



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 27 Farmington, Utah

## January, 2011 Newsletter

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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner:** Comrades, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your families and loved ones. 2011 will start with the Oratorical Scholarship competition and continue from there. Our District 2, Department and National leadership have some great plans for the American Legion this year, so stay tuned.

We are also gearing up for Post Officer elections in April. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the other Post Officers. Serving in a leadership position can be very rewarding. Training for all positions is being scheduled through our Department, which is something new for 2011.

### POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

**American Legion Boys State and Oratorical Contest:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr. William Huber: Post 27 mustered up one candidate for the Post Oratorical Scholarship competition this year, a student from NUAMES High School. With only one candidate, the decision was made to have him compete at the District 2 level competition. Please consider attending this competition on Friday, January 14, 4:00 P.M., at Davis High School, Room 1800 (just inside the main entrance). We need to show support of all candidates, see what they have learned, and inspire the winner for Department level competition on 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](mailto: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. Last year, all eleven students sponsored by Post 27 received scholarships from Weber State University.

**New Members:** A hearty welcome from Post 27 to our newest members Glen Burnham (WWII/Navy) from Centerville and Bob Adams (Viet Nam/Army) from Fruit Heights. Hope to see you soon.

**Adjutant Paula Stephenson:** We have an 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 this month 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. Separately, National will be sending delinquent notices.

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.

The Christmas Party was a great success. Thanks to all who helped make this event so great! We had 39 members/spouses attend, the food was delicious, the venue was relaxing and festive, and the camaraderie was uplifting.



Programs that Post 27 are currently supporting and those programs on the horizon that need support from you as members are:

#### **PRESENT**

- Service Officers (helping veterans with medical/other referrals to VA)
- Resource for VA headstones & medallions
- Memorial Day Flag placements/ceremonies
- Oratorical Scholarship Contest
- Boys State
- Military Funeral Honors Program
- Honor Guard participation within community

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

- Middle School Flag Education Program
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies
- Post 27 Facebook
- Utah American Legion College
- Kaysville Cemetery Veterans Memorial
- Farmington Cemetery Veterans Memorial
- Organize a Post 27 Ladies Auxiliary
- Organize a Post 27 Sons of The American Legion
- Support American Legion Youth Baseball
- Support American Legion Youth Soccer
- Attendance at Dept of Utah Convention in Park City, June 24-26

If any member knows a woman veteran, please have them contact me (801) 444-7189, if they have not already completed the Women Veterans Health Survey for the Veterans Administration. She does not have to be a member of the American Legion. The VA is asking all women veterans to take this online survey before January 31, 2011 in order to plan for better serving our entire veteran population.

**Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets:** Comrades, we have a current bank balance as of the year end of \$893.38. The total year deposits for 2010 were \$3,255.88 and funds spent were \$3095.23. Current P & L statement will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

**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](http://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:** Let us continue to pray for our troops in harms way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and others areas around the globe. The promise of a new year always brings hope "The less time we spend with a compass, the more off course we go. Let God and His ten rules be your compass" quote from Father Steve/Centerville.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, January 13th, 6:30 pm, Rm 114, Davis County Courthouse, Farmington**

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

- Jan 13 Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington
- Jan 14 Oratorical Scholarship Contest-District 2, 4:00 P.M., Davis High School, Kaysville
- 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
- Jun 24-26 - Dept. of Utah Annual Convention, Park City at Newpark Resort & Hotel (Kimball Junction)

Post 27 Honor Guard at dedication of Fallen Soldier Dolan Memorial in Roy, Veterans Day



Cdrs Sheets & Hefner attending Ogden Bell Tower Tribute



Posts 27, 66, & 139 at dedication of Fallen Soldier Dolan Memorial in Roy



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