

The American Legion Centennial Post



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The Official Newsletter of Post 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Unit 27 ★ Farmington, UT

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Commander's Corner

U.S. FLAG AND US

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag for the new nation. The resolution stated: *"Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."* Since that time, while gathering stars as each new state was added to the Union, our flag has endured wars, insurrections, terrorism and even desecrations by some of its own citizens.

Still, through it all, our Star Spangled Banner has never wavered in representing our great nation. Part of the reason for its constancy resides with the men and women who have



defended it. From the Minute Men of the Revolutionary War to the men and women serving in the Middle East today, America's citizens have gone in harm's way that our relatively new form of government might continue to bless our lives. This is more than symbolic but rather realistic evidence of American tenacity and determination. On September 13, 1814, during the War of 1812, the British Navy opened fire on American Fort McHenry. At the same time, a Baltimore lawyer named Francis Scott Key was aboard a British ship negotiating a prisoner exchange. The British had agreed to the terms but allowed that it would matter little as it was expected that the Americans would be striking their colors at any time. From his vantage point, Key watched through the night as the British guns pounded the fort unmercifully. Often, the view of the fort was obscured by the massive clouds from the British artillery. Then, as the dawn came, Key was astonished but elated to see the tattered American flag still flying above the fort. The event so inspired the lawyer that he penned a poem titled "Defense of Fort McHenry." We know it as "The Star Spangled Banner."

Even today, we can honor our flag by participating in community activities, by voting, and by joining fellow members of the Post in rendering military funeral honors to departed Veterans, teaching the meaning of our national ensign to new Eagle Scouts, and counseling young men at Utah Boys State. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated and amply rewarding. And the terrific and friendly folks in the Post are definitely worth knowing. Come and see for yourself and help us keep our glorious flag flying over a free nation.



Kent Hansen

1st Vice Commander



Ron Jugenitz

July has been a busy for the month for Post 27. We began supporting the 4th of July Flag Raising Ceremony at Davis Technical College. After the flag ceremony, several of our members had breakfast at DTC and then rode in the Kaysville Parade representing Veterans from all branches of the U.S. Military.

Then July 14 was also filled with Post 27 activities. First, a float was decorated for the Farmington Festival Days Parade that we had the honor of leading with the Post 27 Color Guard. Then, Post 27 had two assignments at noon, one being a flag raising to kick off the Farmington Festival Days activities and the other being a Military Funeral Honors for a Navy Veteran in Bountiful.

Later that day, Legionnaires met for the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica Dedication in the Layton Commons Park. Post 27



members walked to The Wall with many other Vietnam Veterans and attended the ceremony. During the ceremony, our Post 27 member, Jay Hess, was recognized and honored as a POW of the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. Hess (Ret) was incarcerated in Vietnam from 1967-1973. After the ceremony, a USO performance at the Ed Kenley Amphitheater honoring Bob Hope was presented. It commemorated his many visits to war areas honoring the American service members.

In August, we have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on August 7 at 7:00 PM for eight Scouts, location to be announced. Also Post 27 will host the Annual Flag Retirement and Military Tribute Ceremony on August 16 at 7:30 pm at the Davis Fair Grounds. Participants will be Veterans, Farmington Fire Department, Utah Army National Guard units, Boy and Girl Scouts and the 23rd Army Band. The summer is rapidly coming to an end, but with September on the horizon great things are in store for the Post, visiting high schools in preparation for students to register for next June's Boys State, High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest and the Post's summer picnic on September 15 as well as the Post's Christmas Party in December.

2nd Vice Commander

I love July. The celebration of our Declaration of Independence and the birth of this great nation followed by a celebration of our Pioneer Heritage establishing this wonderful state. The gathering of families for picnics and barbeques to enjoy the great liberties and freedoms that have been bequeathed to us and for which we too have born the weight in carrying it forward to the next generation.

On Thursday night, August 16th of the Davis County Fair, at 7:30 p.m., Post 27 will be hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony and military tribute in the Legacy Event Center north arena. We have already spent many man-hours cutting flag grommets out of old unserviceable US federal flags in preparation of the event. Members of our legion family, please come join us in this spectacular event as we retire by fire, hundreds of unserviceable flags that have done their duty as a symbol of our nation. If you are able join with us at 6:30 p.m. to receive an assignment in lending a much needed hand to carry out this event. We have already spent many man-hours preparing the unserviceable flags. Be sure to wear your legion hat or that of your service branch. This is an event for the whole family. God has certainly blessed this land. May we express our thanks to Him and demonstrate it as we reach out with a helping hand to our families and neighbors. For God and Country.



William Huber

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Aug. 2 – SAL Squadron meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Aug. 9 – AL Auxiliary Meeting. 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 114.

Aug. 9 – Post 27 General meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Aug. 16 – 6th Annual Flag Retirement & Military Tribute, 7:30 pm, North Outdoor Arena, Davis County Fair.

Sep. 3 – Labor Day. *Fly the flag.*

Sep. 6 – Combined Post 27 & SAL meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Sep. 15 – Post 27 Picnic, 5:00 pm, Heritage Park Pavilion, 1591 N 1075 W, Farmington, (west of Hwy 89)

Sep. 21 – POW/MIA Recognition Day. *Fly the flag.*

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood!

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Aug. 2018.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
120	13	32	12	3	1	61	51%



Dale Crockett



Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Aug. 2018.

2019 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
46		22		0	0	22	48%

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New Members

Ryan Williams, Steven Steed, Robert Schulz

Transfers

William Stuewe

Wow, we are over 50% of our membership goal in the first month of renewals. Thank you to everyone who is now paid up for the 2019 membership drive. This really helps the American Legion in supporting their committees and programs that are so important to those wartime veterans and families in need. It ensures that your American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of those veteran and their families. Thank You.

As you can see above, I am going to start reporting on our Sons of the American Legion Squadron membership. We had a good 2018 membership year and ended up with 45 members. With everyone's help, we can do better than this. Please talk to your sons and grandsons about joining. Because of you, they all qualify to be members of our post squadron. It is only \$10 a year and we have activities in which they can participate that will help to build them into better citizens and have a lot of fun while doing it. You can

reach me at the phone or email listed below.

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.

Sergeant-at-Arms



David Lavton

Thanks goes out to all who continue to support our #1 Ceremony and service we provide, Military Funeral Honors (MFH) in remembrance of are fallen Veterans. It is noted that all Veterans are entitled to MFH consisting of Rifle Volley, Playing of TAPS and Folding of American Flag that presented to next of kin. As members of the American Legion, we volunteer as required to meet the endless demands that we are asked to perform. Let us remember when we are asked to participate in Post 27 duties, some were asked to give all. Let's be ready to assist the post as we can. Post 27: ready to serve for the good of the Legion, the Country and Funeral Honors for the fallen.

Training Officer (Also National Vice Commander)

OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX DISCOUNTS:

Office DEPOT
OfficeMax

Members receive up to 80% off the over 93,000 items. Members can shop online or print out a free in-store purchasing card to use discounts in-store. Next-day delivery is free on purchases of \$50 or more. To get your discount card, visit www.officediscounts.org/tal-program.html, click on SHOP IN STORE, print your free Store



Paula Stephenson

Purchasing card and get it laminated for free. It's that easy. I have used this particular American Legion discount many times with projects that I have done with the Post, Department, and Boys State. Most printing I can save 60% or more, based on personal experience.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

BASIC TRAINING COURSE

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Veterans: veterans.utah.gov/FTHB or 801-326-2372



POW/MIA News

A plaque missing from the Kaysville Cemetery Flag Pole memorial bench was discussed at the Post meeting July 12. The Flag Pole memorial was built by the **Elmer Criddle** American Legion Post 82 of Kaysville. The missing plaque listed the particulars of Elmer's death during WW I. Craig Criddle of Hooper, a second generation nephew, explained the situation to us. Elmer is my uncle. Our Post eagerly volunteered to provide Military Honors when the plaque is replace and approved \$200 to help with the cost.



Jay Hess

Elmer Criddle was born July 7, 1894 in Kaysville. His parents are James Criddle and Elizabeth Jane Dawson. In October of 1917, at age 23, he married Myrtle Spackman of Farmington. One month after his wedding, he was inducted into the Army and by December 15, 1917 he was on a troop transport ship bound for France. He served with the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, which fought in the second battle of the Marne at Soissons in the same area as the famous battle at Belleau Wood where Americans stopped the last major German offensive. He was first reported missing in action and later assumed dead July 18, 1918 at Belleau, Meurthe-et-moselle, Lorraine, France. He is memorialized on the "Tablets of the Missing" in the Aisle-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, France.

The history of the 1st Division for July 18, 1918 reports: *"The 26th Infantry advanced without serious losses until it reached the Missy-aux-Bois ravine. Here, losses increased rapidly. At 7:15 a.m. the Third Battalion passed through the Second Battalion and pressed forward in spite of numerous casualties made by the enemy's machine guns and artillery."*

It is assumed Elmer died in this assault and his body was never found. He was the first person from Kaysville to die overseas in a war.

One description of the Soissons Defensive reports that the 1st Division, shoulder to shoulder with the 2nd Division, the first Moroccan Division, and the 153d D.I. French, attacked the enemy south of Soissons from July 18-23, 1918. The operations

were conducted under the 20th French Army Corps of the 10th French Army. In the five days of fierce fighting they advanced 11 kilometers capturing 125 officers, 3,375 men, 7.7-cm. and 15-cm. artillery pieces, 300 machine guns, 2,500 rifles, 50 mortars, and large quantities of small ammunition. Losses were: 78 officers and 1,548 men killed, 214 officers and 6,130 men wounded, five men prisoners, 390 men missing. The Division was relieved by the 15th (Scottish) Division.

Further insight into the battlefield at that time can be gained from General Order No. 9, Headquarters, Third Army Corps, American Expeditionary Forces, France July 23, 1918. On the morning of July 18th, after 48-hours of exhausting, continuous, almost sleepless movement, the 3d Army Corps joined battle with the enemy. In your great offensive you stood beside the best Veteran French troops, our Allies, and sustained, nay, did honor to the name American. Our Allies, your commanders, the Army of the United States and the whole nation are proud and will boast of your deeds and the deeds of those brave men, our beloved comrades, who at your side in the last five days have fallen paying the last sacrifice of soldiers. Now and for the future let us resolve that those our Allies and our people shall not trust in us in vain, and, in the words of Lincoln, "That these our comrades shall not have died in vain." By command of Major General Bullard, A. W. Bjornstad Brigadier General, G. S., Chief of Staff.



PRIVATE ELMER J. CRIDDLE
(Killed in France in July 1918)

This note from the Battlefield, July 25, 1918, is sobering: "My Dear General, I have written a short official memorandum to you, to endeavor to express our united thanks for all you have done for us. We are sitting down here. Boche (German soldier, French slang) giving very much on the fight. There are many of your poor fellows about and I have given orders that they are all to be reverently and carefully buried by our men wherever they are found in or out of our area. We will send you identity discs if we find any. Hope you are having some rest. Believe me, Yours sincerely, H. L. Reed."

After the war, Myrtle visited France along with the other young widows to see the battlefield where their husband was reportedly killed. She never remarried and died in September of 1965 in Bountiful, Utah. On May 2, 1949, the Elmer Criddle American Legion Post #82 won a \$55 award for being the first post in the State to exceed its quota in the current membership drive. The Kaysville Post building was similar in design to the Layton Post and was located on what is now the LDS Kaysville Mill property.

American Legion Auxiliary



Deb Hefner Hansen

August is here and our meeting will be on August 9 at 6 pm at the Courthouse! Paula has sent an email to you with how to renew your membership and pay your dues on line. She also attached a membership application so you can print that when you have a prospective member! August 16 is the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Davis County Fairgrounds.

September's meeting will be our annual picnic on September 15 and the location will be at Heritage Park Pavilion in Farmington. In October, we change to a Wednesday night, October 10, and we will have the Boys and Girls State attendees report...that is always a fun evening!

Our Post voted in the last Executive Meeting to give our Unit \$200 which is really nice! That gives us a little cushion in our account!

Remember to track your service hours! I think Girls State gave me like 150 hours! Wow! I'll tell you all about it on the 9th...remind me to tell you about Frank Stallone...yup...Sylvester Stallone's brother! Take care and we'll see you on the 9th!



Legion Nuggets

Aug. 26, 1982

The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

Sons of the American Legion



The Five-Star Award, which can be presented to those SAL members who show dedication and knowledge in the Five Point Program of Service, is a gold plated medal bearing the SAL Emblem and the symbolism of the five points.

In the next several newsletters, I will provide information on each of the Five Star Points. The first Point we will discuss is **Patriotism**. There are questions and answers as well as projects necessary to attain each of the five stars, and ultimately the Five Point Program of Service. The knowledge questions and skills are simple. They can be completed easily if you attend your monthly meeting and participate in our service projects. I am keeping a log of members' attendance, so when we do a skill, you automatically get credit for it. The projects can be completed by a group of squadron members, or an individual.



Ron Craig
SAL Squadron 27
Commander

Patriotism

1. Is it correct to sing the national anthem while saluting the flag? Explain. **Answer** - No, it should not be done, since this would be awkward, unnatural and incongruous.
2. When was your state first represented by a star on the national flag? **Answer** – Utah became a state in 1896.
3. Name the original states represented by the stripes of the flag. **Answer** - Connecticut, Georgia, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.
4. What is our national anthem? By whom was it written? Under what conditions? **Answer** - “Star-Spangled Banner.” Francis Scott Key. During bombardment of Fort McHenry.
5. What naval commander first flew the Stars and Stripes? When and over what ship? **Answer** - John Paul Jones in 1777 over the sloop “Ranger.”
6. What is the proper salute to the flag by a man or boy in civilian clothes? By a woman or girl? **Answer** - Man or boy removes hat, places over heart; or if not wearing hat, places right hand over heart. Woman or girl places right hand over heart.
7. When should the flag be displayed? **Answer** – The flag should be displayed every day. But it is imperative that the flag be displayed on all historic and special occasions such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th and Veterans Day.
8. What date do we observe as the anniversary of the flag? When and by whom was this anniversary proclaimed? **Answer** - June 14, President Woodrow Wilson, 1915.
9. Quote the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. What does it mean to you? **Answer** - I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
10. Demonstrate the correct method of folding the flag of the United States. **Answer** - **1.** With one person holding each end of the flag, taking care to hold the flag taut, fold the lower striped section of the flag over the blue field. **2.** The folded edge is then folded over to meet the open edge. **3.** A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge. **4.** The outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle. **5.** The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner. **6.** When the flag is completely folded, only the blue field should be visible, and it should be folded in the triangular shape of a cocked hat.

If you are ready to pass off any of the Five Star Points, contact me for an interview. These Points are no different than passing off a Boy Scout Merit Badge. To date, five dual members and two SAL members have completed most of the requirements for the Patriotism Star.



Legion Laughs



Check us out on
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www.post27.org.



Take advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program

Every first and third Wednesday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, a representative of the Department of Veteran and Military Affairs will be at the Post (*Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116*) to assist you with your questions. Call for an appointment with the Veterans Service Office at 801-326-2370 or 801-326-2372.

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

Veterans Outreach Schedule

August
1 & 15

September
5 & 19



The American Legion

FLAG RETIREMENT

& MILITARY TRIBUTE

**THIS EVENT IS
FREE
TO THE PUBLIC!**

AUGUST 16, 7:30 PM

NORTH OUTDOOR ARENA

DAVIS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES



UTAH@EASE

- ❖ Utah@Ease is a program led by the Office of the Utah Attorney General in conjunction with the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs; a public-private partnership offering pro bono legal assistance and representation to Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard service members and Veterans in a variety of civil law matters including:
 - Military Rights
 - Property/Landlord
 - Creditor/Debtor
 - Consumer Fraud
 - Naturalization/Immigration
 - Predatory Lending
 - Employment and Re-employment Rights
 - Wills/Powers of Attorney
- ❖ The program pairs military service members and veterans in need of legal assistance with local pro bono private legal counsel for civil matter.
- ❖ Assistance through the program is by referral only. For referral to this program:
 - Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve service members in need of legal assistance should contact their local Judge Advocate General Office.
 - Veterans should contact their local Veterans Service Officers through the Utah Department of Veterans Affairs.
- ❖ Service members need to fill out paperwork so that staff can determine if they qualify for our services. Staff will consider several factors in determining qualification for the program:
 - Military status must be Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or if the person is a veteran, they cannot have a dishonorable discharge.
 - Consider whether or not the person has a legal issue that is covered under the program and examine the merits of the case.
 - If they qualify, they will be notified by telephone and email that their case has been accepted into the pro bono program and refer them to a private pro bono attorney. Attorneys are volunteers and will represent without charge unless awarded attorney's fees from the opposing party. An attorney assigned to a case is not employed by or otherwise associated with the Utah Attorney General's Office, other than volunteering to assist with the legal problem without charge.
- ❖ Contact:
 - Larry Schmidt, lschmidt@agutah.gov, (385) 227-9599