

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family,

I just wanted to say that it has been my honor to serve you as your Commander this last year. I have gotten to know many more of you this past year and it's been a pleasure. I want to say a huge "thank you" to all the volunteers that have helped make this last year a success. I am proud of what we have accomplished together with my Executive Committee. I appreciate all the support you have shown me and the confidence you have had in me. I am confident that we will continue to move forward in a positive way under the Command of Bill Tinnin, who was your previous Commander of 7 years and did a great job also. I will continue to assist as your Vice Commander for the next year. My door is always still open for any discussions so come and visit me. Have a great summer and come in and see us!

In God we Trust, Commander Nancy Hay

Scholarship Committee's Message



The first annual American Legion Post 25 \$1000 Scholarship was presented to Makai Arnaudo, Mingus Union High School, by Debbie Dexter on May 22nd. Mr. Arnaudo will be attending Arizona State University this fall. Thanks to all members who have helped support this scholarship.

Keith Vogler, Scholarship Committee, ALPost 25

General Announcements

Post Officers for 2023-2024: Installation of newly elected Officers for the Legion, Auxiliary Unit, and Sons of the American Legion will be on **June 5th at 5PM**. Currently, the Legion Second Vice Commander position is vacant, so if you are interested or want more details, please contact Nancy Hay at 928-634-3004 or commander@alpost25az.org.

Attendance drawing: The Legion general meeting is **June 19th at 6PM**. Since there was no attendance winner at the May meeting, in June the drawing amount will be \$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.

Legion Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following 7 new members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

George Keene – Air Force
McClure – Army
Anthony Faulkner - Marines

Armando Durkalec – Air Force
Thomas Sanders – Army

Larry Wolfe – Army
Anthony
John Kopitsky - Army

Upcoming Post Activities

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

Live Country Band – every Sunday 2PM-5PM

In-house Darts – every Tuesday, 7PM

Free Pool – all day every day of the week

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

Bar Bingo - every Thursday of each month, 6PM

SAL Lunch - first 3 Fridays 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

SAL Lasagna Dinner - 5PM to 7PM - 3rd Saturday this month

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

Time Capsule - 81 Years Ago

What was called Dora in WWII?



Officially it was a huge German artillery piece called Schwerer Gustav, but was nicknamed Dora by its users. The rifled barrel was 106 ft 7 in long, and weighed over 2 million lbs. It had 80 wheels that were carried on two parallel sets of railroad tracks. With a caliber of 31 inches, it was able to fire a projectile that weighed more than 10 tons to a distance of 30 miles away.

On June 5, 1942, Dora fired its first of 13 rounds that day at Sevastopol in Crimea. On June 6, 1942, Dora achieved the high point of its career. An ammunition magazine at White Cliff in Crimea suffered a direct hit. The magazine was buried 98 ft under Severnaya Bay and had 33 ft of concrete protection. The round passed through the water, ground, and concrete before

detonating the magazine. At least one ship was also sunk after being damaged by blast waves from the impact of nearby shells. Photo at left was taken in 1945 by US Army troops. To learn more, see

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/schwerer-gustav-railway-gun>

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

The biggest lie I tell myself is
“I don’t need
to write that down,
I’ll remember it.”