



The Tradition

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From the Commander

Ed Krug

Welcome to all the newly sworn in Post officers for the 2021 - 2022 year. While many officers have continued in their positions from last year, we do have a few new members joining the board. I look forward to a productive year with you all. Thank you to the past officers for giving your time to support Post #770.

Please remember, while the Ladies, Son's and Riders go dark for the summer, the Post will continue to meet on the First Sunday Monthly at 10:00 a.m. This is the time to make suggestions, voice concerns and get answers to your questions regarding Post matters.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all who volunteered for the Mothers' Day dinner. The event was enjoyed by all in attendance. I also want to thank all the volunteers from the American Legion Post #102 and AMVETS Post #0770 for their planning and organizing for the 47th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. This event takes months of planning and organizing. The timeless effort this important parade and ceremony demands is appreciated by the participants and spectators of all ages. Please consider donating your time to this event in the future as it would be a shame for it to end due to lack of volunteers.

To all the members who continuously volunteer in the club, please accept my deepest gratitude. These members are instrumental in the success we are fortunate enough to experience here at Post #0770. AMVETS relies on volunteerism on every level and without these dedicated members our facility would not exist. Currently, Post #0770 has a growing membership; however, our members need to be responsible for fulfilling all of the positions demanding volunteers. As a member of Post #0770, please take a moment and think about where you may have the time to help with a function or project within the club. We always need help with the Fish Fry on Friday nights, with BINGO, with Post planned meals, with cleaning projects or a variety of fundraising projects that happen throughout the year. Don't be shy, there is always someone willing to teach you the ropes. Thank you to those who do come to help on a regular basis, Post #0770 would not be successful without you!

June is the AMVETS Department of Arizona Convention. This year the Convention meetings will be held in Bullhead City. Details will be posted as received.

The Club Board of Trustees also continues to meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday monthly at 10:00 a.m. Remember, if you have any suggestions or concerns regarding the Club or Bar operations, please attend a Club Board of Trustee meeting. These meeting dates are posted on the bulletin board behind the bar. This is the proper platform to handle problems or launch new ideas.

Have a great summer!

From the 1st Vice
Keith Evans

AMVETS Post 770 membership as of 3 April 2021: 195 annual members, 222 life members, total Post members 417. Sons Of annual members 39, life members 54, total members 93. Ladies Auxiliary annual members 193, life members 120, total members 313. Total of 823 post members. New Post members for 2020-2021 29.

From The Ladies Auxiliary Incoming President
Ginny Graves

Father's Day Dinner, Saturday June 19, from 4-6pm

Lucky Wishbone Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Marble Cake
 Tickets available from approx. 6/1 to (close of business) 6/16 (Wed).

Fathers - Free

Ladies - \$8.00

Fathers have to get their own ticket but may obtain a ticket(s) for the ladies for \$8.00 ea

No ticket, no dinner until approx. 5:45 pm - Fathers included

To-go orders are available

Please come join us, and let's celebrate Dads everywhere.

Scholarship - The Scholarship program has awarded four scholarships to first-year college bound students this year. Our chairwoman Holly McGovern will again lead the charge for 2022 and she's already planning dinners and a bake sale to get things started during the summer months. Lots of fundraising, lots of fun. More details about this program coming up later this year...stay tuned.

Public Relations - Our new PRO is Santana Daniels. She'll be working on news for the AMVETS 770 Auxiliary webpage, managing the Aux bulletin board, helping with the holiday's decorations in the Post and taking pictures at events and parties. She will help keep our webpage readers informed and aware of events, so, if you see Santana coming and she has her camera ready, just Smile!

Next regular Auxiliary meeting Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 9:30.

From the Public Relations Officer
Valerie H. Davis

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be the July 2021 newsletter. All articles are due to me no later than Tuesday, 15 June 2021. Electronic articles are greatly appreciated. Articles need to be written in Word and sent as an attachment to an email. Photos for the newsletter are also accepted when sent as an email attachment. Articles received after the deadline will **not** be published in the July newsletter. If you have any questions, you may call me at 908-0774.

Business card advertising: If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the newsletter, please give The Post's administrative assistant or Val Davis a copy of your business card and \$25 for a calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2021) of advertising in the newsletter and on the Post's website. It is \$5 a month, if you chose to advertise monthly.

UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES:

Honor Flight Of Southern Arizona: Due to the coronavirus, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona suspended its flights. If you are a WW II or Korean War veteran that has not been on an Honor Flight, please think about filling out your application now and submitting it to Honor Flight of Southern Arizona. Since so few Korean War veterans have applied, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona has opened up applications to Vietnam era veterans. This is a trip that you will remember for the rest of your life!! Get your application in so you can be put on the waiting list. **Veterans with terminal conditions do have priority.** If you are iffy about anything, you can always cancel. You can also go to www.honorflightsaz.org and fill out an application on-line, or pick up an application at the Post. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Post and leave a message for me.

Flag Day will be on Monday, 14 June.

The US Army's 246th birthday is on Monday, 14 June.

June: Official Days To Fly The Flag

- Monday, 14 June – Flag Day
- Sunday, 20 June – Father's Day

June Dates Of Interest

- Thursday, 3 June – 79th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle for the Aleutian Islands
 - Friday, 4 June – 79th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Midway
 - Sunday, 6 June – 77th anniversary of D-Day
- Saturday, 12 June – 73rd anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act
 - Monday, 14 June – 246th birthday of the US Army
 - Thursday, 17 June – 246th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill
- Friday, 18 June – 209th anniversary of the declaration of war on Great Britain for the War of 1812
 - Tuesday, 22 June – 77th anniversary of the signing of the GI Bill
 - Friday, 25 June – 71st anniversary of the start of the Korean War

Flag Day

By Valerie H. Davis

Flag Day is Monday, 14 June 2021. It was on this day in 1777 that the Continental Congress replaced the British symbol of the Grand Union Flag with a new flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes. Flag Day is also a traditional day to respectfully retire old flags. If you have a flag that needs to be respectfully retired, please bring it to the AMVETS Post.

From Post Member Valerie H. Davis

Surprising Facts About The US Army

(Taken from an article by Emily Goodman in the September 2020 issue of *Readers Digest*. Courtesy of Reader's Digest, reprinted with permission of Trusted Media Brands, Inc., Copyright © 2020.)

1. Congress officially established the Army in September 1789, but since the Continental Army was formed in 1775, the US Army is technically older than the country it serves. Today, the Army has nearly half a million active troops and another 200,000 in reserve, which makes it the second-biggest employer in the United States (after Walmart).
2. All Army recruits must pass the Basic Training Physical Fitness Test to complete boot camp, but to join the Army Rangers you must also run five miles in under 40 minutes, hike 16 miles – while toting an

extra 65 pounds – in less than five hours and 20 minutes, and swim 15 meters in full Ranger gear. The swim isn't timed, however – this isn't the Navy.

3. West Point cadets receive a class ranking based on their academic and athletic performance. George Custer, class of 1861, graduated last in his year. Rankings don't always determine military success or failure. Robert E. Lee graduated second in his class. By contrast, Dwight D. Eisenhower was 61st.
4. Prior to 1933, members of the 45th Infantry Division wore a Native American symbol of good luck as a nod to the many Native Americans who served in that division. Now commonly referred to as a swastika, the original insignia was abandoned as the Nazi Party rose to power. Today, members wear a different Native American Symbol: a thunderbird.
5. There have been only five five-star generals. The rank did not exist until 1944 and was retired in 1981, when the last living one, Omar Bradley, died. Two presidents held the title: Eisenhower and George Washington, who was promoted posthumously. The other two were Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall.
6. Marshall had a sweet spot for his soldiers. On behalf of Eisenhower, he sent a telegram in 1943 from Allied headquarters in North Africa to the Coca-Cola Company requesting the soft drink for the troops. Within months, 148 Coke Representatives filled the ranks with the official title of technical observers, though they were nicknamed Coca-Cola Colonels. They wore fatigues and were paid as commissioned officers, but they had one responsibility: getting Cokes to American GIs.
7. The Green Beret wasn't part of the Special Forces uniform until 1961, after President John F. Kennedy visited Fort Bragg in North Carolina and noticed an officer wearing one. Kennedy thought that members of this elite team needed something to distinguish them from other soldiers and made the green covering their official headgear. At Kennedy's funeral, Command Sergeant Major Francis Ruddy placed his beret on the president's grave, a tradition that Green Berets visiting Arlington National Cemetery continue today.