



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

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Commander's Corner



Paula Stephenson

Coordination has already begun for Memorial Day programs Post 27 will be involved with. Does that mean Spring is finally here? We will be involved with both Farmington and Kaysville again this year.

At our April 11th meeting we will be voting / electing our new slate of Post Officers and Executive Committee members who are vital to our Post operations. Nominations were made in March, but we are still open for more nominations. So far, we have the following nominations:

Commander	Paula Stephenson
1 st Vice Commander	Frank Lennartz
2 nd Vice Commander	Kent Hansen from Centerville
Adjutant	Chuck Stephenson
Finance Officer	John Sheets
Sgt-at-Arms	Frank Ferrante
Asst. Sgts-at-Arms	David Layton / Richard Clark
Judge Advocate	Steve Walkenhorst
Chaplain	JGolden Barton
Historian	Kent Hansen
Service Officers	David Warden and Mary Lou Warden
Executive Committee Members:	Dale Crockett and William Huber



Please try to attend the April meeting. New officers will be sworn in at the May 9th meeting.

The next big event for the entire District 2 is **The American Legion 2013 State Convention**, being held in Layton June 21, 22, and 23. We want to have a GOOD representation of delegates from Post 27 this year, since it is being held in our back yard. If you have never been to one of these events, you may find it very interesting. We are authorized seven delegates and seven alternate delegates, but any Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member can attend all 2 ½ days or during selected times. Thank you for considering attending this year. And by the way, if you want to help with any of the events during the Convention, let Chuck Stephenson know. He is the Convention Chairman (and Post 27 Adjutant).

2nd Vice Commander



William Huber

Post 27 conducted interviews throughout March at Viewmont and Davis High Schools and at NUAMES charter school for those desiring to enroll at this year's **2013 American Legion Utah Boys State**. William Huber, Kent Hansen, John Sheets, and Chuck Stephenson interviewed 24 boys from NUAMES and 12 boys from Davis and Viewmont High Schools.

To date, 29 completed applications with tuition payments have been received and submitted to the American Legion Utah Boys State Corporation. Several boys are still working to complete their applications and to submit them through their respective schools.

The boys interviewed were all very sharp, well prepared, and are self starters. A number of them had family members who were past Boys or Girls State attendees and had spoken highly of their experience.

The cost to attend this year is \$425. Donations are welcome to assist with boys whose means may be insufficient to attend from their own family's effort. Boys State will be held June 10 – 14, 2013.

2nd Vice Commander (continued)

Participants will learn how our democratic republic form of government works through participating in the formation of mock city, county and state governments, serve as delegates in mock parties, run for office and hear from numerous guest speakers.

Those attending and completing the week long program will qualify to receive three credit hours in political science from Weber State University (WSU). It will also meet their civics ½ credit (1 semester) requirement for high school seniors. They will be able to apply for scholarships. The class of 2012 qualified to receive more than \$930,000 in scholarships from WSU.

To qualify as a potential attendee, the boy must finish his high school junior year prior to the start of the program and plan on attending his senior year. Make-up interviews of candidates are currently being made; interested boys should contact their school high counselors immediately to get details to apply. Applications are due now. For further information, Legionnaires may contact William Huber at 801-597-9807 or at william.a.huber@comcast.net.

Adjutant



POST 27 membership has held steady at 75. Commander Stephenson, Adjutant Stephenson and Sgt-at-Arms Lennartz (Post member who recruited our newest member and the member that put us at 100%) were presented 2013 100% Membership Pins by National Commander Jim Koutz at the 94th American Legion Birthday Party held 16 March at Stansbury Park, Utah. Legionnaires, remember that there is still work to be done – continue to seek and recruit new members. **Membership is the “Life Blood” of The American Legion.**

Chuck Stephenson

REMINDER. Honor Guard Training is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th 2013. Please mark your calendars. The Training will be conducted by the Utah Army National Guard Military Honors Section. It will be held at the Farmington Fire Station, 82 N. 100 E. Farmington (one block north from the Old Davis County Courthouse) from 7 to 9 pm. The training will be in concert with the Farmington Fire and Police Departments Honors Unit and will cover Military Funeral Honors; folding of the Flag; etc. Post 27 will also rehearse our Eagle Scout Flag Presentation Program.

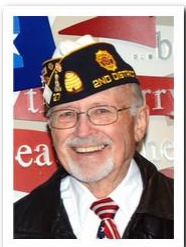


WELCOME to our newest Sons of the American Legion Member - Mr. Kent Hansen. Kent brings our Squadron strength to 11. We still need one more member to reach our SAL Membership Target of 12. Your sons and grandsons are eligible to join. Membership would make a great birthday or graduation present. **An excellent way to honor your father's or grandfather's service.** SAL Detachment Convention will be in conjunction with Utah Boys State. SAL Convention will be on Thursday at 1:00 PM, at the Shepard Union Building, WSU Campus.



The Department of Utah 2013 Convention will be at the Marriott Courtyard in Layton on 21, 22, 23 June. District 2 (Davis, Morgan, Weber Counties) is hosting the event, and working hard to make this the best Convention ever. There is much to do and extra hands are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please give me a call at (H) 801-444-7189 or (C) 801-698-7750; or send an email to stphnsnc@aol.com.

Finance Officer



John Sheets

Post Finance: Comrades we are coming to the end of our fiscal year and doing so in fair shape. Normally at the end of the year the budget is pretty well used; however because of some very generous families who have shown their appreciation for our services in Funeral Honors for a loved one we have a small surplus. In addition we had a carry-over from previous years and we have a bank balance of **\$1395.45**. This will carry us into the new year, beginning July 1st and enable us to meet the incidental needs of the Post, including postage stamps. (GS note). However, we are never concerned that we will be unable to find a financial institution unable to handle our large account. We accept any ideas (most) that would help to grow our account.



Area I Commander: Area I is doing quite well in membership goals. We are the largest Area in the Department. District I and District II have several Posts in excess of their goal of 100 % and both have a shot of making 100% of their goal. Area III is just short 3 members of making 100% and will be the first District in the Department to make 100%. I commend Farmington Post for their 100% of membership goal early on.

POW/MIA News



WWII MIA identified after nearly 70 years

The remains of an American World War II soldier missing in action for nearly 70 years have reportedly been identified after they were found on the Pacific's Northern Mariana Islands. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command confirmed that its team currently working in Saipan has received "possible human remains" and material evidence consistent with an unresolved case from World War II.



Jay C. Hess Anthropologist Shuichiro Narasaki from the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare in Tokyo told the *Marianas Variety* that a group of Japanese volunteers and members of the CNMI Historic Preservation recovered remains of the soldier along with Japanese remains at a burial site in a settlement in Taipan.

"We have identified the bones to belong to one William T. Carneal based on the information on the U.S. military dog tag found along with the bones, as well as high school ring and American coins," Narasaki told the newspaper. "Carneal must have been around 18 or 19 when he was buried at the site over 68 years ago." Narasaki said the team also recovered another set of bones believed to belong to an American soldier but the remains had yet to be identified.

More than 83,000 Americans remain classified as missing from past conflicts, including the wars in the Pacific, according to JPAC officials. Its Central Identification Laboratory is the largest and most diverse forensic skeletal laboratory in the world, according to its website.

Historian



Origin of the Nickname "Leathernecks" for the Marines

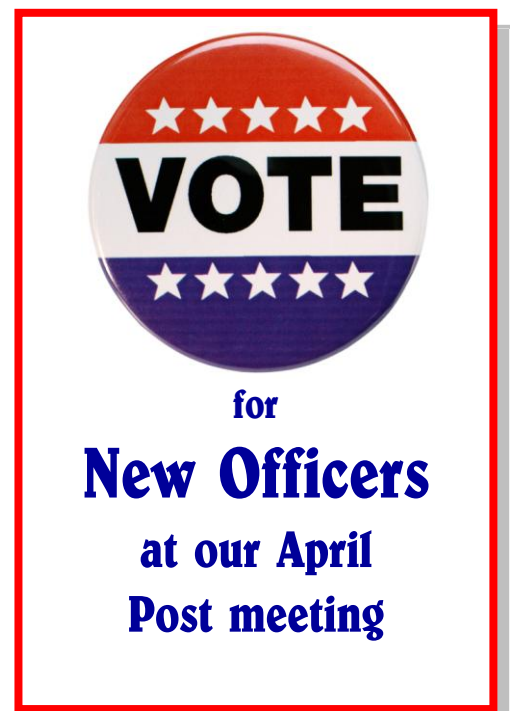
The origin of the term "Leatherneck" can be accepted more as a tradition than legend. For there can be no doubt of the origin, considering that U. S. Marines of three generations wore leather collars.

Now accepted by Webster as a synonym for Marine, the term "Leatherneck" was derived from a leather stock once worn around the neck by both American and British Marines—and soldiers also. Beginning in 1798, "one stock of black leather and clasp" was issued to each U. S. Marine annually.

Kent Hansen

This stiff leather collar, fastened by two buckles at the back, measured nearly three and a half inches high, and was practical only for full-dress wear. It could hardly be worn in battle as it prevented the neck movement necessary for sighting along a barrel. It supposedly improved military bearing, by forcing the chin high, although General George F. Elliott, recalling its use after the Civil War, said it made the wearers appear "like geese looking for rain." The stock was dropped as an article of Marine uniform in 1872, after surviving through the uniform changes of 1833, 1839, and 1859. But by then it was a part of American vocabulary, a word preserved, like so many words, beyond its original meaning.

Legion Laffs



Calendar of Events/Items of Interest.

- April 8 – **Veteran Speaker Series**, Salt Lake City Library, 210 E 400 S, Auditorium, 7:00 pm.
Featured speaker: *Jerry Cannon, Air Force, Vietnam.*
- April 11 – **Next Scheduled Post Meeting:** 6:30 pm, old Davis County Courthouse, Room 114.
Don't miss this meeting as new officers will be elected.
- April 18 – **Honor Guard/Rifle Team Training:** 7:00-9:00 pm, Farmington Fire Station, 82 North 100 East, Farmington.
- May 13 -- **Veteran Speaker Series**, Salt Lake City Library, 210 E 400 S, Auditorium, 7:00 pm.
Featured speaker: *Our very own Jay Hess, Air Force, Vietnam. **Let's all show our support!***



We are now on Facebook at "American Legion Post 27 Farmington Utah" or there is a link from our Post website at www.post27.org.



Post 27 Members Chuck Stephenson, Paula Stephenson, John Sheets and Frank Lennartz presenting an Operation Comfort Warrior donation to American Legion National Commander Jim Koutz. Funds were collected during our Christmas Party in December.

It was a high honor and privilege to participate in "The 13 Folds Flag Ceremony" for our National Commander Jim Koutz. The ceremony was in recognition of his support and attendance at the Department of Utah's American Legion 94th Birthday Celebration. The Birthday Celebration was held at the Stansbury Park Community Center, near Tooele, Utah. National Commander Koutz's message was about his National Program of Choice – **"Operation Comfort Warrior" (O.C. W.)** and his slogan – **"Every Day Is Veteran's Day."** It was a very special evening of celebration and laughter with American Legion Family.

