

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Adjutant Message



Renewals for 2026 are only a month away. Drop off your renewal and \$50 at the bar or see me to renew your card. To renew on-line, go to <https://www.legion.org/renew>.

The Early Bird Dinner is on Saturday December 6, Happy Hour at 4PM and Dinner at 5PM. Please RSVP your plan to attend at the Bar or call 928-634-3004 by Tuesday, December 2.

John Scott, Adjutant

Veterans Resource Officer Message



As respiratory season continues, now is the time to protect your health and the people you care about. While flu remains a threat, RSV, COVID-19, and pneumonia are also circulating, especially among older adults and those with chronic conditions. Vaccines and good hygiene offer powerful protection for you and your loved ones. Northern AZ VA Health Care System offers community clinics across Northern AZ and offers a drive through clinic, and walk-in clinics at most of our facilities now through December 10, 2025. 1) Call your local VA Primary Care Team to schedule at 928-445-4860, 2) go to the Prescott VA

Drive Through Vaccine Clinic, open Monday-Friday 7:00AM to 3:00PM, 3) Walk in to a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (call 928-776-5463 for hours). In addition, Veterans can also receive no-cost flu vaccines at participating retail pharmacies, such as CVS, Walgreens, or Walmart. Taking this step protects you, and it helps shield friends, family, and fellow Veterans from preventable illnesses.

Jamie Galczynski, VRO

Scholarship Committee Chairman



The Post 25 Legion Community Scholarship for 2025-2026 is available for download at <https://alpost25az.org> (under the Post Sponsorship section). Submittals are due by May 8th, 2026.

Keith Vogler

New Members

Post 25 welcomes the following new and transfer Legion members:



ARMY

Daniel Aba- Army



MARINES

Ray Sohm- Army



NAVY

Anton Bogs, Jr.- Navy



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Auxiliary President Message



The Cottonwood Christmas parade will be held on December 6 at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds. It will be a stationary parade this year, the theme is "Around the World," our entry will be called "Membership Around the World." Everyone is welcome to help support our float this year - Please come and wear a Post/SAL/Auxiliary shirt. Arrive by 10:30am, the event runs from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

There will be a Auxiliary Craft and Bake sale at the Post on Dec 12 from 10 am to 4 pm and Dec 13 from 10 am to 1:30pm.

"Bar" Pool Tournament fundraiser "OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS" on December 20 with all proceeds going to the bar, the entry fee is \$10. Registration starts at 10 am and tournament starts at noon.

December shuffleboard "OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS" will be on December 14 at Post 25 at 10:00am and will include a White Elephant Exchange with no more than \$20.00 per gift. A Breakfast Burrito will be available for \$5.00.

Bunco will be on Wednesday, December 19 at 6pm "OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS" - please bring a dish or snacks to share. The cost is \$5 and Bunco Baby for \$1. The night will also include a White Elephant exchange with a gift of no more than \$20.00. There will also be a small craft fair at this event.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) will be placing Wreaths at Prescott National Cemetery on Dec 13th starting at 10am. There is limited parking so everyone is parking at Yavapai College and shuttling over to the cemetery. Bartender Appreciation Run is Dec 13th and ends at Main Stage at 2pm. Post 25 Bartender "Karen Beebe" is this year's Bartender of the Year - Please come out and support this year's event.

DeDe Dexter, President Unit 25

SAL Squadron Commander Message



We currently have 117 SAL members and so far, 82 members have renewed their 2026 membership. You must renew your membership for 2026 in order to keep your Post access current. Just a reminder if you renewed your 2026 membership before October 31st, you qualify to get a free "Early Bird Dinner" hosted by the post on Saturday December 6th at 5:00pm. You must show your membership card with the "Early Bird" stamp on it to get the dinner, so please bring that with you. Guest accompanied by Early Bird Member, cost for their dinner is \$10.00.

Membership dues are \$40.00. To renew your membership, see Rick Shriver or Vinny Berdar. Membership dues can also be paid by mail to: American Legion Post 25 Attention Rick Shriver, 480 S. Calvery Way Cottonwood AZ 86326. Checks should be made out to "American Legion Squadron 25".

The second and final reading of the new SAL Constitution and Bylaws will be read at our Monday December 1 meeting at 5:00pm.

Rick Shriver, Squadron Commander

Upcoming Post Activities – December 2025

Legion Family meeting dates and additional information can be found on the Post Calendar at <https://alpost25az.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

- The following meals will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
 - December 04 - DogTown Dinner
 - December 11 - Auxiliary Dinner: Potato Bar
 - December 18 - Boy Scout Dinner: Surprise
 - December 25 - Post Closed for Christmas

Computer Security - Email Addresses

A data "breach" is an incident where a website's data has been illegally accessed by hackers and then released publicly. Review these breaches using your email address(es) to see what personal information was compromised and take appropriate action, such as changing passwords. Check your email address(es) at this link: <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> (Editor's note, it is a good idea to change your password even if it was only your email address that was breached.)

American Made Products

There is website dedicated to "Made in USA" products: <https://allamerican.org/>. Over 2000 companies are listed, and it has related search lists, investigative research, news, and advocacy, etc. Spread the word to friends and relatives.

Military Technology - Strategic Deterrence



The **Ohio Class Submarines** include the United States Navy's 14 ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) and 4 cruise missile submarines (SSGNs). They were all built between 1976 and 1997. The class was designed to serve as the sea-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad, providing strategic deterrence. The 4 SSGNs were initially SSBNs, but converted due to Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT).

Each of the SSBN submarines can carry up to 20 submarine launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), specifically the Trident II D5 Missile. Each missile has 4 Multiple Independently-targeted Re-entry Vehicles (MIRVs) and has a range of approximately 4,500 miles. Across the 14 SSBN fleet the total is 280 missile tubes and over 1100 warheads.

Each of the 4 SSGNs carries 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles within 22 vertical launch tubes with each tube capable of holding seven missiles. They also have a complement of Mark 48 torpedoes and

Harpoon Missiles for firing through their torpedo tubes. SSGNs also serve as a specialized platform for delivering and supporting Navy SEALs and other Special Operations Forces (SOF).

Reference: [Ohio Class Submarines](#)

Military History Nugget



Lee Marvin served as a scout sniper in the 4th Marine Division in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He served in the assaults on Eniwetok and Saipan-Tinian, and participated in 21 Japanese Island landings while serving as a member of the "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division. Most of his division was wiped out and he was wounded in action during the Battle of Saipan on Mount Tapochau. He sustained an injury below the spine that severed his sciatic nerve as well as a foot injury. These wounds resulted in 13 months in naval hospitals, rendering him invalid for further service. As an actor he preferred tough-guy roles in movies such

as "The Dirty Dozen," "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" and "Sergeant Ryker." Marvin eventually won an Oscar for his roles as both a drunken gunfighter and his evil twin brother in the western comedy "Cat Ballou" in 1965. Reference: [Lee Marvin USMC Sniper WWII](#)

