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## **Commander's Message**



I'm wishing a Happy and Safe New Year to everyone and hope you all had a great Christmas. The Post had a super turn out for the Early Bird Dinner, and provided a little over 200 servings. Many thanks to John Carlin, Tony Walker, and all the other volunteers; they pulled it off fantastically. The new Bingo Machines are making a splash. I have spoken to a number of members winning anywhere from \$100 to \$400. I haven't heard of anyone winning the grand slam of \$1000 yet, but it's only a matter of time. If you are interested in learning more about the Bingo Machines come in and check them out. However, you do have to be a member to play them. For future events please keep a copy of the current Post Calendar for

reference. Again, best to everyone and have a great year!

Bill Tinnin, Commander

# Veterans Service Officer's Message



The Department of Veteran Affairs Caregiver Support Programs (CSP) will conduct a free online overview on Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 9AM - 10AM (MT). This presentation will cover two programs: the Program of General Caregiver Support Services, and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. The CSP offers clinical services to caregivers of eligible and covered Veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System. The program's mission is to promote the health and well-being of family caregivers who care for our Veterans, through education, resources, support, and services. Register Here

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.

# <u>Adjutant – James Galczynski</u>



Jim has been a member of the American Legion for 31 years and Post 25 for 5 years. He has been the Post Adjutant for two years. Jim served in the U.S. Navy as a navigator from 1981 to 2004 and retired as a Chief Quartermaster (E-7). He served on 6 ships: USS Roark (FF-1053), USS David B. Ray (DD-971), USS Cleveland (LPD-7), USS Thach (FFG-43), USS Bagley (FF-1069), and the USS Mobile Bay (CG-53). In addition, Jim was stationed at 3 land bases: Assault Craft Unit 5 - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton California, Tug Boat Operations - Mare Island, CA, and the Naval Leadership Training Unit – Naval Amphibious Base. James lives in Cottonwood and is married to the Post VSO Jamie Galczynski.

### Veteran Service Officer – Jamie Galczynski



Jamie has been a member of the American Legion for 34 years and Post 25 for 5 years. She has been the Post Veterans Service Officer for two years. Jamie served in the U.S. Navy as a navigator from 1989 to 1994 (Quartermaster, E-4). She served on the ammunition ship USS Kiska (AE-53) and was stationed at 2 land bases: Assault Craft Unit 5 - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton California, and PSD - Mare Island, CA. As a civilian, she worked for the US Postal Service and retired as a Customer Service Supervisor. Jamie lives in Cottonwood and is married to the Post Adjutant James Galczynski. They have one child, one grandchild, and one great grandchild on

the way. Her hobby is jig saw puzzles.

#### **General Announcements**

Membership Changes: Post 25 welcomes the following new members:



Luke Sanders – U. S. Army

Barry Hightower – U.S. Army

James Cox – U.S. Air Force

Clint Lisk – U.S. Air Force

<u>Post Everlasting</u>: Member and Korean War Navy Veteran Dale Williams of Cottonwood recently passed on. Additional details were not available at the time of Bugle publication.

Meeting Attendance drawing: The next Legion general meeting is **January 15th at 5:30 PM**. Since the attendance drawing winner, **Ernesto Carillo**, was not present at the December meeting, the January 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.

## **Upcoming Post Activities - January**

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

Free Pool – all day every day of the week

**Live Country Band** – every Sunday 2PM-5PM

In-house Darts – every Tuesday, 7PM

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

Bar Bingo – every Thursday of each month and Saturday the 20th, 5:30PM

Bill's Chicken Wings – Thursday January 4, 5-6:30PM

Boy Scouts Dinner – Thursday January 18, 5-6:30PM, Spaghetti

Friday Lunch – First three Fridays of January, 12-1:30PM, see Calendar for menu

Friday Fish Fry – First three Fridays of January, 5-6:30PM

Auxiliary Dinner - Friday January 26, 5-6:30PM, Potato Bar and Meal

Raffles SAL Burger Night – Saturday January 20, 5-6:30PM, Burgers, Fries &

Dessert **Karaoke** – every Friday at 7PM

Legion Meeting – Monday 1/15, 5:30PM

**Auxiliary Meeting** – No meeting in January

**AL Riders Meeting** – No meeting in January

**SAL Meeting** – Saturday January 6 at 12PM

### **Military News**

The Air Force Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program will purchase just 200 or so fighters. These next-generation jets are expected to fly alongside another 300 advanced new Block 4 F-35 Lightnings and at least 1,000 drone wingmen. These wingmen aircraft will use onboard AI to allow them to complete complex tasks as assigned by the pilot onboard the NGAD fighter. They could extend the aircraft's sensor range by flying out ahead, extend its payload capabilities by engaging targets on its behalf, and improve its survivability by absorbing missiles on the crewed fighter's behalf. America's next stealth fighter in active development is going to be very pricey, with some estimates now reaching as high as \$300 million per airframe. See link NGAD: This \$300 Million Stealth Fighter Is Worth Every Penny

## Time Capsule – Vietnam My Lai Massacre

On January 6, 1971, the Army drops charges of an alleged cover-up in the My Lai massacre against four officers. After the charges were dropped, a total of 11 people had been cleared of responsibility during the My Lai trials. The trials were a result of action that occurred in March 1968. During the incident, 1st Lt. William Calley, a platoon leader in the 23rd (Americal) Division, allegedly led his men to massacre innocent Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in a cluster of hamlets in Son Tinh District.. Of those originally charged, only Calley was convicted. Many believed that Calley was a scapegoat, and the widespread public outcry against his life sentence moved President Nixon to intervene on April 3, 1971. He had Calley removed from the Fort Benning stockade and ordered him confined to quarters pending review of his case. On August 20, Calley's life term was reduced to 20 years. In November 1974, a Federal Court judge ruled that Calley was convicted unjustly, citing "prejudicial publicity." Although the Army disputed this ruling, Calley was paroled for good behavior after serving 40 months, 35 of which were spent in his own home. Ref. https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/army-drops-charges-of-my-lai-cover-up

### **Humor for the Month**

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." Isaac Asimov