

# THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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**25**  
COTTONWOOD AZ

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Second Vice - Suzan Lehnertz (USAF/USN)

Sergeant-at-Arms - Tony Walker (USCG)

## Commander's Message



The Post membership free Early Bird Dinner will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. The menu is fall off the bone oven roasted BBQ ribs or chicken breast, creamy au gratin potatoes, cauliflower with cheese sauce, salad, and roll. Guests and non-Early Bird members are welcome for \$12 each. If you are attending, remember to sign up at the bar or call the Post at 928-634-3004 **by December 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Bill Tinnin, Commander

## Veterans Service Officer's Message



Scams against veterans are on the rise. Pension poaching is a fraudulent scheme that targets Veterans, their families, and survivors who may be potentially eligible for VA benefits. Scammers often use the tactic of convincing you to buy a gift card, such as those from Google Play, Amazon, or Apple Card, and then provide them with the card number and PIN codes on the back. Unaccredited coaches or benefits counselors will guarantee a 100% rating from the VA, but only the VA can assess a benefits disability rating based on medical and service records. In addition, some educational institutions and programs employ deceptive practices and make exaggerated promises regarding the value and earning potential of their degrees. Protect your benefits by only choosing G.I. Bill approved schools. See [USVAVBA Bulletin for November 12-18 International Fraud Week](#) for more information.

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

## 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.

### Sergeant at Arms – Tony Walker



Tony has been a member of the American Legion for 12 years and Post 25 for 9 years. He has been the Post Sergeant at Arms for several years, volunteers in the kitchen as a cook, and helps with the medical shed. Tony served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1965 to 1969 (Seaman, E-3) as a search and rescue deckhand. He served on the USCGC Glacier 1966-1967, Antarctica, Operation Deep Freeze. His duty stations were Charleston, SC, Key West, FL, Boston, MA, and Longbeach, CA. As a civilian, Tony worked for Wabash Rail Road, Norfolk and Western Railway, Illinois State Police, and retired in 1998 from the Marissa, IL Police Department (2003-2010). He lives in Sedona, is married with 2 stepchildren. His stepson is a USAF Captain (22 years) Drone Pilot, Instructor, and Evaluator. His stepdaughter and granddaughter live in Springfield, IL. Tony's son and daughter are both deceased. His hobby is fishing.

### Executive Committee – Wayne Boren



Wayne has been a member of the American Legion for 35 years and Post 25 for 8 years. He was the Second Vice Commander from 2019-2021. He also volunteers as one of the Thursday night Bingo Callers. Wayne served as a Supply Officer in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1995 (Commander, O-5). His duty stations were Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, FL, Fighter Squadron One, USS Enterprise (CVN-65), NAS New Orleans, USS Decatur (DDG-31), Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific, USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), USS Texas (CGN-39), MCAS El Toro, CA, and Defense Supply Office, San Diego. After the Navy, Wayne was a Civil Service employee at the San Diego Naval Shipyard from 2001-2012. He lives in Clarkdale, is married to Joyce, and has 2 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Wayne's hobby is beer.

## General Announcements

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

**Robert Kaupelis – U. S. Army**

**Arthur Barton – U.S. Army**

**Annette Moody – U.S. Coast Guard**

The Second Vice Commander position has been filled by Suzan Lehnertz, a veteran of both the Air Force and the Navy. She is now the Chairman of the Planning Committee which is in charge of all issues related to coordination of Post 25 hall rental and social activities. Thank you Susan for volunteering!

Community Service: American Legion Post 25 member and U. S. Coast Guard veteran Tony Walker helped raise the new American Flag at the Verde Valley Military Veterans Park in Cottonwood on November 11, 2023. See photo at <https://alpost25az.org/photos.html>

## Post 25 VSO Recognition Plaque



At the November 20<sup>th</sup> general meeting Commander Bill Tinnin presented the American Legion Dept. of Arizona “2023 Outstanding Service Officer Award” to our VSO Jamie Galczynski.

The Post congratulations Jamie for her service to veterans!

Meeting Attendance drawing: The next Legion general meeting is **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Since the attendance drawing winner, David Snyder, was not present at the November meeting, the December 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. Do you feel lucky? (I remember when Clint said that...)

## Post Everlasting Notice

Please ensure your family knows to contact the Post at 928-634-3004 in the event that you pass on. The Post will help in any way we can. Note that the Post Event Hall is available free of charge for Post 25 members to conduct a family and friends Celebration of Life. Sadly, while verifying email addresses recently we learned that the following members have transferred to Post Everlasting.

**Ray Stock**, (USMC) of Cottonwood, passed away on March 25,2021.

<https://www.norvelowensmortuary.com/obituary/ray-stock>

**Richard Carlson, Sr.**, (USMC-Gunny) of Camp Verde, passed away on August 31,2023.

<https://www.buelerfuneralhome.com/obituary/Richard-CarlsonSr>

## Upcoming Post Activities - December

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

**\*\*Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Class** – 12/16, 9AM-1PM, register at <https://www.safearizona.com/events/cottonwood/>

Post members use discount code “ALP25” (credit card not necessary)

**Free Pool** – all day every day of the week

**Live Country Band** – every Sunday 2PM-5PM (*except* the 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> this month)

**In-house Darts** – every Tuesday, 7PM

**Boy Scouts Dinner** – Thursday December 21, 5-6:30PM, Beef Stew and Corn Bread

**Bar Bingo** – every Thursday of each month, 5:30PM

**Electronic Bingo Machines (*new*)** – all day Tuesday through Saturday each month

**Fish Fry** – First four Fridays of December, 5-6:30PM

**Early Bird Dinner** – Saturday December 9 (see Commander’s message on Page 1)

**Friday Lunch** – 12/15 (only) this month, 12-1:30PM, Chicken Cheese Steak & Chips

**Karaoke** – every Friday at 7PM

**AL Riders Meeting** – Saturday 12/9, 11:00AM

**Auxiliary Meeting** – Monday 12/11, 5:00PM

**Legion Meeting** – Monday 12/18, 5:30PM

**Shark Races** – Saturday December 23, 1PM

**New Years Eve Party** – Sunday 12/31, 5-10:30PM, Pot Luck Dinner, Karaoke (bring your singing voice)

## Flag Reminder



The American Flag should be flown at half staff on December 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. For flags that cannot be lowered such as those on many homes, a black ribbon or streamer should be attached to the top of the flag as an acceptable alternative. The ribbon should be the same width as a stripe on the flag and the same length as the flag. The black ribbons are available for purchase at the American Legion Emblem Sales website.

<https://emblem.legion.org/Half-Staff-Ribbon/productinfo/120.213/>

## Military News

November 27, 2023: **US Air Force** - As laser pointer incidents spike, Airmen are getting updated eye-wear that provides better protection. In 2022, there were almost 9,500 incidents reported across the U.S. So far in 2023, more than 10,300 incidents have been recorded with one month left in the year.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/11/27/air-force-providing-new-protective-eyewear-amid-surge-of-laser-pointer-incidents.html>

December 1, 2023: **US Navy** - Digital weaponry will be a decider in future fighting. Potential effects include jammed electronics, compromised networks and manipulated information consumed by troops and civilians alike, according to the 14-page document published this month.

<https://www.navytimes.com/cyber/2023/12/01/us-navy-champions-digital-weaponry-as-decider-of-future-fights/>

## Time Capsule – What do you know about C-B-I?

Officially established 22 June 1942, the China-Burma-India Theater (CBI) is often referred to as “The Forgotten Theater of World War II”. Of the 12,300,000 Americans under arms at the height of World War II, only about 250,000 (two percent) were assigned to the CBI Theater making them unique. If you are interested in military history, then the following website has a **massive amount** of information about this subject. [http://www.cbi-theater.com/menu/cbi\\_home.html](http://www.cbi-theater.com/menu/cbi_home.html)

## Member Messages

Any member can submit a non-political message or a military story from his/her time in the service. Currently there are about 600 Legion family members at Post 25 getting the Bugle, so your message will get wide distribution. Send your submittal to [newsletter@alpost25az.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost25az.org) by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month to ensure it is included in the next issue of the Bugle. What would you like to share?

## Humor for the Month

