



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
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1. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: (from Commander Pete Meier)

Here's wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year !

We had another successful **Golf Tournament** with 75 golfers. Great job by our Second Vice Commander Doug Patterson in heading up this tournament. Thank you to all others who participated in so many ways to help make this happen.

We did our last **street clean up** for 2018 on 12/29; a nippy morning to be doing this. I would like to thank the 9 brave souls who came out to help: Roger & Deb Munchbach, Dave Von Tersch, Roddy Charlton, Doug Patterson, John Opsahl, Ed Mangan, Bob Smithson, and Pete Meier. We have renewed our agreement with the city of Phoenix Adopt-a-Street program for another 2 years. Our street segment is from 48th St. and Elliot Rd. west to Equestrian Trail. We do this quarterly, and the city provides us with signage at the beginning and end of our route.

Currently we are getting ready for another signature event, our **WINTERFEST**, on January 19, 2019. This will be a Dinner Dance not to be missed. Dinner is catered by "ED", with choice of entrée Beef Medallions in wine sauce or Chicken Marsala, and all the trimmings of course. Doors open at 5:30 pm, BYOB. At 6PM we will be having a "TRIBUTE Table for the POW/MIA", narrated by our own Past Commander Ed Mangan. Dinner will be at 6:30 followed by a seven-piece band "THE RHYTHM EDITION BAND" PLAYING YOUR FAVORITES FROM THE 50'S TO THE 80'S. There will be a table with raffle prizes including gift baskets and certificates, and later we will hold a 50/50 cash raffle. All can attend the festivities. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets call Pete Meier at 602-690-3361 or Melissa Williams at 602-751-6507. This will be one of the "BEST" events of the year! See you there.

CONDOLENCES:



To the family of Robert Danielson who entered Post Everlasting on November 30, 2018. He was a WWII veteran of the US Navy and a 13 year member of the American Legion.



To the family of Past Department of Arizona Commander Bobby Reyes (1996) who entered Post Everlasting on December 31, 2018. Mr. Reyes was a 47 year member of the American Legion.

2. MEMBERSHIP: (from First Vice Commander Bob Smithson)

Total active (212); Expired (8); New (7); Transfers in (7); Drop outs (2). 2019 goal is 195 paid members. January goal is to have 80% or 156 paid. We are actually at 90% or 175 paid. A very sincere thanks to all who have renewed thus far. We came close to making 100% by Christmas, but we have time to do so yet this Legion year.

For those who have yet to renew, the next dues notice from National may say "Past Due". If you have paid, please ignore it, because it takes time for your renewal to get through the process. The best way you may eliminate getting a Past Due notice is to renew online at www.legion/renew.

3. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 2018:

The meeting was attended by 18 members and guests.

First Vice Commander Bob Smithson reported **membership** at 172 of 195 or 88% for 2018-2019.

Commander Pete Meier gave a partial report on the December 7 **Golf Tournament** as Second Vice Commander Doug Patterson was absent. There were 75 golfers with many prizes/baskets/raffles. Net profit is estimated to be around \$3700.00 at this time.

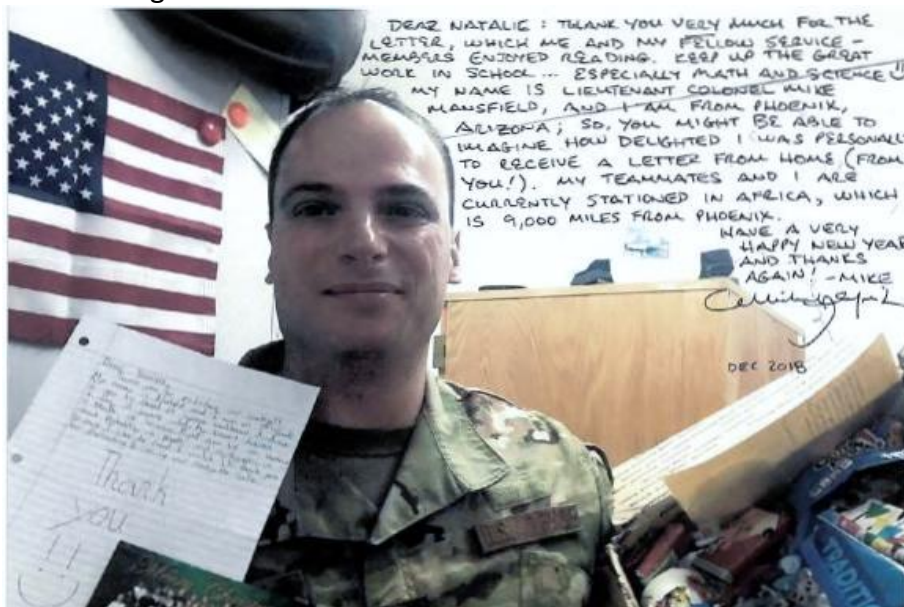
Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt reported that she and her husband attended Robert Danielson's Memorial Service on December 18. Alice Maynard is recovering from eye surgery. She continues to make plans for a Post Memorial Service at the General Membership Meeting on May 15.

Sgt-at-Arms Roddy Charlton reported on the **Color Guard events** of the past month including: The ARC Craft Fair; Post 64 Golf Tournament; and "Evolution of the American Flag" presentations at ARC Women's Club meeting and Franklin East Elementary School in Mesa. 500 children saw the program at Franklin East Elementary. Storage Room inventory of Color Guard items has been started.

Post 64 chaired **Christmas Trees at the VA Hospital** for District 12 this year. Posts 64, 41, 26, 84, and 107 set up trees with a few gifts and some sugar-free candy at the hospital this year.

Post 64 also stocked a candy basket in the library area at ARC.

Gifts totaling \$600 in value for the **Christmas family** sponsored through "Save the Family" were delivered yesterday, December 18. A little over \$500 of the gifts were purchased by poppy donations made to Post 64 over the last year. Thank you to Steve and Brenda Smull for a personal donation toward the gifts.



A thank you note from Africa was forwarded to Post 64 by Kyrene Traditional Academy. Their students wrote letters to the troops which were included in the Packages mailed by **Support the Troops** in November. Pictured is Lt. Col. Mike Mansfield.

A thank you card was read from the **ARC Thanksgiving Dinner Committee** thanking the Post for their \$150.00 donation toward the event.

Winterfest will be on Sat., January 19. See information in the ads further on in this newsletter and under Commander's Comments above.

Street Clean Up is scheduled for Sat., December 29.

There were no "guest speakers", but Deb Munchbach gave a short report on volunteering at **Matthew's Crossing Food Bank** in Chandler. Roger Munchbach reported on **poppy making**. Rod Green gave an update on his continued work with the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**. We would like to thank Rod for his donation to the Post Golf Tournament.

Guests and members attending their first meeting were introduced.

The Annual **Department Open House** is Sat., January 5, 2019, from Noon to 5 at Department Headquarters, 4701 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix. All are invited. Bring a dish to share.

The **District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction** will be Sat., February 2, 2019, at Chandler Post 35. (see ad further on in newsletter) If you are interested in attending, talk to Roger Munchbach.

Roger still has a few **100th Anniversary coins** for sale at \$10 each.

The Post donated \$50 and members made an additional \$45 in personal donations to **United Food Bank**.

The next meeting will be Wed., January 16, 2019, in the ARC Ballroom at 3 pm. If you ever **need a ride** to a meeting, call one of the officers, and we will make arrangements to get you there.

4. FINAL REPORT ON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT: (from Second Vice Commander Doug Patterson)



The American Legion Post 64 golf tournament was at the Legacy Golf Resort on December 7, 2018, and a great time was had by everyone! The weather, predicted to be rain that would have wreaked havoc with our tournament, cooperated very nicely and we had sunny skies all day. We all gave a big sigh of relief when that happened.

We gave away over \$4,500.00 in prizes in our raffle, and gave everyone the opportunity to win a new Ford Fusion, a new Mazda 3, or a Harley Davidson Black Motorcycle. There were no holes-in-one, so no one walked away with any of those modes of transportation, but everyone had fun! There was a golf ball cannon on one hole that shot the ball over 350 yards. We even offered the ability to bet on getting in a 15-foot circle on certain par 3 holes to double any bet the golfer was willing to make. On another par 5 hole, a LPGA pro offered to hit the drive for them for a donation, and many of our golfers participated in that. Our first-place foursome won \$200, second \$100 and third place, \$60. We also gave away a dozen American Legion logo Taylor Made golf balls to the ladies' and men's long-drive and closest-to-the-pins. We think with all the prizes and cash, everyone who played went home with a nice gift for participating. Everyone I talked to said they really enjoyed the tournament and the lunch that followed. A great time was had by all!

The Post would like to thank our hole-in-one sponsors at Home Mazda, Berge Ford, and Harley Davidson Chandler for their generosity. Many others also offered raffle prizes and hole signs including Greulich's Auto, Cleo's Skin Care, Trader Joe's, Texas Roadhouse, Luis Gonzales (Diamondback box seat tickets), New World CBD, Carousel Car Wash, Burrito Company, Hillside Spot Café, Macayo's Mexican Restaurant, Cruz Tequila, Costco, The Foothills Golf Group, the generous gift of a Rum Basket from the Charltons, 3 art pieces from local artist Kathy Parks, Tilted Kilt, Nello's, Philly's Grill, Rigatoni's Restaurant, Arcis Golf, and Va Bene Restaurant. All these wonderful gifts made our raffle a huge success.

A special thanks to Matt Nebel, event coordinator at the Legacy Golf Resort for getting us five "foursomes" at the last minute, and his excellent assistance before, during, and after the tournament.

The Legion put almost \$4,000.00 in our bank account to help with our activities and assist needy veterans. We are grateful to our golfers for their generosity and for helping us to meet our goals. Of course, many thanks to all the Post 64 members who volunteered to help both with the many preparations and the day of the tournament. You were awesome, all of you!

We look forward to having our golf tournament again in 2019!

Additional photos are available at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=14qy9PQqzp-zfsH0ASEHFTKZq-05H0bSG>

or by going to the Post 64 website at americanlegionpost64.com

Many thanks to Ed Mangan's daughter Lisa for being the photographer.

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The ARC Veterans' Club & American Legion



Winterfest 2019


Saturday, January 19, 2019
ARC Main Ballroom
Entertainment by the Rhythm Edition & dancing
Raffle and 50/50

5:30 PM Social Hour - BYOB
6:00 PM Posting of the Colors & Tributes
6:30 PM Dinner - catered by Ed
Beef Medallions or Chicken Marsala
7:30 - 10 Entertainment, Dancing, Raffle

Tickets only \$25
per person - open to all!
Ticket sales begin on
Wednesday, December 19
and continue every Wed. & Sat.
9AM - 11AM



The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary
and Sons of The American Legion



Annual Open House

JANUARY 5, 2019

12:00 noon - 5:00 PM

We would like to see ALL of you for relaxing company, excellent food
and some "after holidays" fun.
Bring your favorite dish and join us at

Department Headquarters
4701 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix

See you then!!

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #35 & POST #91
PRESENTS

2019 Rehabilitation Dinner & Auction

THE SIGNATURE DISTRICT 12
FUNDRAISER FOR
D12 VETERANS REHAB FUND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019
AT POST 35
2240 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85224

NO HOST BAR 4PM
DINNER 5PM AND AUCTION 6PM

DINNER TO INCLUDE:
PRIME RIB, MASHED POTATOES AND TOSSED GREENS
PORK TENDERLOIN
PASTA AND MARINARA SAUCE
ROLL AND BUTTER
DESSERT

\$15 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

THE DINNER AND AUCTION PROCEEDS GO TO D12 VETERANS REHAB FUND

January 2019 * denotes Color Guard event**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 DEPARTMENT HQ OPEN HOUSE NOON TO 5 pm
6	7	8	9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ARC 3 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 *** POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT ARC 3 pm	17	18	19 NATIONAL SECURITY/CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE 10 am to 2 pm Post 35 *** POST 64 WINTEREST DOORS OPEN 5:30 pm (see ad in newsletter)
20 DISTRICT 12 MEETING AT POST 138 AT 2 PM	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Upcoming Events February 2 District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction Post 35 (see ads)	