

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

*Congratulations!*  
**TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!**

Our Post held the annual elections during the March General Meeting.

I would like to congratulate Bob Anderson on his re-election as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, and Dan Woodward for his election as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice. Many thanks also to our out-going 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Paul Hubenthal, who



Jon Rue

worked hard behind the scenes this year to develop the Oratorical Contest, and get Boys State off to a great start. Due to new work and personal commitments, he asked to step down as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice for this upcoming year. Thank you, Paul, for all your help this past year. I am remaining as Post Commander, and look forward to leading our group for an even better year, now that I have some experience! I would also like to thank everyone who has assisted and guided me this first year. With that said, there is always more work than hands! Please reach out to me or another member of the leadership team to offer your support and time in any of the areas that we support the American Legion Pillars and our programs. Whether it's Military Funeral Honors, Boys and Girls State, supporting our youth or veterans in the community, or – the list goes on!

Finally, in closing, I hope to meet you at events in the near future. I am always open to suggestions and guidance, so please reach out to me by phone, text, or even e-mail. I promise to take the time to listen to ideas (or even concerns, not that I expect any!).

### EVENTS CALENDAR

April 5- -- Gold Star Spouse Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 April 6 – Army Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 April 9 – National Former POW Recognition Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 April 12 – Post 27 Family General meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Community Arts Center  
 April 14 – Air Force Reserve Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 April 23 – Army Reserve Day *Fly the flag.*

May 8 – Mother's Day.  
 May 12 – Post 27 Family General meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Community Arts Center  
 May 21 – Armed Forces Day *Fly the flag.*  
 May 21 – Linking Families Day at Hogle Zoo.  
 May 27 – Veteran Flag placement. Farmington Cemetery: 9:00 am. Kaysville Cemetery, 4:00 pm.  
 May 30 – Memorial Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 May 30 – Memorial Day ceremonies. Kaysville Cemetery, 10:00 am, Farmington Cemetery, noon.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



Spring is here and I am excited, as are you probably, for the opportunity to get out and enjoy the season. Not all of us are so lucky. I implore you, if you know a veteran (Post member or not) who is unable to get out for whatever reason, you give him or her a visit. You may be just what they need to brighten their day. If they are a member, ask them to come to the next General meeting. We would love to see them. If they are not a Legionnaire, tell them what they are missing and what they can get out of becoming one.

**Bob Anderson**

Remember try to support events coming up of importance to you and Post 27:

- Memorial Day (May30) ceremonies in Kaysville and Farmington.
- Girls State and Boys State in June!

On another note, I am honored to have been voted in as the Post 27 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for another tour of duty. Thank you all for your support. I am here to serve Post 27, its members, and all the veterans we support. Remember our veterans!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander



Hello fellow Post 27 Legionnaires! As I am the incoming 2nd Vice, I thought I would take the opportunity to make an introduction. My wife and I relocated to Layton about three years ago to take on a new job at Merit Medical, a medical device company, where I am in the Product Management group. My wife is, and has been, an online teacher for K-12 students across the country. This is actually

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our second time in Utah, we moved here in the mid-90s, also for a job opportunity, however that time was with our two children who are now grown and out of the nest. I am coming up on almost 24 years of uniformed service to this great country. I was Active Duty with the US Navy on the USS Anchorage as a Surface Warfare Officer. A Reservist with the UT Army National Guard as a Transportation Officer at the STARC in Draper. And a current Reservist in the CA State Guard as a Logistics and Personnel Officer with Emergency State Active Duty (ESAD) call ups as the CA ARNG Liaison Officer to local governments during wildfires and other emergencies.

When I learned that I was eligible for American Legion membership I signed up online and got my notification. I then reached out to State and asked which of the Posts in my area were most active, and specifically for the Military Funeral Honor (MFH) programs. I was told Post 27 was the place to go. I was keen to support this as one of the most important things we can do is send a Veteran off with the honors they are due for their service to this nation. Since Post 27 is a key provider for these services, here is where I landed. I look forward to contributing more to the Post activities in the future!



**SGT.**  
**SAGE**  
**SEZ**

**“Good judgment comes from experience. And experience? Well, that comes from poor judgment.”**

# Adjutant

## Membership is Our Lifeblood! ❤️

*American Legion Membership:* Statistics are membership numbers through Apr. 1 2022.



Dale Crockett

2022 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
135	19	59	31	1	12	122	90%

*Sons of the American Legion Membership:* Statistics are membership numbers through Apr. 1 2022.

2022 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
33		31			1	32	97%

Thank you for those that renewed their membership for 2022. We are getting close to the 100% that we target. Those that have not yet renewed their 2022 membership, please do so quickly so your membership does not go into default. We are also getting close to the next year membership that will start again on July 1, 2022 and should be done by December 31, 2022.



After December, I kind of bug people and I don't really enjoy that. However, it gives me a chance to talk to members and to see how they are doing and find out if they need help from the post. I know from talking to several members that a lot of you are dealing with health and medical issues that are not fun. If you need to contact the post and you don't know who to call, please visit our website at [www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org) to find a contact number. Also be sure to open your email or snail mail if you do not have an email and read our newsletter that we send you. You will see several articles with helpful

information, meeting times and events which may be of interest to you.

We love serving our veterans which is why we are members of the American Legion, John W. Sheets, Post 27 here in Farmington. Many of you live in Farmington, Centerville, Fruit Heights, Kaysville, Bountiful and other surrounding areas, some that even live out of state, and we need to band together and help one another with any issues you may see. That is what we do to get through these times when we all need help occasionally. I as your adjutant, I'm trying to provide continuity for the post. While the commander's duties are largely inspirational and executive, an adjutant's duties are administrative. The adjutant is the personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the post.

*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](mailto:dalescrockett@yahoo.com).*

# Chaplain

## POST EVERLASTING

Before I get into my regular monthly message, I would like to acknowledge those who assisted in conduction our Post Everlasting ceremony at our last meeting. We hold these ceremonies from time to time to honor and bid a final farewell to our comrades who have completed their mortal service. The reverence that was displayed speaks to the esteem in which we hold the memories of these good Legionnaires.



Steve Steed



## APRIL IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

The American Legion has been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1920s. In many instances, The American Legion has been the driving force on behalf of children on the federal, state and local levels. In 1938, April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis. During this special time, Legionnaires are urged to show their communities that the American Legion Family is dedicated to America's youth.

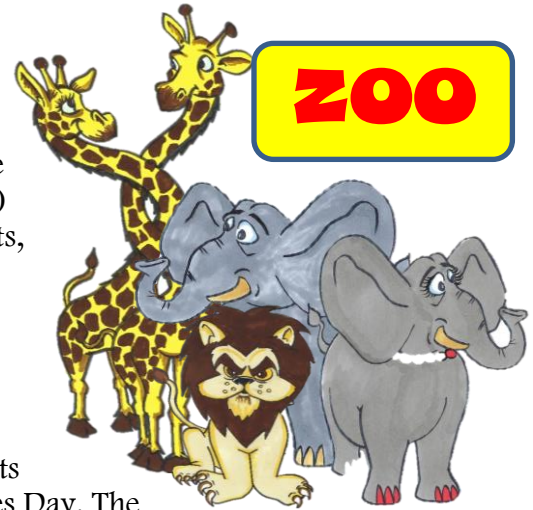
Each year the Committee on Children & Youth focuses on three primary areas of concern. They include:  
**Child health** • Immunization programs • School nutrition programs • Teen pregnancy prevention programs  
**Child safety** • Child pornography • Drug abuse prevention • Drug trafficking • Alcohol abuse prevention • Child/sexual abuse and neglect • Teen suicide prevention  
**Family support** • National Family Week activities • Day care safety • Foster care • Temporary Financial Assistance • Missing and exploited children.

## For Your Information

### LINKING FAMILIES DAY AT THE ZOO

After a two-year COVID-mandated hiatus, the annual Linking Families event is back at Hogle Zoo again! In cooperation with Utah's Hogle Zoo, the Linking Families event will be held on May 21 (National Armed Forces Day) with free Zoo admission to all CAC holders and Military retirees, dependents, Gold Star families, etc.

The Linking Families event is in its 13th year. The event provides an opportunity to promote Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness, the Month of the Military Child, Sexual Assault Awareness month, Military Spouse Appreciation, and most importantly a gathering and celebration of Utah's Military Family. We will be providing a fair amount of SWAG to participants and are also planning on a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of Armed Forces Day. The military affiliated attendance for this event traditionally runs well over 10,000, so this is a great opportunity to meet the community and promote your organization.



## Historian



Kent Hansen

### EVEN IN THE MILITARY, THERE ARE APRIL FOOLS

A far-too-often overlooked holiday on our calendars is April Fools Day. To much of the civilian population, our armed forces are tough no-nonsense folk with no sense of humor. We veterans know this is not so. Thus, to celebrate April Fools Day, let's look at some of the pranks from the ranks.

### LOOK OUT BELOW?

*Even though this one isn't from the American military, it just goes to show that a sense of fun is universal.*



On April Fools Day in 1915, the *Geneva Tribune* reported a French plane dropped a large object over a German camp. From a distance, the object appeared to be a huge bomb. Upon seeing it, soldiers ran for cover, though no explosion took place. Eventually, they approached the object, which was actually a giant football. On it was a tag that read, "April Fool!"

### SWINE MAIL

While crew members on the suspected nothing during a six-month Mediterranean, Navy members April Fools' Day in 1986. The helicopter landed and released three greased piglets — each painted red, white and blue — who ran across the deck.



aircraft carrier USS Kennedy more than a delivery of mail deployment in the jokesters had other intentions. planned a surprise drop-off on



## BEARDED DEVIL DOGS ... WITH DOGS

In perhaps one of the most widespread pranks in history, on April Fools' Day, 2019, the Marine Corps base in Okinawa announced via social media that service members could grow facial hair openly ... and have pets in their barracks rooms. Putting safety first, the post even mentioned that pets would need to wear reflective belts to ensure their visibility, likely during early morning hours of PT. Funny enough, right? The problem is people believed it! Some went as far as to throw out razors or take on pets, not realizing the whole announcement was a joke.

## WANT A VACATION FROM THE WAR?

In a newspaper article in *Stars and Stripes*, a European publication for overseas soldiers, readers learned of a 30-day furlough available for overseas service members. They were said to be brought home by the newly refurbished ship, *Normanie*, which would be manned by Women's Army Corps. What's more is it stated on-ship entertainment provided by strip-tease star Gypsy Rose Lee and WW II #1 Pinup girl Betty Grable, two big names at the time.

## WAR-TIME RATION ON FUN



On April Fools Day in 1943, the Associated Press reported that the Society for the Preservation of Practical Jokers had issued an advisory to its members warning them that "in view of the war's restrictions on what some fools consider fun" practical jokers should proceed with caution "otherwise, there might be casualties."

- "Don't put any bricks under old hats on the sidewalk, for passing pedestrians to kick. It's sabotage— shoes are rationed.
- Don't use that old wallet-on-a-string trick. If the sucker bends over to pick it up, he may bust his suspenders. Rubber elastic is scarce.
- Don't put salt in the sugar bowl. One cup of coffee ruined by a spoonful of salt is considered grounds for justifiable homicide.
- Don't let the air out of your neighbor's tires—unless you've made your will.
- Don't drain his gasoline out on the ground. Not a lawyer in the country would dare touch your case.
- Don't sneak into an Army camp with a bugle and blow reveille an hour early. Tearing you limb from limb would expend valuable military energy.
- Above all, don't jump up and surprise your acquaintances shouting: "heil Hitler!"
- They may not know what day it is—and there's enough absenteeism without taking time out to attend fools' funerals.
- P.S.—April Fool! There's no such thing as a Society for the Preservation of Practical Jokers."

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## **POW/MIA News**

### POWS IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET

It surprised me to see this subject discussed in the [Air & Space Operations Review Commentary](#). Our captors in North Vietnam attempted to exploit us for propoganda. The torture was almost will breaking. Clever responses spoiled their game.

Some points from the commentary follow: "The emergence of deepfakes has challenged long standing protocols concerning prisoners of war in the Geneva Conventions. The United States, its Allies, and partners must educate service members about the potential exploitation of any recorded media obtained if they become prisoners of war."

The internet has radically changed how information, true or not, can be delivered at unprecedented speed and scale. Deepfakes—detailed advanced manipulation of high-resolution digital multimedia files—can make the subject of the deepfake appear to be in a situation or location they never were in. A highly believable deepfake can be created from as little as 15 minutes of video and audio footage.

Information released by the enemy from their captives may be useful for confirming POW status or hidden meaning but the reason it is released is to benefit the enemy's propoganda war.

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Jay Hess

# American Legion Auxiliary

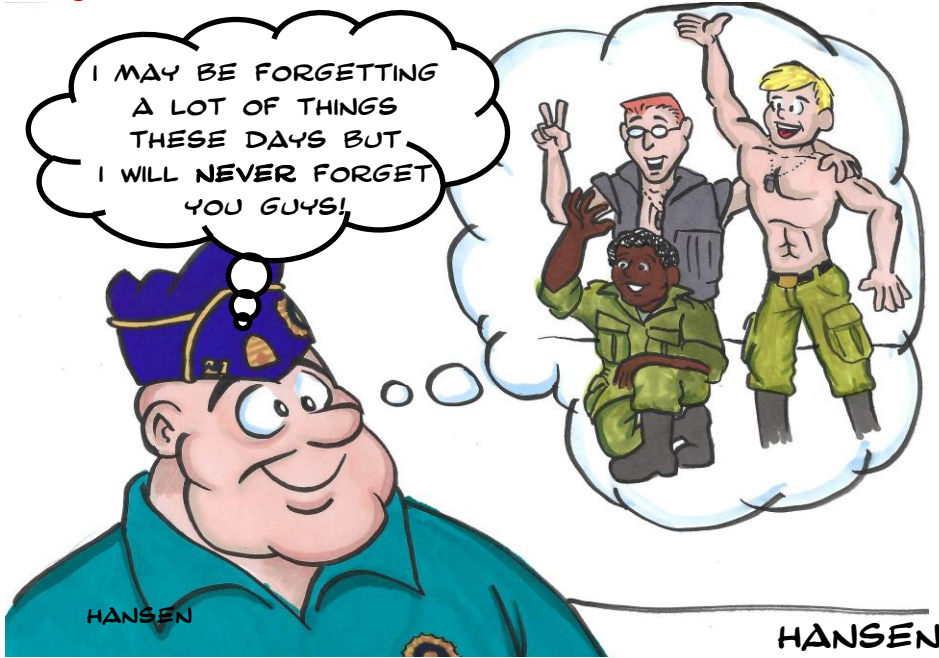
Spring means it is time for Girls State interviews! Wow...what a great group of young ladies were interested in attending Girls State! Thank you to Marcie, Chris, Paula, Bailey Beckman (GS Counselor and GS), Michele Done, and Hilary for interviewing these fine candidates! We have eight who will definitely attend from NUAMES and four from Davis! Sadly, Farmington High did not show any interest... we will work on that for next year!

Our Unit will help sponsor a girl from Davis so that is awesome! We are hoping that other Units across the state will not use all their slots so that every girl can go!! Some projects we are going to work on include: the collection of the new stuffed animals for First Responders, a food drive for the Hill AFB Airman's Attic, and helping to place the American flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 6 pm at the Farmington Arts Center. We will have a zoom link available!! See you then!!



Deb Hansen

## Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



Check us out on Facebook at "American Legion Post 27 Farmington Utah"

Find us on Facebook or the link from our Post website at [www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org).



## Take Advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program

A representative from the Utah Department of Veteran and Military Affairs can assist veterans with benefit questions, disability and benefit applications, and families of veterans. Call for an appointment with a Service Officer at

801-662-8256.

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



# Legion Family Membership Coupons

**The American Legion Membership Application**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) **27**

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female **\$35.00**  
(Gender) (Dues)

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  Merchant Marines (WWII only)  
 WWII  
 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  
Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES RECEIPT**  
(Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received From \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20\_\_ Dues \_\_\_\_\_  
 Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department of \_\_\_\_\_



Fill this out and get it to the Squadron Adjutant with \$15.00.