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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander Message



First of all I would like to welcome everyone to Spring (I hope it's truly Spring, it's been bouncing back and forth quite a bit). We had Post Officer nominations at the April meeting, and we had only one candidate for each position, so it was voted by the General Membership to accept the nominations as presented, which made the need for a formal election unnecessary this month. I have, for my entire time with the Legion, looked at it as a process in motion, and I want to make this Post the best that it can be. In that sense, if anyone would like to volunteer their time to make things better, please see me with your ideas and/or labor and we'll see what we can do as a family.

Also, a special thanks goes to D&O Crane of Cottonwood for a doing great job replacing the Post flagpole!

Bill Tinnin, Commander

Adjutant Message



At the April General meeting we approved new Standing Order SO-11, Post Adjutant Guidelines. I am sure this will help our newly elected Adjutant, John Scott, as he learns how to fulfill this position. Starting July 1st, see John for all your membership questions. Thank you John for stepping up!

I have enjoyed being your Adjutant for the past several years and will continue to serve you, veterans, and the Post as your new First Vice Commander. I look forward to helping the Post be the best it can be.

Jim Galczynski, Adjutant

Veterans Service Officer Message



Mortgage Delinquency Assistance - In cases where loan servicers are unable to help Veteran borrowers, the VA's "Loan Guaranty Service" has Loan Technicians in eight regional loan centers and a special servicing center who take an active role by interceding with the servicer to explore all options to avoid foreclosure. Service members or Veterans with VA-guaranteed home loans can call (877) 827-3702 to reach the nearest Loan Guaranty office where Loan Specialists are prepared to discuss potential ways to help save the loan.

Jamie Galczynski, VSO

Auxiliary President Message



The Auxiliary is having a Memorial Day "Patriot Wagon Raffle" for \$5.00 per ticket. Please see the bartender to purchase tickets. DeDe Dexter, ALA President

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Post 25

Auxiliary Raffle

Patriot Wagon Raffle

- ❖ 2 – Folding Chairs
- ❖ 2 – Citronella Candle Sticks
- ❖ Poppy Memorial T-Shirt
- ❖ Popcorn box
- ❖ 4 – Bags of Snacks
- ❖ 3 – Bottles of Red, White, Blue Soda
- ❖ 2 – 6packs flavor water
- ❖ 1 – Citronella Can
- ❖ Lots of Plates
- ❖ Napkins and Cutlery
- ❖ 6 – Little Baskets
- ❖ 1 – White Bucket
- ❖ 2 – hand Fans
- ❖ 1 – Oval Tin Bucket
- ❖ 2 – Tablecloths
- ❖ 1 – Red, White, Blue Home Sign

SAL Squadron Commander Message



Our new elected Officers for 2025-2026 are now posted on our web page: https://alpost25az.org/sal_officers.html. In addition, the Sons would like to welcome our newest members: Bill Burchett, Keith Woods, Eric Bauer, and Michael Babineau.

As a reminder, the Sons have a monthly dinner on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until sold out). The monthly menu is included in the calendar posted on our web page <https://alpost25az.org/sal.html>. If you're interested in helping with our dinners or other activities, please send an email to salsquadron25az@outlook.com. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

On July 4th we are raffling off a "Drunken Smoker" which is an Electric Smoker with pellets and filled inside with bottles of alcohol. Please see the bartender to purchase tickets.

Next year the SAL State Detachment is hosting the Sons Campout at Dead Horse Ranch. We are accepting donations to help make this a successful event. See Rick Shriver for more information.

Upcoming Post Activities – May 2025

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

- The following dinners will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
 - May 1 - Dinner by the Legion - Chicken Wings
 - May 8 - Dinner by the Sons - Smoked Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and roll
 - May 15 - Dinner by the Boy Scouts - Sloppy Joes and tater tots
 - May 22 - Dinner by the Auxiliary - Potato Bar with all the fixings
 - May 29 - Dinner by the Legion - Chicken Wings
- The following pot luck dinners will occur this month:
 - May 21 – Bunco - Potluck
 - May 26 -Memorial Day - Potluck and raffles

Time Capsules

Bucket Brigade: In the early days of WWII this was a nickname given to the defense along the East Coast of the United States to protect shipping. Basically, it consisted of anything that could float. These vessels were equipped with a radio used to communicate German submarine positions. During that time period diesel-electric submarines had to surface at least once daily to recharge their propulsion batteries.

Anthony J. Casamento: Anthony was a USMC Corporal who fought at Guadalcanal in WWII. He was wounded 14 times during a Japanese assault and singlehandedly held off an entire battalion. For his actions he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1980. Anthony died July 18, 1987, in the VA hospital in Northport, New York, after a long illness. (“WWII Strange and Fascinating Facts” by, Don McCombs and Fred L. Worth)

<https://www.cmozs.org/recipients/anthony-casamento>

Military News



February 4, 2025 - The US Navy has demonstrated the power of its cutting-edge HELIOS laser weapon aboard an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer during an undated sea trial. In a striking new photo featured in the Pentagon’s annual Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) [report](#), the USS Preble (DDG-88) was seen firing the high-energy weapon at an unidentified target.

<https://thedefensepost.com/2025/02/04/us-navy-helios-laser/>

