

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Adjutant Message



Hello Members of Post 25: Our current Active membership is at 400 members with early renewal for 2026 now at 235 members. All of these "Early Birds" who renewed between July 1 and October 31 should have an "Early Bird" stamp applied to your card which gives you a free "Early Bird" Dinner hosted by the Post in December 6th. Renew by December 31st to keep your Post privileges active. To renew, please refer to the Adjutant's Message on our website <https://alpost25az.org/>.

John Scott, Adjutant

Veterans Resource Officer Message



Every day VA employees help Veterans navigate VA by answering their questions. Sometimes, however, an employee may not know the answer to a specific question. That's where the 1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) phone number comes in. 1-800-MyVA411 is a national, toll-free number that is Veterans' "front door" to VA. They can still reach VA at any other direct or contact center numbers, but 1-800yVA411 offers the simplicity of a single number to call when they don't know who to call.



Jamie Galczynski, VRO

Keith Vogler - Messages



Verde Valley Detachment, Marine Corps League, invites you to join us in celebrating the 250th Marine Corps Birthday on **November 10th** here at the American Legion. Festivities begin with an open bar 1730-1800, with dinner at 1800, followed by the traditional cake cutting ceremony, recognizing the oldest and youngest Marines, and the guest speaker, Charles R. Crick. There will also be raffle items, silent auction items, and a drawing for the Dickinson XX2T 12-gauge shotgun (actually there will be 2 shotguns one is a raffle and the other is a silent auction item). See the [Menu and Reservation Form](#). By the way, we can take credit/debit cards if that is your desired form of payment. All you have to do is call Keith Vogler at 928-301-7358.

November 11th is Veterans Day. There is a ceremony at 1300 at the Veteran Service Park, 100 Brian Mickelsen Parkway, Cottonwood, beginning with a welcome message and featuring a new 12'x18' American Flag delivered by the Camp Verde Calvary, raising of the Flag, National Anthem, and guest speaker. Your assistance in preparing for the ceremony would be appreciated. If you can assist, then please be there by about 1130 to help replace all existing flags, except the American Flag, lower and tri-fold the American Flag, and other tasks. Staying around after the ceremony to assist in clean up would be appreciated also. Contact Keith Vogler at 928-301-7358 with any questions or comments.

Keith Vogler

New Members

Post 25 welcomes the following new Legion members:



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Scott Poole- Air Force Rod Probst- Marine Corps Philip Clements- Army Kyrallynn Kellog- Air Force

Auxiliary President Message



The Auxiliary is having Holiday Craft Making sessions at the Post every Monday in November at 10am to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Craft Fair on Nov 19th at 6pm and Nov 19th at 5pm. The sessions are open to ALL Post 25 Members.

Come out and play BUNCO on Wed November 19th, starts at 6pm - open to ALL Post 25 Members and guest. This is a potluck with finger foods.

Shuffle Board Tournament will be back Dec 14th with a twist - White Elephant Exchange. Breakfast starts at 9 am and the games will begin at 10 am. Open to ALL Post 25 Members and guests.

There will not be an Auxiliary Dinner in November as the Post will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving, DeDe Dexter, President Unit 25

CWF CHALLENGE



The AUXILIARY is challenging the LEGION, SAL and RIDERS to raise the most Money by April 15 money to donate to the American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation. Last year nationwide over \$852,593 was awarded to support youth-serving projects.



The American Legion Children and Youth National Programs in 2025 was awarded \$525,000 to cover our national capstone events American Legion National Oratorical Contest, Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports program National Championships, and American Legion Baseball.

In October 2024, the American Legion "Child Welfare Foundation" officially changed its name to the "Child Well-Being Foundation" (CWF), continuing its mission to support children's holistic needs.

Mission: The foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that support the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of children across the United States. Founded in 1954 by The American Legion and Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. Commander Murphy donated mineral rights from oil-rich land in Montana and North Dakota to help establish the foundation. Originally focused on child welfare, the foundation expanded its scope to reflect a more holistic view of child development, prompting the recent name change.

Grantmaking: The foundation disseminates information about health, education, safety, and social-emotional development. This includes projects that enhance the lives of military children, provide comfort and care, and promote hope for America's youth. Grants are awarded only to nonprofit entities that serve children in the U.S.

How to Contribute: Donations can be made online through the American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation donation portal [CWF Inc - Donate](#), options include one-time or recurring gifts, and donors can dedicate their contributions in honor of someone. Alternately, donations will be made as a "Post 25 Family Donation", from monies collected by the "family challenge" mentioned above. CWF small white piggy banks are also available to take home and fill with coins (to get one contact the Auxiliary).

Peggy Miller, Executive Committee

SAL Squadron Commander Message



We have 117 SAL members and so far 60 members have renewed their membership. You must renew your membership for 2026 by 12/31/25 in order to keep your Post access current. To renew, see Rick Shriver or Vinnie Berdar.

The first reading of the new SAL Constitution and Bylaws was approved by members on October 6th at the General Meeting. The second reading and final approval will be at the December 1st meeting.

Rick Shriver, Squadron Commander

Military History Snapshot

April 15, 1969: The North Korean military shoots down a U.S. Navy EC-121 aircraft over the Sea of Japan, killing all 31 on board. The EC-121M Warning Star was on a reconnaissance mission when a North Korean MiG-17 shot it down over the Sea of Japan in international airspace. There was never a U.S. diplomatic or military response. (Ref. [1969 EC-121 Shootdown Incident](#))

Upcoming Post Activities – November 2025

Legion Family meeting dates and additional information can be found on the Post Calendar at <https://alpost25az.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmLeg.Post.25>

- The following meals will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5PM to 6:30PM:
 - November 06 - DogTown Dinner
 - November 11 - Veterans Day: Happy Hour all day and potluck
 - November 13 - SAL Dinner: Chicken Enchiladas, Black Beans, and Rice
 - November 20 - Boy Scout Dinner: Potato Bar
 - November 27 - Auxiliary Dinner: Post Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 10 - Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Celebration, 5:30PM to 9PM (reservation required)

Windows 10 Extended Security Updates Until October 2026

Windows 10 “Feature Updates” (application improvements) ended last month, however Microsoft offers a one year extension on “Security Updates” (protection from bad actors) to give individuals more time to get a Windows 11 computer. Navigate to Windows Update, select Extend Security Updates (ESU) near the bottom of the screen. Select Enroll Now and follow the screen prompts. If your computer has been backing up to your Microsoft Account, then the message will state No Cost. If you have never backed up to your Microsoft Account, then the cost will be \$30. Most people back up to their Microsoft Accounts, so \$30 would be rare. The final message will be Your PC is enrolled to receive Extend Security Updates (ESU). Total time to do this is less than a minute. To increase your protection, ensure you also have a paid or free virus protection app installed.

Windows 11

The latest Windows 11 Version 25H2 Update is currently being rolled out. It builds on the innovations introduced in the 2024 release, delivering a more polished, secure, and intelligent Windows experience. While this update doesn't introduce major new features, it activates enhancements that have been gradually rolled out over the past year ensuring your device is up to date with the latest refinements. To learn more see: [Windows 11 New Features](#)

