



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

June, 2012 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: What a wonderful month our Post has experienced—very busy and rewarding. We sponsored the District 2 meeting at the Fort Douglas Museum, where John Sheets was presented with honored memorabilia for his hard work as District 2 Commander. For Memorial Day weekend our members, with a little help from our friends, put out 1,300+ grave-side flags at the Farmington and Kaysville cemeteries. With other Posts in Weber and Davis counties, we helped with the American Legion booth at the Hill AFB Air Show, despite the bad weather. Memorial Day saw us doing two programs in Kaysville and Farmington. And the flag pickup in Kaysville only took 43 minutes for 930+ flags! That is military team work.

Then there was Boys State week . . . Of the 237 students that attended, Post 27 sent 36 from Davis High, Viewmont High, and NUAMES (15 percent from one Post!). I personally enjoy Boys State week because I see the amazing maturity development in one week with the students, the joy the counselors have working with the students, the quality speakers sharing their wisdom with these student citizens, and the parents' pride at graduation. Most of all, I look forward to Boys State to work with fellow Legionnaires and old friends. I miss their friendships because they live so far away and only work with them 5 times a year at the Department/state level. Which brings up a point: I get this same reward working with you, the Legionnaires in Post 27 through meetings, Funeral Honors, events, activities, etc. Let us share our time, experiences, and hard work together. It is worth it.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION



1st Vice Commander Ron Craig:

The Rifle Team is soliciting new members. Free education and training. Give back to your comrades who have passed on. There is nothing more that can bolster pride in the American Legion than serving on the Rifle Team. Contact me.

Looking for a few good Post 27 Legion members who would like a free 4th of July breakfast, for just 30 minutes of patriotic participation: Raise the flags on the DATC

flagpoles in Kaysville at 6:30 A.M., march to the breakfast area west of DATC and present the U.S. Colors for a Pledge of Allegiance, recover the flags to the staging area, return to the breakfast area and enjoy a free breakfast. Contact me.

Let me know if you have ideas for a social gathering while the weather is still good. It is also an opportunity of get our spouses and significant others involved.

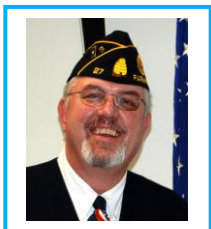
Membership is our life blood. Talk to your friends and family members who are veterans. We need them and they need us. Contact any Post officer for information and applications. (801-628-3480 or email at roncraig@acnrep.com)



2nd Vice Commander William Huber:

The American Legion Utah Boys State was extremely successful this year. Overall scholarship monies totaled \$929,000! This was a bright bunch. Thanks to John Sheets, Chuck and Paula Stephenson, and Kent Hansen for being on staff this year.

On May 14, Post 27 recognized our Oratorical winner, Taylor Greenwell, at a Davis High School Ceremony. Through winning all state level competitions and representing Utah in Indianapolis in April, he was awarded approximately \$2,400 in scholarship monies. He will be a senior this year and plans to compete again.



Adjutant Chuck Stephenson: Mark your calendars for helping us with the following events:

- Kaysville 4th of July Celebration Flag Raising at DATC / Breakfast, July 4, 6:30 A.M. Honor guard and Rifle Team. Breakfast is free for participants.
 - Farmington Festival Days Parade, July 14. We want to do a small float. Volunteers needed. Davis County Fair, August 15-18. Need to be determined.
- Military Funeral Honors: Contact Ron Craig at 801-628-3480 to become part of this team.

Learn more about The American Legion. The American Legion Extension Institute has this 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 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.



Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets Comrades, We need to sell some of the flags we have. We have about 25 printed flags which are \$5.00 each and 25 embroidered flags for \$10.00 each. Talk to your friends and neighbors, or businesses that need to replace a flag. Contact me at (801)549-8596.



Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:

A special thanks to all who participated in our May Post activities. It is great to see so many members helping. This shows the Legion is active in our communities. Thanks again.

NOTE from the Commander: Frank is on the temporary Sickcall list from heart surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



POW-MIA Chairman Jay Hess: A new agreement between the U.S. and Vietnam has paved the way for the U.S. military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to bring home more MIA. To date, the command has repatriated and identified 687 remains in Vietnam. A total of 1,284 Americans remain missing from that conflict. There are similar efforts in Korea, Leige, Belgium (WWII aircraft crash site), and other locations. More than 400,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II died. At the end of the war, the U.S. Government was unable to recover, identify, and bury approximately 79,000 as known persons. More than 73,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from WWII. For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>.

Military Funeral Honors: Post 27 has provided Military Funeral Honors for six 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.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL): Welcome to our newest SAL member, Scott Taylor from Farmington. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our SAL squadron, please contact Chuck Stephenson at (801) 444-7189 or email at stphnsnc@aol.com. If you have neighbors that never served in the military, but their fathers served during wartime, they may be eligible. Applications are also available at each monthly meeting.

BLUE STAR PROGRAM *Do you have a family member currently on active duty stationed in CONUS or OCONUS, or active with the Guard or Reserve? Or know of a neighbor, friend, other? Let us know. We are looking for ways we can support our troops, starting with a list for the Blue Star program. We currently have a list of four families. Let our Adjutant, Chuck Stephenson, know.*

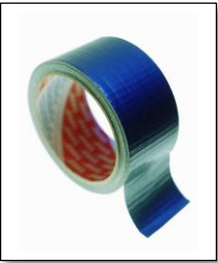


Post Chaplain JGolden Barton: It was with a contrite heart that I was able to place flags on the graves of men and women in the Farmington cemetery. Each year I find so many friends and neighbors with whom I had the privilege of associations while they were in this world. As boys, we played marbles together at school and under the canopy of the blacksmiths shop across from the courthouse. Together we played basketball on dirt courts and rode our bicycles over the wood frame work of the oil pit next to the fire bell, behind the red and white grocery store. The movies together on Thursday nights in the rock chapel and the great times we all had in school just before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It all changed as our older brothers and friends

left to serve God and Country. I remember the Blue Stars in the front window of almost every home in Farmington. The trauma as purple hearts and Gold Stars were added by their side. The deep and determine spirit to join even when too young.

How proud I was to help place a flag at the headstone of the hundreds who rest in peace having served each of us with heart, mind, might and strength. The new memorial with each name inscribed is worthy of a visit to honor our comrades who gave their best. I hope we will never forget they were just kids from Farmington willing to serve in whatever capacity the cause of America when the winds of war threatened our peace and happiness. May the angels of heaven watch over all.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FLAG CEREMONIES: Are you interested in participating with Post 27 in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies? Contact our Program Coordinator, Dale Crockett at (801)451-9493, to participate in this great youth program. If you know of a scout wanting this ceremony for the Eagle Scout award, let Dale know.



DID YOU KNOW? Soldiers have for decades mended broken gear with “hundred-mile-an-hour” tape. But why is the green utility tape’s strength measured in speed? The adhesive strip’s name is a result of its versatility, according to Luther Hanson, curator at the Army Quartermaster Museum, who said the origin of the name is rooted in Army lore. The banding material, much like silver duct tape, has been used to repair “almost everything,” from tents to windshields and door handles on jeeps, Hanson said. The idea was you use it on something, whether you were transporting it in the vehicle, or use it on the vehicle, and it

would hold at least up to 90 or 100 miles per hour,” he said. Other military versions of the tape have been used to repair holes on aircraft. The tape first appeared in ranks during World War II. ([The Army Times](#), March 12, 2012)

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, June 14th, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

Jun 14 - Post 27 monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington

Jun 15, 16, 17 - Department of Utah State Convention, Fillmore, UT

July 4 - Kaysville 4th of July Celebration Flag Raising and Breakfast, 6:30 A.M., DATC flagpole

July 14 - Farmington Festival Days Parade, line-up 8:30 A.M. Marching Honor Guard, truck, and small float to ride on

Aug 15-18 - Davis County Fair, Legacy Events Center



First Annual Farmington Memorial Day Program, May 28, 2012 Post 27 Rifle Tm with Brent Christensen (Bugles Across America) / Commander Paula Stephenson as keynote speaker



Outgoing District 2 Commander John Sheets (a.k.a. Post 27 Finance Officer) and newly elected District 2 Commander Chuck Stephenson (a.k.a. Post 27 Adjutant)