



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

October, 2012 Newsletter



Website: www.post27.org



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: What a wild summer! Spirit of '45 Memorial, 9/11 Memorial Dedication, Funeral Honor Guards, socials, National Convention, Eagle Courts of Honor . . . These would not happen without the dedication of our fellow Legionnaires. November 11th is fast approaching and we are putting together a program with Farmington City for that day at the Veterans Memorial, Farmington City Cemetery. It was one year ago we dedicated those flag poles and Memorial. How time flies! Post 27 also has a request in to the Country for a permanent meeting space in the Davis County Memorial Courthouse. We have been housing our equipment in the basement and meeting regularly in Room 114, but we are outgrowing both areas - thus the request for bigger and more permanent space to work in. We can also use this space to help fellow Veterans with benefits. Please support Post 27 if the opportunity arises with our County Council. They know who we are. And lastly, please VOTE on November 6th.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

NEW MEMBER: We want to give a hearty welcome to our newest member in the American Legion and Post 27, Lyle A. Green, Korea and Vietnam Eras (Marines/Air Force). He currently lives in Roy.



1st Vice Commander Ron Craig: We still have 25 members that have NOT renewed for calendar year 2013. Look at your membership cards to see if your card is older than 2013. Post 27 needs your support with YOUR membership. Please renew today: online through www.legion.org, then click RENEW at the top of the page, **OR** send your \$30 check to John Sheets/Finance Officer, 1368 Fairway Circle, Farmington, UT 84025.



2nd Vice Commander William Huber: Oratorical Scholarship Contest: The "Constitution Contest" material has been presented to each of our three high schools (Davis, Viewmont, and NUAMES). In April, 2012, our Davis High winner at the Post, District, and State level went to Indianapolis to compete, earning about \$2400 in scholarship monies. Rumor has it he will try again this year, with a lot more experience under his belt. Post and District contests will be held in January. We always need volunteers for time keepers, judges, escorts, and tabulators. Please let us know. Details will be posted in December's newsletter.

Boys and Girls State: Some 2012 Boys and Girls State graduates will be visiting with our Post 27 members this Thursday, October 11 at our monthly meeting. They will share with us there experiences and why they feel the program benefited them. Please come and show your support. Our meeting room will be changed to Room 236. The second visit for the 2012 graduates from Davis County is scheduled for the Davis County Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 10:00 A.M., Rm 303, new Davis County Administration Building, 61 Main Street, Farmington (south of the old Davis County Memorial Courthouse). This large group of students will be presented and recognized by the Davis County Commissioners. Your support will look good to the students and the Commission. Let's show them how proud we are of their accomplishment at Boys and Girls State.



Adjutant Chuck Stephenson: **WANTED:** All American Legion member's Discharge documents (such as DD 214, DD 256, DD483, etc.). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is auditing Legion posts for proof of non-profit status, nationwide. This is the same criteria required of proof of eligibility for membership in the American Legion. These documents will be scanned onto a computer USB flash drive and stored in our safe deposit bank box, and the hardcopy with the Post Adjutant in a vault safe. Please get these document to me either by mail: American Legion Post 27, c/o C. Stephenson, 1258 Eagle Way, Fruit Heights, UT 84037-3222 or by email at stphnsnc@aol.com. Your current telephone number would be helpful if we have any questions.

Learn more about The American Legion. The American Legion Extension Institute has an 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 John Sheets:

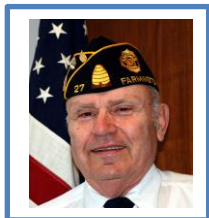


We assist the National Guard with Military Funeral Honors and the Utah Army National Guard has given Post 27 \$500 for this year (we did 18 funerals so far). Family donations to the Post through this program are at \$200. Thanks to all members who participate in this worthy program.

We still have 23 of the 3x5 polyester printed flags at \$5.00 each. If your local Scout troop puts out flags in the neighborhood, see if they need some new ones for a great price.

The Area I Fall Conference is scheduled for October 27, 10:00 A.M., George Wahlen Nursing Home in Ogden. The Legion College portion will be taught by Bob Jones and the afternoon agenda will teach members items of interest in managing their Posts better. All Legion members are invited.

Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:



We have had many post activities these past two months. Our thanks to all who have participated in them. Those who missed out, come and join us. We are always looking for more members to help out.

Military Funeral Honors: Post 27 provided Military Funeral Honors for two veterans' funerals in September. 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) 549-8596 or Ron Craig at (801) 628-3480.

This is an honor for us to do. Donations to the Post are sometimes received.

NOTE: These casing displays are available for those members that want them for a \$5.00 donation to the Post. They are available at our regular meetings.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL): SAL Squadron 27 currently has 9 members. Our SAL Program continues to grow and develop. Please keep in mind that any male descendant (son/grandson) of an American wartime veteran is eligible to join. An excellent way to continue the tradition and honor "the father's military service." And remember **IT'S COOL TO BE DUAL**. Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Chuck Stephenson at (801) 444-7189 or email at stphnsnc@aol.com. A reminder that dues for 2013 SAL membership are now due (\$7.50). Please send your checks to John Sheets.



Post Historian/Public Relations Officer Kent Hansen: History of American Legion Boys State - The creation of the Boys State program is credited to Hayes Kennedy, who in 1935 was an instructor at the Loyola University School of Law in Chicago, and Americanism Chairman of the Illinois Department of the American Legion and Harold Card, The Department Boy Scout Chairman and Junior High School instructor.

Kennedy and Card became concerned about a project underway in the late 1930's called "Young Pioneer Camps" promoted by the Fascist Party to attract high school students. At these

camp, the Fascist Party would advocate the virtues of the Fascist system and the uselessness of Democracy. Kennedy felt that a counter movement must be started among the ranks of the nation's youth to stress the importance and value of our Democratic form of government and maintain an effort to preserve and perpetuate it. The Illinois Department of the American Legion approved Kennedy's and Card's project and in June, 1935, the very first "Boys State" in the nation was held on the grounds of the Illinois State Fair. From that beginning in Illinois, the program swiftly spread among other American Legion Departments. In 1941, 34 states were conducting a "Boys State" program. Today, the American Legion conducts a "Boys State" program in 49 states. Hawaii is the only state that does not have a Boys State program, and the District of Columbia delegates attend either the Maryland or Virginia Boys States.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, October 11, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Rm 236, Farmington
ROOM LOCATION CHANGE DUE TO Boys & Girls State Visitors, North End of building (Elevator at South End)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Oct 11 - Post 27 monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 236, Farmington
- Oct 30 - Davis County Commission Meeting with Davis County Boys & Girls State graduates, 10:00 A.M., Room 303, new Davis County Administration Building, 61 Main Street, Farmington
- Nov 6 - Election Day: GET OUT AND VOTE
- Nov 8 - Post 27 monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington
- Nov 11 - (Sunday) Veterans Day Program, Farmington City Cemetery, 11:00 A.M., Post 27 leading the program.

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Post 27 Adjutant/National Delegate Chuck Stephenson at the National American Legion Convention in Indianapolis



Commander Stephenson presenting Certificate of Appreciation to September's meeting guest speaker Terry Schow, Ex. Dir, Utah Veterans Affairs

And remember . . .

