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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander Message



The Post will be closed July 7th, 8th, and 9th for floor tile repairs in the bar area. These days were selected, because they have the least impact on Post meetings and activities. Fortunately the tile is under warranty, so the only cost to the Post is labor.

We need volunteer Post member(s) who have a FCC Amateur Radio Operator License to provide orientation/training for the E-Committee and any interested members regarding the American Legion Department of Arizona Emergency Response Team trailer located in the back patio fenced area of the Post. If you can volunteer, please contact me at commander@alpost25az.org or 928-634-3004.

Be sure to come by the Post on July 4th and help us celebrate Independence Day!

Bill Tinnin, Commander

Adjutant Message



Members are reminded that Post 25 business cards are available at the Bar to hand out when you encounter other veterans around town. It is a good idea to get an email address and/or phone number so a follow-up contact can be made. I am available to answer membership and other questions at adjutant@alpost25az.org or 928-634-3004. I hope to see you at the next meeting on July 21

John Scott, Adjutant

Veterans Resource Officer Message



If you need someone to talk to, have problems with drugs, alcohol, depression, mental health, suicidal thoughts, then contact the Arizona Complete Health 24 hour crisis line at (844)-534-4673 or (844)-534-HOPE or Text 44673(4HOPE) TTY/TDD:711) You will get a live person who will help you. AZCompleteHealth.com

Please note that the Post 25 terminology used for the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) has been changed to Veteran Resource Officer (VRO) to align with the meanings used by the American Legion organization. The VRO contact email address has changed to vro@alpost25az.org, and the phone number remains the same at 928-634-3004.

Jamie Galczynski, VRO

Auxiliary President Message



The 2024 - 2025 American Legion Auxiliary year has come to a close. Our members dedicated a lot of hard work to our programs and completed many great things. At this years Convention Jun 26 to 29 - Unit 25 was awarded the following awards:

Poppy Hat - BLING - Runner up - Poppy Chair Julie Bickel
Poppy Hat - Silly - Winner - Poppy Chair Julie Bickel
Music Program Runner Up - Music Chair Patti Tucker
LaVan Erickson Leadership Plaque - Runner up - Leadership Chair DeDe Dexter
Sharon Alley Service To God and Country - Honorable Mention - Chaplain Kat Hampton
Unit 25 Member of the Year - Jennifer Cipolla
Sandy Conklin Award - Creative Arts - Winner - Unit 25
Over 100% Membership - Membership Chair Lisa Young
100% Impact Report 2025 - District 8 President - DeDe Dexter

2025 - 2026 Newly installed Officers: District 8 President - Lisa Young, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Chaplain - DeDe Dexter.

I want to thank all of Unit 25 members for all their handwork, dedication and support in all our programs. Please remember to TRACK all your hours and turn them in MONTHLY- they do make a difference. Let's make 2025 - 2026 a great year to remember.

DeDe Dexter, President Unit 25

Upcoming Post Activities – July 2025

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

- **July 4th Independence Day** celebration - 4PM to 7PM, Happy Hour, Pot Luck, Son's Burgers & Hot Dogs, and Sons raffle drawing for a "Drunken Smoker" which is an Electric Smoker with pellets and filled inside with bottles of alcohol. Please see the bartender to purchase tickets; tickets available until the drawing.
- The following meals will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
 - July 03 - Dog Town USA food truck
 - July 10 - Chicken Wings Dinner by Commander Bill
 - July 17 - Stroganoff, Salad, & Roll Dinner by Commander Bill
 - July 24 - Chili and Mac Casserole, Salad and Dessert Dinner by the Auxiliary
 - July 31 - Chicken Wings Dinner by Commander Bill

Officer Profile

Adjutant – John Scott



John has been a member of the American Legion for 51 years and Post 25 for 7 years. He served in the Army from 1970-1977 as a Sergeant 1st Class (E-6), Special Forces Aidman, Parachutist, and Advisor. John deployed to Vietnam as a medical advisor with Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) FROM 1972-1973. He was stationed at the DMZ in Korea from 1974-1975, and then moved to Tempe, AZ to finish college. In 1978 he became a Navy Ensign assigned to Intelligence. John served on the Aircraft Carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) and deployed to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf. He subsequently transferred to the Special Operations Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) program and was the EOD Operations Officer on the USS Belleau Wood (LHA-3), followed by EOD OIC at China Lake Naval Weapons Test Center, and Task Force 63 (CTF 63) in Naples, Italy. His final assignment as the Ordnance Officer at Naval Magazine Guam.

After John retired in 1993 LCDR (O-4), he worked as an Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Contractor in Kwajalein. In 1996 he and his wife Pat started a commercial UXO company (AMPRO) and did hundreds of UXO Clearance and Consulting Projects throughout the Pacific, Micronesia, and Hawaii over the next 25 years.

John and his wife of 36 years Pat (also a retired Navy Officer) moved back to Arizona in 2017 and settled in Cottonwood. Living with them is Pat's father Dillon Wood, USMC Gunnery Sergeant Retired (Korean War Veteran), and Pat's sister Rose Wood. His hobbies are RV Travel, ATV, Hiking, Wine Tasting, Shooting, and Computers. He says "We are now enjoying our Golden Years in this great town and now doing our part supporting this great Legion."

Military News

Operation Midnight Hammer, the Pentagon's codename for the strikes on Iran, marks the first-ever use of the GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), a 30,000-pound class weapon designed to strike hardened, deeply buried targets. The bombs are around 20 feet long and span six feet at their widest point. The MOP guides itself using a combination of GPS and an inertial navigation system, then impacts the surface at high speed while using a specialized steel alloy casing to "drill" through the ground, and finally detonates its roughly 5,000-pound warhead. The MOP can reportedly penetrate at least 200 feet, although newer models may be able to strike even deeper. If a single MOP is unable to reach the target, additional MOPs could be dropped to penetrate deeper underground. The B-2 Spirit is the only U.S. aircraft able to employ the MOP in combat and can carry two of the weapons.

<https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2025/06/19/bunker-buster-how-the-massive-ordnance-penetrator-mop-works/>

