

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

Post 25 Cottonwood AZ
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COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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The regular monthly Post meeting will be on Monday May 16th at 6 PM. At this meeting elections for the 2022-2023 Post Officers will occur. Please vote between 10am and 4pm on May 16.

The nominees are:

Commander- Nancy Hay

1st Vice – Bill Tinnin

2nd Vice – Dede Dexter

Adjutant- James Galzycinski

Finance Officer- Neal Mcguire

E-Committee: David Williams, Wayne Boren, Ken Gregory, Keith Vogler (choose 3)

Election is 10am – 4pm **Mark your calendar and BE SURE TO VOTE** May 16 Monday.

The latest draft versions of the Post 25 Constitution and By-Laws for your review have been placed on our website alpost25az.org in the upper right corner of the main page. The Constitution and By-Laws were read the first time at the meeting on April 18. As a result of that discussion, the Post Adjutant has been changed to an elected position. If you have any comments, then send an email to David Kauppinen, webmaster@alpost25az.org, or DeDe Dexter, 2vcommander@alpost25az.org . The second and final reading will be at the May 16 meeting.

A member of our Post 25 family, Auxiliary/ Rider/ Bartender (Terri Streck) was severely injured in a motorcycle accident along with her son (Kody Hageman) They are incurring daily medical expenses and we are requesting any donations to go through Lisa Young at the Bar. The family is keeping Lisa updated on their condition and request that people not attempt to contact the family directly.

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>

Celebration of Life for Bill Crawford May 7th 11am- ?

Celebration of Life for Francis Conrad May 25th 4-8pm

Memorial Day May 30th get together- all proceeds to benefit Terri & Kody- Dunk Tank for Officers, 50/50 raffle-Rifle Raffle- inquire at Bar

(All events will be at the Post)

Post Commander's Update

Another great job by the Auxiliary for assisting with the Combat Veterans of Arizona . We have obtained 21 new tables and 84 chairs. We have a new ADT security system ,new Jukebox and and on June 1st a new Point of Sale system. We are working hard to make Post 25 the Best Post in Arizona
Bill Tinnin

Veterans Service Officer's Update

Have you received a suspicious call from an organization claiming to represent or have affiliation with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)? Did the caller guarantee a lucrative payout for your disability compensation or pension claim for a "small fee"?

If so, you may be a target of a scammer. Recently, VA has seen an increase of fraudsters and non-accredited representatives who are targeting the pension benefits of elderly Veterans and their dependents and survivors.

VA is committed to defeating fraudsters, who target elderly Veterans, by educating them, their families, and all partners about the types of fraudulent tactics being used against them, including, [**Pension Poaching**](#).

Unit Auxiliary President Update

Please join us for our meetings every 2nd Monday at 5pm in the Hall. Our next meeting is May 9th. We will have elections for the Auxiliary officers for next term. We can always use some fresh ideas. We also have the Winners for the Americanism/Patriotism joining us. They will be reading their essays. Come join us for this Special Event. Please join us on Memorial Day for Terri Streck and Kody Hageman fundraiser. If you have any ideas for this event, please let me know. Our prayers are with Terri and the family. Lisa Young-Tinnin

S.A.L Commander's Update

Just a reminder that Sons have lunches on Friday at the Post. No Sons steak dinner this month due to car show. Billy Wright

Riders Director's Update

The Riders are sponsoring the Armed Forces Car Show on Saturday May 21 from 10 am to 2pm. In addition, there are activities on Friday evening and Sunday during the day. See website for registration details. <https://alpost25az.org> The Riders are also sponsoring The Thunder Valley Rally Poker Run on September 17. We would appreciate volunteers to assist with both of these events. 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.

- Military History -

Post Everlasting April 23, 2022

Kenneth E. Stumpf

Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient



Vietnam veteran Kenneth E. Stumpf passed away at age 77 on Saturday, April 23, 2022, in Tomah, Wisconsin. Kenneth was a member of Post 38 in Appleton, WI.

According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Stumpf earned the top honor while serving in Vietnam. On April 25, 1967, Stumpf's platoon in Duc Pho, Vietnam, was attacked and three of his fellow troops were wounded in heavy gunfire.

"Ignoring the fire that was concentrated on him, Stumpf left cover three times to carry each one back to friendly lines. He then organized the remaining men to neutralize two enemy bunkers. Stumpf took on a third bunker by himself, despite machine gun fire directed on him, enabling the success of the mission and preventing further loss of American soldiers," the society said. (Reference 1)

President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded Stumpf the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions on that day.

“I’ve always said I didn’t do anything above and beyond the call of duty,” Stumpf said of his actions on the battlefield. “What I did was my duty. I had to do that... it was a responsibility that I had to my men.”

Born in Neenah, Wisconsin, on Sept. 28, 1944, Stumpf was working at a factory job when he was drafted in 1965. He served three tours in Vietnam, and in 1994, he retired as a Sergeant Major after serving nearly three decades in the Army.

Be sure to watch the video below about Kenneth’s life, interestingly, it includes playing American Legion baseball as a youngster and his account of the combat action that resulted in the Medal of Honor. (Reference 2)

Submitted by David Kauppinen

References

- 1) <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/kenneth-e-stumpf> (full citation)
- 2) <https://vimeo.com/398960213> (*An interview with this hero*)
- 3) <https://americanmilitarynews.com/2022/04/medal-of-honor-recipient-kenneth-stumpf-dies-at-77>