes and clarification to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) annual distributions from retirement accounts beginning at age 70-1/2. She discussed the different ways to make withdrawals to meet Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), and tax Form 1099 R, and the 60 Day rollover requirements and penalties. Ms. Bates completed her briefing with a Question and Answer session.

Refreshment Chairperson Alice Maynard provided refreshments. Thank You.

Roddy Charlton - Acting Sgt-At-Arms

I have made contact with past Post Color Guard/Honor Guard members and updated the Post roster. We have gained one new member this month, Mark Shillinger, who is an Air Force veteran, who has joined the Color Guard/Honor Guard. We now have eight active members and are looking for additional Post members to participate. This is a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in supporting this team, please contact me at: WRCinAZ@aol.com. (Training and uniform patches/badges will be provided.)



Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY! (Thursday/17 March)

An Irish Blessing: "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." May the Luck of the Irish, and the Blessings of Saint Patrick, be with us always!

OTHER SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- Mar 2 -- Ash Wednesday
- Mar 3 -- "Star-Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem (1931)
- Mar 12 - Girl Scouts of the U.S. Founded (1912)
- Mar 16 -- Purim Begins
- Mar 19 -- Iraq War Began (2003)
- Mar 29 -- National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017)

POST 64 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Wednesday, May 18, 2022)

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American Legion Post 64



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 	4	5 
6	7	8	9 Executive Meeting ARC 4:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16 General Meeting ARC Main Hall 4:00 pm	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28 	29	30	31		

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 # _____

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- 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

