

THE VERDE VALLEY BUGLE CALL

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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Commander Message:



Fellow American Legion Family members! We completed the 3rd month of our Post Renewal program and have only a few maintenance items left. For October, our focus is on updating the policies and procedures in our Standing Orders (SO). We anticipate all existing SO's will be routed for final review and approval at our next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for October 19th. Notable events for September included:

- Commanders Comments box: Privacy is important so only the Commander has a key to this box. I want to hear your comments, good, bad, and ugly. My policy is "read and shred" so I can assure no one else will see your note. I'm looking for issues we can address as we look to improve our Post. The box is located on the wall near the Queen of Hearts case.
- Initiation of "Monday Night Football" which included Wings. We will add to the menu and make other improvements as we go. The big picture is to add features each month, updated menus, raffles, and more. We are planning to do this on the 4th Monday of each month with improvements leading to into the playoffs and on to SuperBowl in February. We'd love to hear your suggestions.
- Flex Menu for 4th Week Dinner Event: We're now doing a special dinner on the 4th Friday of each month. In September our menu consisted of Pork Loins, Green Beans, and Baked Potatoes. Future special meals, will include steak, ribs, Hispanic cuisine, and more. Use the Commanders Comments box for what you'd like to see in future menus.

Last month the volunteer project was painting two picnic tables. Thanks to the Sherriff's Office Trustees and Keth Vogler, this project is done. In the future, there will be lots more volunteer projects.

John Scott, Commander

Adjutant Message



As of September 30 we are approaching 400 Active members, over 90% of our 2027 membership goal of 410. If you renew your membership by October 31st, you will receive the "Early Bird" stamp on your card which entitles you to the free dinner currently scheduled for December 19th.

As your new Adjutant I will try to be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons for new and renewal memberships and other questions. I look forward to serving all our sisters and brothers.

Winifrid Follett, Adjutant Post 25

Veterans Service Officer Message



End-of-Life planning: Prepare for the future with VA

Talking about end-of-life planning is never easy, but it's essential. VA provides a variety of benefits and services to help Veterans and their loved ones prepare. From life insurance to burial costs, learn how you can plan ahead with VA benefits. Learn more at <https://news.va.gov/123696/end-of-life-planning-prepare-future-with-va/>

Jamie Galczynski, VRO

Auxiliary President Message



I would like to thank all the volunteers for all their Help with the Yard Sale. We had a great Sale. I also would like to thank everyone that donated items for the sale that made it possible.

Since October 12th is a holiday, our Auxiliary Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00PM and the Auxiliary E-Committee Meeting will be at 4:30 PM. We will be getting ready for the Craft Sale. There is a wreath making class October 7 at 5:00 PM and it is open to everyone. Come to the meeting and find out other things that are being planned.

Peggy Miller, Auxiliary President

SAL Squadron Commander Message



Reminder our next meeting will be on Monday October 5th at 5pm.

The Sons dinner will be on Thursday October 8th starting at 5pm. We will be serving Sausage, Pepper and Onions over Noodles, Garlic Bread, and Brownies for \$12.00.

We have our 2027 membership cards. Stop by the Post to get yours or renew online at mylegion.org. The \$40 membership dues can also be paid by mailing to: American Legion Post 25, Attention Rick Shriver, 480 S. Calvary Way, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 Checks should be made out to the 'American Legion Squadron 25'. Renew today to qualify for the Early Bird Dinner that the Post will be providing sometime in December. You must renew by October 31st to qualify for this dinner.

Rick Shriver, Squadron Commander

American Legion Riders Director Message



Whew, the month of October is over, we ALR 25 members had a lot on our plate. The Biggest News is the "Queen of Hearts" is back and running, better than ever. Now on a more personal note, we all know about the mini-bike raffle, Thank You All for participating. As luck would have it, a member of ALR 25 won the mini-bike, but instead of keeping it he chose to "pay-it-forward" and gifted it to an outstanding nine year old who really-really wanted it. What an awesome gesture W.P.

The ALR 25 served 229 meals to patients at the V.A. in Prescott at the annual BBQ Picnic that we put on. Right now we are collecting goods for our annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing for those same patients at the V.A. Once again thank you All for the encouragement.

Gary Wilharm, ALR Chapter Director

Upcoming Post Activities – October 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>

- The following meals will occur on Thursday Bingo nights this month from 5 PM to 6:30 PM:
 - October 01 - Dog Town Food Truck: Hot Dogs
 - October 08 - SAL: Sausage, Pepper and Onions over Noodles, Garlic Bread, and Brownies
 - October 15 - Boy Scouts: 2 Brats, Kraut, and Cookies
 - October 22 - Auxiliary: Pork Burritos, Chips and Salsa
 - October 29 - French Dip Sandwich, Salad, Dessert
- The Friday Night Fish Fry will be on October 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM:
- October 11 - Shuffleboard Brunch: 10AM -11:30 AM
- October 20 - Auxiliary Taco Tuesday: Noon to 3 PM
- October 25 - Brunch: 10 AM -11:30 AM
- October 30 - Halloween Dinner 5PM - 6:30 PM: Stuffed Peppers, Mac n'Cheese, Carrot Salad.
Followed by a Halloween Party and costume contest.

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Military History



On March 21, 1984 aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) collided with Soviet nuclear submarine Petropavlovsk (K-314) during the “Team Spirit” exercises in the Sea of Japan. The K-314 was not running with navigation lights, as required by international rules. Additionally, when surfacing a submarine must give way to a surface vessel and is obliged to follow those rules when on the surface.



The Soviet submarine lost track of the U.S. carrier in bad weather, and its captain opted to take it to a depth of just 10 meters. It was a risky move under the best of conditions, but the weather likely made the situation far worse.

Through the periscope, Captain Vladimir Evseenko discovered that the entire USS Kitty Hawk Carrier Strike Group was only 4 to 5 kilometers away and they were heading towards each other at full throttle. The captain gave the order to dive, but seconds later K-314 and USS Kitty Hawk collided. The submarine had few options and was forced to surface.

“I was on the bridge at the time of the incident, monitoring one of the two radars,” Captain David N. Rogers, the commanding officer of USS Kitty Hawk at the time of the incident, told UPI in March 1984. “We felt a sudden shudder, a fairly violent shudder,” and he added, “We immediately launched two helicopters to see if we could render any assistance to them, but the Soviet sub appeared to have suffered no extensive damage.” Despite the collision, there were no casualties, and both vessels managed to move away safely. Ref: [NI Blog - US Carrier and Soviet Submarine Collision](#)



My wife just said
“we need to talk”
after I finish
cutting the grass