



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

February, 2012 Newsletter

Website: www.post27.org



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE : A new year promises to have hope for new things. Thanks to all who have worked so hard this past year. Looking forward, we have our Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron to nurture and build, the great Funeral Honors training we had in January with the Utah National Guard and support to our fellow Veterans continuing, and Flag Education Program in the schools to revitalize. We can do this together with the fellowship and hard work of our comrades. Post officer elections will be held on February 9th. Your support in electing the leadership of our great Post is important in moving forward with the American Legion programs. Please join us.

POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS: We want to **WELCOME** our newest member to the American Legion and Post 27: Frank Ferrante, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired) / Korea to Vietnam Eras / from Kaysville. He transferred to us from Post 87 in Layton.



2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber:

Boys State 2012: Boys State 2012 is scheduled at Weber State University from June 4-8. Candidates are currently submitting on-line applications, with Post 27 doing the interviews in February and March for NUAMES, Viewmont, and Davis High Schools. The application deadline is April 1, 2012 to the Boys State organization. If you are interested in helping with the interviews in Feb/Mar, or volunteering as a counselor in June, please let me know soon at william.a.huber@comcast.net or 801-597-9807.



Adjutant Chuck Stephenson: Membership renewal for 2012 **can now be done on-line through The American Legion National website:** www.legion.org/renew. You can also mail the renewal dues of \$30.00 to John Sheets, 1368 W. Fairway Circle, Farmington, UT 84025 (checks made to "American Legion Post 27"). Once you have renewed, you will receive a new card that states "2012". Thanks to all have renewed to date. This helps to keep our Post going.

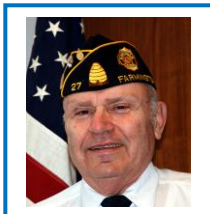
Mailing costs are going up. If you receive this newsletter by USPS mail, and have an email address, please let me know so we can get the newsletter to you electronically. Every little bit helps. Newsletters are also available on our website now at www.post27.org.

See the attached flyer for the "Honoring Our History - World War I" traveling gallery exhibit. It will be at the Fort Douglas Military Museum, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Don't miss it. And it's free.



Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets As the Finance Officer of Post 27, I report that the Post was able to traverse the mine field of a rather poor economy, to end the year with a bank balance of \$1,757.58. With an outstanding obligation of \$1000 due to Farmington City as our commitment to the Veterans Memorial fund. The remaining balance of \$757.58 will have to carry us through to the end of the year. We can supplement this with "flag sales". We still have 40 or so 3'x5' US flags at \$5 and \$10, depending on the quality of the flag. As District 2 Commander, I report that the District 2 Oratorical was successfully completed on January 27 at Davis High School. The winner was Taylor Greenwell from Davis High. He will

compete in the Department competition on February 11th at 1:00 P.M. Bldg 9 on the Veterans Administration Medical Center campus in Salt Lake City. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. I thank those of our Post who were vital to the success of the Oratorical Program this year and for several years previous. Thank you one and all.



Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:

With our Post Officer elections this month, it is a good time to come and support those who will lead our Post. If you have a desire to run for office, please come and join us. You may also contact one of the officers in this newsletter who can explain job descriptions, time involved and rewards of serving.

Training:



Bronze medallions (5-inch, 3-inch, 1 ½ inch) for civilian headstones signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran are now available. Information and an application (VA Form 40-1330) are available at www.va.gov > Veterans Services > Burials & Memorials > Headstones & Markers. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact me at (801)444-7189, and I will mail you the application and instructions. If you need help, we have volunteers that can assist you. **NOTE: A sample will be on display at our regular meetings.**

Military Funeral Honors training was held on January 31 at the Farmington City Fire Station. The training was provided by the Army National Guard Funeral Honors Team and was absolutely outstanding. It was amazing to all who were there what we thought we knew and what we really did NOT know. The results will be improved support for our fallen veterans. We always welcome members to join our Military Funeral Honors Team. Time commitment is not much -- rewards are heart warming.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL): Post 27's SAL Squadron has eight members. We received our reactivated Charter in January, which originated in 1954. Future plans for this group complimenting our Post activities are in the works. Anyone interested in becoming members of our SAL squadron, please contact Chuck Stephenson at (801) 444-7189 or email at stphnsnc@aol.com. Applications are also available at each monthly meeting.

Do you have a family member currently on active duty stationed in CONUS or OCONUS, or active with the Guard or Reserve locally? Or know of a neighbor, friend, other? Please let us know. We are looking for ways we can support our troops, starting with a list for the Blue Star program. We currently have a list of four families. Let our Adjutant, Chuck Stephenson know.



Post Chaplain J. Golden Barton:

Please let me or one of our Officers know if one of our members is in need of a visit, hospitalized, or needs assistance with something. Sometimes just a phone call will do in lifting our spirits. We are veterans supporting veterans.

DID YOU KNOW?



ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM: The Rays of the Sun: form the background of the emblem and suggest the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil. The Wreath: forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure. The Words: "American Legion" tie the ring together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, national security and Americanism. The Star: Victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory, and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's emblem. The Outer Rings: The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and

And disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children. The Inner Rings around the US: The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states, and nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FLAG CEREMONIES: Are you interested in participating with Post 27 in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies? Contact our Program Coordinator, Dale Crockett at (801)451-9493, to participate in this great youth program. If you know of a scout wanting this ceremony for the Eagle Scout award, let Dale know.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Feb. 9th, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Feb 9 - Post 27 monthly meeting, Davis County Courthouse (East entrance), Rm 114, 6:30 P.M.
- Feb 11 - Department Oratorical Contest, Bldg 9, VAMC Campus, SLC, 1:00 P.M.
- Feb 13 - World War II Speaker Series at the Salt Lake City Library, 7 P.M., Big Band Era Music at 6:10 P.M.,
Speaker: Gordon E. Walton, Army Air Force, Pilot, 89 missions
- Feb 25 - *Honoring Our History* WWI traveling gallery, Ft Douglas Military Museum, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- Mar 8 - Post 27 monthly meeting, Davis County Courthouse (East entrance), Rm 114, 6:30 P.M.
- Mar 12 - World War II Speaker Series at the Salt Lake City Library, 7 P.M., Big Band Era Music at 6:10 P.M., Speaker:
M. Allen Tibbitts, Army, 334th Quartermaster, Europe
- Mar 21 - Hill AFB / Ogden Career Expo
- May 26-27 - Hill AFB Air Show
- May 31 - 8th Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, Hill AFB Golf Course
- Jun 4-8 - Boys State at Weber State University
- Jun 4-9 - Girls State at Southern Utah University
- Jun 15, 16, 17 - Department of Utah State Convention, Fillmore, UT



District 2 Oratorical Contest
 January 27, 2012
 Winner Taylor Greenwell, Davis High
 Runner Up Travis Crowe, NUAMES



Commanders Jackson (Dept),
 Sheets (Dist 2), and
 Stephenson (Post 27) and
 Oratorical Contest Judges



**Funeral Honors training with the Utah
 National Guard**
 January 31, 2012
 Folding the flag and
 Rifle Squad Protocols

