



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27 Farmington, Utah

February, 2011 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner: Comrades, We have survived January, the dreariest month of the year. The days are noticeably longer, the average temperature is going up, spring is just around the corner. Our Post braved the cold weather and provided a rifle squad for three funerals in January. We also had our Oratorical Scholarship competition at Davis High, and Travis Crowe from NUAMES is the representative from District 2 at the Department level competition on February 12, 2011 in Salt Lake City. I invite all Post 27 members to come to the competition and support Travis.

We are gearing up for Post Officer elections in April, and are taking nominations. If you are interested, please contact me (801) 940-1211 or Paula (801) 444-7189. Serving in a leadership position can be very rewarding. Training for all positions is being scheduled through our Department, which is new for 2011.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

American Legion Boys State and Oratorical Contest: 2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber: Our winner at the District 2 Oratorical Competition was Travis Crowe, NUAMES. 2nd Place winner was Deanna Dotta from Clearfield High. Congratulations to both of them. Travis now goes on to the Department level competition in Salt Lake City on Saturday, February 12.

Boys State is scheduled for June 6-11, 2011. Now is the time to be talking to those friends and relatives who will have completed their junior year of high school and have at least one more semester of high school left to complete. Please forward candidate information to me at William.a.huber@comcast.net for students from Davis, Viewmont, and NUAMES High Schools. All candidates must be interviewed by local Posts before the applications can go forward.

The deadline for applications and fees is April 1, 2011. Last year, all eleven students sponsored by Post 27 received scholarships from Weber State University. Legionnaires who wish to participate as full or part time counselors, please contact me. This is a great and rewarding opportunity for you, as well as the students.

New Members: A hearty welcome from Post 27 to our newest member and new American Legion member Richard Chesarek, (Viet Nam Era/U.S. Navy) from Layton. Hope to see you soon.

Adjutant Paula Stephenson:



If you need the newsletter to be in BIGGER PRINT, please let me know. I can easily do it for the few that need it.

We have one extra, brand new American Legion Post 27 hat for sale at cost for \$42.00, size 7 1/8 (22 3/8 inches). If interested, call me at (801) 444-7189.

Annual member dues: If your current American Legion membership card does not have 2011 on it, you will be contacted by Commander Hefner or me to talk about what we can do to keep you as active members of this great veterans organization. Your feedback is important to us.

For anyone that has potential members to invite into Post 27, let me know and I can mail you brochures with applications and assist you with the process. I was talking with a two-star Army general the other day at a retirement party. She said all the time she spent working with National representatives of the American Legion, no one ever asked her to join. She now has an application. No hard sell necessary—just timing.

Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets:



Our National Commander Foster has given each member an opportunity to participate in a Lucky 7 incentive program which should not be difficult to attain. Sign up 2 new members (may be previous member who was not a member in 2010) and renew 5 members. Contact Adjutant Stephenson for the names of members needing to renew (we still have ten). You can go on line at the following URL to read the details and view the incentive pin:

<http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/word/Foster2011IncentivePinForm.doc> .

I believe Post 27 should qualify for the Post "Excellence Award" which is awarded by the National organization of The American Legion. A Post must: 1. Membership must be at least one member greater than last year. 2. Youth Activity, Post must sponsor and participate in at least one youth program (Boys State, Legion Baseball, Oratorical,

Boys Scout, Junior Shooting). 3. Post must organize a community service project. 4. Organize a project to support Troops or veterans. Information necessary for the District Commander to certify the Award must be submitted to the Department by June 30, 2011. Lets support Commander Hefner in the required activities and let it be known that Post 27 is an Excellent Post of The American Legion.

Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz: This is your Post and we need your input to know what you expect and would like to be involved in. Our Oratorical contestant won the District competition, and he will be presenting his "Constitution" speech at our Post meeting on February 10. It is inspiring to see what our Post supports with the youth of today. Please come and hear him.

Training Officer Paula Stephenson:



Bronze medallions (5-inch, 3-inch, 1 ½ inch) for civilian headstones signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran are now available. Information and an application (VA Form 40-1330) are available at www.va.gov > Veterans Services > Burials & Memorials > Headstones & Markers. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact me at (801)444-7189, and I will mail you the application and instructions. If you need help, we have volunteers that can assist you. **NOTE: A sample will be on display at our regular meetings throughout the winter.**

Chaplain / Communications Officer J. Golden Barton: In late January, we lost one of our long time members, Tom Ramage. He was a member of Post 27 for 63 years, and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. A Post Everlasting Ceremony for Tom will be conducted at our March 10th meeting. Please attend. Let us also continue to pray for our troops in harms way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and others areas around the globe.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Feb. 10th, 6:30 pm, Rm 114, Davis County Courthouse, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Feb 10 - Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington
- Feb 12 - Oratorical Scholarship Contest-Dept. Level, Bldg 9, Salt Lake City Veterans Administration Medical Center Campus, 12:00 Noon
- Feb 14 - World War II Speaker Series, Salt Lake City Library, 7:00 P.M., Auditorium; 6:30 P.M. Big Band music:
Speaker: Robert Monson, B-24 front gunner-Europe
- Mar 5 - Dept. of Utah Exec. Committee Spring Meeting, open to all Utah Legionnaires/Auxiliary/SAL; at George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home, 11:00 A.M., Dinner and program at 4:00 P.M.
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Speaker Roy Stapp, Air Force pilot—50 missions - Europe
- Jun 24-26 - Dept. of Utah Annual Convention, Park City at Newport Resort & Hotel (Kimball Junction)



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