

# THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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## Commander's Message



Hello Legion Family, well, here we are in 2023! Lots going on in February folks. Come join us for the Auxiliary Sweetheart Dance on February 11th! You can pick up tickets at the bar at any time. Partner or no partner, it's a great time! The Son's Steak Fry was a hit in January! If you missed it, there will be another one on February 18th. What a meal it is! Plus a "Bonus Bingo Nite"! If you renewed your membership and you are an "Early Bird", come join us for an Early Bird Dinner on Feb 25th. Come enjoy some lasagna, salad and garlic toast on us! RSVP with bartender at 928-634-3004. Dinner is provided every Thursday night except for the last week of the month and Bar Bingo is every Thursday. And, don't forget our great Fish Fry on Friday's! We appreciate you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Nancy Hay, Commander Post 25

## Veterans Service Officer's Message



The Northern Arizona VA Health Care System, in partnership with the DAV Transportation Network is recruiting additional volunteers to help provide transportation for eligible Veterans to and from scheduled medical appointments at facilities across Northern Arizona. To become a DAV Transportation Network volunteer, drivers must have a valid, state-issued license, show proof of personal auto insurance, pass a basic physical through the VA, and commit to one year of volunteering for the program. The VA will provide the driver physical, all required training as well as the vehicles used for transportation. Volunteer drivers that work a minimum of four (4) hours are eligible for a free meal at the Prescott VA's main campus. Volunteer drivers do not have to be a Veteran or a DAV member. We are looking for committed individuals who want to serve Veterans and show their appreciation for all that they've done in the service of our Nation. For more information on becoming a volunteer driver, please contact the Northern Arizona VA Voluntary Service Office at (928) 776-6013. Jamie Galczynski, VSO Post 25

## General Announcements

Attendance drawing: The Legion member general meeting attendance drawing cash prize now stands at **\$60**. The amount will increase \$20 each month until won or the prize amount reaches \$100. The amount will stay at \$100 until someone wins it. After it is won, the prize reverts to \$20. In order to win, the member has to be present at the meeting and in good standing which means dues up to date. The next general meeting is on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Hope to see you there.

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following New members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Rady Hegsted (N) – Marine Corps  
Tyson Shelly (N) – Marine Corps

Michael Pias (N) – Air Force  
Michael Sulzer (N) - Navy

Standing Orders: The Post is in the process of creating nine (9) Standing Orders. These administrative documents specify how things are done at the Post to ensure consistency and continuity. Since the Standing Orders are internal documents, they will not be posted on our website. However, they are available for viewing at the Post. As of February 1, the following seven (7) Standing Orders have been approved:

SO-1 Rules of Conduct  
SO-2 Sexual Harassment Policy  
SO-3 Dues and Membership  
SO-4 Post Access and Meeting Times

SO-6 Kitchen Rules  
SO-7 Bar Rules  
SO-8 Post Events and Planning

## Upcoming Post Activities

The Post calendar is on <https://alpost25az.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

**Live Country Band** – every Sunday 2PM-5PM except February 12th

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**Free Pool** – every Tuesday and Thursday

**Dinner** 5PM-6:30PM – every Thursday, see calendar for menu.

**Bingo** - every Thursday of each month, 6PM

**SAL Lunch** - first 3 Fridays of each month, 12PM to 3PM, see calendar for menu.

**Fish Fry** - first 3 Fridays of each month, 5PM to 6:30PM

**Karaoke** – every Friday, 7PM

**SAL Steak Night** - 3rd Saturday of each month, 5PM-6:30PM, \$24.00

**Bonus Bingo** - 3rd Saturday of each month, 7PM

**Sweetheart Dance** - February 11 - 6PM to Midnight, drinks at 5PM

**Early Bird Dinner** - February 25 - 5PM-7PM, choice of Baked Chicken or  
John's deluxe meatballs with onion gravy

## General Announcements (Continued)



**2nd Annual  
Sweet Heart Dance  
American Legion Post 25  
February 11th 2023  
Drinks 5:00pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Dance 7:00 pm with the Izzies**

Ticket cost per person \$30 (including dinner)  
(Short Ribs, Garlic Shrimp & Chicken w/Mac & Cheese & Salad)

No dinner - just to enjoy the band \$10 at the door

Please see Bartender for tickets or call/text Terri @ 928-301-1162

## Time Capsule - 70 Years Ago

Had you opened your morning paper 70 years ago looking for news of one of the most dramatic events in history - the first explosion of a thermonuclear “hydrogen bomb” on November 1, 1952 - you would have found...nothing. Same with the next day, and the next.



On Wednesday, November 5, the papers would have been full of stories about Dwight Eisenhower’s election as President the day before. On Friday, a few writers started to hint that a huge bomb had been exploded out in the Pacific. It wasn’t until the next day, a week after the “Ivy Mike” test, that an article appeared in the *Los Angeles Examiner*, based on a single eyewitness account.

The anonymous observer had been on the command ship USS *Estes* off the Eniwetok atoll, 30 miles from the blast, which unleashed 10.4 megatons of energy, 1,000 times that of the Hiroshima bomb, and twice the total explosive power of all the bombs dropped in WWII. (Reference <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/air-space-magazine/first-hydrogen-bomb-180967074/>)

## 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 500 Legion family members at Post 25, so your message will get wide distribution. Send your submittal to [newsletter@alpost25.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost25.org) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to ensure it is included in the next issue of the Bugle. (Note: If you like, the Scribe will help with editing.)