



The American Legion Centennial Post



February 2018

The Official Newsletter of Post 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Unit 27

www.post27.org

Post 27 Programs & Activities

- Flag Education
- High School Constitution Oratorical Scholarship Contest
- American Legion Utah Boys State & American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
- Military Funeral Honors
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies
- U.S. Flag sales
- Honor Guard & Rifle Team for community events in Kaysville, Fruit Heights, Farmington & Centerville
- Jake Garn Sea Cadet Squadron sponsor
- DTC-Davis Tech Veterans Center support
- VA Outreach support at Post
- Medal of Honor Character Development Program in Davis County schools
- POW/MIA updates
- Meet The Candidate sponsor
- Farmington/Kaysville Cemetery Flag project
- Memorial Day weekend
- Parade participation
- American Legion charities support



Commander's Corner

THAT KNOWING LOOK

I was up at the VA Hospital to pick up some medication to treat my Agent Orange-induced diabetes. As I sat in the waiting room while my prescription was being prepared, I had a chance to watch the vast variety of veterans who frequent the place. They represented many stages of personal health – some hobbling along with the help of a cane or some who were ambulatory only because of a wheelchair or scooter. All of them, like me, looked pretty well used. Many of us sported ball caps, proudly displaying our service branch or the war in which we served. But now here is the interesting part: though none of us knew each other, an immediate bond was recognized.



Kent Hansen



That knowing look that says “been there, done that” and I know you have too, is introduction enough. It says “I speak your language and I get it.” There is a silent signal that allows us both to know that even though we’ve never met, we have both shared an experience that no

civilian will ever understand. It doesn’t matter which war or wars we have seen – World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Granada, or Iraq or Afghanistan – that experience and its attendant “knowing look” bridges all wars.

Now this brings me to my point: that “knowing look,” that shared experience and that special brotherhood always lifts my spirits and validates my service. And the place that I find these feelings most is when I am among the men and women of Post 27. These are the finest folks I have ever known and it is an honor and a privilege to be counted among them. Our door is open to welcome you and to share with you that “knowing look” of veterans who are continuing to serve.



THE AMERICAN LEGION Centennial celebration

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Feb. 1 – SAL Squadron 27 meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Feb. 3 – Department Oratorical Contest. 1:00 pm, Old Provo Courthouse across the street from the Provo City Center Temple, 3rd Floor.

Feb. 8 -- Post 27 General Meeting. 6:30pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116

Feb. 15 – Auxiliary Unit 27 meeting. 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116

Feb. 19 – Presidents Day. *Fly the flag!*



Mar. 1 – SAL Squadron 27 meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Mar. 8 – Auxiliary Unit 27 meeting. 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 107

Mar. 8 -- Post 27 General Meeting. 6:30pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116

Mar. 8 – Women Veterans Celebration. 6:30-7:30 pm, Zions Bank, 18th Floor, 1 South Main St., SL. Tickets required: <http://womensveteranscelebration.eventbrite.com>

Mar. 10 – District 2 Executive Committee Meeting. 10:00 am, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116

Mar. 14 – Military Funeral Honors Training. 7:00-8:30 pm, Farmington Fire Department, 82 North 100 East, Farmington. *National Guard Funeral Honors Team will train.*

Mar. 15 – American Legion’s 99th Birthday. *Fly the flag!*

1st Vice Commander



The American Legion is only as strong as its membership base. The more devoted members it has, the better the organization can advocate for veterans and serve the military community which has given much to our country.

Every Legionnaire is a recruiter for new members. Invite your relatives, neighbors and friends who are veterans to join us. Explain to them some of benefits listed:

Discounts - Your membership gives you and your family practical, money-saving discounts that can easily save you many times the cost of your annual membership dues.

Frank Ferrante Monthly Magazine - Our nation's leaders speak directly to citizens on the pages of The American Legion Magazine. The Legion's organizational goals are promoted using the words of talented writers, professional journalists, and world leaders.

A Powerful Force in our Nation’s Capital -The American Legion is the nation’s most influential, dependable



effective and advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active-duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA’s medical system can properly care for veterans.

VA Benefit Assistance -Your membership helps support Department Service Officers nationwide who assist veterans in preparing claims and obtaining their full military healthcare benefits through the VA.

You can register online at post27.org.



American Flag Etiquette – *When on display, the flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speakers or staging area or sanctuary, other flags should be to the left.*

2nd Vice Commander

The American Legion National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – “A Constitutional Speech Contest”

Thanks to all of our American Legion Family members and friends who supported our Post 27 Oratorical Contest held on January 23rd. This contest would not be possible if not for the support provided by members and friends. Special thanks to our judges; Ms. Alison Anderson, Ms. Bambie Bekins, and William Huber – our timekeepers; Bob Jones and Ms. Michele Done – and our tabulators; Paul Hubenthal and Paula Stephenson. This year we had



one contestant, Aaron Bigelow from NUAMES High School (graduate of American Legion Utah Boys State 2017). Aaron did an exceptional job on both his prepared topic and assigned topic presentations. He will go on to represent Post 27 at the District 2 competition. It was an honor to meet Aaron and his family. His mother could not have been more proud of her son and his participation in the Oratorical Contest. Aaron was presented a lapel pin for his participation, first place check of \$150. and the Gold Medal for 1st place.



Chuck Stephenson

American Legion Utah Boys State. On-line registration for American Legion Utah Boys State 2018 opened December 1, 2017 and will remain open through April 30, 2018. Registration for the 2018 Program will be electronic only. Utah Boys State has been working with the IT people at Weber State University for the last several years and the application process has been improved and refined each year. The electronic application can be found at www.weber.edu/utahboysstate. Completion of the registration

package is self- guided and straight forward. When the online application has been completed / approved, the student citizen must print off the completed application package (hard copy). Two additional steps are required to complete enrollment. The high school Counselor must certify current GPA and make comments concerning students interest in the program; and Post 27 must interview /comment on student citizens interest / desire to complete this program which earns them 3 college credits in Political Science. Once all steps have been completed applicants must follow the instructions below.

All completed applications must be received, to include family insurance card(s) and tuition of \$375.00 by May 15th, 2018. Completed packages should be mailed to American Legion Utah Boys State, Post Office Box 783, Clearfield, Utah 84089-0783.

How can you help? 1. Help with the interviews at the four high schools Post 27 supports. 2. Volunteer June 10-15, 2018 at Weber State University as a faculty counselor for one of the 10-12 “cities” with its student citizens. The staff course curriculum is provided. All meals and housing are provided free. Police officers, firefighters and first responders, Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Boys State graduates may all volunteer. Contact Chuck Stephenson if interested at email stphnsnc@aol.com or cell: 801-698-7750.

The Post 27 Centennial Post

is published monthly for members of Post 27, SAL Squadron 27, Auxiliary Unit 27 and friends of The American Legion.

Editor: Kent Hansen

Please have your submissions in by the last week of the month previous to publication.

Submit to: kenthansen7@gmail.com



Legion nuggets



July 17, 1925: The Legion creates the American Legion Baseball program. Today, more than **50 percent** of Major League Baseball players are graduates of the program. About 82,000 youths play on Legion-sponsored teams each year.

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood



Dale Crockett

Membership. Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Feb 2018.

| 2018 GOAL | PUFL | REGULAR | ONLINE | NEW | TRANSFERS | 2018 TOTAL | PERCENT OF GOAL |
|-----------|------|---------|--------|-----|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| 101 | 13 | 45 | 35 | 5 | 4 | 102 | 101% |

Thank You for all of those who have renewed their memberships. We have met our goal of 100% for the 2018 year. Our goal should be reached by the end of each year and we just needed a few weeks in January to reach that goal this year. Membership is the key to having a successful post for serving our veterans and their families. All of us needs to help other veterans, that do not have a membership in the American legion, understand what our post can do in helping others. You are part of an organization that truly wants to be of service to others and make our community stronger and more engaged in helping each other.

One program that benefits the community is the Oratorical program for high school-aged students. The other night we had our Post Oratorical Contest and listened to a very good talk on the Constitution. This young man inspired all that were there. For the past 80 years, The American Legion’s Oratorical program has been educating high school youth about the history of America’s laws and how to develop a better understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Another great program for children and youth is Utah Boys State. High School boys who will complete their junior year are eligible to attend this week-long exercise in government procedure. Scholarships and dollars are also available through both of these programs. I hope that all of us can reach out to our families, friends and neighbors, who qualify for American Legion membership, to join our post in all that we hope and want to accomplish in the future.

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.

Chaplain

“For God and Country,” this, our Legion motto, is the base plate from which we embark as soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen true. It is a touchstone reminder as we journey on our life’s path. As veterans, you willingly took a path to defend our nation and the principles upon which it is founded. That effort has blessed the lives of our whole Nation. The cold of winter still shrouds the land and gives each of us the special opportunity to reflect on the life of our Lord, to remember His example and invitation to come follow Him as we serve others. Now may be the time to make that good intension phone call or visit to a fellow Legionnaire or veteran that our busy lives has put out of reach for a time. Or, perhaps there is family in your midst who has a loved one deployed abroad that would do well to hear from their neighbor. Let us do what we can to bring cheer and a smile to those about us and find that secret warmth that comes into our hearts as we do so. May God bless you and your families and bring new light to your soul.



William A. Huber



SGT. SAGE SEZ

The enemy invariably attacks on one of two occasions:

- a. When you’re ready for them.*
- b. When you’re not ready for them.*

Training Officer (Also Nat'l Vice Commander-West)



Paula Stephenson

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR FLAG ETTIQUETTE & FUNERAL HONORS

It is time once again to fine tune our skills with proper techniques in folding our beloved U.S. Flag for our Flag Education programs, Eagle Scout Flag Program, and Military Funeral Honors, including the protocols of how to handle the bugle and rifles for funeral honors. Each year, our partners with the Utah Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors team (trained through the elite military unit at Arlington Cemetery), provide instructors to teach and update our skills. We continue training in order for us to continue doing our mission in providing these activities for our veterans and

communities. If we don't, who will?

WHEN: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:00-8:30 PM

WHERE: Farmington City Fire Department, 82 North 100 East, Farmington, Utah

WHAT: Funeral Honors Training by the Utah Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team: Proper folding of U.S. Flag, presentation of the flag, bugle and rifle team protocols, other flag / ceremony protocols, in accordance with current U.S. Flag Code and funeral honors guidance.

WHO: American Legion Family members of American Legion Post 27 and District 2, employees of Farmington City Fire Department, Farmington City Police Department.

QUESTIONS: Contact Paula Stephenson at C: 801-589-2871 or email: stphnsnc@aol.com

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

FREE ON-LINE COURSE

Go to: www.legion.org/alei

AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING COURSE



Learn
WHY
we do
WHAT
we do!

Sons of the American Legion



I have been asked by several people about what it takes to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion. (SAL). The following should answer all of your questions.

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth In Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

There shall be no forms or class of membership except an active membership.

Are girls or women eligible to join the Sons?

No. Only males are eligible to join the Sons. Women who are veterans and are eligible to join The American Legion are welcome and encouraged to do so. The American Legion Auxiliary was established to provide Legion Family membership for immediate family female relatives of Legionnaires and/or war-time veterans.

How can I sign up for the Sons?

You should check with someone at The American Legion Post nearest you. There is a good chance that Post will have its own Squadron of the Sons. If not, someone at the Post should be able to tell you where to find a Squadron near you. If not, contact [the S.A.L. National Headquarters](#) for information about finding a nearby Squadron.



Ron Craig
SAL Squadron 27
Commander

I am a member of The American Legion. Can I also belong to the Sons?

Maybe. Many veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion are also eligible to join the Sons if he had a father/mother, grandfather/grandmother, great grandfather/ great grandmother serve during a war period as listed with The American Legion. They are very much welcome to belong to both organizations. We call these individuals dual members. They are quite often an important link between the Sons and The Legion Post in their home towns.

How much does it cost to belong to the Sons?

Each Squadron establishes its dues requirements. Squadron 27 dues are \$10.00 annually. Generally speaking, annual dues normally run between \$10 and \$30. We have a slogan within the Sons which addresses the issue of dues: It's not the price you pay for membership...it's the price your forefathers paid to make you eligible!"



I am moving to a new town and want to transfer my membership there. How do I get a new card?

Be sure to report your new address. You can do that in person through your new Squadron Adjutant, or you can do it electronically by going to The Legion's Web site and filling out an electronic form.

Can an S.A.L. member sign up a new Legion member and vice versa?

Yes! The same applies to Auxiliary membership. As long as the necessary membership application is filled out and the prospective member provides a copy of his/her DD-214 discharge papers (this applies to Legion membership...prospective S.A.L. and Auxiliary members need to supply a copy of discharge papers for the relative through whom their eligibility is established) and they pay the appropriate amount for dues, simply submit these materials to the Legion or S.A.L. Adjutant. In fact...many members of the Sons like to carry around blank copies of membership applications for each of the Legion Family organizations, just in case.

American Legion Auxiliary

Happy February Ladies! We will be meeting this month on February 15th at 6 pm at the Courthouse! We will have some soup and goodies so please plan to come!

Thanks to Paula for getting us the instruction on getting our reports into the State! Our awesome secretary Leslie will have membership cards! We will be visiting Davis High, Viewmont and NUAMES to talk about Girls State and then have interviews in late February. We should have the numbers of slots available to our Unit soon!

Girls State also gives us the unique opportunity to serve! On June 7th, the essays that the girls write will need to be read! It's a fun opportunity to see what great young ladies we have attending Girls State...so if you can, reserve from about 10 am to 2 pm at Weber State University (lunch is provided!) and volunteer! Looking forward to seeing you all in February!



**Deb Hefner
Hansen
Unit 27 President**



February 19, 2018

POW/MIA News



The pownetwork.org was founded by Chuck and Mary Schantag of Branson, Missouri on 11/11/89. These two are dedicated to information distribution on our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Servicemen. Mary has valiantly carried the task alone since Chucks passing in 2012. They are loved and greatly appreciated friends of most of the 400+ living of 591 returned POWs of the Vietnam War.



Jay C. Hess

Quotes from their web page are revealing. "You are not forgotten! Be the one that remembers! Somebody didn't do something about this – then I realized I AM SOMEBODY. 'Til the job is done and they're all home. When one American is not worth the effort to be found, we as Americans have lost."

The **POW NETWORK** was named the "Association of the Year" by the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Assn in 2005, received the "True American Hero Award" in 2006 and the "Endurance/Lifetime Commitment Award" in 2013.

The vast amount of information about Prisoners Of War and Missing In Action distributed by this organization is easily accessed under the headings of POW/MIA Issues, The Fake Warrior Project or their custom search capability. The date and coordinates of my shoot down can be found by entering "Jay" in the search box.

www.pownetwork.org is a recommended source of information. There are others. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) www.dpaa.mil has been mentioned previously.



100 Acts of Service

1. Jan. 3: Cub Scout Flag Training
2. Jan. 3: VA Outreach
3. Jan. 13: MFH: Robert Albertelli, U.S. Army
4. Jan. 17: VA Outreach
5. Jan 23: Post Oratorical Scholarship Contest
6. Jan. 24: VA Outreach
7. Jan. 27: MFH: Kay Roundy, U.S. Army
8. Jan 31: District 2 Oratorical Scholarship Contest

Living the Legion Life



David Layton

Dave is a solid soldier who has given his life to the Army and his later years to the Legion. He is now in charge of our Military Funeral Honors Program.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army from 1962 to 2004

Place of Birth: Salt Lake City, Utah

My War: Vietnam era, Iraqi Freedom era

Hobbies: Model railroading (G Scale)

Offices Held: Post Sergeant-at-Arms

Reason for joining The American Legion: I desire to continue to serve and show respect to my country.

Years in The Legion: 7

Other Legion Affiliation: Spouse Kathy is active in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Favorite Legion program: Military funeral honors

What The Legion means to me: It helps me to remember the service of our veterans, past and current, and their families. Military Funeral Honors provide the final tribute and "thank you" for their service.



Living the Legion Life

Each month, we will spotlight a member of Post 27 so that the general membership will have the opportunity to get to know them better. Included here is an information form upon which you can submit information and photos of yourself for a future feature. Ideally, we would need a photo of you in your Legion cap (if you have one) and a picture of you in uniform from "back in the day." You can scan them and the form and e-mail them to kenthansen7@gmail.com.

Name: _____ Branch of Service: _____
Years of Service: From _____ to _____ Your War(s): _____
Place of Birth: _____ Your Hobbies: _____
Years in The Legion: _____ Offices Held: _____
Reason for joining The Legion: _____
Other Legion Family Affiliation: _____ Favorite Legion Program(s): _____
Why Your Favorite? _____
Statement about what The Legion means to you: _____

Legion Laffs



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.



Take advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program

Every first and third Wednesday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, a representative of the Veterans Administration 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

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>February</u> | <u>March</u> |
| 7, 21 & 28 | 7, 21 & 28 |