

The American Legion
Second Century
POST

December 2021

The Official Newsletter of The American Legion John W. Sheets Post 27 ★ Unit 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Farmington, Utah

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a joyous and merry holiday season!

With the season of peace and goodwill upon us, please accept my challenge and join me in reaching out to a post member, veteran, family member or even neighbor and checking in on them. As happy as this season should be, for some it is equally sad and depressing as they remember the loss of a loved one.



Jon Rue



This year our Holiday Social will be AFTER the New Year. The post will have a catered Winter Social in January at the Farmington City Community Arts Center. So please mark Friday, January 7th, 2022 on your calendars. Details will be provided in separate e-mail(s) throughout December, but please reply to Frank Ferrante at fbferrante@aol.com with whether you and your spouse will be able to join us.

The Post's Military Funeral Honor Team remains quite busy. Even though I have had prior out-of-state commitments, Dave Layton continues to organize the events and provide veteran's and their families with the honor they rightfully deserve.

Our revamped website, although still a work in progress, is live and we intend to have photos, newsletters, a calendar with upcoming events, and contact information for post leaders and veterans service organizations. Keep an eye on www.post27.org

1st Vice Commander



Bob Anderson

Our Post shined on Veterans Day! We supported four different events that honored our veterans. So many came out to be a part the ceremonies in Centerville, Farmington, and Kaysville cities. In addition, we represented and showed our appreciation of our veterans at the Legacy House on Park Lane (an assisted living facility). Though I personally was not able to attend, I am proud of those who made it all these ceremonies happen as well as those just in attendance. Special "Thank you's" to Dale Crockett and Dave Layton. You are the Veterans Day heroes of the Post.

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Here they come! The holidays are upon us! As we try to get back to our traditions and get connected to friends and loved ones while not giving them or getting the virus from them, it is the most wonderful and stressful time of year. We aren't able to do all the normal things we do this time of the year; the Post 27 holiday social is postponed to January 7th and renamed the Post 27 Winter Social. Keep your fingers crossed we will be successful with a fun-filled Social despite all the COVID issues and restrictions. I look forward to many of the Post members attending this year. Stay tuned for more words.

EVENTS CALENDAR

December 1 & 2 – ALA Veterans Shopping Event, George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center, SLC.
 December 13 – National Guard Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
 December 15 – Post 27 General Meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Cultural Arts Center and Zoom.
 December 18 – Wreaths Across America. 10:00 am Lindquist Mortuary 1867 Fairfield Road, Layton.

January 1 – New Years Day. Welcome 2022. *Fly the flag.*
 January 7 – Post 27 Holiday Social. 5:00 pm, Farmington City Cultural Arts Center



Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood

**We mourn the loss of our comrade
 Michael V. Hansen who passed away
 recently. He will be missed.**



Dale Crockett

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Dec. 1 2021.

2022 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
135	19	47	19	1	4	90	67%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Dec. 1 2021.

2022 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
33		30			1	31	94%

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A 1967 FLAG-STUDY MANUAL EXPLAINED THAT THE BLUE IN THE U.S. FLAG STANDS FOR TRUTH, LOYALTY AND FIDELITY.

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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.

SGT. SAGE SEZ

“Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no rights to guard.” -- President John F. Kennedy

Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

Here we are, the year end of 2021, and as of December 1, 2021 we have offered 34 Military Funeral Honors ceremonies for Veterans families. “Thank You” for your willingness to continue to serve our community and the Veterans that we honor.

We also support “TOY’s FOR TOTS.” This year, we are asking each Legionnaire to take their donations to the Papa Murphy’s, no later than December 11, 2021 to allow time for the U.S. Marines to pick up and process the



donated gifts for the children the program supports. The donations should be new but unwrapped toys. Please consider your individual donation ASAP.

Also, mark your Calendar for December 18, 2021, 10:00 am for your participation with “WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA,” to be conducted at Lindquist Mortuary, Fairfield Road and Antelope Drive. We look for all of you for participation.

The participation and service you have rendered this year in community activities has been exemplary and has brought high praises from the communities and families we serve. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service. 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.

Chaplain

NATIONAL TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER – COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is Arlington National Cemetery’s most iconic memorial. Since 1921, it has provided a final resting place for one of America’s unidentified World War I service members, and Unknowns from later wars were added in 1958 and 1984. The Tomb has also served as a place of mourning and a site for reflection on military service.



Steve Steed



In December 1920, New York Congressman and World War I veteran Hamilton Fish Jr. proposed legislation that provided for the interment of one unknown American soldier at a special tomb to be built in Arlington National Cemetery. The purpose of the legislation was “to bring home the body of an unknown American warrior who in himself represents no section, creed, or race in the late war and who typifies, moreover, the soul of America and the supreme sacrifice of her heroic dead.” On November 11, 1921, the Unknown was interred in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Nationwide, Americans observed two minutes of silence at the

beginning of the ceremony. President Warren G. Harding officiated at the ceremony and placed the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military decoration, on the casket.

The Tomb is decorated with three wreaths on each side panel (north and south). On the front (east), three figures represent Peace, Victory and Valor. The back (west) features the inscription: “Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.”

Following World War II, Americans supported the idea of interring and honoring an Unknown from that war. However, the start of the Korean War in 1950 delayed those plans. In August 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved the selection and interment of Unknowns from both World War II and Korea. On May 30, 1958 the World War II and the Korean War Unknowns were interred in crypts to the west of the World War I Unknown.

Before the Vietnam War ended, Arlington National Cemetery began making preparations to add a third crypt to the Tomb. However, many people believed that advances in technology would mean that all remains from Vietnam could eventually be identified. In response to mounting political pressure to recognize a Vietnam War

unknown, President Jimmy Carter dedicated a bronze plaque honoring American service members in the Vietnam War on Veterans Day, November 11, 1978, at Memorial Amphitheater. The crypt designated for the Vietnam War Unknown remains vacant. On September 17, 1999 — National POW/MIA Recognition Day — it was rededicated to honor all missing U.S. service members from the Vietnam War.

One hundred years after the World War I Unknown's burial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier continues to be a powerful symbol of service and sacrifice, mourning and memory.

For Your Information

Big Question for the whole American Legion Family:

If you are an alumnus of **American Legion Boys State** or **American Legion Auxiliary Girls State** from **ANY** state, we want to know. If this is you, please let us know where and when you attended. You can contact us at: kenthansen7@gmail.com.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS UPDATE:

1. You may be eligible for newly enacted service-connected benefits. Over the course of the last six months, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to environmental exposures during military service. In May 2021, VA started implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA), adding bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. A few months later VA added asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas. Any Veteran who was previously denied service-connection for any of these six conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service would need to file a supplemental claim (VA Form 20-0995). Contact the Veterans Outreach Program Service Officer, Mindy Honeycutt at 801-662-8256 for assistance.
2. The VA also presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause. These include: chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headaches, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances. A wide variety of symptoms can qualify a Gulf War Veteran for presumptive service-connection. Veterans who are experiencing unexplained medical issues are encouraged to file a claim. Contact the Veterans Outreach Program Service Officer, Mindy Honeycutt at 801-662-8256 for assistance.
3. IF YOU KNOW A VETERAN WHO IS IN CRISIS, CALL THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE AT **1-800-273-8255 AND PRESS 1.**

Historian



Kent Hansen

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM HISTORY

Each year on December 25, most Americans wake to the happy cries of children, presents, snacks, Christmas music and family fun. But December 25 is also important for a couple of historical events that would become part of the fabric of American life.

Let's look back to the winter of 1776, which didn't start as a good one for Gen. George Washington's Continental Army.

They suffered many defeats in the first few months of the American Revolution and had been pushed out of New York and New Jersey into Pennsylvania. For the troops, morale was low. Washington needed to renew faith in the battle



for independence, so he decided to surprise the Hessians (German troops hired by the British) who were stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. He figured that doing so after the enemy's Christmas celebrations would find them groggy and unprepared for a fight, especially as a terrible winter storm was brewing.

So late Christmas night, Washington and his troops hopped in boats and waded across the icy Delaware River to test his theory — and he was right. At dawn on Dec. 26, about 2,400 frozen Continentals pushed into Trenton, and they did indeed surprise the enemy, who surrendered within an hour and a half. The mission, which became known as the Battle of Trenton, was of huge significance to the Continental Army's cause. Not only did it raise the troops' spirits, but it revived the hope of the colonists, who were beginning to think their battle for independence wasn't feasible.

A CAROL TO OUR COUNTRY



Christmas carols are not the only music from December 25. One of the most iconic American tunes originated on Christmas Day.

John Philip Sousa, who grew up during the Civil War, was a talented musician who became a long-time director of the U.S. Marine Band. Known as the "March King," he was a rock star of his time, eventually starting his own band in 1892. On Christmas Day 1896, while crossing the Atlantic on his way home from a European vacation, Sousa's lasting legacy came to him. He said the notes for *"Stars and Stripes Forever"* were born out of homesickness and fond memories of his time as the Marine Band's leader. The iconic song officially became America's national march in 1987.

So, this holiday season, while you're enjoying leave, family, friends and feasts, think of some of your fellow troops, past and present, who had to forgo their holidays for the greater good of the country. While you're at it, you might even want to put on *"Stars*

and Stripes Forever" in their honor. Have a great holiday season, everybody!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE AMERICAN LEGION GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933251775?pwd=SEordThvOVBoUk5Cc1IBcINJU0J1UT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775

Passcode: 614202

American Legion Auxiliary

'Tis the season for being grateful! What a wonderful group of people we have in our Unit! So grateful for all of you! It was thrilling to be at our Veteran's Day programs, and especially to see the Farmington Elementary school children sing the "Salute to the Armed Forces" and to see our Legionnaires salute when their service was featured! We are looking forward to our Veterans Christmas shopping right after Thanksgiving! Our Winter Social is coming on January 7 so "save the date" and we will get you more information in the next few weeks! Have the Merriest Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!!



Deb Hansen

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



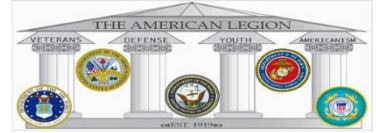
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www.post27.org





AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS
BASIC TRAINING COURSE



Learn why we do what we do

It's a FREE on-line course for members of The American Legion Family
Go to: WWW.LEGION.ORG/ALEI



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.

Department of Veterans & Military Affairs
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MINDY HONEYCUTT
 Outreach Program Manager / VSO

801.662.8256 (Cell)
 801.326.2369 (Fax)
 1102 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT 84404



Don't Miss Our Gala
Post 27 Family
2022 Winter Social
January 7, 5:00pm

Catered Meal Included

Farmington City Cultural Arts Center
 120 South Main Street, Farmington

Please RSVP to fbferante@aol.com by December 11, 2021

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** (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

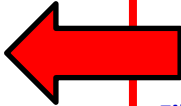
Global War on Terror U.S. Army
 Gulf War U.S. Navy
 Panama U.S. Air Force
 Lebanon/Grenada U.S. Marines
 Vietnam U.S. Coast Guard
 Korea Merchant Marines (WWII only)
 Other Conflicts

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
 (Please Print)
 From _____ \$ **\$35.00** for **21** 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

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

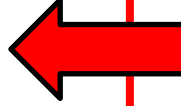
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
 Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self
 Daughter Granddaughter

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.

