

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Second Vice - Vacant

Sergeant-At-Arms - Tony Walker (USCG)

Commander's Message



With Bikefest just recently happening, the Christmas parade coming up, and all the events Post 25 has had and will have in the future, I think that our Post is doing quite well. Members from all over the country love our Post; they all say that it is very nice and very friendly. That is definitely something we all should be proud of. Along that line lets see if we can make it even better, so if any member of Post 25 has any ideas of what we could do, please come to the general meeting and voice it, I'm all ears. In the heart of making the Post better, we are going to have a surprise for our members on Tuesday, November 7th, watch for it, many of you will have a ball.

Thanks everyone, Bill Tinnin, Commander

Veterans Service Officer's Message



The Million Veteran Program (MVP) is about to make history; they are 25,000 Veterans away from the one million milestone. MVP has already made genetic and health discoveries that help provide better care for all Veterans. **Mental Health:** Identifying new screenings and treatments for conditions such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, suicide, and substance use disorder. **Cancer:** Developing better ways to predict cancer in different Veteran populations. **And More:** Read about MVP's research at www.mvp.va.gov, including findings on heart disease, diabetes, Gulf War Illness, kidney disease, hearing and vision diseases, osteoarthritis, and Parkinson's disease. You can help by sharing your MVP story with other Veterans and invite them to join MVP at www.mvp.va.gov or call 866-441-6075 for more information.

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

Officer Profiles

So members can learn more about our Post 25 leadership, we are providing a Bio for one or two of our Officers each month from the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the America Legion.

Commander - Bill Tinnin



Bill has been a member of the American Legion and Post 25 for 11 years. His previous Post positions were Senior Vice Commander and Adjutant. Other current duties at the Post are: Liquor License holder, Kitchen Manager, Cook, Bingo Manager, Janitor, and House Committee Chairman responsible for building maintenance and grounds upkeep. Bill served in the Army from August 1972 to August 1976 (Specialist, E-4) as a Morse Code Interceptor in Berlin, Germany. After the Army, he was a Machinist, Welder, and involved in Real Estate. Bill lives in Cottonwood and is married to Lisa who is the Unit Auxiliary President. He has 4 children and 9 grandchildren, and loves flying, shooting, and the outdoors.

Executive Committee - Keith Vogler



Keith has been a member of the American Legion for 27 years and a member of Post 25 for 18 years. Previously he served as the Adjutant. Currently, he is also the Scholarship Committee Chairman. Keith served in the Marine Corp. from 1960 to 1965 (Corporal, E-4) in the Infantry, Administration, and Military Police. His duty stations were Hotel Company/2nd/4th, 1st Marine Brigade Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and Naval Shipyard, Sasebo, Japan. After the Marines, he worked at (and retired from) the Computer Services Department at Northern Arizona University (NAU). Keith is married, has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. His oldest granddaughter is a Naval Academy graduate, Class of 2021, and a 1st Lieutenant in the USMC, and his 2nd granddaughter is a Naval Academy graduate, Class of 2023, and 2nd Lieutenant in the USMC. His hobbies are hunting and sleeping.

General Announcements

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new member:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Arthur Barton – Army

Meeting Attendance drawing: The Legion general meeting is **November 20th at 6PM**. Since the attendance drawing winner was not present at the October meeting, the November 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.

The Post really needs your help: The position of Second Vice Commander has been vacant since July 1st, necessitating dual responsibilities for our other volunteer Officers. The 2nd Vice is the Chairman of the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee is in charge of all issues related to coordination of Post 25 hall rental and social activities. If you are interested in supporting our Post as the Second Vice Commander, then please contact Commander Bill Tinnin at commander@alpost25az.org or call 928-634-3004 for more information. This is a way you can support your Post so we can continue support veterans. If you are currently in retirement mode like myself, then why not? (Editor - DJKauppinen)

Upcoming Post Activities - November

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

Bar Bingo - every Thursday of each month, 5:30PM (except Thanksgiving)

Friday Lunch – 11/17 (only) this month, 12-2:00PM

Fish Fry – 11/10 and 11/17 (only) this month, 5-6:30PM

Karaoke – every Friday at 7PM

Auxiliary Unit Meeting – Monday 11/13, 5:00PM

Boy Scouts Dinner – Thursday November 16, 5-6:30PM, Chili Bar and Cornbread

Toys for Tots Bike Run – Saturday November 18

*****Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Class** – 11/19, 9AM-1PM, register at

<https://www.safearizona.com/events/cottonwood/>

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

Legion Meeting – Monday 11/20, 5:30PM

Crafts With Pam – Wednesday 11/29, 6PM, Fund Raiser, Trivets and Plates

Local Area Veteran Activities - November

Thursday, November 9 at 10AM: **Celebrating Sedona’s Women Veterans** event will be at the Sedona Library. This program will feature Jennifer Buehler, Camilla Ross, and Michele Zahner who will talk about their experiences as United States military veterans. The Marine Corps League, Verde Valley Detachment 1176, will be posting the colors. It's open to the public. If you have any questions, contact Hollace Davidson at (818)679-7242.

Saturday November 11 12PM-2PM: **Flag Replacement** at the Verde Valley Military Service Park, 100 E. Brian Mickelsen Parkway, Cottonwood, AZ. Color Guard from local military organizations will replace all flags presently flying over the park. At 1:00, the Camp Verde Cavalry will present the new United States flag to be raised and flown until Memorial Day, 2024. Challenge Coins and pre-flown flags will be available at the event. (Editor: It is an impressive event.)

Saturday, November 11 5:30PM to 10PM: **Marine Corp Birthday Celebration** at the Post [see Details](#) with Guest Speaker Lt.Gen. John F. Goodman USMC Retired [see Bio](#). Call Keith or Krys Vogler at 928-301-7358, if you have any questions.

How You Can Honor Veterans The **Verde Valley Military Service Park** also offers the opportunity to have a Verde Valley Veteran's name inscribed permanently on a granite monument for recognition of his or her service. For details see <https://verdevalleymilitaryservicepark.org/inscription-forms>

Military News

1) October 13, 2023: **Space Force** - The Department of the Air Force Published the Comprehensive Strategy for the Space Force. For more information see <https://www.spaceforce.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3556721/daf-publishes-comprehensive-strategy-for-the-space-force/>

2) October 27, 2023: **Coast Guard** - offloads nearly \$500 million in illegal narcotics at Port Everglades. For more information see: <https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/3571186/coast-guard-offloads-nearly-500-million-in-illegal-narcotics-at-port-everglades/>

3) November 1, 2023: **Army** - special operations, personnel cuts, and force redesign coming. <https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2023/11/01/personnel-cuts-and-a-force-redesign-ahead-for-army-special-operations/>

Time Capsule – 14 Years Ago in Afghanistan

On October 3, 2009, more than 300 Taliban insurgents descended upon US Army Combat Outpost (COP) Keating in Kamdesh, Afghanistan. The some 50 soldiers of the Black Knight Troop (3-61 Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division) stationed there were outnumbered and overwhelmed. Remarkably, they defeated their attackers, but at a terrible cost – eight died and 22 were injured. Two soldiers received the Medal of Honor, and 27 Purple Hearts, nine Silver Stars, 37 Army Commendation Medals with “V”, and 21 Bronze Stars were presented to others who fought. In 2020, a film about the attack was released based on Jake Tapper’s best-selling book, “The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor.” (Excellent movie: Editor) More information is available at <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/articles/battle-of-kamdesh.html>

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 by the 28th 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

