



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner: Thanks to all Comrades who put the flags out at the Farmington Cemetery the morning of May 27th, and the volunteers who supported the Kaysville Cemetery in the evening. The Kaysville Memorial Day Program went very well. There was a nice picture of Jay Hess in the Ogden paper. Remember, Boys State at Weber State University this week. It would be a long haul to go the Girls State in Cedar City. Just a reminder, our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 P.M. We will install this years Officers, with the help of our Department Commander Glen Bradford. The Veterans/Military

Concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is on Thursday night. See you all there.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

1st Vice Commander, Dan Miller: Comrades, It was a pleasure to join with you in honoring servicemen and women at the Kaysville Cemetery on Memorial Day. Those men and women, through their service and sacrifice, have secured the freedoms and blessings of liberty for those of us who remain. I look forward to joining with you to celebrate the birth of our nation through participating in the upcoming July activities in Kaysville and Farmington.

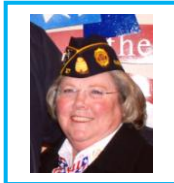


American Legion Boys State: 2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber: This year's Boys State kicked off this week on Weber State University Campus and runs June 6-10. Post 27 has 19 candidates attending this year's event. If you are interested in attending a full or part of a day's session of activities to get more acquainted with what goes on there, report to Richard Fisher on Campus at the Promontory Tower student housing facility, and he or another American Legionnaire will get you oriented and escort you to where the youth events are that day. This Thursday, Jay Hess of Post 27 will be addressing the boys at a 7 A.M. flag raising ceremony next to the Student Union Building. If you will be attending, plan to be on site by 6:30 A.M. at the flagpole by the Student Union Building.



New Members: No new members this month. We are starting a new year. Talk to your friends who are eligible.

Adjutant Paula Stephenson:



The Department of Utah Convention, June 24-26, will be at the Comfort Suites, 2250 S. 1200 W, Ogden, and sponsored by Post 9 of Ogden. Right now the cost of a room is \$82.00 with breakfast, and reservations can be made at (801) 621-2545. If you own a business and want an ad in the Convention book, go to www.utlegion.org.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is putting on a concert for Active Duty Military and Veterans on June 9th, 8:30 P.M. at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City. I have free tickets that will be available at Wednesday's meeting for all members and families. They are for "Plaza" seating area.

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".

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



Comrades, Thanks to all those who participated in making Memorial Day a success in spite of Mother Nature's concerted effort to do otherwise. Over 362 veterans families in Farmington City Cemetery and 848+ in the Kaysville Cemetery thank The American Legion for placing flags on the graves of loved ones. The Posting of Colors and the rifle salute at Kaysville Cemetery went off without a hitch, and was appreciated by a large audience who braved the snow and cold that morning.

The American Legion Post 79 in Bountiful and Post 27-Farmington will on June 14th (Flag Day) hold a very important event concerning our most precious National Symbol, the retirement of "Old Glory". Scouts and their leaders are invited to come in uniform and be part of this event. It will take place at 7:00 P.M. at former Congressman James Hansen's headquarters (cabin) at 56 S. 200 W., Farmington (just north of Farmington Junior High School (parking available)). Congressman Hansen will discuss the importance of the Flag and service to the Nation by all of its citizens. He will also give a tour of his headquarters which holds many items of historical importance collected over the many years of service to the community, state and nation as a member of the United States Navy, Farmington City Councilman, Speaker of the State House of Representatives before being elected to Congress as representative of Utah's 1st Congressional District. The American Legion will lead in presenting unserviceable flags to be properly and respectfully retired. Come and be part of this effort to educate citizens the proper respect for our National Symbol.

We still have U.S. flags of all sizes and types (embroidered or printed) for sale. You can obtain them by calling me (801) 628-9370.

Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz: Comrades, we have had a busy month in May, and we have a very active Post.



We would sure like to have more of you joining our activities and be able to enjoy your fellowship. The more we get together, the more we can do to "continue serving American", and enjoy it while we are serving.

If you know a young Veteran or an Active Duty member, invite them to become an American Legion member. Whether they actively participate or not, they will make our numbers strong and effective in Washington D.C. and throughout the nation. The American Legion currently has 2.9 million members. Our elected representatives listen to us, and the programs we do make a difference.

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.**



J. Golden Barton & John Sheets



Memorial Day Color Guard & Rifle Squad



Volleys by the Rifle Squad with Standard Examiner photographer

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, June 8th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Jun 6-10 - Boys State, Weber State University, most sessions in Student Union Building daily
- Jun 8 - Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M, Davis County Courthouse, Farmington, Room 114
- Jun 9 - Mormon Tabernacle Choir Military Appreciation Concert, Conference Center, Salt Lake City
- Jun 24-26 - Dept. of Utah Annual Convention, Comfort Suites, Ogden, UT
- Jul 4 - Kaysville 4th of July Flag Raising by Post 27 at 6:30 A.M., with breakfast to follow
- Jul 9 - Farmington Festival Days Parade

John Sheets presenting Flag to widow of Post 27 Past Commander Thomas Ramage at a Post Everlasting Ceremony

