



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

July, 2011 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner: It was an honor to have our Dept. Commander, Glen Bradford, swear in this year's Post Officers last month. Other visitors included Fred Mason, Past Dept. Cdr, Wayne Jackson, Dept Cdr for 2011-2012, Bob Jones, Past Nat'l Vice Cdr & current Dept Judge Advocate, Dave Swafford, Detachment Cdr Sons of the American Legion (SAL), and Mark Cohen, Nat'l Vice Cdr of the Western Region SAL. Without our officers and members, our Post would not be able to accomplish all that it has. Thanks to all who participated in the Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony with Bountiful Post 79, and the Kaysville 4th of July Celebration. I want to give a special thanks to Post 27 member, Jim Hansen for inviting us to his cabin to

participate in the flag retirement ceremony. I also want to thank, in advance, those who will join us lead the Farmington Festival Days Parade on July 9th. Our next meeting will be on July 14th - see you then.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION



1st Vice Cdr. Dan Miller: It is an honor to continue serving as a Vice Commander. I appreciate your confidence. It was a pleasure to serve with many of you again as we raised the flags and led the citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Kaysville Independence Day activities. It was also a pleasure to ride on one of the "floats" with a number of fellow veterans in the Kaysville parade. It was moving to see the enthusiasm and appreciation shown the veterans all along the parade route. I look forward to continued association and service with you in the American Legion.



2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber: Utah Boys State 2011 was a great success this year with 19 students ushered in by Post 27 from Davis, Viewmont, and NUAMES High Schools. This years class had 258 students in attendance. On staff this year from Post 27 were John Sheets and Chuck Stephenson as City Counselors, Jay Hess as instructor/lecturer, Paula Stephenson assisting in Administration, Frank Lennartz and I attending graduation. We will be inviting our graduates to our Post meeting in October to talk to us about their experiences. Thanks to all who participated.

New Members: No new American Legion members this month. However, we have started reactivating our Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron with Chuck Stephenson becoming a member of the SAL. He is now a dual-status Legionnaire and SAL. We only need four more SAL members to make this work. Talk to your friends or family members who are eligible for either organization or both.



Adjutant Paula Stephenson: The following Post 27 officers for the 2011-2012 year were sworn in at our last meeting:

Commander: Jim Hefner	Finance Officer: John Sheets
1 st Vice Cdr.: Dan Miller	Sgt-At-Arms: Frank Lennartz
Asst 1 st Vice Cdr: Ron Craig	Judge Advocate: Steve Walkenhorst
2 nd Vice Cdr: William Huber	Chaplain: J. Golden Barton
Asst 2 nd Vice Cdr: Chuck Stephenson	Historian: Dan Hullinger
Adjutant: Paula Stephenson	Service Officers: Dr. David Warden Marilyn Lou Warden

The American Legion (National) has set a goal of 1 million service hours for its 2011 goal for American Legion volunteers at Veterans Administration medical facilities. If you volunteer at any of our great VA facilities, please let me know so I can include it in our annual Consolidated Post Report. The data in this report eventually ends up with the Congress in Washington, D.C. If you want to volunteer with the VA, please visit with the Volunteer Coordinator at one of the facilities to see what opportunities are available--even if it is for one day a month. It is another way "to continue serving".

I want to thank our members who assisted with photography this month: Dale Crockett, Chuck Stephenson, and Bob Adams. Great job in documenting our "ventures" for Post 27 history!!

If anyone needs membership brochures and American Legion applications, let one of the officers know. I carry them with me all the time (one advantage of carrying a purse), 801-444-7189, and will deliver if needed.

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL DAYS PARADE: Post 27's Color Guard will be leading the parade at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 9th. If you want to march or ride in the vehicles for our Post, be at the corner of 400 N. and Main St. in Farmington at 9:30 A.M. The parade go south down Main, turn right at the light, left onto 200 West and end at Farmington Junior High. Post 27 will also be posting the colors after the parade at the main stage area, and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Come out and support our Veterans!

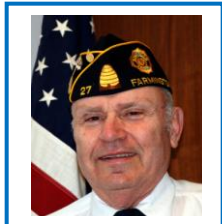


Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets: June and July are busy months for the American Legion—a very successful Boys State in which a substantial number of boys receiving close to \$900,000 in scholarships, followed by the Department Convention held in Ogden. We are now just past the Fourth of July and we had a good turnout for the flag raising in Kaysville. We were happy to have Bob Scott, Post 75, Logandale, NV, join us in the Kaysville celebration. We were able to take in \$110 through flag sales at the Department Convention, and we still have nearly 100 flags in our inventory if you need any/ (801) 628-9370.

Do you know of anyone who would like a flag for a small donation? The prices cannot be beat anywhere.

Our new Department Commander and Vice Commander are Wayne Jackson (Fillmore) and Bill Dunlap (Sandy). Congratulations for all the new officers this year.

Thanks to the members of Bountiful Post 79, COL Jack Tueller (USAF/Ret)/Bugler, the Boy Scouts, the Women's Republican League, and Jim Hansen for working with us to make the Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony a great success. We will try to get with other Posts this year and share our talents and comradery. Let us know if you see any opportunities.



Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:

If you know a young Veteran or an Active Duty member of the Armed Forces, invite them to become an American Legion member. Share our newsletter or the Legion magazine with them, or have them browse the National American Legion website at www.legion.org. You don't have to participate to belong, although participating in our events is the fun part. Come join us.

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.**

DID YOU KNOW? Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Membership Eligibility: All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such mail descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section I, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

STAY TUNED: We have some volunteers that are working on Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies with Post 27 involvement. More to come . . .



Glen Bradford, Chuck Stephenson, & John Sheets at Boys State 2011



Post 27 Officers being sworn in by Dept. Cdr. Glen Bradford



June 14th Flag Retirement Ceremony

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, July 14th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Jul 9 - Farmington Festival Days Parade, meet at 9:30 A.M. Corner of 400 N/Main, Farmington if you want to ride or march in the parade. Main Stage after the parade: Posting of the Colors by Post 27
- Jul 14- Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)
- Jul 16- Department Executive Committee Meeting, Draper, UT
- Aug 11- Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)
- Aug 17-20 Davis County Fair
- Sep 8-18 Utah State Fair



Frank Lennartz, Paula Stephenson, COL Jack Tueller, & John Sheets at the Flag Retirement Ceremony



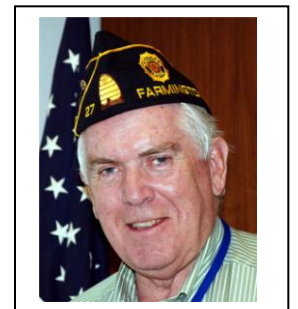
Post 27 raising the flags in Kaysville on the 4th of July



Post 27 during the Pledge of Allegiance at the Kaysville 4th of July Celebration & Breakfast



J. Golden Barton
Post 27 Chaplain



Dan Hullinger
Post 27 Historian



Jay Hess
Post 27 POW-MIA
Chairman