



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

April, 2011 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner: Comrades, I hope you are all enjoying spring time in Utah. Boys State and Girls State applicants have all been chosen barring last minute changes. Post 27 is well represented again this year. Paula and J. Golden have set up a great meeting at the Oakridge Country Club on April 14th. I invite all of you and family members to attend and learn what has been going on in the Post and District, and socialize as well. Remember, the Department Convention is coming up the end of June in Park City. See you on the 14th.

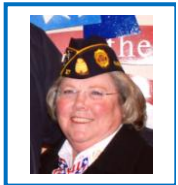
Post Officer elections are in May, and we are taking nominations. If you are interested, please contact me (801) 940-1211 or Paula (801) 444-7189. Training for all positions is being scheduled through our Department.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

American Legion Boys State: 2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber: During the month of March, Post 27 Cdr Jim Hefner, 1VCdr Dan Miller, 2VCdr William Huber, Finance Officer John Sheets, and Chuck Stephenson met and interviewed eleven boys from NUAMES and eight boys from Davis and Viewmont High. They were all recommended to attend this year's American Legion Utah Boys State program on the campus of Weber State University in June. Each interview lasted about fifteen minutes, and we found these young men to be the cream of the crop. The cost to attend Boys State this year is \$400/student. NUAMES has chosen to fund half the cost for its boys to attend. The vast majority of boys attending are personally paying at least a portion of the cost or the full \$400. We are proud to recommend the following students for Boys State: NUAMES: Anthony Rayburn, Anthony Pham, Brendan Woodhall, Colin Anderson, Connor Hampton, Darrick Grimmett, Edward Lore, Garrett Bigelow, Jason Snow, Michael Joseph, Bryan Orellana; DAVIS HIGH: Devin Moss, Kaden Gilchrist, Dalin Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Cameron Shapiro, Brennon Flitton; VIEWMONT HIGH: Landon Willey and Connor Roberts.

New Members: No new members this month.

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.

Attached is the information about our Department of Utah Convention, June 24-26, in Park City.

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. If you want to volunteer with the VA, go 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".

You are all invited to a ceremonial Bill Signing for HB 86 (Veterans Indicator on Utah Drivers License) on May 9, 9:30 A.M., at the State Capitol Rotunda with Governor Herbert and bill sponsors Rep. Hughes and Senator Dayton.

Next 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.

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



Comrades, the month of April has been designated by the Counties of the United States and Utah to show appreciation to the U.S. Military. On April 5th, Chuck and Paula Stephenson and I attended a Davis County Commission meeting for a presentation by Col. Higby of Hill AFB, detailing the financial impact of Hill AFB to Davis County, the businesses of Davis County, and Hill's 24,318 employees. On April 12th, The American Legion was invited to present Legion programs that assist and enhance the lives of our Active Duty personnel and Veterans. The presenter was Bob Jones,

Past Department Commander, past Sons of the American Legion (SAL) National Vice Commander, and current Department Judge Advocate. He did a great job and we hope to see some media coverage on this. We had two rows of Legion "hats" supporting him at that event.

We still have U.S. flags of all sizes and types (embroidered or printed) for sale. You can obtain them by calling me or we will have a good sampling of them at the regular meetings.

Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz: We need to have as many Post members come and join us at our April 14th meeting at the Oakridge Country Club. The program planned is great! This is your Post and we are always looking for help or support for many of our events. Many hands make good events. 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 2.7 million members, which helps make our elected representatives listen, 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 throughout the winter.**

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.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 pm, Oakridge Country Club Dining Room, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Apr 14 - Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:00 P.M. Light Dinner, 7:00 P.M.-Special Event, Oakridge Country Club, 1492 W. Shepard Lane, Farmington
- Apr 15-17 - National Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis. Watch live on www.legion.org.
- May 9 - World War II Speaker Series, Salt Lake City Library, 6:30 P.M. Big Band Era music, 7:00 P.M. Roy Stapp, Air Force Pilot, 50 Missions in Europe
- May 12 - Post 27 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M, Davis County Courthouse, Farmington, Room 114
- May 14 - American Legion District 2 Meeting, Ogden VA Home, 10:00 A.M. hosted by Post 66
- May 27 - Help needed to put flags on veterans graves for Memorial Day at Farmington and Kaysville cemeteries
- May 30 - Memorial Day activities (to be determined)
- Jun 24-26 - Dept. of Utah Annual Convention, Park City at Newport Resort & Hotel (Kimball Junction)



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