

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Adjutant's Message



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 myself).

Renew by October 31st to get the membership **Early Bird** stamp. All Early Birds are eligible for the Dec 9th Early Bird dinner which will be Chicken and Ribs this year.

James Galczynski, Adjutant

Veterans Service Officer's Message



Did you know VA provides benefits and resources for [end-of-life planning](#)? These services can help ease stress and provide peace of mind after a Veteran has passed away. One available insurance program is [VALife](#) which offers guaranteed acceptance of whole-life coverage up to \$40,000 for Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Spouses and family members of a Veteran or Service member may be eligible for survivor benefits that provide one-time or monthly payment.

To help document end-of-life care wishes, the VA offers [Advance Care Planning \(ACP\)](#) in which a Veteran can clarify his/her preferences for future health care. Veterans can also list a person they trust to make decisions on their behalf if they are unable to do so.

[VA burial and memorial benefits](#) preserve and honor a Veteran's legacy. These include a designated final resting place, grave liner, inscribed headstone or marker, a burial flag, and perpetual care of the gravesite. To better understand the benefits and eligibility, see the on-line [Pre-need Eligibility Application](#).

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor's Message



Each month when sending out the Bugle by email we receive several “undeliverable email” messages. This means the members forgot to notify us of a change, or the email is flagged by their email provider as “spam”. Even valid emails can sometimes end up in the Spam folder. Occasionally check your email Spam folder and mark any Post 25 emails as “Not Spam”. You can also “whitelist” emails coming from “alpost25az.org” in the email program settings.

When you change your email address, home address, or phone number, please let us know at adjutant@alpost25az.org or webmaster@alpost25az.org. You can also call the Post at 928-634-3004 with the new information. We want to keep you informed. David Kauppinen, Webmaster and Bugle Editor

General Announcements

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Kenneth Gordy – Army

Dylan Martinez – USAF

Meeting Attendance drawing: The Legion general meeting is **October 16th at 6PM**. Since the attendance drawing winner was not present at the August meeting, the October 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.

Upcoming Post Activities - October

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

Friday Lunch – first 2 Fridays (only) this month, 12-1:30PM

Fish Fry – first 2 Fridays (only) this month, 5-6:30PM

Karaoke – every Friday at 7PM

Auxiliary Unit Meeting – Monday October 9, 5:00PM

Legion Meeting – Monday October 16, 6PM

Octoberfest Theme Dinner by the Boy Scouts – Thursday October 19, 5-6:30PM

Bike Fest – Fri-Sat-Sun October 20-22, see calendar

Next month on Saturday, November 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m: **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.

Military News

1) The Navy announced that it is making promotion from E-3 (Seaman) to E-4 (3rd Class Petty Officer) automatic after having served 30 months in the Navy. This will start in July 2024. Currently sailors have to serve a minimum amount of time at the rank of E-3, take an advancement exam offered twice a year, and have their scores added to a complex formula that would compare them against all other sailors going for E-4 in their specific specialty to determine who would make the cut based on quotas set by the Navy. Read more at [Military.com](https://www.military.com).

2) Our Navy is “in extremis”, a nautical expression that indicates imminent danger. Virtually everyone agrees that the biggest threat to the US today and our way of life is from China (PRC). Fully 60% of our forward deployed naval combatants are in the Pacific keeping watch on China. Fact 1: The world is 70% ocean. Fact 2: 90% of the world’s commerce goes by sea. Fact 3: One third of the entire world’s commerce transits the South China Sea which is contiguous to mainland China. Fact 4: Any conflict with the PRC over Taiwan or any other pacific ally will totally disrupt the world’s economy including that of the U.S. Additionally, ships are taking much longer to repair and at higher cost than estimates indicated. The GAO in January 2023 reported, that “Sustainment Challenges Have Worsened across the Ship Classes Reviewed.” The GAO reviewed key sustainment metrics for 10 ship classes and found that from fiscal years 2011 through 2021, these classes faced persistent and worsening sustainment challenges. Read more of this article in "Armed Forces Press, Now Hear This - September 6th by Captain Brent Ramsey (O-6, retired) at his link <https://armedforces.press/author/brent/>

Time Capsule – Operation Enduring Freedom

On October 7, 2001, a U.S.-led coalition begins attacks on Taliban-controlled Afghanistan with an intense bombing campaign by American and British forces. Logistical support was provided by other nations including France, Germany, Australia and Canada and, later, troops were provided by the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance rebels. See more at <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/u-s-led-attack-on-afghanistan-begins>

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

