

The American Legion CENTENNIAL POST



January 2019

The Official Newsletter of Post 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Unit 27 ★ Farmington, Utah

www.post27.org

Commander's Corner

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of The American Legion. Since its very beginning, the Legion has been the leading advocate for American veterans in all facets of life. From the authorship of the GI Bill of Rights and the U.S. Flag Code to driving the establishment of a Veterans Administration through Congress, the Legion has become a major player on Capitol Hill.

Our American Legion operates the highly-praised Boys State and Boys Nation programs. Each year, Posts throughout the country host a High School Constitution Scholarship Contest. Many Posts have Honor Guards that provide military funeral honors for departed Veterans.

The Legion has also been successful in gaining disability benefits for the victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam – even for those who were stationed aboard ships patrolling the coast. Indeed, the history of The American Legion reads like a litany of achievements that would seem impossible for one organization to accomplish.



Our storied history is worthy of pride and admiration. Think of it: 100 years of serving veterans, building Americanism, providing positive programs for children and youth and advocating for a strong national defense. But it begs the question: what next? Do we spend our time patting ourselves on the back for all the Legion has done? Do we stand on the sidelines at a parade or on a patriotic holiday and keep that personal pride inside as the colors pass?

The American Legion is great not because it simply exists but because it is engaged every day in reaching for new goals for its fellow Veterans.

This year we begin a new century of service, involvement and participation. It's up to us to do the things that will become legend even before 2119.

I invite each of you to be a player rather than a spectator. The camaraderie with those who understand you is worth it all by itself. But nothing can top the feeling you get when you look into the grateful eyes of a bereaved widow as you participated in military funeral honors or you see the look of awe on the face of a child as you tell your story during a Veterans in the Classroom program. You can be a witness to a miracle you helped to make as you watch boys transform into citizens at Boys State.

There is so much more to The American Legion than a membership card and a magazine subscription. A portion of the next 100 years is ours either to watch or to achieve. What will **OUR** history be? What sort of footprint will **WE** leave? Given the choice, I would rather make my own history than have it made for me. Come join us and make some history with us.



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
- Jake Garn Sea Cadet Squadron 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



Ron Jugenitz

Welcome to 2019. A new year is here and we must concentrate on making this year a growing year for our membership. We have a lot to do in keeping up with our past accomplishments. With the Oratorical contests in January, the registration of Boys State and Girls State for June, and planning the events for Veterans beginning in

May and through the summer we need to never forget we need to sign up new members for this great organization.

2019 is the 100-year anniversary of The American Legion. Let's promote that with all those we meet. When you meet a Veteran in uniform or in civilian dress, ask him or her if they are in The American Legion and invite them to join Post 27

(www.post27.org). I've found that members of our

Armed Forces don't realize that they are Veterans because they are still on active duty or in the Reserves. A month or so ago we were performing a Military Funeral Honors and the military representatives there for the flag folding and presentation were shocked when we invited them to be members of the American Legion. They said "we're on active duty, we're not veterans". We told them that you don't have to get out of the military to be a Veteran, if you've served during wartime periods in the military, you are a Veteran. We gave the information to go on-line and check out our Post 27 web site and the American Legion and join and become a supporter of Veterans.

MEMBERSHIP IS OUR



As members of the American Legion, we support many local functions: we open Davis County Commission meetings with Flag Ceremonies and the Pledge of Allegiance, Military Funeral Honors for deceased Veterans, and we even go to Elementary and Junior High Schools to teach the students on proper folding of the flag and the meaning of the 13 folds of the flag. We are a volunteer organization that supports the first responders of the Fire and Police Departments and work closely with those organizations to help the local citizens. We are forming a air rifle shooting group for kids. Contact our Sons of American Legion Commander Ron Craig for more information on this program. We are also investigating sponsoring a Scouting Troop for Boys and Girls.

Post 27 is moving forward in 2019 and we need members that care for our community and want to help our citizens. Showing the communities that American Legion Veterans help to promote America, the American Flag and our Military promotes a strong America. I challenge each of you to sign up three new members to Post 27 of the American Legion this year. We will be a better organization because you helped build a great Farmington Post 27 organization.

CALENDAR

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day. Welcome Centennial Year 2019. *Fly the flag.*

Jan. 10 – SAL Squadron meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Jan. 10 – Post 27 meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Jan. 15 – Post Oratorical Contest, 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Jan. 17 – Auxiliary meeting, 6:00 pm, President Deb Hefner-Hansen's house, 931 Lands End Rd. Soup will be served.

Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. *Fly the flag.*

Jan 24 – District II Oratorical Contest, 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

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, 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Feb. 18 – Presidents' Day. *Fly the flag.*

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 prior to publication.

Submit to: kenthansen7@gmail.com



2nd Vice Commander

Father Time has brought us full circle to a bright new beginning.

2019 has the potential of being a very positive year in many respects. Among those are the youth programs sponsored by the American Legion. Leading those is the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. This program extends the opportunity to our high school students from freshman through senior years to give a speech on the US Constitution and one of four of its Amendments. The first level of competition will be held by Post 27 on January 15, 2019, 6PM at the Davis County Memorial Courthouse, 28 East State Street, Room 116, Farmington, Utah. We have worked with the high school counselors from Davis, Farmington, and NUAMES and given them information regarding the Oratorical contest.

Fellow Legionnaires of our Legion Family, you are invited to attend as contest observers or as volunteers in one of several roles during the contest event: escorts



William Huber

to student contestants, time keeper, tabulators or one of several judges. Post 27 offers prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contestant winners, and even larger awards at the District and Department level. The first place winner at Department Utah will have cumulative winnings of \$1,350 and as the Department winner will also qualify for an all-expense paid trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for themselves and their parent/guardian in the American Legion National Televised Contest. There, they will qualify for a minimum prize money of \$1,500 for successfully competing in the opening round. Prize money will continue to be awarded at each level of the competition culminating with the first place cumulative prize of \$18,000. Invite your high school age relatives, neighbors, young men and women at church and in your community to participate. Additional information may be found at www.legion.org/oratorical. To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact William Huber at 801-597-9807.

Adjutant

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Dec. 2018.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
125	15	50	28	7	2	102	82%



Dale Crockett

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Aug. 2018.

2019 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
46	35	0	0	35	76%

We are now entering a new year of Scouting and a whole slew of changes in the scouting program. Girls can now join the Scouts and earn the Eagle Award. Our Post has been performing a 13 Folds of the Flag for boys who have earned the Eagle Award. We may be able to do that for girls in the future. Scouting has come a long way in years past, but still continues to be a program that our post can offer its support.



Dick Van Dyke had a cameo appearance in a recent movie called **Mary Poppins Returns**. When Dick Van Dyke gives you his endorsement, you know you're doing something right. In 1971, as the Emmy-winning actor was preparing to make his return to TV in The New Dick Van Dyke Show, the actor talked with Scouting magazine about his time as a Boy Scout, his opinion of Scout leaders and the challenges of parenting in a fast-paced world. "They call themselves Scouters," Van Dyke said, "these people who are being so wisely unselfish in their desire to help a movement which today has more relevance and significance to human welfare than ever before in its history." On parenting, the father of four lamented how "the whole pace of advancing culture is speeded up." "It seems that even the family is more fragmented today," he said.

When viewed nearly 50 years later, Van Dyke's words retain their value. The BSA remains relevant and significant to humanity. And families feel like they're pulled in a million directions every week — a fact that makes Scouting's commitment to bringing families together even more essential. This is why the American Legion supports this great program and will continue to do so for many years to come, I believe.

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



David Lavton

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!!!!

Well, here we are the beginning of a New Year 2019. Post 27 is looking forward to participating in community parades, Boys State, Eagle Ceremonies, American Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Wreaths Across America, Patriot Day (9/11) and our most significant service: Military Funeral Honors (MFH) in remembrance of our fallen Veterans. In 2018, Post 27 provided MFH for 48 Veterans.

All Veterans are entitled to MFH, consisting of a rifle volley, playing of Taps and folding of American Flag that is presented to next of kin. The participation and service you have rendered this year in community activities has been exemplary and has brought high praise from the communities and families we serve. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service. As members of The American Legion, we

volunteer as required to meet the demands that we are asked to perform. 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.

To all, we wish you and your families Happy New Year and the very best for 2019.



Legion Nuggets

Jan. 1, 1989

The Veterans Administration is elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Legion fought hard for the change, arguing that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.

Chaplain

We have the pleasure of welcoming another New Year with resolve and the joy that comes with each new day. As members of the Legion, we celebrate our Centennial year and we remember those who served along with us, no matter what the uniform. We also give thanks for the achievements and joys that we have received in 2018. May each member of the American Legion Post 27 Family find happiness and good health in 2019 while serving our family, God and Country! A Happy New Year to All! May God bless you and all America.



Michael Blewitt

Training Officer (Past National Vice Commander)

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

UTAH HONOR FLIGHT

The Utah Honor Flight would like to recognize all Utah Veterans for the sacrifices and support of our Country. Honor Flight takes you to Washington, D.C. to see YOUR memorial at no cost to the veteran. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all war eras. Flights include WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans. Guardians fly with the Veteran providing Assistance and helping Veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience. To apply or for further information, please contact Utah Honor Flight at 435-272-0254 or visit their website at www.utahhonorflight.org. This is where you can find the Veteran Applications and the Guardian Applications. Send applications to Utah Honor Flight.



Paula Stephenson

Utah Honor Flight is putting together an *all-female Vietnam Era Veteran* flight tentatively scheduled for Spring, 2019, if enough applications are completed. Get the word out to all female veterans from the Vietnam era. Send applications to Utah Honor Flight.

SMITH'S "INSPIRING DONATION" 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. Create an Account and link your Rewards card to "American Legion Post 27" (Organization number XN453), select the organization and choose "save". Then every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, they donate 0.5% of your total order to our Post 27. It's that easy. Let your family, friends, and neighbors know about this program also!



Donations through this valuable program will go specifically towards Post 27's Scholarship and Children & Youth programs.

Utah Centennial Challenge Coins

2019 is The American Legion's Centennial year. You can get a Utah Centennial Challenge Coin (pictured right) for only \$10.00 by emailing Paula Stephenson, Post 27 at STPHNSNC@AOL.COM. I can make arrangements for getting the coins to you. These are high quality and may be collector's items.



Sons of The American Legion



Ron Craig

This month as we start a new year will continue to provide you with information that will help each of you be a successful member of the SAL. The article below will give you information you need to have to receive your SAL Ten Ideals and Five Star Awards.

SAL UNIFORM AND CAP

The basic uniform of the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) is the squadron blue cap. Dress attire is determined by the activity and by the Sons of The American Legion leadership conducting the event or function. Optional attire such as casual, dress casual, or coat and tie is determined by the squadron, district and detachment. Uniform caps are available through the National Emblem Sales Division of the American Legion. Also available are jackets, shirts and other items for purchase.



For a catalog, pick up one at the Post or visit www.emblem.sales.legion.org and click on "Request a catalog."

The SAL cap should be worn at all SAL and Legion occasions. The SAL cap should be removed during moments of prayer, in church and at the graveside. When removed, the cap should be held in the right hand at the left shoulder. A member of the Sons of The American Legion wearing the cap should present himself the same as he

would if he were wearing a military uniform. If he is not wearing the SAL cap, the ordinary rules of etiquette for civilian dress should be observed. (The proper salute to the flag while wearing civilian clothes without an official cap is to place the right hand over the heart.) The SAL cap is not to be worn during meals.

THE EMBLEM

The design of the SAL emblem was taken from the emblem of our parent organization. However, it is oval so it can easily be distinguished. The star in the center represents our country, and the five points of the star represent the Five Point Program of the Sons of The American Legion. The sun in the background represents the Sons of The American Legion and the rays represent the loyalty of its membership. The blue of the emblem, like the blue of our flag, stands for justice. The two stars in the blue border stand for freedom and democracy. The wreath below the star is in memory of our comrades, and those of our fathers who willingly gave their lives for their country. The 10 points of the emblem represent the Ten Ideals of every Legion son.



Our monthly SAL meeting will be held in conjunction with The Post meeting, Thursday, January 10, 6:30 pm in conjunction with the Post 27 meeting. I will also give you information on upcoming events.

If you have not made your 2019 Membership payment of \$10.00, you need it do is soon so your membership won't become delinquent. You can make your payment to American Legion SAL 27. Don't jeopardize you SAL membership pay me or Adjutant Dale Crockett as soon as possible.



Legion Laffs by Kent Hansen



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.



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

