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Commander's Corner

LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LEGIONNAIRES

As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow Veterans. National Commander Brett Reistad has called for a Buddy Check during our National Week of Calling around the Legion's 100th birthday as a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help.

Perhaps they have been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew or rejoin. No matter their situations, we can do as our founders did by making personal contact with veterans in our communities.

This Buddy Check goes beyond only contacting members of The American Legion. When Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and those intrepid doughboys formed the Legion in

1919, they weren't looking to make it an exclusive club but rather a haven for ALL who served, for ALL who understood the sacrifice by having made it, and ALL who knew what it meant to rely on the guy next to him.

The Buddy Check is an excellent wake-up call to each of us to reach beyond ourselves and once again be the "band of brothers" – and

sisters – that we were when we answered our country's call. And let us not confine our efforts to the Centennial Week. We must be vigilant every day. As we are out and about, we can look for folks wearing service-related ball caps, t-shirts or jackets. Some even have tattoos that identify a person as a Veteran.

If we look, we will find them. It's not important that we may not know them. Veterans all know each other in a way that civilians cannot understand. "Hey, buddy, where'd ya serve?" is all it takes to start a conversation.

I was walking out of the barber shop, when a guy sitting there waiting his turn had overheard me talking to the barber about my military service. He asked me about it and an immediate link developed between us. It turns out he was a Marine who missed the brotherhood he enjoyed in the Corps. From there, it was an easy thing to tell him about The American Legion and the fine Veterans with whom I associate. We exchanged cards and I will be calling him to invite him to our next meeting. It's that easy, folks!

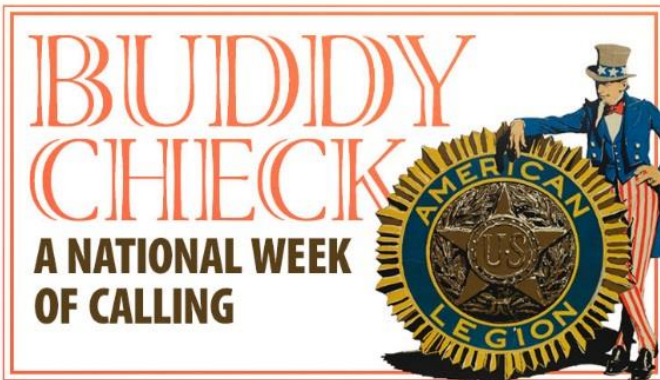
Let no Veteran be lost or left behind. That's not what we do. That's not who we are.



Kent Hansen

Post 27 Programs

- Flag Education
- High School Constitution Oratorical Scholarship Contest
- American Legion Utah Boys State & American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
- Military Funeral Honors
- Sons of The American Legion
- American Legion Auxiliary
- 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
- Scouting BSA Troop sponsor
- DTC-Davis Tech Veterans Center support
- VA Outreach support
- Medal of Honor Character Development Program in Davis County schools
- POW/MIA updates
- Meet The Candidate sponsor
- Farmington/Kaysville Cemetery Memorial Day Flag project
- Parade participation
- American Legion charities support



1st Vice Commander



This will be short and sweet. Every one of us has seen or heard the constant drumbeat of The American Legion from the Post and all the way up to National: **MEMBERSHIP IS OUR LIFE BLOOD!** Maybe we have heard it so much that we are deaf and blind to the message. The fact is that the nominal fee we pay to be members helps to fund our lobby on Capitol Hill as we advocate for Veterans' benefits.

Ron Jugenitz

Without The Legion on the Hill, there would be no compensation for Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange. In fact, there would be no GI Bill and no Veterans Administration.

MEMBERSHIP IS OUR



An excuse we hear so many times is: "I'm just too busy. I don't have time for

The American Legion." Sure, most of us have busy lives. But if you truly haven't got the time, The American Legion will not require it of you. You can be as active or inactive as you want. Still, whether you participate or not, your membership is working for Veterans every day. Your membership demonstrates that you haven't forgotten those who served with you. Your membership keeps you in touch with the efforts of The American Legion on behalf of you and all Veterans.

Membership is our life blood? You better believe it! Without your membership, The Legion cannot exist and all Veterans will suffer because of it.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day.** Recruit a new member, then do it again, then do it again, then do it again...
- Feb. 7 – Post & Squadron meeting,** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116. *Post Everlasting, SAL Awards & nominations for new Post officers. Don't miss it!*
- Feb. 18 – Presidents' Day.** Fly the flag.
- Feb. 21 – Auxiliary Meeting.** 6:00 pm, at Deb's home.
- Mar. 7 – SAL Meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- Mar. 9 – District 2 Meeting.** 10:00 am, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- Mar. 14 – Post 27 General Meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116. *Election of Post Officers.*
- Mar. 15 – Post 27 Centennial Open House.** 1:00-4:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- Mar. 15 – Post 27 Centennial Banquet.** 6:00-9:00 pm, Davis Technology College.
- Mar. 16 – Department of Utah Centennial Dinner.**

2nd Vice Commander

American Legion Utah Boys State 2019. This program is open to boys who have finished their junior year of high school and intend to attend their senior year commencing in fall 2019. Boys State is being held June 10-14, 2019. Please encourage your boys and those you know of to attend. On-line registration for American Legion Utah Boys State 2019 opened December 1, 2018 and will remain open through April 30, 2019. Registration for the 2019 Program will be electronic only. The electronic application can be found at <https://apps.weber.edu/boysstate/>. 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).



William Huber

Two additional steps are required to complete enrollment. The high school Counselor must certify on their application their current GPA and make comments concerning students interest in the program; and Post 27 must interview /comment on their application regarding the 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 \$400.00 by May 15th, 2019. 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 three high schools Post 27 supports. 2. Volunteer June 9-14, 2019 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.

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Submit to: kenthansen7@gmail.com



Adjutant



American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Feb. 2019.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	% OF GOAL
125	15	53	32	8	3	111	89%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics reflect membership numbers through 1 Feb. 2019.

2019 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	% OF GOAL
46	37	0	0	37	80%

Our American Legion Post 27 sometimes teaches school kids and Scout groups flag etiquette. One of the things we talk about is respect for the flag. The U.S. Flag Code says the American flag “represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.” If you don’t know the flag code by heart, you might be wondering about the do’s and don’ts of flag etiquette. It can be hard to differentiate between what’s patriotic and what’s offensive. Fortunately, once you learn a few rules and know what things to avoid when it comes to displaying the American flag, you can proudly display Old Glory the right way. Here are just a few things to remember.

- 1. Never dip the American flag.** Dipping a flag is when you tilt a flag downward in front of a person or thing as a sign of respect. The U.S. Flag Code states that the American flag should never be dipped.¹
- 2. Avoid using the American flag for decorative purposes.** American flag bunting is available to be used as patriotic decorations instead. Displaying the flag respectfully on a flagpole is not considered decorative and is acceptable to do. For example, you should never use the American flag as a tablecloth or drape it over a podium at which someone will be speaking.
- 3. Don't use the American flag as part of a costume or uniform.** This includes wearing clothing like shirts and dresses with the American flag on it or made from an American flag. Some people view it as patriotic, others view it as offensive.

4. Never draw on or mark the American flag in any way. This includes writing words on the flag, drawing numbers or symbols, or attaching any kind of image to the flag.

5. Salute the flag properly. People in uniform, members of the armed services, and veterans do the military salute. It is customary for non-military and non-uniformed persons to remove any headwear and hold their right hand over their heart.

You can look up the flag code on the internet to get the rest of the rules. As I drive around the community, I see the flag sometimes displayed incorrectly, so I don’t think that folks understand all the rules. Study the flag code once in a while to make sure you understand the rules and display it and respect it properly. Thanks, I love our flag.

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



February is the time we begin to look forward to the springtime of the new year and reflect on the blessings in our life our family and country. Valentine’s Day is celebrated February 14th. Valentine’s Day was first celebrated in 1668. Traditionally, we exchange tokens of appreciation to loved ones and friends. As we remember our family and friends, let us never forget that when we offer Military Funeral Honors (MFH) for our deceased Veterans, we are offering the last token of appreciation for the service they rendered to our country.

Veterans are entitled to MFH consisting of rifle volley, playing of Taps and folding of American Flag. **David Layton** Post 27 also offers a token of 3 shell casings for the family to remember the occasion. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service.

Chaplain

As we're entering February, it is a time for each of us to remember Valentine's Day by asking that somebody special to be your Valentine. Just before this, Post 27 is conducting a Post Everlasting Ceremony at our next meeting on February 7. We remember a number of our



comrades who have passed from this life into the next. We remember their service to our great country, their lasting influence they have on others and the Legion. As we look forward to the Legion's 100th birthday coming up, we reflect on what the Legion has done in its history until now. We ask our Heavenly Father for guidance and wisdom to learn from our past to succeed going further while helping out Veterans wherever possible with a kind deed or word(s). This can have a lasting impact more than we realize."



Michael Blewitt

Training Officer (Past National Vice Commander)

-To honor our military and veterans, be the American worth fighting for-

ANONYMOUS



Paula Stephenson

SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG DONATIONS

American Legion Post 27's partnership with "Smith's Inspiring Donations" started in late October 2018. As of December 31, 2018, only seven families have signed up. This program sends Smith's donations to Post 27 based on your spending at any Smith's Food and Drug store, with the critical link of your Smith's Rewards Card. You must sign up though. Follow the steps on the card to the

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Scholarships



Legion Nuggets

FEBRUARY 2010

The entire Legion family bands together and wins \$250,000 for Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) in PepsiCo's Refresh Everything Project, submitting the most votes in an online contest and beating out hundreds of other groups and charities to take first place in the contest's first month.

POW/MIA News



Jay Hess

THREE VIETNAM POWS TELL THEIR STORY TO PROVO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lt Commander Jack Rollins, F-4 Weapons systems officer, took off from the USS Kitty Hawk stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin on a flak suppression mission to the close-by, famous Thanh Hoa Bridge. It was Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 1967. When they rolled in and fired their rockets, both engines stalled. They were unable to restart them and ejected so low that Jack's parachute did not have time to open. He landed feet first in a flooded rice paddy and submerged in the mud with a terrific force. With his back broken in several places, Jack endured a great deal of pain the nearly six years he spent in North Vietnam's POW camps.



LCDR Jack Rollins, U.S. Navy

Jack's daughter, Pat, was 14 when her father was captured. She now teaches at Dixon Middle School in Provo. She invited the local POW's from the Vietnam War to tell their stories to her 7th and 8th grade classes on February 7th. Of the five local VN POWs, three will participate; Lynn Beens of Layton (B-52, 12/21/72), Bill Spencer of Bountiful (F-4, 7/5/72) and myself (F-105, 8/24/67). None of us has a story to match her Dad's.

Sons of The American Legion



Ron Craig

Some have wondered why members of The American Legion also join The Sons of The American Legion. It's a valid question that deserves a valid answer. Legionnaires become members of The American Legion for many reasons. Among them are maintaining the camaraderie gleaned from shared experience, a desire to assist fellow Veterans as they struggle with civilian life, or a need to promote patriotism in an increasingly hedonistic world. Many, indeed most, of the tenets of The Legion are shared by the Sons. There is, however, one major element that distinguishes the two. I joined The Legion because of what I did while in uniform. I joined the Sons of The American Legion because of what my father did in his military career.



The Sons honor those who came before us and blazed the trails, established the traditions and demonstrated the steel that those who followed would need to defend our freedoms. I am proud to serve in both the Legion and the SAL because they both amplify the best in America – and the best in Americans.

American Legion Auxiliary



We started our year with a fun meeting at our home on Thursday, January 17th...it was great to have so many there! We spent quite a bit of time discussing Girls State and we are coming up to the all-important interviews! We are assigned Farmington High and NUAMES and we may be asked to help out with Davis High. We have nine slots and plan to hold interviews the last week of February.



Deb Hefner Hansen

Please remember to pay your dues for 2019 and we are all on the membership committee! Thank you to Paula and Michele D. for attending the District meeting in January! Our next meeting will be on Thursday,

February 21 at our home at 6:00 pm! There will be a light dinner! Save Saturday, May 4th for Girls State orientation in Ogden. We will be responsible for setting up the continental breakfast for the girls and their parents. The orientation starts at 10 am. Anyone want to take the lead on this?!!!

Thank you for all you do! You are amazing!

Scoutmaster



Brian Knox

When The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced that it is ending its relationship with The Boy Scouts of America at the end of 2019, I found myself deeply sorrowful. I am an Eagle Scout and have been an adult volunteer with the BSA for more than 22 years. Moreover, my son turned 11 in December and I was concerned he would not have the opportunity to have the scouting experiences I had as a teenager. After a brief period of mourning, I rallied my internal troops (this should not be taken to indicate any sense of multiple personality disorder, I think, and so do I ...), and began the process of finding an organization willing to charter a new troop in our area.

The American Legion was one of several organizations I approached and when I did, I was impressed with the way our current Post Commander, Kent Hansen, treated me and the situation. He invited me to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor the next week, at which I signed

up as a member of the Post. Not only am I excited to become the Scoutmaster of this new troop and lead these young men, I am proud to be involved in this Post. I have been impressed with your level of dedication and am grateful for Post 27's recent vote and resolution to become the chartered organization for this new scout troop.

On January 23, we held our first meeting of volunteers. This consisted mainly of dedicated Scouters from the Farmington/Centerville area whom I know personally. I'm happy to announce we have formed a Scout Committee with more scouting experience and leadership than any I have ever seen. There are Post members on the Committee, include Ron Craig, our Chartered Organization Representative, who will be the main point of contact between the Post and the Troop. The committee agreed the simple rules for boys to join our Troop are two-fold: (1) Scouts will attend meetings in a FULL uniform (shirt, pants, belt, socks, cap (SAL cap if they are members of SAL)); and (2) at least one parent of each boy will be actively involved in leadership of the troop.

Our first meeting as a Scout Troop will be held on the evening of Monday, February 25. There is A TON of work to do to that point. I am confident the Troop and the Post will work on various activities together. I envision the Troop marching alongside the Post's floats in the various parades in which the Post participates, and helping with flag retirements and Eagle Courts of Honor. I also believe the Post will receive additional members through the Troop. For instance, I'm excited to join myself and my boy to the SAL and I believe my wife, ShaRene, is interested in joining the Auxiliary (this was a more than subtle request to the ladies of the Auxiliary to bombard my wife with attention).

Please spread the word. Boys who are still in their church scouting units can dual charter and join with us even while being with their current unit. I hope to have the involvement of many of you, as your experiences and patriotism will do more toward inspiring these young men than anything I can do."



Legion Laffs by Kent Hansen



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