

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Finance Officer - DeDe Dexter (USAF)

Second Vice - Vacant

Sergeant-at-Arms - Tony Walker (USCG)

Adjutant's Message

Election Day is May 20th, come in and vote for your Officers from 10 AM until 5PM. The Post will open at 10AM but will not have a bartender until Noon. Members must present a current membership card in order to vote. We are in need of 3 volunteers to take and count ballots. Officer nominations are:

Commander: Bill Tinnin

First Vice Commander: Nancy Hay

Second Vice Commander: Open

Adjutant: Jim Galczynski

Finance Officer: Debra Dexter

Seargent-at-Arms: Dave Bickle

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James Galczynski, Adjutant

Veterans Service Officer's Message

Arizona State Parks Veterans Discount is available for the brave individuals who have proudly served our country. Arizona residents who are United States active or retired military, or service disabled veterans get 50% off the park day-use entrance fee. In addition, 100% military disabled veterans get a 100% free day-use pass. Please show your Military ID and Arizona License at the gate, no pass is required. If applicable, bring your VA-Certified proof of 100 percent service-connected disability. Park locations and associated fees are at <https://azstateparks.com/fee-schedule/>

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

Scholarship Committee

Post Scholarship 2024: This is a reminder that Applications are due by May 5th. The successful applicant will be determined shortly thereafter. Note that all applicants will be contacted with their status, whether selected or not. Details are on our website home page: [AL Post 25 Scholarship Application](#)

General Announcements

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new member:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

James Fogler – Army

Meeting Attendance drawing: The next Legion general meeting is **May 20th at 5:30 PM**. Since there was no winner at the April meeting, the May drawing will stay at \$100. After it is won, the prize reverts to \$20. The winner has to be present at the meeting and in good standing. FYI- Members attending the meeting will receive an Attendance Pin.

Post Everlasting: Member and WWII Army Veteran James Schade of Cottonwood passed on April 26, 2024. Additional details were not available at the time of Bugle publication.

Time Capsule – Iwo Jima 1945 and Raising the Flag

In WWII the U.S. Marines battled the entrenched Japanese forces for 36 days to capture the island of Iwo Jima. That was the only battle in the Pacific where Marine and Navy casualties (~24,000 killed and wounded) exceeded those of the enemy.



On February 23, 1945 AP Photographer Joseph Rosenthal took a photo of 6 Marines raising the American Flag on Mount Suribachi for the second time during the Battle of Iwo Jima. This iconic photograph is now a mural on the front of our American Legion Post 25. However, the first raising of the flag was by 5 Marines and 1 Navy sailor using a length of pipe they found. Two hours later it was lowered as a larger 56" X 96" flag was raised by 6 Marines, none of whom were in the first raising. The larger flag was raised to make it more visible and rally the fighting men on the island. This second photo became a symbol of bravery for the 70,000 service members who fought in that battle.

Starting in 1947, review panels were created several times over the years to identify the flag raisers based on photographic evidence, personal letters, statements made by those who were present, and new information that surfaced. However, the issue was finally resolved in 2019 by a review board led by Brigadier General William J. Bowers. The FBI Digital Evidence Laboratory was asked to analyze the best quality images available. The lab used a combination of manual comparisons, facial recognition software, and photographic analysis of clothing camouflage patterns, creases in uniforms, headware, footwear, gear, and weapons. Based on all available evidence, the board determined the second flag raising was done by the following Marines (positions are right to left from the base of the pole):

Position 1: Corporal Harlon H. Block

Position 4: Sergeant Michael Strank

Position 2: Corporal Harold P. Keller

Position 5: PFC Harold H. Schultz

Position 3: PFC Franklin R. Sousley

Position 6: PFC Ira H. Hays

Many thanks go to member and Marine Corps veteran Keith Vogler for lending the following book: "Investigating IWO. The Flag Raisings in Myth, Memory, and Esprit de Corps" (372 pages), Contributing Editor - Breanne Robertson. Publisher - Marine Corps History Division, Quantico, VA

Post Activities – May 2024

Post General meetings:

AL Riders Meeting – Saturday May 4 at 11AM

SAL Meeting – Saturday May 4 at 12:30 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – Monday May 13 at 5PM

Legion Meeting – Monday May 20 at 5:30PM

All other activities:

See the May calendar at https://alpost25az.org/documents/Calendar_May_2024.pdf

Also our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

Military News

April 25, 2024: Parsons Corporation has been awarded a \$63 million modification to its Recovery of Airbase Denied by Ordnance (RADBO) contract by the U.S. Air Force. The RADBO system is a 3kW continuous-fire laser which provides explosive ordnance personnel improved safety by allowing the destruction of unexploded ordnance from the interior of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles at distances that can exceed 1200 feet under optimal conditions.

<https://www.parsons.com/2024/04/parsons-increasing-production-of-u-s-air-forces-radbo-system/>

Knowledge Nugget

Each of the AL Post 25 Legion Family Bylaws require that all proceedings of the Post be conducted per Parliamentary Rules in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, revised.

So, who was this guy Robert? Henry Martyn Robert (May 2, 1837 – May 11, 1923) was an American soldier, engineer, and author. In 1876, he published the first edition of his manual of parliamentary procedure, "Robert's Rules of Order". He wrote the manual because of his poor performance leading a meeting at the First Baptist Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The meeting erupted into open conflict because of concerns about local defense, and he resolved to learn about parliamentary procedure before attending another meeting. Robert's Rules of Order, remains today the most common parliamentary authority in the United States and it is fully endorsed by the American Legion.

The guidance for using Robert's Rules of Order is found in the "Parliamentary Procedure" section of the [2024 American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, Pages 98-101](#)

Below are two short videos about making motions and amending a motion:

[The Basics of Making a Motion](#) (3 minute video)

[Robert's Rules of Order - Mastering the 3 Most Important Motions](#) (7 minute video)

Humor for the Month

