

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander's Message



Spring is finally upon us! I hope this year will be filled with lots of joy, love, good health, and happiness for all of you. If you didn't know, we have a Service Officer. Her name is Jamie. Call the post if you need any assistance with your veteran benefits. If you haven't visited us in a while, stop in and check it out. We have a beautiful new floor! We have an amazing fish fry on Friday nights, great bingo crowd on Thursday, and a county western band on Sunday. Check out our calendar for more details. **Also, April is time for nominations of officers for the 2023-2024 year. If you would like to be nominated or nominate someone for a position, then you must attend our April 17th meeting at 6:00pm.** We welcome your participation! We are here to support you and our Veterans always! God bless our Veterans!

Nancy Hay, Commander Post 25

Scholarship Committee's Message



The Post has started a \$1,000 annual scholarship. It is funded by donations made to the American Legion Post 25 Scholarship Fund. In addition to academics, this scholarship recognizes the achievements of students in other areas, such as awards, community service, leadership, extra curricular activities, and employment history. The award will be for any post-high school education or training. The application is posted on our website alpost25az.org in the Post Sponsorship section. For 2023, applications must be received by May 5. If you have any questions, please contact me at scholarship@alpost25az.org

Keith Vogler, Scholarship Committee, Post 25

Veterans Service Officer's Message



Four Important Things to Know About Vietnam Veterans (Ref. Military.com)

- 1) Of the [8.7 million troops](#) who served in the Vietnam Era between 1964 to 1973, 3.4 million deployed to Southeast Asia and 2.7 million served in South Vietnam. Out of all the people on active duty at the time, only [2.2 million were drafted](#), and only 25% of the total number of troops in combat zones were drafted.
- 2) By the time the United States began increasing its involvement in South Vietnam, American military units were fully integrated, with an estimated 340,000 Black troops, 80,000 Latinos, 42,000 Indigenous troops and 35,000 Asian Americans serving in Vietnam.
- 3) Not all Vietnam veterans made it back home; 2,646 Americans [were unaccounted for](#) at the end of the Vietnam War, in all theaters of operations. Since the end of the war and the repatriation of American prisoners of war in 1973, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has recovered or identified 1,062 of those. That means 1,584 U.S. service members are still waiting to come home.
- 4) An estimated 30% of Vietnam veterans suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder during their lifetime, according to the 1988 National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study, the last time such a study was done. Still, 97% of Vietnam vets hold honorable discharges, and the [unemployment rate for veterans of the Vietnam War](#) was only 4.8% in 1987, compared to the 6.2% rate for the rest of America.

Jamie Galczynski, VSO Post 25

General Announcements

Attendance drawing: The winner of the March meeting attendance drawing was Wayne Boren of Clarkdale. However, Wayne was not present, so the April drawing increases to **\$100**. It will stay at \$100 until someone wins it. After it is won, the prize reverts to \$20. In order to win, the member has to be present at the meeting and in good standing. The next general meeting is on April 17th at 6 PM. Hope to see you there.

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Thomas Sanders - Army

Anthony Faulkner - USMC

Upcoming Post Activities

The Post calendar is on <https://alpost25az.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

CCW Class – April 23, 9AM-1PM, register at <https://www.safearizona.com/events/cottonwood/>

Post members use discount code “ALP25” (credit card not necessary)

Yard Sale at the Post – Friday April 21 and Saturday April 22, 7AM - 2PM

Live Country Band – every Sunday 2PM-5PM

In-house Darts – every Tuesday, 7PM

Free Pool – *NEW – all day every day of the week*

Dinner 5PM-6:30PM – every Thursday, see calendar for menu.

Bingo - every Thursday of each month, 6PM

SAL Lunch - on the 7th and 14th this month, 12PM to 2PM, see calendar for menu.

Fish Fry - first 3 Fridays of each month, 5PM to 6:30PM

Karaoke – every Friday, 7PM

Legion Dinner - 5PM to 6:30PM - 3rd Saturday of each month, see calendar for menu

Bonus Bingo - 3rd Saturday of each month, 6PM

Time Capsule - 63 Years Ago



May 1, 1960: A U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers a former Air Force captain who was working as a pilot for the Central Intelligence Agency was shot down over Russia by a surface to air missile. The CIA’s cover story for the U-2 was that it was a weather reconnaissance aircraft. Powers had strict instructions to initiate a self-destruct function and to commit suicide if he was ever shot down. He did not destroy the aircraft and he was captured alive. He was tried, convicted of espionage, and sent to a Russian prison. Shy of two years of confinement, he was released in a prisoner exchange with the Soviet Union. Years later he became a local news helicopter pilot in Los Angeles, reporting on traffic. In 1977 he was killed when his helicopter ran out of fuel and crashed. (Reference [The Depot - Today in Military History](#))

Test Your Knowledge

During the Pledge of Allegiance do you salute or place your hand over your heart? Answer at [Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, §4. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery.](#)

Member Messages

Any member can submit a non-political message or a military story from his/her time in the service. Currently there are over 500 Legion family members at Post 25, so your message will get wide distribution. Send your submittal to newsletter@alpost25.org by the 28th of the month to ensure it is included in the next issue of the Bugle. Think back, what would you like to share?

Thought for the Month



But you already know this.....be happy and have fun, life is short.