



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner: Comrades, If you missed the meeting at Oakridge Country Club, you missed a good time. It is always good to have our spouses and good friends with us at these events. Thanks again to J. Golden and Paula. The end of May is probably our busiest time. We will do the Farmington Cemetery flags on the morning of May 27th and the Kaysville Cemetery from 5-7 P.M. on that same day. We are providing the Color Guard and Rifle Squad for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Kaysville Cemetery. We have had good attendance at these events in the past. I hope to see you again this year. The practice with the city, Davis High drumline and others will be on Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 A.M. at the Kaysville Cemetery. The actual event will be on Memorial Day, May 30th at 10:00 A.M. Let's all pray for good weather. Don't forget our monthly meeting on May 12th at Davis County Courthouse.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

American Legion Boys State: 2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber: This year's Boys State will be held June 6-10 on the Weber State University campus. Post 27 has 19 candidates of those interviewed that will be attending this year's Boys State event. If you are interested in serving as a counselor part or full time for this one week event, or if you are just interested in attending part of a day's session of activities to get more acquainted with what goes on there, please contact William Huber for details at (801) 451-6946 or at William.a.huber@comcast.net.

New Members: A big Welcome to Dale Crockett from Farmington (U.S. Army/Viet Nam Era), who transferred from Post 10 in Brigham City. He attended our event in April at the Oakridge Country Club. We also want to wish Roger Lesch a heartfelt farewell. He has moved to Las Vegas where he transferred to Post 51 there. Best of luck!

Adjutant Paula Stephenson:



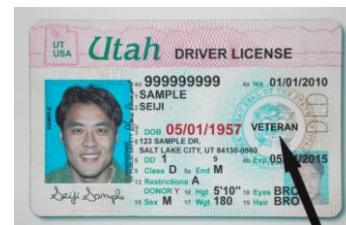
If you need the newsletter to be in BIGGER PRINT, please let me know. I can easily do it for the few that need it.

The Department of Utah Convention, June 24-26, **WILL NOT BE IN PARK CITY**. It will now 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.

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".

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. The American Legion Department gave me tickets to give out to our members. I will have them at our regular meeting and at all events we are involved in during the month of May. Let me know if you want any. They are for the "PLAZA" area. My email is stphnsnc@aol.com or (801) 444-7189.

The ceremonial Bill Signing for HB 86 (Veterans Indicator on Utah Drivers License) took place on May 9th at the State Capitol with Governor Herbert and bill sponsors Rep. Hughes and Senator Dayton. The bill provides that every regular license certificate, limited-term license certificate, regular identification card, or limited-term identification card issued on or after 16 Jul 2011 will bear an indication that the person is a military veteran. You must state you are a military veteran on the application for the particular document and provide a verification (DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge) that you were honorably discharged from the United States military. Veterans can have the license designation made when it's time to renew their license, or they can pay a \$25 fee to have it done early. The designation is not a requirement, but an option. The designation will make it easier for Veteran-friendly businesses to identify Veterans for discounts offered to them.



This month at our regular meeting are Post Officer elections and a Post Everlasting Ceremony for Thomas Ramage, who was a member the American Legion for 63 years. Please attend.

FREE, American Legion Polo Shirt, size mens XL, color navy, good condition >>>>>>



Memorial Day Event: Post 27 is participating in the Kaysville City Memorial Day Program this year again. It will be on Monday, May 30th, 10:00 A.M., Kaysville Cemetery, and will include our Honor Guard, Rifle Squad (rifle volley), and our Chaplain J. Golden Barton will give the invocation. The guest speaker is MG Brian Tarbet, The Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. The Davis High drum line will perform as well as one of their buglers for taps. We need 9 Post members to participate with the Honor Guard and Rifle Squad. If you can wear your military uniform, that's great. If not, the uniform is American Legion hat, black pants, white shirt, we have the white gloves and yellow ascots. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 A.M. at the cemetery. Please contact me (801)-444-7189 or John Sheets (801) 628-9370 to confirm your participation. All members are encouraged to attend (wear your Legion hats if you have them). There will be a limited number of chairs for Veterans and guests.

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE FLAG PLACEMENTS: Post 27 needs your help in placing flags on the graves at the Farmington and Kaysville Cemeteries. We will meet at the Farmington Cemetery at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, May 27th and at the Kaysville Cemetery at 5:00 P.M., Friday, May 27th. Bring a large screwdriver or another tool to easily make the flag hole with. Gloves also help to prevent any injuries. Pickup of the flags will be the following Friday, time TBD.

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



Comrades, From District 2, just a reminder that the District 2 Conference will be held on May 14th at the home of Past Department Commander Bob Jones at 3:00 P.M. rather than the normal 10:00 A.M. morning meeting. Elections will be held for Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders. Let's get out and vote. Post 27 is financially solid with \$992.75 in the bank, and a small amount of administrative funds to be disbursed.

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 or we will have a good sampling of them at the regular meetings. Remember Memorial Day.

Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz: With Post elections taking place and a Post Everlasting Ceremony, we need as many Post members present as possible this month. Remember the old saying "many hands make light work". . . we need as many members as possible to put flag on Veterans graves at the Farmington Cemetery (normally around 9 A.M.) and Kaysville Cemetery, at 5 P.M. We will have some help from the Scouts at the Kaysville site.

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.**

SALUTE OUR MILITARY DAY AT HOGLE ZOO: May 21, 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. In honor of all those that serve, join in as we celebrate our Armed Forces with a special flag raising ceremony, color guard and marching band performance. A variety of military vehicles, equipment and displays from every branch of the military will be on the Hogle Zoo grounds. As a thank you from Hogle Zoo, all military personnel, veterans and their immediate family (spouse and children 18 and under) will receive free admission to the Zoo with any official military ID.

FLAG EDUCATION CLASS: A flag education class for Girl Scout Troop 2100 and Scout Troop 449 of Fruit Heights on May 5th at Stephenson's flag pole by Instructor Paula Stephenson. Eleven scouts, four parent leaders, and four Post 27 members were in attendance. The scouts learned about history, basic rules of displaying the flag, flag etiquette, how to raise the flag and lower it on a real flagpole, and how to do it to official bugle music. A fun time was had by all. Thanks to our great Assistant Instructors Chuck Stephenson, John Sheets, and Frank Lennartz.



NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, May 12th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- May 12 - Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M, Davis County Courthouse, Farmington, Room 114
- May 14 - American Legion District 2 Meeting, 3:00 P.M. hosted by Post 66
- May 21 - Military Appreciation Day at Hogle Zoo, Salt Lake City, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M./ Armed Forces Day
- May 26 - 8th Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, Hubbard Memorial Golf Course, Hill A.F.B, UT, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Contact Paula Stephenson for a flyer on this event.
- May 27 - Help needed to put flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day at Farmington and Kaysville cemeteries
- May 30 - Memorial Day/ Kaysville City Memorial Day Program, 10:00 A.M., Kaysville Cemetery (Post 27 participating)
- May 30 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park, Camp Williams, Bluffdale, UT, Ceremony begins at 10:00 A.M.
- Jun 3 - Kaysville Cemetery graveside flags pickup
- Jun 9 - Mormon Tabernacle Choir Military Appreciation Concert, Conference Center, Salt Lake City
- Jun 18 - Dept. Legion Training for Post Officers, Clearfield Post 134
- Jun 24-26 - Dept. of Utah Annual Convention, Comfort Suites, Ogden, UT



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