



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

## August, 2012 Newsletter

Website: [www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org)



**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:** Cliches are sometimes just that – clichés. Then there are clichés that mean something to you. For me, “still serving America” means my legacy of 33+ years in the military for my family that is an extension of my father’s service also. It is the satisfaction of continuing to serve and support my fellow veterans and active military forces, and our communities, the pride and comradeship in working together with other Legionnaires within our Post, region and state, and on the national level. My membership in the American Legion also means still serving America, as part of over 2.5 million members that Washington cannot ignore. We can and do influence policy for our military and veterans. I am proud to serve you, my fellow veterans. Let us all keep America strong – still serving America. Thanks to all who joined in the Farmington Festival Days Parade and Flag Raising!!

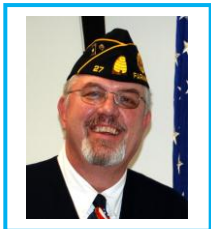
### POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

**NEW MEMBERS:** We want to give a hearty welcome to our newest member in the American Legion and Post 27, Enrique Topete. He is full-time with the Navy Reserve and just returned from deployment in Afghanistan. He currently lives in Farmington. We also have a new member in the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), Scott Taylor from Farmington. His father served during World War II. Welcome Enrique and Scott!



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ron Craig:** The city of Kaysville has asked us to lead the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade next year. They had a lot of complaints that no flag or color guard led the parade this year. Let’s plan on it!

Don’t forget to renew your membership to the Legion. It helps us continue doing the great things for our communities, veterans, and military. Then, go out and recruit a new member. Contact any Post officer for information and applications. My number is (801-628-3480 or email at [roncraig@acnrep.com](mailto:roncraig@acnrep.com))



**Adjutant Chuck Stephenson:** New membership cards for 2013 are in. The “big push” for renewals started July 1, with benchmarks until December 31. Please remember you can renew your memberships online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) , click RENEW at the top of the page. Within 24 hours of online renewals, I can see your names and mail out your 2013 cards. You can also send a check to John Sheets, our Finance Officer, then cards will be sent. Paid-Up-For-Life members have already received their cards. Let’s all renew as soon as possible. Our Post is doing great things in the communities and your membership makes us here at home strong, and in Washington, DC more effective for our military and veterans’ issues.

Learn more about The American Legion. The American Legion Extension Institute has an on-line class, cost is \$4.95 for members, it is amazing what you learn. Within a week of completing this course, you receive your diploma and a pin for your Legion cap. Go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and sign up. It only took me 4 evenings to complete. If any member has a permanent change of address, phone number update, or email change, could you please let me know so we can change our Legion records. I may be reached at (801) 444-7189 or email at [stphnsnc@aol.com](mailto:stphnsnc@aol.com) .



**Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, Area 1 John Sheets** Post 27 Finances are in a fluctuating state because of membership renewals, as dues come in the bank balance naturally increases and later the funds decrease when we send a portion of the dues to Dept. and National. As of July 23, the bank balance is \$775.75. We still have 23 of the 3x5 polyester printed flags at \$5.00 each. If your local Scout troop puts out flags in the neighborhood, see if they need some new ones for a great price.



**Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:**

The Funeral Honors Team is looking real sharp. We get many positive comments on it. We can always use more volunteers to join us. You are missing a lot of great comradeship by not being a member of our team.

**Military Funeral Honors:** Post 27 has provided Military Funeral Honors for two veterans' funerals this month. We work with the National Guard. Post 27 provides an American flag and the service flag of the deceased at the graveside, the rifle volley, assist with the playing of TAPS, present a "shell casing display" to commemorate the Military Honors (see photo), and in the tradition of Arlington Cemetery, we present a condolence card from the Post.

If you are aware of any veteran whose family would like Military Funeral Honors, please contact John Sheets at (801)628-9370 or Ron Craig at (801)628-3480. This is an honor for us to do. Donations to the Post are sometimes received.

**NOTE:** These casing displays are available for those members that want them for a \$5.00 donation to the post. They are available at our regular meetings.



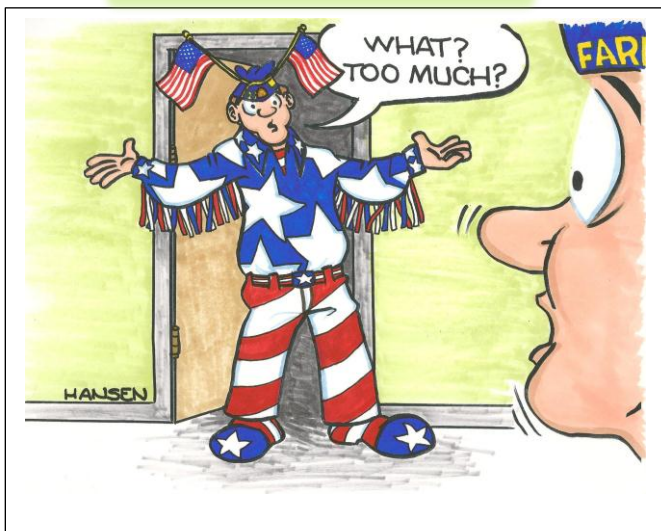
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL):** Post 27's SAL Squadron now has 9 members. Some are dual members (Legionnaire/SAL), some adult sons/grandsons, some adolescent sons/grandsons. SAL adults participate in all Legion activities; the younger ones on a limited basis. The SAL Program for our Post is still developing. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our SAL squadron, please contact Chuck Stephenson at (801) 444-7189 or email at [stphnsnc@aol.com](mailto:stphnsnc@aol.com). If you have neighbors that never served in the military, but their fathers or grandfathers served during wartime, they may be eligible. Applications are always available at each monthly meeting.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, August 9th, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:**

- Aug 9 - Post 27 monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington
- Aug 11 - Spirit of '45 Day Ceremony, featuring Bugles Across America and Post 27 Rifle Team, Salt Lake City Cemetery at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial, 1100 E. 402 N, Salt Lake City, 11:00 A.M.
- Aug 15-18 - Davis County Fair, Legacy Events Center
- Sep 14 - Post 27 monthly meeting with guest speaker, 6 PM dinner off the menu, at Oakridge Country Club. Guest speaker, Terry Schow, Ex. Director of Dept of Veterans Affairs-State of Utah. All members and families invited.**

**LEGION LAFFS**



Farmington Festival Days Parade  
Honor Guard / Truck & float/ JGolden Barton

