



AHWATUKEE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

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

April 2019: Total active (225); Paid to date (203); Expired (7); Yet to renew (14); New (12); transfers in (10); Transfers out (1); Drop outs (2).

Thanks to all the dedicated members who showed that they care about the Legion and all veterans, we have exceeded our goal of 100% or 195 paid members. We now stand at 104%!

For those yet to renew, remember the fastest and easiest way to do so is to go on-line at www.legion.org/renew

2. CONDOLENCES:



To the family of Arthur Fairbanks, who passed away April 9, 2019.
Art was a WWII Air Force veteran and had been a member of the American Legion for 9 years. He also served in the Police Departments of Phoenix, Yuma, and Tempe.

3. HONORING OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED: (from Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt)

Our Post 64 monthly meeting on **May 15, 2019**, (3pm at ARC), will include a Memorial Service to honor our Post's veteran members who have passed over the last two years. Refreshments follow. All are welcome. For more info, please call Post 64 Chaplain Rebecca Schmidt (480-983-1578).

4. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 17, 2019, MEETING:

The meeting was attended by 20 members and guests.

First Vice Commander Bob Smithson reported that **membership** was at 202 of 195 or 103%. THANK YOU!

Finance Officer Jay Hendrix reported that the **Budget** for next year (2019-2020) is nearly complete and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Sgt-at-Arms Dave VonTersch reported on the following:

The Honor Guard has been requested on May 3 at the **visitation for Arthur Fairbanks**. (See calendar at end of newsletter.)

The **"Evolution" Program for the DAR** on April 16 was very well received, and a \$25 donation was received. They may also submit the program to their National organization for an Award.

The Color/Honor Guard is planning to participate in services at the National Cemetery on **Memorial Day**, May 27, and then stop at Post 107 afterward for brunch. We will leave from ARC at 6:30 am.

Centennial Middle School requests a small Color Guard to post Colors at their promotion ceremonies on May 22.

Commander Pete and Sgt-at-Arms Dave presented an **Appreciation Certificate to Dave Rudnikoff**. Dave donated a special flag to Post 64. It had been flown over the US Capitol on June 11, 1992.

Final preparations for the **Easter Parade**, hot dog feed, and jazz band concert on Sat. April 20, 2019, were discussed.

Mary Williams reported that on April 11, **Support the Troops** packaged and mailed 150 boxes to Afghanistan. She thanked everyone who had helped or contributed. She also reported that the next **Shred-a-Thon** supporting the package program will be held on Sat. April 27.

Dates for **School Award presentations** were discussed. (See calendar at end of newsletter.)

Brenda Smull asked for approval to schedule **Post "mixers"** with the veterans' group from her job at Charles Schwab, and also with veterans who are members of her **Toastmasters Group**. The Post gave her a consensus approval to organize these activities.

Department Convention will be at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass from June 20-23, 2019. Pre-registration before June 7 is \$10, but after that date will go up to \$20. If you would like to pre-register, contact Roger Munchbach. (See contact information below).

Nominations were opened for Post 64 Officers for 2019-2020. The following nominations were received:

Commander-Pete Meier; First Vice Commander-Bob Smithson; Second Vice Commander-Doug Patterson and Brenda Smull; Adjutant-Roger Munchbach; Finance Officer-Jay Hendrix; Chaplain-Rebecca Schmidt; Service Officer-Ed Mangan; Sgt-at-Arms-Dave VonTersch and Roddy Charlton; Historian-Roger Munchbach. Nominations will remain open until the May meeting, at which time they will be closed, and the election will take place. Installation will be at the June meeting.

The next Post meeting will be on Wed., May 15, 2019, at 3 pm. There will be a Memorial Service for those Post members who have transferred to Post Everlasting in the last two years. There will also be annual elections for the 2019-2020 Officers.

REMEMBER WHEN (Installment #4 reviewing the first 25 years of Post 64): *Earlier installments are available online in the newsletters*

JUNE 1999 TO JUNE 2000

Department Commander was Dave Roun. Post Commander was Charlie Roloff. Unit President was Deborah Nagy. Post meetings continued to be at ARC on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm during Odd Numbered months and 3:00 pm during Even Numbered months.

July 4, 1999, the Evolution of the Flag program was performed at ARC for Independence Day.

August 11, 1999, Post member Les Tenney filed suit against Mitsui & Co. Ltd. of Japan for abuses of prisoner labor during WWII.

The ARC Veterans Club was chartered on October 26, 1999, and the Post no longer had to pay to use the facility for meetings.

Members participated in the Phoenix Alzheimer's Walk.

For the first time, on Veterans Day, November 11, 1999, flags were posted along the sidewalks at ARC in observance of the Holiday. Many of these belonged to Post members who "loaned" them for the day.

For Thanksgiving the Post supplied food baskets to five families in cooperation with Mountain View Lutheran Church.

On December 8, 1999, the Post held its first ever Holiday Party at a time away from the General Membership Meeting. The Color Guard performed the Evolution of the Flag, and for the first time ever, the POW / MIA Remembrance Table. As a Christmas Family project, the Post donated money to the refugee family from Kosovo that had recently settled in Ahwatukee. Members went caroling at the Phoenix VA Hospital with the VAVS Representatives.

In January 2000 it was decided that all Post General Meetings would be held at 3:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

Colors were presented for the Opening of AZ Senior Olympics.

On March 15, 2000, the Post held a special meeting where member Richard Downing was awarded a Bronze Star 55 years after he earned it during WWII.

On April 7, 2000, the Post members attended the first "indoor" Patriotic Day Celebration at Akimel Middle School, and performed the Evolution of the Flag program.

April 22, 2000, was the Easter Parade and hot dog picnic.

On May 27, 2000, poppies were distributed at Safeway, raising \$633.05.

School Awards were presented to Sky Kurtz (Mountain Pointe High School), Stephanie Gauby (Desert Vista High School), Brenton Long (Centennial Middle School), Annie Wood (Akimel Middle School), and Kelsey Quan and Michael Sistak (Altadena Middle School).

Boys and Girls State Citizens from Mountain Pointe High School were Ross Pixler, Anna Denton, and Patricia Zawidski, and from Desert Vista High School were Bradley Alexander, Emerson Ward, Christopher Wie, Lara Frazier, Amanda Lyon, and Cristina Parks.

Department Convention was June 22-25, 2000, in Tucson. Membership ended the year at 108% (95 of 88).

JUNE 2000 TO JUNE 2001

Department Commander was Mary Ellen Piotrowski. Post Commander was George Herwig. In September 2000, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 64 surrendered their Charter. The last of the Unit funds were donated to the American Legion District 12 Rehab Fund, and Unit members transferred to either Unit 100 or other active area Units.

Bob Bowden became the Assistant Color Guard Commander under Charlie Roloff.

For Thanksgiving, food baskets were provided to six families in cooperation with Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Members went caroling at the Phoenix VA Hospital with the VAVS Representatives.

April 14, 2001, was the annual Easter Parade and hot dog picnic.

On May 19 and 20, 2001, Post 64 grilled and sold hot dogs outside Ace Hardware at 48th St. and Warner Rd. to observe Memorial Day. (Commander George Herwig worked at Ace.) Over \$300.00 was raised.

Poppies were distributed at Safeway on May 26, 2001, raising \$774.50. The proceeds were given to Auxiliary Unit 35 in Chandler.

On June 14, 2001, flags were posted along the sidewalks at ARC. All of these flags had been donated by the Post or its members to ARC, and were now posted for all Patriotic Holidays.

School Awards were presented to Payam Refaeilzadeh (Mountain Pointe High School), Chautauqua Smith (Desert Vista High School), Jeffrey Bettner (Centennial Middle School), Noah Solomon (Akimel Middle School), and Andrea Chirsky (Alatadena Middle School).

Boys State Citizens from Mountain Pointe High School were Anthony Moore and Cameron Null, and from Desert Vista High School were Erich Crudup and Takis Weekes.

Department Convention was in Tucson from June 21-24, 2001. Membership ended the year at 103.1% (99 of 96).

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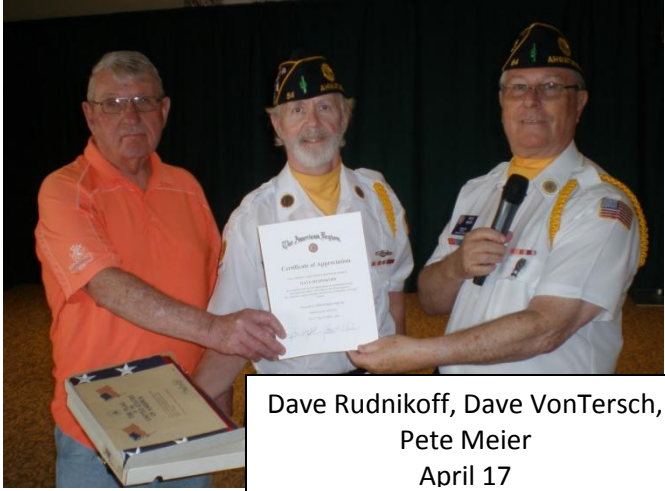
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6. IMAGES OF APRIL 2019

Street Clean-Up
March 30



Dave Rudnikoff, Dave VonTersch,
Pete Meier
April 17



Easter Parade, Hot Dogs, and Concert
April 20, 2019



MORE PARADE PICTURES ON THE WEBSITE
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May 2019 ***denotes Color/Honor Guard						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Desert Vista Awards 7:15 am	2	3 *** Visitation Arthur Fairbanks Leave ARC by 5:10 pm	4
5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8 Executive Committee Meeting 3 pm at ARC	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day *** Post Meeting 3 pm at ARC	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
National Law Enforcement Week						
19 District 12 Meeting 2 pm at Post 91 Legion 2 pm at Post 35 Auxiliary	20	21	22 Maritime Day Middle School Promotion and Awards Programs (* ** Centennial MS)	23 High School Graduations	24 National Poppy Day	25
26	27 Memorial Day *** National Cemetery Leave ARC by 6:30 am	28	29	30	31	

Upcoming Events:

June 2-8 Boys State at NAU and Girls State at U of A
 June 20-23 Department Convention Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Registration before June 7 is \$110 Registration at Door is \$20