



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

MARCH 2019

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

1. COMMANDERS COMMENTS: (from Commander Pete Meier)

In February we had a Patriotic Showcase at Kyrene de la Estrella where our Color Guard performed a presentation of the Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Dave VonTersch was the Color Guard Commander, and the presentation was well received. We look forward to doing another one next year.

Coming up April 16 we will be doing the "Evolution of the Flag" program for the DAR at Dobson Ranch Golf Club. Also April 20 is the annual Ahwatukee Easter Parade, which we will be leading as usual. See you next month.

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

As of February 2019: Total Active (215); Expired (7); New (9); Transfers in (9); Transfers out (1); Drop outs (2); Yet to renew (25); Total paid (192). Our 2019 goal is set at 195, we have attained 98% of that goal. Thank you to all who have renewed your membership, and thank you for your service. Your membership shows that you care for veterans and for our active duty service members and their families. You are also keeping our Legion programs strong.

We see all levels of commitment from our members. Some attend all functions, while others pick and choose their involvement because of various reasons. But everyone can become involved with little effort and time. You can recruit a new member! All it takes is when you meet a veteran is to ask him/her to join. You can give them your membership application or refer them to me or one of our officers.

If you have not renewed yet go to www.legion.org/renew It's the fastest way to renew, or send your dues into the Post. Hope you can renew before the middle of March or you may not be counted into our goal. Will you please help us to attain our goal? Remember, it's not the price you pay to be a member, it's the price you paid to become eligible.

3. MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 20 MEETING:

19 members and guests were present. Membership was reported as 192 of 195 (98.5%). Recruit a new member before the end of the year and Commander Pete will give you a Legion ball cap as a prize !

The Finance Officer reported that any issues with credit card payments made to Post 64 at the golf tournament are almost completely rectified. He is looking into arrangements with our own bank for the future.

The next golf tournament is planned for November 2019 at the Ahwatukee Country Club.

Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt reported on 4 Chaplains' Sunday (the first Sunday of February every year). At the May 15 meeting she will be conducting a memorial service for members from Post 64 who have entered Post Everlasting in the last 4 years. We hope to have information on the website (soon) about steps to take before and after the death of a veteran.

The Color Guard was at the program at Estrella Elementary School this morning. Dave VonTersch and Alice Maynard have been getting the banners ready and repaired for the DAR program on April 16. He had to order a new "Don't Tread On Me" banner as the old one was damaged beyond repair.

The Piastewa Fallen Heroes Memorials will be held on March 22 and 23, 2019. Mary Williams is a member of the planning committee. All are invited to attend. (See specific information in the ad later in the newsletter).

Ed Mangan reported on the seminar he attended in Tucson on February 13 about making nominations to the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame.

Adjutant Roger Munchbach reported on the online "American Legion Basic Training Course" available to all members at www.legion.org/training. You will need to know your Legion ID number to sign up, but it is free for all members. It goes into the History and the Four Pillars of the organization.

John Boyer reported that he has been researching the sinking of the USS Indianapolis during WWII and will do a presentation for those present at the next meeting on March 20, 2019. He will be meeting with a survivor of the sinking who lives in Arizona the first part of March.

4. REMEMBER WHEN (Installment #2 reviewing the first 25 years of Post 64): *Installment #1 is available online in the February 2019 newsletter*

JUNE 1995 TO JUNE 1996

Department Commander was Jim Phillips. Post 64 Commander was Roger Munchbach. Unit 64 President was Julie Chedester. Meetings were held at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Sometime during the Fall of 1995, Charles Roloff transferred to Post 64. Kit Gleason, who worked at Legion Headquarters in Phoenix, transferred to Unit 64.

Members of the Post and Unit participated in the 5K Alzheimer's Walk in Phoenix on October 7, 1995. On November 11, 1995, they attended the dedication of the new State Veterans Home next to the Phoenix VA Hospital and Indian School Park. On November 11, 1995, the state of Arizona introduced the new AZ Veteran's License Plate. On February 25, 1996, members of the Post and Unit volunteered at AZ Senior Olympics, as Charlie and Renee Roloff were active participants in the program.

Kaleen Love from Mountain View High School in Mesa was the First Place winner of the 1996 American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

On March 24 and April 28, 1996, members of Post and Unit 64 attended demonstrations and "peaceful protests" at the Phoenix Art Museum over a display on use of the American flag in "protest art".

On April 6, 1996, the Post and Unit had a pickup decorated as a bunny rabbit in the 20th annual Ahwatukee Easter Parade. The Color Guard from Post 1 again led the parade.

On May 11, 1996, members of the Post and Unit distributed poppies at Fry's on Ray Rd. and Safeway on Elliot Rd. They raised \$296.90 in donations.

On May 18, 1996, members of the Post and Unit attended the dedication of the first Ahwatukee Foothills Police Substation at 48th St. and Ray. They attended Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery.

School Awards were presented to Bruce Woodmansee (Mountain Pointe), Jonathan Wright (Centennial Middle School), Kelly Clevenger (Akimel Middle School), and John Hatlelid (Altadena Middle School). Roger, Debra, and Alex Munchbach, and Julie Chedester posted colors at the Altadena program using the school's flags.

Boys and Girls State citizens from Mountain Pointe High School were Sundeep Suchdev, T. Clayton Kamm, Megan Burgoyne, Katie Longworth, and Heather Steinhauer. This was Boys State 50th anniversary, and the Department of Arizona American Legion commissioned and donated a sculpture to Northern Arizona University. The sculptor was Tom Oliver, who lived in the Lakewood subdivision of Ahwatukee.

Department Convention was at the Sheraton San Marcos in Chandler from June 20-23, 1996. Post 64 ended the year at 108.33% in membership (39 of 36).

JUNE 1996 TO JUNE 1997

Department Commander was Andy Rasmussen. Post Commander was Roger Munchbach. Unit President was Julie Chedester. During the summer, the Post obtained their first US and Post Colors, a set of flags surrendered to Department when Post 96 (all police officers) was discontinued. Deb Munchbach removed the old Post name from the American Legion banner. Kit Gleason and her mother Roxie McGhee re-monogrammed the banner with "Ahwatukee Post 64". Charlie Roloff donated an Arizona flag set, and became the first Post 64 Color Guard Commander. Charlie also became the Membership Chairman that year, looking for members for his new Color Guard. Two M-1 rifles were loaned to Post 64 by Department Headquarters.

On September 27, 1996, members of the Post and Unit attended the dedication of Desert Vista High School. On October 5 they participated in the Phoenix 5K Alzheimer's Walk.

At National Convention Fall 1996, Unit 64 member Maita Floyd was selected as the Western Division Community Service Volunteer of the Year for her work as a victim's advocate with the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Post and Unit 64 co-hosted the Department Mid-Winter Conference with the Legion family of Post 39 from Gilbert at the Grace Inn in Ahwatukee from January 10-12, 1997. They received \$2500.00 for their efforts.

Members of the Post and Unit volunteered at the AZ Sr. Olympics on March 15, 1997.

On March 29, 1997, Post 64 had a Color Guard in the Ahwatukee Easter Parade for the first time, but it was not yet ready to be at the head of the parade. The Color Guard members were Roger Munchbach, Bob Fischer, Charlie Roloff (Color Guard Commander), Gill Scott, Paul Cherep, and Fred Alderman. The Color Guard from Post 29 was the lead-off group.

May 24, 1997, poppies were distributed at Fry's and Safeway, raising \$347.45. The Post and Unit participated in Memorial Day services at Valley of the Sun Cemetery in Chandler as guests of Chandler Post 35.

School Awards were presented to Tim Sikorski (Mountain Pointe High School), Mitchell Radigan (Centennial Middle School), Erin Eckerman (Akimel Middle School), and Daniel Kim (Altadena Middle School).

Boys and Girls State citizens from Mountain Pointe High School were Derek Barber, Jeff Hart, Ashanti Decker, Annie Romero, and Katie McGinnis. Stephanie Martin from Seton Catholic High School was also sponsored to Girls State by the Unit.

Department Convention was at the Safari Resort in Scottsdale from June 19-22, 1997. Membership ended the year at 110% (44 of 40).

5. COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS:

It has come to our attention that the striped uniform pants are no longer available from our previous source. New sources as of March 2019 are given here and also on the website. Before ordering uniform shirts and pants, check in the Post storage room to see if there are any that have been turned back in that you could use (for free).

<p>www.galls.com 1-866-673-7643 <u>pleated short sleeve shirt</u> poly/cotton SR997 poly SG107 <u>navy with gold stripe trousers</u> TT103</p>

<p>www.uniformswarehouse.com 1-877-643-1100 <u>pleated short sleeve shirt</u> poly/cotton SC30 poly SS02 <u>navy with gold stripe trousers</u> SP12N</p>

Also, the patches, shoulder cords, ascots, and belts are supplied by the Post. They have a supply on hand. Ask the Color Guard Commander or his Assistant. You must order your own cap from Legion Emblem Sales, but talk with Roger Munchbach beforehand to discuss the options you need to know at the time you order.

<p><u>Items from American Legion Emblem Sales:</u> https://emblem.legion.org/ 1-888-453-4466 Legion Cap (check with Roger Munchbach before ordering) pistol belt 805.102 American Legion emblem 720.010 shoulder cords 805.300 webbed uniform belt 805.101 color guard patch 720.411 honor guard patch 720.410 US flag patch for left arm 820.400</p>
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6. ADS, FLYERS, CLASSES, ASSISTANCE, ETC.

We receive lots of ads and flyers, especially by email. It is impossible to include all in a newsletter, and not a good idea to forward them to everybody. We also don't do Facebook. SOOOOO.....our solution is to try to post the most pertinent and interesting on the website at:

<http://www.americanlegionpost64.com/job-information-and-job-fairs.php>

You should be able to click on the link and go directly there (if I did this right).

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8. THANK YOU FROM ESTRELLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:



Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial

March 22 & 23, 2019

Gold Star Families, Veterans, Tribal Leaders & Public



Evening Program/Dinner Honoring Families of Our Fallen Heroes & Candlelight Vigil

Friday, March 22, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Ave., PHX 85016

Dinner RSVP Required – Call, text or email ~~Lauren~~ **Lauren Chischilly** 602 505-9006
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Piestewa Memorial Services For All Our Fallen Heroes

Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Piestewa Peak Apache Ramada. Due to limited parking, please park at Lincoln Heights Christian Church, 2121 East Lincoln Drive, PHX 85016 & take shuttle.

- ✓ Traditional or military dress encouraged for all events
- ✓ Color Guard POC/RSVP Required: Ernest Martinez 602-312-8663, azforpiestewa@gmail.com
- ✓ Host Hotel – Motel 6, 4727 East Thomas Road, PHX 602-956-6500

PLEASE NOTE:
THERE IS NO
CHARGE FOR
THE FRIDAY
MARCH 22
DINNER.

VETERAN SPECIAL

ROGER'S **TOM JONES**

with the **MOTOWN BLOSSOMS**

at **TCA** TEMPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

SUNDAY
MARCH 17th
3:00pm

TICKETS: \$29 and \$40



includes a special tribute to Veterans!

VETERAN SPECIAL

Purchase online & use discount code **TOM** for \$5 off!

Go to www.RogersTomJones.com/events

Click pink "BOOK NOW" button under TEMPE date.

Select Price/Number and Quick Pick Tickets, or choose seats in Theater Map.

At check out, enter Code "TOM" in coupon box on the top left.

Click "Unlock" and Discount will be applied and reflected in total.

TCA may apply a \$3 Service Fee per ticket.

Questions about this deal? Call Tempe Center for the Arts **(480)350-2822**



A portion of the proceeds will benefit
VALLEY OF THE SUN UNITED WAY.

We graciously thank you for your support!

Questions about the show? Call (928)298-6474

We want you to know that we are very thankful for your service, and if you're interested in **FREE TICKETS** for veterans of your group, please **send an email before March 14 to hroger131@yahoo.com** and let him know you're interested in our offer "Vets On Will Call List" and provide first and last names of vets who'd like to attend... He can explain more in detail through that email.

In the mean time, check out the ROGER'S TOM JONES website for info on the band and a link to purchase tickets: www.rogerstomjones.com

March 2019 *denotes Color Guard activity**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Department Oratorical Contest 9 am In Benson
					8 Intl. Women's Day	9
3 District 12 Picnic Post 65 FREE Noon	4	5	6	7	15 American Legion 100th Birthday	16 ARC Pancake Breakfast \$5 7:30 to 10:30 am
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13 Executive Committee Meeting at ARC 3 pm	14		
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) ***Post General Meeting at ARC 3 pm	21	22 Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial (see ad in newsletter)	23
District 12 Meeting Post 41 at 2 pm						
24 World Tuberculosis Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Future Events: ***April 16 Evolution of the Flag at Dobson Ranch Golf Club for DAR 11 am ***April 20 Easter Parade and Festivities					