

November 2026 **Newsletter@alpost25az.org** **Editor: David Kauppinen (USN)**

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Commander Message:



Hello Legion Post 25 Family Members. We're now 4 months into our restoration project with a significant amount of maintenance projects both completed and in progress. Recently we replaced a failed freezer with a larger capacity one, and completed the water main repair. Up next is installation of a new ice machine to replace our worn out 2012 model, refilling the leak excavation hole, removal of vegetation and invading roots to prevent pipe damage, and continue some second level maintenance projects. We could surely use some Maintenance Volunteers! Our Standing Order review/update is in progress.

A big subject for discussion will be initiating a Budget. Several of your E-Comm members will be off to the Arizona State Legion Conference November 6-8. We are also moving into the Holidays with lots of new food events and sports events. We'll do another Town Hall for all Family members along with our General Meeting on the 3rd Monday at 5 PM.

Don't forget we now have a Commander's Comments box where you can let us know, good, bad and ugly comments. Privacy guaranteed."

John Scott, Commander

Adjutant Message



Since October 20th we have three new members and two transfers. New members are Donna Duerr USAF, Amos Meyers-USMC, Patrick Pusl-USA, and Transfer members are Daniel Young-USA, Rupert Osegueda-USMC. We have a total of 447 members on our roster.

What a family we have, thank you brothers and sisters.

Winifrid Follett, Adjutant Post 25

Veterans Service Officer Message



The Department of Veterans Affairs offers veterans a free digital ID card that veterans can present to prove their veteran status for discounts at businesses and other locations. Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system already have a VA-issued ID Card and Arizona offers the ability to prove veteran status on your driver's license. Getting the card takes a few minutes on the VA.gov website: create an account, enter your service data, and upload a selfie from your phone. You may need to upload a picture of your DD-214 in some situations. https://www.va.gov/get-veteran-id-card

Jamie Galczynski, VRO

Auxiliary President Message



Membership Begins With One Invitation: The American Legion Auxiliary continues to make a difference because caring people choose to serve. Many individuals in our community are eligible for membership but may not realize it. A personal invitation can open the door to a meaningful opportunity to support veterans, military families, and our community. Membership renewal is equally important. Every member contributes unique talents, ideas, and support that help us fulfill our mission. When members renew, they strengthen our ability to serve those who have sacrificed for our nation. Let's challenge ourselves to invite one eligible person to learn more about the Auxiliary and to personally encourage our members to renew. Together, we can grow stronger and continue our legacy of service. One invitation. One renewal. One stronger Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Craft Fair Fundraiser: The Auxiliary will be hosting our annual Craft Fair Fundraiser beginning November 12 through December 20. We are requesting members to contribute handmade crafts, holiday decorations, gift items, baked goods, and other creative treasures. As events are held at the Post throughout the holiday season, we will set up tables to display and sell donated items. This fundraiser is not only a way to raise money for our veterans and Auxiliary programs, but also a chance to share fellowship and holiday spirit with our community.

Thank you for your generosity, your talents, and your continued dedication to serving others.

Peggy Miller, Auxiliary President

SAL Squadron Commander Message



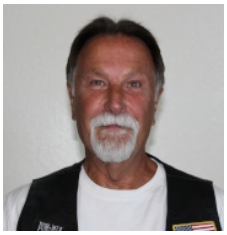
The Sons Monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 2 at 5pm. Our 2027 Membership Cards are here; reminder to renew yours today soon. We will sponser the meal on Thursday, November 12th at 5pm: Smoked Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Corn Casserole.

Come on out for some wings and watch the Monday Night Football game on our new 75 inch TV: Served 6:15pm - until half time. Game nights are November 2, 23, and 30

Come join in on the fun of our Shark Races on Sunday November 22 at Noon.

Rick Shriver, Squadron Commander

American Legion Riders Director Message



During the month of October, ALR 25 was able to secure $1145.00 by organizing the "Thunder Valley Rally" ride. That total amount will be donated to our local school district's Sports Program. The money will be used in helping the school provide activities for our local children with sports equipment as needed.

ALR 25 also provided all the hot dogs for the annual picnic for Vets at the Prescott V.A. We, along with the other ALR of District 8, served 229 meals of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. This is a big undertaking, but what we give in effort is returned 10 fold by the Veterans' gratitude. We ended up with 92 hot dogs left over so ALR 25 donated them to Post 25 for their chili hot dogs, served on Monday and Wednesday.

Lastly, ALR 25 will be supporting the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program on November 21st from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Cottonwood Walmart. If you can donate a Christmas gift for our local kids, please do and say Hi to your members of ALR 25. If you would like to volunteer for Toys for Tots, contact Krys or Keith Volger. Small Group, Big Hearts, ALR 25.

Respectfully, Gary Wilharm, ALR Chapter 25 Director

Upcoming Post Activities – November 2026

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

● Every Monday & Wednesday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM - Hot Dogs and Chili

● Monday Night Football Game November 2, 23, and 30, and Wings served 6:15PM - until half time.

● Thursday night Bingo meals from 5 PM to 6:30 PM:
  November 05 - Dog Town Food Truck: Hot Dogs
  November 12 - SAL: Smoked Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Corn Casserole
  November 19 - Boy Scouts: 2 Brats, Sauerkraut, and Cookies

● November 6, 13, and 20 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM: Friday Night Fish Fry

● November 7th at 1300 - Veterans Day celebration at the Verde Valley Military Service Park. If you can assist with flag take-down, flag folding, and flag raising, then please arrive between 1130 and 1200.

● November 7 at 5PM - Verde Valley Marine Corp Detachment quilt raffle drawing at the Post

● November 10 - 2026 Marine Corps Ball, 5:30PM-9PM. This is also a fund raiser for the Verde Valley Toys for Tots 2026 campaign. See https://alpost25az.org/documents/2026 MC Ball Invitation.pdf

● November 11 - Veterans Day - Free Chili and Cornbread for Veterans and $6 for Non-Veterans

● November 22, 8 AM to Noon - Concealed Carry Weapons Class

● **November 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Post Closed**

First Vice Commander Message



This is my view of the 4 months since July 1. We currently have a full 9 member Executive Commitee for the first time in several years. Collectively this team has 186 years as members of the American Legion. We are dedicated veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, and have varied civilian career experience which is synergistic for our group.

However, I find it disheartening to hear the unending negative comments about the present Post leadership which is based on opinions and misinformation; this has even reached other Posts in Arizona. Much of this criticsm is from individuals who do not come to meetings, do not volunteer, and do not know the facts. Complaining is not what the American Legion is about.

Fact Check: No one from the previous Executive Committee has been “pushed out” of being a Post Officer or prevented from being a volunteer. I will gladly sit down for a discussion with anyone who disputes these facts.

Please note that SO-1, Post Rules of Conduct, states: “While on the premises of the Post home, inside or outside, all Post officers, members, and employees shall refrain from negative comments and derogatory language regarding any other member or employee of this Post.”

I thank all of our dedicated Post volunteers who support our Post home and the 4 Pillars of the American Legion: I-Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, II-National Security, III-Americanism, IV-Children and Youth

If you do not like to volunteer, here is a way for you to help the Post: Get a Post Business Card from the Bartender or Adjutant and put it in your wallet. When you see a veteran in town (e.g., a veteran related cap) or if you know a veteran, then talk about the Post, give him/her the Business Card, and get his/her name and phone number for me. Send that info to me at: 1vcommander@alpost25az.org so I can contact him or her.

Editor’s Note: Prior to the time of publication, no one has seen the above message; it is totally my view.

David Kauppinen,
First Vice Commander, Webmaster, and Bugle Editor

Reminder: If you change your email address, phone number, or street address, please remember to let the Adjutant know so we can keep in touch with you: adjutant@alpost25az.org or 928-634-3004

