

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander Message



Well everyone, welcome to summer it appears that it has sprung! I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all the Post 25 members that have given their personal time and energy to help make the Post better (I know it's an ongoing mission). I would also like to offer a special "thank you" to all the members throughout the Legion family that have given their time, thought, and efforts to accomplish that "mission". I'd also like to give a great thank you to the Yavapai County Sheriff Officers and trustees that put so much labor into the grounds around the Post, they did a fabulous job. (Trustees are inmates who have special privileges due to their good behavior. Under supervision, they can benefit the community by performing special projects.)

Bill Tinnin, Commander

Adjutant Message



The Post welcomes new member James Hudson, USAF, Vietnam.

Supporting American Legion Pillar III, Americanism: U.S. Flag Code 176(k) states that when a U.S. flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. On June 14th at 9AM there will be flag burning at Foothills Ranch, 7250 S State Route 69, Mayer, AZ 86333. Several area veteran organizations, including our Post, will be providing unserviceable flags. You are invited to attend. Also, if you or your friends have a faded or worn U.S. flag, then please bring them to the Post and place in the Unserviceable U.S. Flags Drop Box in front of the building before that date.

Jim Galczynski, Adjutant

Veterans Service Officer Message



Since 2019, the MISSION Act has enabled VA-enrolled Veterans to access health care from non-VA providers at the department's expense when it is in their best medical interest. These decisions have been made jointly by Veterans and their referring clinicians but were not considered final until they were reviewed by a second VA doctor. Effective immediately, VA will implement language in [Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act](#) that removes this extra review step. The change will give eligible Veterans faster access to community care.

This bill also addresses home care and caregiver programs provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Under the bill, the cost of providing non-institutional alternatives to nursing home care may not exceed the cost that would have been incurred if a veteran had been furnished VA nursing home care, unless the VA determines that a higher cost is in the best interest of the veteran. (Under current law, these expenditures are limited to 65% of the cost.) Additional information is available from the Post VSO.

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

Scholarship Awards for 2025 – Supporting American Legion Pillar III, Americanism

Legion Scholarship Committee Chairman Keith Vogler collected 12 scholarship applications from students residing in the Verde Valley area. These were reviewed and scored by DeDe Dexter and David Kauppinen, which was no easy task due to the high quality of the applicants. The ranking categories are academic achievements, community leadership, extracurricular activities, employment history, references, and grades. The two awardees will each get \$1,000:

Tanner Baker of Cottonwood who just completed his Freshman year at Western Texas College with a 4.0 GPA. Tanner is on the College President's List, and he is working toward an Animal Science/Dairy degree. Tanner's father Jordan Baker, is a USMC veteran.

Emily Frey of Sedona just graduated from Sedona Red Rock High School as the Valedictorian with a 4.39 GPA (weighted). She will be attending University of Pennsylvania to become a Dentist. Emily's grandfather Joseph Frey is a USAF veteran. For more see <https://www.redrocknews.com/2025/05/13/frey-is-srrhs-valedictorian/>

The Post 25 Auxiliary Unit also has scholarships available for students for Nursing and Education. After reviewing the Legion scholarship applications, the Auxiliary decided to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Jolene Earls of Cottonwood who just completed her Freshman year at Grand Canyon University with a 4.0 GPA. She is working toward a BS in Education degree. Jolene's grandfather Daniel Smith is a USAF veteran.

May 19th General Meeting Highlight



On May 19th attendees were give an Honor Flight Arizona presentation by Janice Hicks. Their mission is taking WWII, Cold War, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington D.C. at no cost to the veteran. A link to Honor Flight AZ has been added to the Veteran Resources section of our website <https://alpost25az.org>.

Upcoming Post Activities – June 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>

- Post Officer Installation - June 4th at 5PM with John Moffit, Area C Assistant Judge Advocate
- The following dinners will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
 - June 05 - Dinner by Dog Town
 - June 12 - Dinner by the Sons - Smash Burgers with all the fixins and fries
 - June 19 - Dinner by the Auxiliary - Ribs, coleslaw, roll, beans, watermelon
 - June 26 - Dinner by the Boy Scouts – Nacho Bar

Time Capsule - WWII



Befitting its name, the Ghost Army worked under the cloak of night. Camouflage experts used gasoline-fueled air compressors to inflate rubber tanks, jeeps, trucks, artillery, and aircraft that artists painted with details authentic enough to deceive Nazi aerial reconnaissance. Radio specialists sent misleading communications and even mimicked operators' unique styles to add authenticity to their fake reports. Sound engineers blared pre-recorded sounds of military drills and movements on enormous speakers that, in some instances, could be heard 15 miles away.

The unsung heroes of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Company Special carried out 25 battlefield deceptions in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Italy. They saved thousands of lives and helped win the war, but their efforts were kept secret for fifty years and were only recently officially recognized with the award of a Congressional Gold Medal. Ref. [History.com](https://www.history.com) and [Ghost Army.org/](https://ghostarmy.org/)

Military News



The NMESIS (Navy Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System) employs the Naval Strike Missile (NSM), a highly capable, subsonic cruise missile that provides precise, long-range strike capabilities against a wide range of maritime targets. The ROGUE-Fires Carrier, a robotic unmanned ground vehicle, provides high mobility across a range of terrains, enabling the NMESIS system to reposition rapidly as battlefield conditions change. This flexibility allows the Marine Corps to conduct operations in a distributed manner, deploying missiles at long-range standoff distances while remaining difficult to detect and counter. These are now being deployed in the Philippines and Japan to counter

the Chinese threat. Reference: [Global Defense News](https://www.globaldefense.com) and [Marine Corp Times](https://www.marinecorpstimes.com)

