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Editor's Note: Throughout the past year, we Legionnaires have been celebrating 100 years of service to Veterans and to our communities. Now it is time to look to the new century ahead as we lift our Legion to even greater heights. In keeping with that vision, this newsletter has been renamed *The American Legion Second Century Post*.

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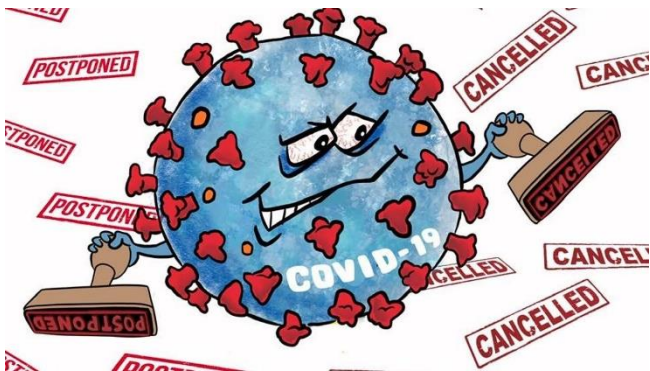
Commander's Corner



William A. Huber

My fellow comrades of the Post 27 Family, we have all been enlisted till the conflict is over, happy are we, happy are we. In times gone by, we heeded the call of our country to defend the United States of America. We stood side by side with our fellow soldiers, sailors, Marines and airman and took an oath to defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic. We have a new enemy, invisible and no respecter of man. Its name is coronavirus (COVID-19).

A hundred years ago those who preceded us in 1919, had just successfully survived the Spanish Flu Pandemic and World War I. They set about to establish The American Legion with 20/20 hindsight and a forward view of the future that lay before them. They opened The American Legion Constitution with its Preamble, that we now recite at all official meetings, with these words, "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes". They recognized that divine providence stood by them and sustained them through the harshest of times, just as He had sustained George Washington and his comrades through the Revolutionary War, defeating the world's then superpower.



A great many of us, owing to our age as 60+, find ourselves in a group to be "protected." However, we also have a deep well of strength to draw upon. Our lives, like great trees, have deep roots to give us stability in these winds of adversity. Having lived through many a challenge and hardship, we have gained wisdom, vision with hope, and the ability to know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. With firmness in our resolve to live by divine principles, we can be a light to those about us, always maintaining a demeanor of civility, kindness and quiet respect; whether we are pushing a shopping cart, waiting in line to receive our prescription drugs or providing mindful

service where and when we can. We stand together again as comrades in arms.

Buddy Checks: You are important, and you matter to us. As a leadership team we may call you from time to time, as a "buddy check." We are not trying to impose ourselves but are interested in your wellbeing and desirous to be of help where we can.

March 29th, National Vietnam War Veterans Day: Post 27 salutes our Vietnam War Veterans and they and their families' sacrifice in behalf of our country. For many this is a new patriotic day to recognize and honor our comrades in arms and their faithful service to our nation. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, this may have slipped under the radar of many.

Notwithstanding, take an opportunity to acknowledge and thank those in your circle for their service. For those who are just learning of this annual event, President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on March 28, 2017. This Act designates every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day—a day for

all Americans to come together to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Post 27 General Meetings: Another causality of the COVID-19 pandemic is building access of the Farmington City Community Arts Center (FCCAC) for hosting the Post 27 monthly meetings. The use of these facilities has been suspended by Farmington City. Its availability is expected following notices given by our local governing authorities. Consequently, the Post 27 general meeting for March 25th was canceled as well as the April 13th general meeting. We will keep you apprised regarding May's general meeting.

Annual Officer Elections: Our Post 27 Constitution and By-Laws call for an annual election of officers. The upcoming nominations of officers was announced in the February edition of the Centennial Post 27 newsletter that preceded the general meeting. At the February 10th general meeting, nominations were made and accepted by the membership as follows:

Commander: William A. Huber 1st Vice Commander : Robert Anderson 2nd Vice Commander : Keith Gardner

These nominees are the current officers serving these three positions and have agreed to continue to serve if supported by the membership. All positions were open for additional candidates; none were brought forward. Under pre-COVID-19 circumstances the formal election of officers would have occurred at the March 25th meeting. However, these are not normal circumstances.

To allow for the continued functioning and leadership of Post 27, it is proposed to the membership that the above nominated individuals be accepted to serve for this new term, commencing retroactively as of March 25, 2020 until the annual election of 2021 officers is held. As a leadership team we are asking you to indicate your support or non-support of the above nominees for the offices indicated.

Legionnaire members of Post 27 are requested to submit their reply to the Adjutant, Dale Crockett, by email to dalescrockett@yahoo.com or phone at 801-560-2186. **Voting will close at 8:00 P.M. April 14, 2020.**

Thank you for your support of this process. Announcement of the voting results will be disseminated by email on or around April 15, 2020. In addition, the results will also be included in the May edition of Post 27's newsletter. If you wish to receive the results prior to publication of the May newsletter, you may contact Dale Crockett at the above contact information.

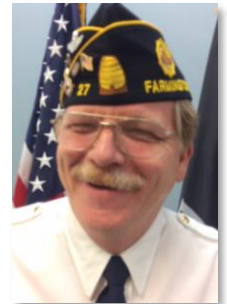
1st Vice Commander

To all my fellow Legionnaires, please be careful and stay healthy. My prayers are that you and your loved ones do not get the COVID-19 virus and remain in good health. If you do, I wish for a mild case and a speedy recovery.



Though physical contact with our fellow Legionnaires is on hold temporarily, phone calls are not. Calls at this trying time can ease our mutual stress. Remember your friends.

Our drive for physically meeting and greeting new members is on hold until we can offer them meetings to go to, but if you know a veteran that could be a potential member, give them a call or an email. You might find a new friend. We will hit the drive for new members hard when this crisis is over.



Bob Anderson

EVENTS CALENDAR*

April 13 – General Meetings for the Post, Auxiliary & SAL.

Cancelled due to coronavirus.

April 22 – Earth Day. *Fly the flag.*

May 5 – General Meetings for the Post, Auxiliary & SAL.

6:30 pm at the Farmington City Community Arts Center.

May 9 – District 2 Convention

May 10 – Mother's Day. *Fly the flag.*

May 16 – Armed Forces Day. *Fly the flag.*

May 25 – Memorial Day. *Fly the flag.*

Program at Kaysville Cemetery at 10:00 am and at Noon at the Farmington Cemetery

***All dates and events are subject to current health constraints. Be safe and healthy.**

CHECK ON A BUDDY TODAY!

2nd Vice Commander



Keith Gardner

Utah Boys State is still on, pending any changes from virus and restrictions . We have conducted seven interviews at Davis High School. I have just received 50 applications from NUAMES High School and will conduct those interviews by phone. We anticipate three more from Farmington High School and we have one outlier from Park City, for a total of 61 boys. Pretty solid recruiting by the high schools considering all that is going on. Looking forward, we will plan on participating in the Davis County Fair on Aug. 12 -15 on one of the evenings yet to be determined in the capacity of our annual flag retirement ceremony.



That's all for this month- stay safe and keep your social distancing in mind. If there are any needs out there that have not been met - through church, neighbors, etc. - please don't hesitate to contact me/us so we can try to assist.

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Apr 2020.

2020 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	% OF GOAL
145	14	60	37	4	7	122	84%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Apr 2020.

2020 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	% OF GOAL
50	32			32	64%



Dale Crockett

Every month I get a publication called the **Dispatch** which most of you do not get. I try to put in things into my section of the newsletter that you may find interesting from that publication. Here is one thing which I have not heard until now.

With the recent passage of *The Legion Act*, everyone that has served, since December 7th, 1941 is now eligible to Join!



Let's Get The Word Out!
The Legion Act

Nearly 9,200 veterans have joined under the Legion Act since its passage last July. If you don't remember what that Act is, well, everyone that has served honorably for at least one day in one of the military services can now join The American Legion. Before, it was only veterans who served within certain periods that were judged by Congress to be times of war. So, now more than 4 million veterans are eligible to join The American Legion. This legislation declares that the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. As a result, this acknowledges and honors the services and sacrifices of a least 1,600 veterans who died or were

wounded in previously undeclared periods of war. And it also allows veterans from those previously undeclared war eras to receive American Legion and benefits that they have earned through their honorable service.

It is important for all of us to continue to get the word out and keep the Legion Act at the forefront of all our membership activities. So, please call your families, friends and neighbors to join with us at Post 27, Farmington. We have members in all of the surrounding cities, such as Fruit Heights, Kaysville, Layton, Syracuse, West Haven, Bountiful, Centerville, North Salt Lake, Woods Cross, and a few more outside of these areas. As you can see above, we are still short of our goal of 145 members, so get out there and tell veterans about the new Legion Act.

If I can do anything for you to make your membership renewal easier or more convenient in the future, or answer any questions you may have regarding membership, please let me know. I can be reached at Home (801) 451-9493 / Cell (801) 560-2186 or email dalescrockett@yahoo.com

DON'T FORGET UR VETS.

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Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

Post 27 encourages each member to consider volunteering to be trained for participation in our most important service to our Veterans and their families, Military Funeral Honors (MFH). Participation in the MFH ceremony is a great privilege and an honor. We help to heal the wounds of the family members of the deceased by providing the final chapter in a fallen Veterans life on earth.

Please consider how you would want to have your loved ones remember your life. With MFH ceremony, families remember your love of country, your love of the American Flag, and your service to our country. Why would you not want to be a part of this ceremony?

Remember, Post 27 is only as strong as the members who volunteer to support its various programs. For MFH to be truly effective, we need 7 – 9 members in correct American Legion Uniform. Duties consisting of MFH ceremony prelude, Rifle Team Commander, 5 to 7 rifles, a bugler (TAPS), two members for folding of the American Flag (if Uniformed Service Representatives are not present), and “Three Shell Casing” presenter.

We invite all Post 27 members to obtain the MFH uniform and become familiar with the ceremony. The correct MFH uniform is purchased on line from the Emblem Sales Catalog. The uniform consists of; Legion Cap, Legion long-sleeved shirt with Uniform Tie. Items that may be purchased or are already in your closet are; black pants, black shoes, and black jacket worn in inclement weather. White gloves are provided by Post 27.



Military Funeral Honors Training is scheduled for April 2020, final date to be announced as soon as confirmed. Please let me know if you are interested and want to participate in this ceremony. Call or text at 801-450-7242.

Training & FYI

Most of us have heard the phrase: “The blue cap is where it’s at.” When you wear the official Legion cap, you are in uniform. Most of us know this but sometimes some of the specifics can be forgotten. To assist all of us, here is a brief refresher on Legion cap protocol.

The official Legion cap, uniform, or regalia should be worn by its members only when:


- in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies
- as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions
- by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions



1. A Legionnaire is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official American Legion cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear a Legion cap while eating a meal at an official American Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.
2. The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the guard of honor, color guard and commander of the same while in marching order or standing guard. When one is seated, the cap should be removed.
3. Posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until arriving in the pews and commanded to take seats, and remain uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall rise, hold the cap with right hand over the hearts, march out of the place of worship, and recover after marching through the door. **Note: The cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket, and is not at any time worn in a place of worship except by the guard of honor, color guard or commander of same while in marching order or standing guard.**
4. Legionnaires not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship, remain uncovered during the entire service and re-cover after leaving the place of worship.
5. At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be doffed.
6. In meetings, the cap should be worn except during the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and while standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when it should be held with the right hand over the heart.
7. A Legionnaire wearing a cap should behave in proper accordance as to salutes, etc., the same as if wearing a military uniform. If not wearing a cap, observe ordinary rules of etiquette for civilian dress.

8. Female Legionnaires should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for women in the armed forces. This is suitable for most situations, but taste and common sense should prevail. By American Legion tradition, a female Legionnaire may leave her cap on during the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem, prayer and meals.

9. Legionnaires wishing to attach decorations and/or other official insignia to their caps are advised that such adornments shall only be displayed on the right side of the cap.

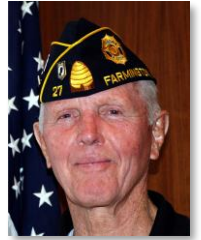


**SGT.
SAGE
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The pride of a GI comes not from knowing he's doing a job that others can't, but that he's doing a job that others simply won't.

POW/MIA News

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British airmen found themselves involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the authorities were looking for ways to facilitate their escape. Maps would be helpful. Paper maps had some real drawbacks. Someone in MI-5 got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up and makes no noise. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd.



Jay Hess



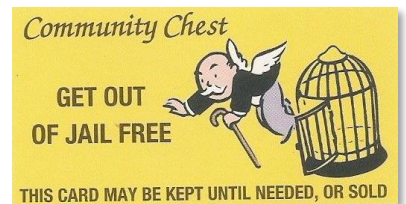
By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, **Monopoly**. At that time, 'games and pastimes' could be included in 'CARE packages', delivered by the International Red Cross, to prisoners of war.

A group of sworn-to-secrecy Waddington employees began producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were located. These maps could actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece. As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add a playing token containing a small magnetic compass, a two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together and useful amounts of genuine high-denomination

German, Italian, and French currency hidden within the piles of Monopoly money. British and American air-crews were advised to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set by means of a tiny red dot in the corner of the Free Parking square.

The story wasn't de-classified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony.

Anyway, it's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail Free' card.



Historian

We Americans have many little phrases that we use without even thinking about them. But have you ever wondered where some of the came from? Well, here are a few that we Veterans might find interesting.

Balls to the Wall

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it. In order to go full throttle, the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence, "**balls to the wall**" meant to go very fast.



Kent Hansen



The Whole Nine Yards

During WWII, U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave 'em the whole nine yards," meaning they used all their ammunition.



God Willing and the Creek Don't Rise

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President to return to Washington. In his response, he wrote, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek", he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe, and not a body of water.

It'll Cost You an Arm and a Leg

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs', therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg." (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

Cold Enough to Freeze the Balls off a Brass Monkey

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, the problem was, "how do you prevent them from rolling about the deck?" The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem.... how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey," with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys."

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much faster than iron when it's chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would roll right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."



American Legion Auxiliary



I hope this newsletter finds you all to be healthy and in good spirits. This time in history is unlike any other. I can't help but reflect on the Veterans of our country as we go through this difficult time. As I hear people complain about how hard it is to stay home in front of their TVs, I know it doesn't compare to what many have sacrificed for this beautiful country we live in. Please take a moment to remember our blessings as we endure this



Marcie Mojica hardship, and be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy. Reach out to those who may need a friendly voice. **In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity!**

Scoutmaster

Hi all from the scouts. What can I say? We're doing the best we can in light of this virus thing. We were forced to cancel the boys' troop's campout scheduled for this past weekend. The girls completed their campout the weekend prior.



We are doing some activities via digital means. For instance, many of our scouts took part in an online Chess Merit Badge class put on by Robert Love, one of our devoted assistant scoutmasters. We are doing boards of review by video conferencing so our scouts will not have to wait. Otherwise, we are looking forward to once again meeting when the virus scare settles down. **Thank you for your continued support.**



Brian Knox

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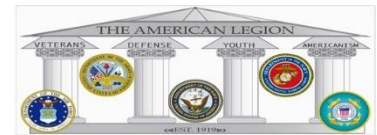
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Be sure to bring a DD-214 or Discharge Certificate with you.



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Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Legion Family Membership Coupons

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) **27**

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ **\$35.00**

(E-mail) _____ Male Female **\$35.00**

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

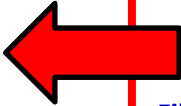
Global War on Terror U.S. Army
 Gulf War U.S. Navy
 Panama U.S. Air Force
 Lebanon/Grenada U.S. Marines
 Vietnam U.S. Coast Guard
 Korea U.S. Coast Guard
 WWII Merchant Marines (WWII only)
 Other Conflicts

30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
 (Please Print)
 From _____ \$ **\$35.00** for 20 _____ Post # **27**
 Recruiter's Name _____
 Recruiter's Signature _____
 Recruiter's Phone # _____



Fill this out and get it to the Post Adjutant with \$35.00.



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and over **27** Farmington, UT

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID # (if known) _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) _____

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.
 For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Veteran Served:
 WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
 Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
 Global War on Terror Panama Vietnam WWII
 Gulf War Lebanon/Grenada Korea Other Conflicts

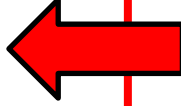
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
 Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self
 Daughter Granddaughter

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer
 I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____



Fill this out and get it to the Unit Secretary with \$35.00.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

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