



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

October, 2011 Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner:

Comrades, the report that came in from the Miller Motorsports Park Fun Day from our members who went said a great time was had by all. It was quite the venue, with over 500 acres and a variety of activities for all ages—yes, even 5 year old kids were racing go-carts! We also participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor with Dale Crockett leading the Legionnaires' portion of the program. Upcoming will be our Farmington Cemetery Military Veterans Memorial Dedication on 11/11/11 @ 11:00 A.M., with Post 27 participation. Hope to see you all there.

Our fund raiser campaign for the Military Veterans Memorial at the Farmington City Cemetery is underway. Our goal is to donate \$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



2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber:

Information about the upcoming Oratorical Contest was presented to Viewmont, Davis and NUAMES High Schools. The Oratorical Contest is scheduled for early January.

The Boys & Girls State 2011 graduates from our three high schools (38 students) have been invited to our October meeting to talk to us about their experiences. Come and listen to these bright, young students that participated in an American Legion sponsored program. The graduates from Davis County schools (93 students) have been invited to a Davis County Commission meeting on Oct. 18 at 10 A.M., Rm 236, Davis County Courthouse. All Post 27 members are invited.



Adjutant Paula Stephenson: Membership renewals are the lifeblood of The American Legion. I encourage you to keep up with your support by renewing your membership in The American Legion for 2012. Post 27 is at 66 percent that have renewed to date. ***This can now be done on-line through The American Legion National website: www.legion.org/renew***. I am able to see these renewals on a daily basis and get your 2012 membership cards to you quickly. Please do this as soon as possible and as you are able. You can also mail the renewal to John Sheets, 1368 W. Fairway Circle, Farmington, UT 84025



Mark your calendar for the Post 27 social of the year—our Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th, to be held in Centerville again. Details will be in next month's newsletter.



Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets As of Sept 7, 2011, Post 27 has \$1,339.15 in the bank, with no bills outstanding. However, the Post has committed to purchasing flags for the new Farmington Cemetery Veterans Memorial, and pledged \$1000 towards the Memorial. We currently have a fundraiser ongoing. Attached is the fundraiser letter. We trust our pledge to Farmington City will be met.

Post 27 is hosting "Meet the Farmington City Candidates Night" on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 P.M. On November 11th at 11:00 A.M. is the dedication of the new Farmington City Cemetery Veterans Memorial. We trust that all of the members will want to attend the Memorial

Dedication Ceremony, especially those who live in Farmington.

Do you know of anyone who would like a flag for a small donation? We have many different sizes and materials. The prices cannot be beat anywhere.



Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:

Each month our Post meetings include discussions among the members of what we are doing and how to do things better to support our Veterans, their families, youth, and our community. It is always nice to see new faces, and we appreciate the fact that many of you no longer have the capability of participating. Always remember that you are part of our Post, and you still support us in spirit and through your membership. Thank you for your service.

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.**

The Utah Legion College is sponsoring a one-day training class for any officer, "wantobe" officer, or any Legion family member interested in learning about the American Legion. This will be held for Area One (for Post 27) on October 29 at the Brigham City Post 10, 150 E. Forest, Brigham City, starting at 10:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. The same curriculum will be taught on Oct. 15 in Beaver and November 5 at Cabella's in Lehi. If anyone is interested, please let me know so I can give the leadership a heads-up. Even if you don't want a leadership position, it is always nice to know what the American Legion does and how.

Do you have a family member currently on active duty stationed in CONUS or OCONUS, 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: Age is one of those things that somehow catches up with everyone. With this process comes the difficulties we all experience with health problems. Many of our Post 27 members are experiencing difficulties, including our Post Commander. Our prayers are with each of our members, and especially Jim and others who are once again warriors fighting against the battle of time. May our Heavenly Father bless each of our members and assist them in their time of need and may the faith and prayers of our members lift and sustain each of you.

DID YOU KNOW?

What was the reason for having a 21-gun salute rather than, say 20 or 22 guns? This gesture of goodwill between forces dates back to the infancy of firearms in the 14th century. Warships around that time fired seven gun salutes; a number possibly based on biblical and astronomical references such as the seven identified planets of the period, according to documents at the U.S. Army Center of Military History. Land batteries, usually with larger stores of ammunition than warships, were able to fire three guns for every shot fired at sea. They fired three times as many guns, or 21, to show approaching parties their friendly intentions, the documents said. Today, the 21-gun ritual can be bestowed in honor of a national flag, U.S. presidents, foreign heads of state, and selected royalty, according to the Defense Dept. (Extracted from The Army Times, 9/26/11).

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FLAG CEREMONIES: Interested in participating with Post 27 in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies? At our October meeting, Dale Crockett will be discussing how Post 27 is participating in this great youth program. If you can't make it and want to participate, contact Paula at 801-444-7189 or email at stphnsnc@aol.com and she will get you in contact with Dale.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 13th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Oct 10 - World War II Speaker Series at the Salt Lake City Library , 210 E. 400 S. SLC, 7 P.M. Speaker Don E. Bush of Clearfield shares Navy experience from WWII and Korea, 6:10 P.M. music by East Street Band with Top of Utah musicians, FREE
- Oct 13 - Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)
- Oct 25 - Farmington Meet the Candidates Night, hosted by American Legion Post 27, Farmington City Hall, 7 P.M.
- Nov 1 - Veteran Employment Benefit & Resume Building Workshop, South Towne Expo Center, 9 AM to 4 PM
- Nov 4 - Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair, South Towne Expo Center, 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- Nov 4 - Homeless Veterans Stand Down, Salt Lake VA Med Center Campus, Bldg #8 MPC, 7 A.M. to 2 P.M.
- Nov 8 - Election Day, get out and vote. If you need a ride, let us know.
- Nov 11 - Dedication of the Farmington Cemetery Military Veterans Memorial, 11:00 A.M.
- Dec 9 - Post 27 Christmas Party