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*Post Officers through their leadership are vital to advancing the American Legion's Four Pillars: I-Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, II National Security, III Americanism, and IV - Children & Youth. (Reference [Why You Should Belong](#))*

## Adjutant Message



Post 25 Membership: The new Legion Fiscal Year is upon us as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Along with that is the issue with the 2027 Membership Cards which we will receive at Convention end of this month. You have two options for membership renewal:

1. Keep your 2026 membership, it's still good for the next 6 months and expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

2. Renew with the new 2027 Legion Membership card on July 1<sup>st</sup> or later – this card is good for the next 18 months to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. It's likely the Legion will also promote this through "Early Bird" stamp which provides a dinner to members with this stamp later in the year (usually in December).

If you need to contact me, you can:

a) leave a note with your name, phone number, and address at the Bar,

b) send an email to [amprouxo@hotmail.com](mailto:amprouxo@hotmail.com)

John Scott, Adjutant

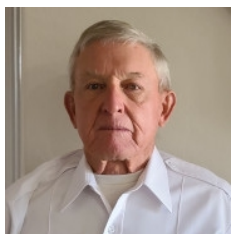
## Veterans Service Officer Message



The Phoenix VA presents "First Tuesday Dementia Series 2026 on June 2nd" by Jan Dougherty (MA, RN, FAAN) from 11AM-12PM. You can join virtually using the [Presentation Link](#) or by phone 1-404-397-1956 [Code 2762 187 4023 PIN: 3583]. For more information, call 602-277-5551 extension 7393.

Jamie Galczynski, VRO

## Post Scholarship Committee Message



There were three \$1000 scholarships awarded this year. It is my pleasure to provide a brief introduction to each of our recipients:

The first recipient is Tanner Baker, MUHS graduate. This is Tanner's second time being the recipient of the Post 25 scholarship. He received his associates from Texas Western this year in applied science in animal sciences and is accepted into the Texas Tech University Agricultural Education program with a goal of graduating with a degree as an agriculture science teacher in 2028. During his two years at Texas Western College he received many awards including being named the Top Agriculture Science student this year. He was also twice awarded the President's award for academic achievement.

The second recipient is Jolene Earls, this is Jolene's third time being a recipient of the Post 25 scholarship. She will be returning to Grand Canyon University with a goal of receiving her bachelor's degree in education with a plan of teaching kindergarten. Jolene wants to continue her education and earn a masters degree specializing in early literacy so that she can effectively teach foundational reading skills.

The third recipient (funded by the Auxiliary) is Glenna Barnes, a graduate of Sedona Red Rock High School with a GPS of 3.8 and number 18 in her graduating class. She has received many honors including Senior Class President, National Honor Society, Principal's Honor Roll, and Arizona Girls State Ambassador plus other awards. Glenna is accepted into the Northern Arizona University Honors Program, and will be pursuing a degree in marketing and international business. Her goal is to be able to study abroad through the NAU business program after her first two years in the program.

Thanks to all Legion members for supporting this program that benefits our students.

Keith Vogler, Chairman

## New Members

Post 25 welcomes the following new and transfer Legion members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

*Mathew Macho - USAF*

*Gregory Long - Navy*

*Dennis Campbell - Navy*

## Auxiliary President Message



Come out Jun 8th at 5pm to meet your newly elected 2026 - 2027 Auxiliary Officers. We will be giving out some awards during our meeting including the "2025 - 2026 Unit 25 Member of the Year". Installation of Auxiliary Officers will be at 5:30PM on June 15<sup>th</sup> which is open to everyone so please come out and welcome them to the Post family.

DeDe Dexter, President Unit 25

## SAL Squadron Commander Message



Reminder that our next monthly meeting is on June 1st at 5pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone. The Sons Dinner will be on June 14th starting at 5pm. We will be serving Pulled Pork, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw. Please come out and support your Squadron. Installation of SAL Officers will be at 5:30PM on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Shriver, Squadron Commander

## Upcoming Post Activities – June 2026

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

- The following meals will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
  - June 04 - Food Truck: Dog Town
  - June 11 - SAL: Stuffed Pork Loin, Wild Rice and Corn
  - June 18 - Auxilary: Beef Stroganoff, Salad, Roll
  - June 25 - Boy Scouts: Nachos and Fixins
- June 15, Installation of all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders Officers at 5:30PM

## Military News - Medium Unmanned Surface Vessels (MUSV)



The Navy selected seven entrants in the Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel marketplace to advance to the next phase - prototype evaluation. Selected industry partners must successfully complete at-sea demonstrations to prove the maturity of their systems. After successful at-sea demonstrations prior to October 2026, the Navy plans to work with industry to

have vessels available for Navy leasing or procurement in fiscal year 2027. The MUSV must have the ability to travel 2,500 nautical miles at 25 knots in sea state 4 carrying a payload of up to 25 metric tons. The payload needs to accommodate at least two 40-foot shipping containers and operate autonomously with the shipbuilder able to field an operational vessel by Fiscal Year 2027.

(Ref. USNI News, Sam LaGrone, May 22, 2026)

## Military History - When General Patton Called on God



General George Patton needed a miracle. In December 1944, the Allies found themselves stuck. Rain had plagued the troops daily since September, turning roads into rivers of muck, slowing trucks and tanks to a crawl. A thick ceiling of clouds had grounded American warplanes, allowing the Germans to reinforce. The sprint to Berlin had become a muddy, bloody stalemate, costing thousands of American lives.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Patton seethed, desperate for some change, any change, in the weather. A devout Christian, he telephoned his head chaplain. "Do you have a good prayer for the weather?" he asked. The resulting prayer was soon printed and copies distributed to the 250,000 men under Patton's command. The men were told "Pray when driving. Pray when fighting. Pray alone. Pray with others. Pray by night and pray by day. Pray for the cessation of immoderate rains, for good weather for Battle. Pray for victory. Pray for Peace."

Then came the Battle of the Bulge which took place from December 16 to January 25, 1945. Amid frigid temperatures and heavy snow, 200,000 German troops overwhelmed the meager American lines in Belgium's Ardennes Forest, massacring thousands of soldiers as the attack converged on a vital crossroads town called Bastogne. There, the 101st Airborne was dug in, but the enemy was lurking, hidden in the thick blanket of fog that seemed to never dissipate. A hundred miles of frozen roads to the south, Patton needed an answer to his prayer, fast, before it was too late. On December 23 his prayers were answered; the skies cleared, allowing a massive allied air force to wreak havoc on the German forces and supply lines. "What a glorious day for killing Germans!" Patton wrote in his diary. (Ref. Patton's Prayer: A True Story of Courage, Faith, and Victory in World War II, by Alex Kershaw)

A detailed overview of the battles, force comparisons, a 3 minute video, and other statistical information can be found at [National WWII Museum](#) and [Battle of the Bulge -Wikipedia](#).

