

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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As of June 20th our new officers and E- Committee were installed by John Moffitt (District 8)

Commander- Nancy Hay

1st Vice – Bill Tinnin

2nd Vice – Dede Dexter

Adjutant- James Galzycinski

Finance Officer- Neal McGuire

E-Committee: David Williams, Wayne Boren, Keith Vogler

We would like to recognize Bill Tinnin and some of his accomplishments while our Commander for the last seven years. Membership is stronger, volunteerism is stronger, and the unity of family is stronger. In his tenure he created one of the best fish fries of any Legion in the state. He was one of the few involved in creating bar bingo which has proven to be a huge success. That gave the post the ability to pay off the second mortgage. It also allowed the Post to focus on helping veterans in need, which is our mission. We were also in a position to get the roof fixed to stop all the leaks and repave the parking lot, which was in dire need. During the COVID shut down under his leadership Bill and his teams spent countless hours cleaning, painting and reorganizing the entire Post. There were so many things that go unnoticed. All the shopping, all the cooking, all the time spent to ensure all who came here have a memorable experience. Under Bill's leadership all of the entities, The Sons, The Auxiliary, The Riders and the Legionnaires have come together as a family. Many posts do not have this bond. We have been truly blessed. We salute you Bill for a job well done.

Commanders Update

As incoming Commander, my hopes are to continue the momentum Bill has created with this amazing group of volunteers and members. I am honored that you would have me represent you as Commander. My goal is to have this post be the best in the state and fulfill our mission of helping veterans and their families and the community. But I can't do it without you! Let's do this! I love you all and see you soon! Nancy Hay

According to the most recent reports Terri Streck's recovery is coming along nicely, with continued rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for her recovery, still a long road.

For the many other weekly recreation and meal events and monthly activities, be sure to check the Post calendar located on our website – <https://alpost25az.org>.

We are having a July 4th potluck. (see attached flyer for info)

We are still working on the floor fund for the Bar area. We are currently at \$1900. The plan is to remove the carpet and tile and update with new commercial flooring.

Riders Director's Update

The Riders are sponsoring The Thunder Valley Rally Poker Run on September 17. We would appreciate volunteers to assist with the event. See website for registration <https://alpost25az.org> . Our trip to American Legion Convention in Oro Valley was successful, good news we were picked for 2023 Bike Fest. (more info to follow)
Billy Wright

Finance Director's Update

I'm making a request for Volunteers for the post... any previous work experience can be put to good use, so please provide your interest to new officers. Finance is in need of a few people with Accounting 101 principles to assist in Financial Audits, so please speak to Neal McGuire at the Post. Neal McGuire

During World War II Steinway & Sons Airdropped Pianos for American Troops



At first, Steinway was prohibited from building pianos due to government restrictions on iron, copper, brass, and other raw materials. The factory bided its time producing coffins and parts for troop transport gliders, until it was granted a contract to send pianos to soldiers. Steinway made over 3,000 "Victory Vertical" pianos designed specifically for troops in battle between 1942 and 1953. The pianos came in olive, blue, and gray drab. In 1942, the first "Victory Vertical" was dropped by parachute, complete with tuning equipment and instructions. For American troops in a faraway country during World War II, music was an excellent way to give them peace of mind and remember why they were fighting. Read more at

<https://www.steinway.com/news/features/steinway-sons-victory-vertical>