

# THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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## Commander's Message



Happy Easter everyone, Spring is on it's way, and I hope all are doing well. Again, we need members to step up and nominate a person to be an Officer, or better yet, volunteer for an Officer position. Nominations will be at the General meeting on April 15th starting at 5:30pm. If you have any questions, then please contact me.

Note that we are going to have a mural painted on the front of our building. The idea was initiated by Billy Wright, SAL Squadron Commander.

This beautiful artwork is a form of signage that lets people know that we are the American Legion and depicts a historical scene from WWII. All 4 Legion families overwhelmingly approved this project and are sharing in the cost. If you have not seen what is planned, then please come in and check it out. By the way, I am running for Cottonwood City Council and would really appreciate your support.



Bill Tinnin, Commander

## Scholarship Committee



Post Scholarship 2024: This \$1,000 award can be used for any kind of advanced education. This is a reminder that Applications are due by May 5<sup>th</sup>. See website home page or this link: [AL Post 25 Scholarship Application](#)

In addition, volunteers are needed to help evaluate the scholarship applications. The objective is to have volunteers that are as neutral as possible. Please contact Keith Vogler at [scholarship@alpost25az.org](mailto:scholarship@alpost25az.org) if you can support this program.

## Officer Profiles

So members can learn more about our Post 25 leadership, we are providing a Bio for one or two of our Officers each month from the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the America Legion.

### Webmaster and Newsletter Editor – David Kauppinen



David has been a member of the American Legion for 57 years and Post 25 for 3 years. He is also on the Post Constitution and Bylaws Committee. David served in the Navy from 1964-1971 as a nuclear trained Machinist Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (E-6) on 3 submarines. While on the USS Pargo (SSN-650) he spent 3 weeks under the Arctic Ocean ice pack which culminated in surfacing through the ice at the North Pole. As a civilian, David worked at 6 nuclear power plants across the U.S. in the area of startup testing, plant operation, procedure development, and consulting. After retiring from Southern California Edison in 2008, he became a Webmaster and continues to support 4 veteran groups. David lives in Clarkdale, has been married to Cricket for 56 years, has 2 children, and 5 grandchildren (ages 18 to 32). Hobbies are stock investing and DIY projects.

## General Announcements

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following 4 new members:



ARMY

**William Mackinnon** – Army



MARINES

**Robert Henderson** – US Coast Guard



NAVY



AIR FORCE

**Doris Peterson** – Army



COAST GUARD

**Rudolph Fuentes** – Navy

Meeting Attendance drawing: The next Legion general meeting is **April 15th at 5:30 PM**. Since there was no winner at the March meeting, the April drawing will stay at \$100. After it is won, the prize reverts to \$20. The winner has to be present at the meeting and in good standing.

Naming of the Post Event Hall: The event hall has been named **Wayne Boren Hall** in honor of longtime member, Post Officer, Bingo Caller, and friend. If you missed it, Wayne's bio was published in the December issue of the Bugle: [https://alpost25az.org/newsletter/Bugle\\_December\\_2023.pdf](https://alpost25az.org/newsletter/Bugle_December_2023.pdf)

American Legion Oratorical Contest – 2024: Congratulations to Frank VanDevender representing Post 25. Frank came in 6<sup>th</sup> place and won a \$600 scholarship, this was his first time ever competing in the contest. Amy you should be very proud! See <https://azlegion.org/2024-oratorical-state-finals-results-23-march-2024/>

Post Everlasting: Post member and Vietnam War Navy Veteran of Clarkdale recently passed on. See link: [Raymond Isaacs Obituary](#)

American Legion Pillar IV: Children & Youth: The AL Post 25 Sweetheart Dance on February 10th made a profit of \$2256 and the funds were given to the Auxiliary Unit Family Fund. The Family Fund helps local needy families and children.

## General Announcements (continued)

Arizona Crisis Team (ACT) Volunteer: ACT is a non-profit organization that provides emotional, practical, and resource assistance to citizens in Yavapai County. Training for volunteers begins for the Prescott/Quad Cities and Verde Valley/Sedona areas on Friday, April 12, 2024. For more information, see: [https://alpost25az.org/documents/ACT Training Information April 2024.pdf](https://alpost25az.org/documents/ACT_Training_Information_April_2024.pdf)



The American Legion Amateur Radio Club: We're back on the air at [www.talarc.org](http://www.talarc.org) Get involved and spread the word! Hosted by Gordon-Cohen LA Post 157. Notification sent by Mark Armstrong, WB5VDG. Net Control 2023-2024 [wb5vdg@arrl.net](mailto:wb5vdg@arrl.net) (March 20, 2024)

VA News: Before you shop be sure to check this link [Businesses Offering Veteran Discounts Year-round](#)

## Time Capsule - Lone Survivor - 1944

It was March 5, 1944, when the submarine USS Tullibee (SS-284) left Pearl Harbor to support 11 aircraft carriers striking against Japanese forces at Palau, and it was the last time the boat was seen. On March 26, 19-year-old Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Cliff Kuykendall was a lookout on the bridge of the Tullibee when a convoy of 7 Japanese ships was spotted on radar. The sub fired two Mark-14 torpedoes at the convoy, but shortly after the submarine was struck by a huge explosion. Cliff ended up in the sea as the only survivor and watched the boat quickly sink. He was picked up by a Japanese destroyer. With no subsequent communication with the Tullibee, the Navy assumed that all 79 crewmembers were lost.



Shortly after the Japanese government surrendered on September 2, 1945, allied POWs in Japan were all set free. Among them was Cliff Kuykendall who had worked in copper mines as a prisoner of war for 17 months. When reporting what happened, Cliff said the sub was not sunk by the Japanese, but that one of the fired torpedoes made a circular run and returned to sink the submarine.

The Mark-14 torpedo tended to run too deep, explode prematurely, or not explode at all. However, the most lethal drawback was the torpedo's tendency to run a circular course that returned it to submarine from which it was fired due to the gyro system failure which controlled the rudder.

During WWII, there were 24 recorded incidents of a circular run torpedo. In 22 of those cases, the submarines managed to evade the torpedo. Unfortunately, the USS Tang (SS-306) and USS Tullibee did not. (Reference: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/instant-articles/ss-tullibee-us-wwii-submarine.html>)

## Military News – Army and Air Force

Army Unit to Field Next Generation Squad Weapons: On March 29<sup>th</sup> soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, became the first Army unit equipped with the Next Generation Squad Weapon systems. The 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment accepted [the next-gen weaponry](#) - the SIG Sauer XM7 rifle, XM250 automatic rifle, XM157 fire control advanced optic, and the 6.8 mm family of ammunition ([also known as the .277 Fury](#)) in preparation for a training course in April.



Reference: <https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-army/2024/03/29/101st-airborne-first-army-unit-to-field-next-generation-squad-weapons/>

## Military News – Army and Air Force (Continued)

Air Force First Grey Wolf Patrol Helicopter: On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Grey Wolf will be used to patrol the intercontinental ballistic missile fields at Malmstrom AFB, Montana; Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming; and Minot AFB, North Dakota. It replaces the UH-1N Hueys that entered service in 1970. The 341st Missile Wing filmed Malmstrom's first Grey Wolf touching down on base March 5. Officials from Air Force Global



Strike Command, which manages the service's nuclear enterprise, and the helicopter community celebrated the milestone at a March 9 ceremony. "Today we begin a new era in ICBM security," 582nd Helicopter Group Commander Col. Philip Bryant said at the Malmstrom event. Bringing on the MH-139 is one piece of the Air Force's multibillion-dollar

modernization of its nuclear weapons, the aircraft that carry them, and the assets to safeguard them. The Air Force says the Grey Wolf can cruise 50% faster and farther than the Huey, with a 30% larger cabin and the ability to lift an additional 5,000 pounds. Though the service had originally planned to purchase as many as 84 helicopters from Boeing under a \$2.4 billion production contract, it now expects purchase only 48 operational air frames. Ref. <https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2024/03/15/air-forces-first-grey-wolf-patrol-helicopter-arrives-at-malmstrom/>

## Post Activities – April 2024

### Post General meetings:

AL Riders Meeting – Saturday April 6 at 11AM  
SAL Meeting – Saturday April 6 at 12:30 PM  
Auxiliary Meeting – Monday April 8 at 5PM  
Legion Meeting – Monday April 15 at 5:30PM

April 13, CCW Class – 9AM-1PM, register at <https://www.safearizona.com/events/cottonwood/>  
Post members leave Credit Card spaces blank and use Coupon Code "ALP25"

### All other activities:

See the April calendar at [https://alpost25az.org/documents/Calendar\\_April\\_2024.pdf](https://alpost25az.org/documents/Calendar_April_2024.pdf)

Also our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

## Humor for the Month

