



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

## Farmington, Utah

### November, 2011 Newsletter



Website: [www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org)



#### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner:**

Comrades, our Farmington Cemetery Military Veterans Memorial Dedication is scheduled on 11/11/11 @ 11:00 A.M., with Post 27 raising flags on all three flagpoles. This Memorial is for those Veterans that have gone before us, and for all of us. Hope to see you there.

Our fund raiser campaign for the Veterans Memorial continues. We are just short of our goal of \$1,000 towards this Memorial. The memorial idea started with members of Post 27. Please be generous and give what you can.

#### **POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION**



#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr. William Huber:**

The Oratorical Contest is fast approaching. The Post level contest is scheduled for early January, with District level competition to follow. State level competition is set for February 11 at the VAMC Campus.

The graduates from Davis County schools (93 students) were invited to a Davis County Commission meeting on Oct. 18. There were 25 student who participated that day and were presented Davis County Commission coins. The governor for Girls State 2012 was present with this group. What talented young citizens—all of them!

Samsung Scholarships were announced recently. Of the 9 - \$20,000 scholarships awarded to graduates of Boys and Girls State this year, Utah had two of the nine, Alex Jolley from Cedar City and Summer Stout from Hurricane. Congratulations to both of them.



**Adjutant Paula Stephenson:** Membership renewals are the lifeblood of The American Legion. Our Post only has 26 members that still need to renew their valuable membership. ***This can now be done on-line through The American Legion National website: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).*** You can also mail the renewal to John Sheets, 1368 W. Fairway Circle, Farmington, UT 84025.

If you haven't been to our Post website lately, you are in for a treat. The Post newsletters will be posted, as well as several other new items and links. Thanks to our Post 27 Webmaster, Kent Hansen, from Farmington.

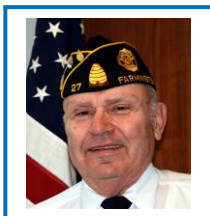


Post 27 Social of the Year—our Christmas Party on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, to be held in the Community Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 1131 S. Main Street, Centerville. The Post will provide delicious hams. We ask members to bring a side dish or dessert. A flyer with more information will be distributed later this month as we get closer to the date.



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

As you know, Post 27 has been asked to do an opening Flag ceremony by raising the flags at the new Veterans Memorial at the Farmington City Cemetery on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. Lt. Governor Greg Bell and former Congressman Jim Hansen have been asked to speak. We will have a live Bugler do "To The Colors" and "Taps" at the conclusion. Funding for the Memorial is by private donations. Post 27 volunteered a donation of \$1,000. We are doing well with our fund drive, but are still a bit off the mark. If you have not had an opportunity to donate, we appreciate your contribution of any amount.



#### **Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:**

We need all that can make it, to come to our Post meeting on Thursday, November 10 and also to the Veterans Memorial Dedication on November 11, at 11:00 A.M. If you have an American Legion cap, wear it with pride and let everyone know you are a Veteran.

## 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.**

**Military Funeral Honors training** will be coming up in the next few months. This helps your knowledge with participating in Military Funeral Honors with folding flags, conduct of the ceremony, and your knowledge of our U.S. Flag. At the end of the training you receive a certificate and "Folded Flag" pin for your Legion cap. If interested, contact Paula Stephenson at email: [stphnsnc@aol.com](mailto:stphnsnc@aol.com) or call (801)444-7189.

*Do you have a family member currently on active duty stationed in CONUS or OCONUS, or active with the Guard or Reserve locally? Or know of a neighbor, friend, other? Please let us know. We are looking for ways we can support our troops, starting with a list for the Blue Star program.*



**Post Chaplain J. Golden Barton:** At this time of the year we turn our hearts to thanking the Powers of Heaven for the joys and happiness that fills our lives. Each American has reason to be thankful for a country that grants freedom and liberty to each and every person who is willing to comply with the rule of law. Liberty that many members of the American Legion Post 27 have unselfishly served to protect and defend. To each we offer our thanks and appreciation for your service.

We also express our gratitude and appreciation for the men and women who defend America today, many of whom find themselves in harms way in selfless sacrifice. Our faith and prayers are with the many men and women in uniform who stand as sentinels watching over us. Millions of American families support our troops and thus contribute to our well being. To the parents, wives, children and families of all who anxiously await their return, we express our appreciation for their support and sacrifice.

Let each of us take the time, during this Thanksgiving Season, to reflect on the gift of service by those who have in the past and who today protect us from those who seek to destroy the liberty and freedom of this promised land we call the United States of America. What a privilege we share to live under the flag of the red, white, and blue. Amen.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



Veterans Day in the U.S. is November 11 each year. Why this day? Originally, November 11 marked "Armistice Day", commemorating Nov. 11, 1918, the day fighting ended World War I, after the Allied nations and Germany reached an agreement. In the U.S., Congress established Armistice Day as a national holiday in 1938, according to documents of the Veterans Affairs Department. But the holiday was later extended to honor all veterans when World War II broke out, crushing the notion of WWI as "the war to end all wars," VA documents state. In 1954, Congress passed a bill renaming Armistice Day as Veterans Day. (Extracted from The Army Times, 10/17/11).

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

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 10th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington**

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

Nov 8 – Election Day, get out and vote. If you need a ride, let us know.

Nov 10 - Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)

Nov 11 – Dedication of the Farmington Cemetery Military Veterans Memorial, 11:00 A.M.

- Nov 11 - Veterans Day Concert by the Utah National Guard 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Band, 7:00 P.M., Jon M. Huntsman Center, Univ. of Utah Campus, FREE
- Nov 14 - World War II Speaker Series at the Salt Lake City Library , 210 E. 400 S. SLC, 7 P.M. Phoenix Swing Band, Veterans Day Program. FREE
- Dec 9 - Post 27 Christmas Party, Community Hall in the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 1131 S. Main St, Centerville
- Dec 12 - World War II Speaker Series at the Salt Lake City Library, 7 P.M., Winston Thatcher-Army, 916<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery



Miller Motorsports Park  
 Sept. 17, 2011  
 Legion Family Members in  
 the Museum



Eagle Court of Honor  
 Flag Ceremony  
 Sept 25, 2011  
 Centerville



Boys and Girls State 2011 Graduates at Davis County  
 Commission Meeting, October 18, 2011

