

The American Legion
Second Century
POST

February 2021

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

Commander's Corner



William A. Huber

The future is looking brighter. Availability of the COVID-19 vaccine has begun to rollout for the public citizenry. The immunization information below is taken from the Davis County Department of Health website. Also at their site is an information page comparing the two currently available vaccines. The comparison document is attached at the end the newsletter. You can also find it at their website:

[Pfizer and Moderna Vaccine Comparison \(daviscountyutah.gov\)](https://www.daviscountyutah.gov)

Post 27 is not endorsing the vaccines but only seeks to make awareness of its availability to our post membership and friends. Each individual should carefully consider whether to take it in light of their own health conditions and may wish to consult with their physician.

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THOSE AGES 70 & OLDER

New Appointments: Additional appointments for those 70+ are periodically added to our website: [Vaccine \(daviscountyutah.gov\)](https://www.daviscountyutah.gov). Eligible residents can check back regularly at our website for more openings. Or, you may call 801-525-4900 to see if an available appointment times are available for scheduling.

Notification List: Members of our call center team will continue to reach out to help schedule appointments for ALL those who requested assistance making an appointment.

Medical Transportation: Those who need assistance with transportation to the vaccine clinic should schedule their vaccine appointment on a Tuesday or Thursday. After scheduling a vaccine appointment, call 801-525-5050 and select Option 1 to arrange transportation.

Homebound: Those who are homebound can call 801-525-5050 and select Option 5 to be added to our homebound list to receive the COVID vaccine.

Proof of age and proof of Davis County residency is required at the appointment.

VETERANS

Those who are enrolled in VA medical benefits AND are 65 and older, can sign up to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Call 801-582-1565, extension 5657, option 3 to schedule an appointment through the VA.

Post 27 General Meeting: February 16, 2021

Yes, the vaccines are beginning to roll out but, the pandemic is still very much with us. Looking forward we have scheduled the next Post 27 general meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Once again it will be held via the online application, Zoom. Our 1st Vice Commander continues to be available to assist you in getting acquainted with Zoom and becoming an active meeting attendee. He may be reached at phone number 801-347-8735. Here are the links and codes to connect to Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933251775?pwd=SEordThvOVBoUk5Cc1lBclNlU0JlUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775 Passcode: 614202



Officer Elections for 2021

Our Post Constitution and By-Laws call for the nomination of Officers to be held at the January General Meeting, this was done. Additional nominations are still being accepted for the positions of:

- a) Commander, b) 1st Vice Commander and c) 2nd Vice Commander

Election of Officers will be held at the February General Meeting, following which they will be sworn in and assume their duties.

2021 Oratorical Contest



What a great contest was held on January 27th at the Farmington City Community Arts Center building. The spacious main theater hall was just the venue needed. Its scale fostered the students in giving their prepared US Constitutionally based orations from each of their unique perspectives and focus. Eight students accepted the challenge to compete. It was the largest number of student contestants since recommencing the Post contest locally in 2006. These students came to us from Davis High School, NUAMES and for the first time from Mountain High School - an alternative school in Kaysville.

The first-place winner (pictured left) was **Ammon Allred** of NUAMES. **Samantha Siddoway** of Davis took second place and **Sheik Guarin Cardenas** finished third. Mountain High's **Dylan Brumley** received an honorable mention. Others who competed with excellent orations were **Justice Jones** of NUAMES, **Ethan Ball**, **Sadie Rigby** and **Kira Kelly** of Davis.

Kudos to 2nd Vice Commander Paul Hubenthal for inspiring such a turnout from the schools as well as running an effective competition. This event required all hands-on deck to provide a smooth flowing program. Thank you to all the Post 27 members who stepped up to the plate, the five community judges volunteering their time and insights and to Wendy's for furnishing free Frosty food coupons as an acknowledgement of the students' efforts.

Valentines Day is coming up quickly. Don't let it slip by without taking an opportunity to recognize that someone special in your circle. Let them know you love and appreciate them.

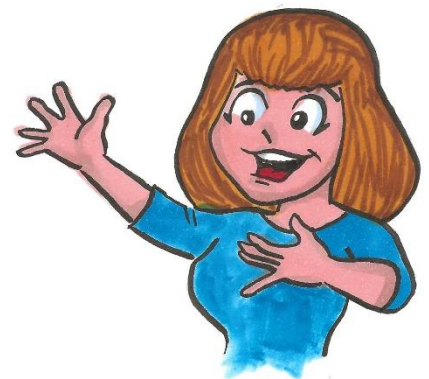
1st Vice Commander



We just had a wonderful experience with the 2021 Oratorical Contest and only some of core Post members attended. It was a great turnout with eight of ten students performing their speeches and, man, were they exciting to be a part of. Renews your feelings about of our country's future.

Most of you are missing out on some of the best experiences being a Post 27 member and it is way too bad to continue. The Oratorical Contest is just one of them. It is very fixable. Come on out and be with your fellow Legionnaires. I look forward to seeing you. Either by Zoom (so easy to do) or when we get together for Military Funeral Honors, or at our new event in person.

Bob Anderson



EVENTS CALENDAR

February 15 – Presidents Day. *Fly the Flag!*

February 16 – General Post, Auxiliary & SAL meeting.
7:00 pm, via ZOOM.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO ALL EVENTS. THANKS.

March 13 – War Dog Memorial Dedication. Vietnam Wall
Replica, Layton Commons

March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 16 – General Post, Auxiliary & SAL meeting.
7:00 pm, Farmington City Community Arts Center.

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Please send your submissions to:
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2nd Vice Commander

There will be an American Legion Utah Boys State in 2021! Considering the constitutional crisis happening in our nation, this opportunity to create a foundation, tied to the principles America was founded upon, is vital to the future and survival of the greatest influence for freedom and bringing people out of poverty this world has ever known. Boys State manifests our commitment to our values and principles of “American Values and Patriotism,” “Selfless Service” and “Advancing the Vision”.



Paul Hubenthal

Being resilient and applying the military spirit to “adapt, improvise and overcome” and well as seizing this “opportunity to excel,” we will overcome the obstacles COVID-19 has presented and host Boys State 2021 entirely online. Boys State is open to high school boys having completed their junior year and who are eligible to attend at least one semester of their senior year and carry a 2.0 GPA. Registration will open on 1 March and close on May 15. Students should visit <https://utahboysstate.org> (Hands-on Democracy Government) to learn specific details of the program. Boys can begin the registration process at this website, which is linked to the Weber State University registration portal. The cost of the on-line Boys State is \$150.00.



If you know eligible students, please encourage them to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Post 27 is a strong supporter and advocate of this program. We will continue to support Boys State in the face of every challenge. It is a critical part of our mission and foundational to ensuring the preservation of our National heritage and principles defined in our Declaration of Independence and codified by our Constitution. May we, the sentries of freedom, do our part to keep America the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

Adjutant

We bid a sad farewell to our comrade **Wallace W. Reynolds** who has passed from our ranks.



Dale Crockett

Membership is Our Lifeblood ❤️

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

2021 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
131	14	49	47		10	120	92%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Feb. 1 2020.

2021 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
32		25				25	78%

We are almost to 100 percent. Thank you for your support. It has been a difficult year for many of you. It's been a year of loss, whether that of a love one or a job, separation from a loved one or friend, political tensions and COVID-19 messing up everything. Even with that said, I am grateful for being alive and being able to serve my community, even if it is doing a simple buddy check on my American Legion family. I am thankful for our brave men and women who are protecting us at home and abroad. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Americanism: One of the Four Pillars of The American Legion

The Americanism Division represents one of the four pillars of The American Legion. The division oversees a wide variety of programs built on community service, citizenship, patriotic values and mentoring young people. The American Legion has recognized the month of February as Americanism Month since 1960 when Resolution No. 163 was passed. A few of the many American Legion programs that fall under the Americanism pillar include Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and flag education.



Steve Steed

Americanism is a set of United States patriotic values aimed at creating a collective American identity. According to the American Legion, *Americanism* is an ideology, or belief in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America, or to its flag, traditions, customs, culture, symbols, institutions, or form of government. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed or birthplace."



Americanism has two different meanings. It can refer to the defining characteristics of the United States and can also signify loyalty to the United States and a defense of American political ideals. These ideals include, but are not limited to self-government, equal standing in court, freedom of speech, and a belief in progress.

"We established observance of an Americanism Month that calls upon each of us to pause and reflect on what it means to be an American, and to rededicate ourselves to taking action that will uphold a 100 percent Americanism," said Richard Anderson, chairman of The American Legion's Americanism Commission. "There is no organization whose name is more

closely linked in the minds of citizens with genuine Americanism than is The American Legion."

The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution states, "To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism." Therefore, Anderson encourages the Legion Family "to reflect on what it means to be an American and our responsibility for fostering Americanism. Americanism should cultivate youth development, educational development, citizenship, community service, religious emphasis, and pride in our nation and the great symbol of our nation, Old Glory."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE AMERICAN LEGION GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85483980262?pwd=UjJMZzBzaEpxVHkvWmRLRlNZVVZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775

Passcode: 614202



It's easy. It's fun! And it's a great way to stay in touch with your fellow Legionnaires. We've even had some attending from New York and Australia.

Zoom Meeting



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“Inspiring Donations” Program

American Legion Post 27 has successfully partnered with Smith's Food and Drug with their **INSPIRING DONATIONS** Program.

- SMITH's will donate 0.5% of what you purchase (eligible purchases) at their locations throughout the state.
- All you need is a Smith's Rewards card and register that card by going to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/Inspire.
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- Then every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, Smith's will donate 0.5% of your total order to our Post 27.

It's that easy. In fact, we've just received a quarterly check for \$14 to add to our coffers.

Donations through this valuable program go towards Post 27 and Auxiliary Unit 27 projects supporting our Veteran, military and communities.

Historian



Kent Hansen

Combat Hero Without a Gun

Our mental picture of a combat hero is very often depicted as one who kills or captures the enemy in such numbers as to beggar belief. Here is the amazing story of a man who shunned weapons but became an undeniable hero. His name was Desmond Doss.

Desmond Doss grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia, and was a Seventh Day Adventist, which meant he was a pacifist -- he didn't believe in violence and chose not to bear arms. His beliefs and his job as a defense

industry worker provided him draft exemption during the war, but he dismissed that chance to defer. Doss wanted to serve his country, so he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps as a noncombatant.

But because of his conscientious objector status -- including his refusal to handle duties on the Saturday Sabbath -- boot camp wasn't easy for him. He was threatened and harassed. Many of the other recruits threw shoes at him while he prayed, and they tried to have him transferred out of their unit. They weren't successful, though, and Doss proved them all wrong during his service with the 307th Infantry, 77th Infantry Division.

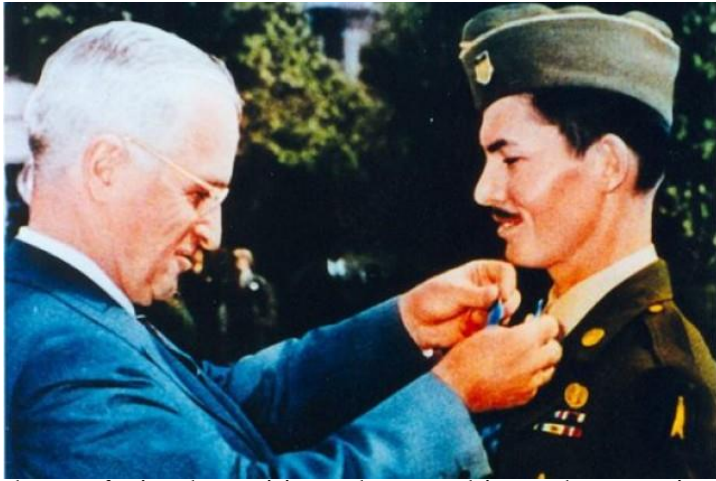
In late April 1945, 26-year-old Doss and his battalion were called upon to help fight near Urasoe Mura, Okinawa, in a campaign that would be one of the last and biggest in the Pacific. Using cargo nets, Doss' battalion was tasked with climbing a treacherous, 400-foot-high jagged cliff, nicknamed Hacksaw Ridge, to get to a plateau. Waiting for them were thousands of heavily armed Japanese soldiers entrenched in hidden caves and holes. During the monthlong campaign, Doss treated several injured men, dressing their wounds right in front of the enemy before dragging them to safety.

About a week into the fight, Doss was the only medic available to advance with the rest of the men, who were close to taking the ridge from the enemy. It was his Sabbath, but Doss joined his men anyway, just as the Japanese concentrated massive artillery and other heavy fire on them. The assault left many dead and injured soldiers in its wake. The remaining Americans were driven back down the escarpment, except for Doss. He was the only one to remain with the wounded. Over the span of several hours, Doss treated the injured and, one by one,



Desmond Doss

dragged them to the edge of the cliff and lowered them to safety in a rope sling. After each successful delivery, he reportedly said, "Dear God, let me get just one more man." By nightfall, he had rescued 75 soldiers, including many of the men who had berated him earlier in his military career.



His heroics didn't end there, though. Days later, as the Americans continued their slow advance, Doss was seriously wounded in the leg by a grenade. Instead of calling on another medic for help, he treated himself and waited five hours to be rescued. As he was being carried back to an aid station, his unit was attacked again. Doss insisted that another badly injured soldier take his spot on the stretcher. As he continued his trek on foot, Doss was hit by a sniper, shattering his arm. He managed to make a splint out of a rifle stock, and he eventually made it to the aid station for treatment. There was confusion over Doss' whereabouts, though, so he was reported dead. The news even made it back to his hometown of Lynchburg, Virginia, where it made the front page. Doss cleared up

the confusion by writing a letter to his mother proving he was, in fact, alive.

In October 1945, Doss was brought back to the states and had the bullet removed from his shattered arm. After the surgery, he was taken straight to Washington, D.C., where President Harry Truman placed the Medal of Honor around his neck. During his military career, Doss also received the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, all without harming another human being.

American Legion Auxiliary



February means it's the month for love ❤️ and the month for Girls State interviews. The final decision was made to have Girls State virtually this year because of the pandemic. As a unit, we have the option to do our interviews by phone or Zoom instead of in person, (which I am in favor of). If any members would like to participate

in these interviews, please email me at alexmarcie6@gmail.com

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

-Peter Marshall Marcie Mojica



Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



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"American Legion Post 27
Farmington Utah"



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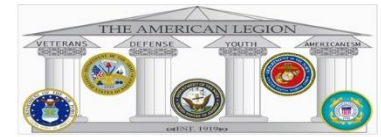
or the link from our Post
website at

www.post27.org





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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
STATE OF UTAH

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4. Enter ZIP Code.



**YOU CAN
BE A
HERO!**

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1. Go to www.utahblood.org
2. Click on "Make an Appointment"
3. Click on "Locate a Blood Drive"
4. Enter ZIP Code.

Pfizer and Moderna Vaccine Comparison

Dec. 22, 2020

In December 2020, two COVID-19 vaccines were granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by FDA. Produced by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna, both vaccines use the same technology (mRNA). However, some noteworthy differences between the vaccines exist. A comparison of key details about both vaccines can be found below. This list is not exhaustive. For further details see the FDA EUA document for [Pfizer/BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#).

	Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine	Moderna vaccine
Target population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved for people aged 16 and older. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved for people aged 18 and older.
Vaccine efficacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection. Efficacy rates did not vary based on demographic factors like age, race, or ethnicity. Insufficient data to determine if asymptomatic infection or infection transmission is prevented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 94.1% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection. Slightly lower efficacy in individuals older than 65. No difference in efficacy based on race or ethnicity. Insufficient data to determine if asymptomatic infection or infection transmission is prevented.
Vaccine administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two shots are required, delivered 21 days apart. Each dose contains 30 micrograms of vaccine. The vaccine must be diluted with saline before it is injected. There are five doses in a vial, however, early field use has suggested that due to manufacturer overfilling, a vial may yield a sixth dose. It can be stored in a refrigerator for five days. Once thawed, it must be used within two hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two shots are required, delivered 28 days apart. Each dose contains 100 micrograms of vaccine. The vaccine is ready to administer. There are 10 doses in a vial; however, early field use has suggested that due to manufacturer overfilling, a vial may yield an 11th dose. It can be stored in a refrigerator for 30 days and at room temperature for 12 hours.
Possible side effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most common side effects: injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, and fever. Side effects are more common after the second dose and are reported more by younger adults. Rarer side effects: severe allergic reactions, Bell's palsy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most common side effects: injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, and fever. Side effects are more common after the second dose and are reported more by younger adults. Rarer side effects: Bell's palsy.
Safety for pregnant/lactating individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No human data is available but interim animal study data show no issues. Pregnant/lactating people should discuss the risks and benefits with their provider. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No human data is available but completed animal studies show no issues. Pregnant/lactating people should discuss the risks and benefits with their provider.
Storage requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be shipped at -94°F, requires an ultra-cold freezer and dry ice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be shipped at -4°F, which is the temperature of a refrigerator freezer.
Minimum purchase order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An order of the vaccine includes 975 doses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An order of the vaccine includes 100 doses.

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** (Gender) (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)

WWII

Other Conflicts

30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ **\$35.00** for 20____ Post # **27**

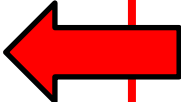
Recruiter's Name _____

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

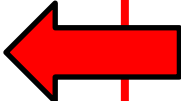
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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 \$10.00.

