

# THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

Post 25 Cottonwood AZ  
480 S. Calvary Way



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**25**  
COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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## Commander's Message



All Post 25 members, sorry I haven't communicated in the Bugle in awhile. I needed a break from the Commander position after 7 continuous years (a bit much). I want to thank Nancy Hay for affording me that break. She did a fantastic job, she thought of and acted on important things that I was too blind to see. No doubt she's a much better person than I am.

We are still working to make our Post the best we can for our members. If you have any available time and would like to help by volunteering your services, please talk to the bartender, any of the posts officers, or myself; it's the only way we can give our members the activities and services that are needed. I look forward to working with and for you. Let's have a great year,

Bill Tinnin, Commander

## Veterans Service Officer's Message



Were you exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances? If you file your Pact Act claim, or submit your intent to file by August 9, 2023, then you may qualify for backdated benefits as far back as August 10, 2022.

The Arizona Department of Veterans Services Veteran Benefits Counselors (VBC) can help you file your claim AT NO COST. VBCs provide services in-person or virtually. Speak with a Veteran Benefits Counselor today. Call 602-535-1215 to make an appointment. To learn more about the PACT Act or file on-line yourself, go to <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

## General Announcements

New Bar Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, open at Noon, closed when less than 5 paying customers, and no later than 2AM. Wednesday and Saturday Noon to 6PM, Sunday 1PM-6PM.

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes new member Navy Veteran **Travis Thompson**.



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Membership Renewal: Dues are \$45 for 2024 and may be paid **on-line**, by mail to American Legion Post 25, 480 S. Calvary Way, Cottonwood, AZ 86326, or in person at the Post (see Commander Bill Tinnin or Adjutant James Galczynski). Get the **Early Bird** stamp by renewing by Nov 11th.

Attendance drawing: The Legion general meeting is **August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM**. Since the attendance drawing winner was not present at the July meeting, the August drawing will stay at \$100. 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.

## Upcoming Post Activities

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

**Introduction to Handguns Class** – Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-12:30PM, Legion members \$15.00, all others \$30.

NOTES: SAL lunches and dinners are canceled for the next month.  
Thursday night dinners have been indefinitely canceled.

**Line Dancing Class** – every Sunday, 1PM-2PM

**Live Country Band** – every Sunday, 2PM-5PM

**In-house Darts** – every Tuesday, 7PM

**Shuffleboard** – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 4PM-6PM

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

**Bar Bingo** - every Thursday of each month, 6PM

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

**Karaoke** – every Friday at 7PM

**Auxiliary Unit Meeting** – Monday August 14, 5:30PM

**Auxiliary Unit Fundraising Event** – Saturday August 19, 1PM-5PM – Silent auction, raffles, painting wine glasses, and snacks

**Legion Meeting** – Monday August 21, 6PM

**Friday Dinner** – August 25, 5-6:30PM - Southwest chili cheese meatballs, mashed potatoes, and green beans

## Time Capsule - 78 Years Ago

### Little Boy and Fat Man



On August 6, 1945 the first atom bomb named "Little Boy" was dropped by a B-29 bomber called "Enola Gay" on Hiroshima, Japan. A blast equivalent to 15,000 tons of TNT reduced four square miles of the city to ruins and immediately killed 80,000 people. The devastation at Hiroshima was insufficient to convince the Japanese War Council to accept the Potsdam Conference's demand for unconditional surrender.



Three days later on August 9, 1945, a second atom bomb named "Fat Man" was dropped by a B-29 bomber named "Bockscar" on the shipbuilding city of Nagasaki and resulted in Japan's unconditional surrender. A blast equivalent to 22,000 tons of TNT devastated the city and immediately killed an estimated 40,000 people.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/atomic-bomb-dropped-on-nagasaki>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hiroshima#History>

If you are ever in Las Vegas and looking for something to do during the day, then visit the Atomic Testing Museum and learn much more about the development of nuclear weapons since the 1940's. (I have been there, and it's worth the price. - DJK) <https://www.atomicmuseum.vegas/visit/>

### 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 550 Legion family members at Post 25, so your message will get wide distribution. Send your submittal to [newsletter@alpost25.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost25.org) by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month to ensure it is included in the next issue of the Bugle. What would you like to share?

### Thought for the Month

