

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings! I hope you all had a “Worthy Memorial Day.” Remembering our veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and participating in community events dedicated to that remembrance, is what our recent 3-day weekend is all about.

The arrival of June brings thoughts of summer and BBQs. But more importantly it brings remembrance of D-Day. Being new to Utah, I started wondering and “Google-ing” some of the back story on Utah Beach. I encourage you to look into the history of Operation Overlord, more commonly known as “D-Day”. I personally want to do more reading and eventually visit Normandy for two reasons – my father’s family hail from France, and to learn further about and pay respects to the Allied Soldiers that made the ultimate sacrifice. I quickly found out that there was no historical reason for naming the beach “Utah”. But,



Jon Rue



GIs landing on Utah Beach on D-Day

to whet your appetite about Utah Beach ~ it was the westernmost landing zone, and not even on the original plans, but added in an attempt to get to the deep-water port of Cherbourg on the Cotentin Peninsula faster. In spite of mistakes and failures at the beginning of the landing, it ended up being one of the “easiest” spearheads with the least amount of casualties. I cringe at calling any landing “easy” though.

Some of the landing issues included that three of the four command landing craft didn’t make it – destroyed going in by mines. The 18th Airborne Corps units of the 101st and 82nd Divisions also had many casualties as they dropped in, some from drowning on the lowlands and some from enemy fire before landing. Smoke from the initial bombardment obscured

the area, and strong currents prevented the landing craft from getting to their intended areas. When the units realized their error, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (the Assistant Commander of the 4th Infantry Division and one of the founding fathers of The American Legion) uttered his famous quote “We’ll start the war from here.” The landing location ended up as a blessing in disguise. It was the least defended area, since the Germans believed the low-lying area (swampy) could be defended by controlling the locks at high tide and flooding the areas.

In spite of the paratroopers’ issues, elements of the 101st and 82nd Airborne were successful in controlling most of the locks and causeways. They also prevented the Germans from an initial counter-attack, allowing the 4th ID to establish a beachhead and move inland before the Germans could launch a significant counter-attack. Just my quick research compels me to look even deeper into this fascinating history.

Flag Day: Remember that June 14th is Flag Day. Celebrated on the anniversary of the original flag’s official adoption. Fly your flag – I DO!

We want you - Webmaster assistance – our current webmaster is consumed with work commitments, and updates to our site is more than his time allows. If anyone has the skills to assist, please let me know. Thank you.

EVENTS CALENDAR

June 1-July 31 – American Legion Utah Boys State.

June 4 – Collect Flags from Veterans' graves. Kaysville Cemetery, 5:00 pm

June 7-12 – American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

June 14 – Flag Day. *Fly the flag.*

June 14 – U.S. Army Birthday. *Fly the flag.*

June 22– General Post, Auxiliary & SAL meeting. 7:00 pm,
Farmington City Cultural Arts Center and Zoom

July 4 – Independence Day. *Fly the flag.*

July 10 – Farmington Festival Days Parade.

July 24 – Pioneer Day. *Fly the flag.*



**PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO ALL EVENTS
or AS DICTATED BY STATE/COUNTY GUIDELINES.**



1st Vice Commander



Bob Anderson

It's been a busy month. We had many Military Funeral Honors (MFH) that were well coordinated and organized by the MFH manager, Dave Layton, even while he is dealing with serious medical issues. That is going well above and beyond to support our veterans. Thanks, Dave.

By now we have had several opportunities for our Post 27 Legionnaires to show our support for the veterans who served and have passed. We helped place 1,800 US flags on the graves of our fallen at the Farmington and Kaysville cemeteries. We helped with the Kaysville City's Memorial Day ceremony and put on the Memorial Day ceremony at Farmington. I can't tell you how they went as the newsletter had to be compiled before they happened, but I have no doubt they went well. Supporting our cities in their programs brings in new members, also. Any update will be in the next newsletter. I can say that everyone's support and participation was very much appreciated. A personal thank you to all from me.

Keep getting out there and talk the talk about The American Legion and Post 27 in particular. We can always use new members! Also, contact our fellow veterans whether they are Legionnaires or not. They deserve to be reminded that we appreciate them and are thinking about them.



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2nd Vice Commander

As we enter into June, we remember the tremendous sacrifice and treasure lost in the culmination of Operation Overlord. It is difficult to imagine the scale of that great sacrifice, the price paid for the freedom of our world. To give some perspective, 9,000 Fallen Soldiers were etched into the sand on Normandy Beach. British artist Jamie, accompanied by numerous volunteers, took to the beaches of Normandy with rakes and stencils in hand to etch 9,000 silhouettes representing fallen people into the sand. Titled "The Fallen 9000", the piece is meant as a stark visual reminder of those who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6th, 1944 during World War II.

The original team consisted of 60 volunteers, but as word spread nearly 500 additional local residents arrived to help with the temporary installation that lasted only a few hours before being washed away by the tide. Among our many roles we play as Legionnaires, reminding our community of our great heritage and the principles of our founding is among our most important, and possibly overlooked. May each of us remember to take time to educate and serve as an example to our circles of friends and family, past and future generations are looking



**Paul
Hubenthal**

to you to help them understand the living lessons of history and the precious gift of Liberty. God Bless you and may God Bless America.

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood



Dale Crockett

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

2021 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
126	14	52	51		14	131	104%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through June 1 2021.

2021 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
32		31				31	97%

The United States Flag is very important to our post because we want our neighbors and friends to increase their knowledge of the proper display and respect for the flag which is a living symbol representing a living country. When I see the flag being disrespected in person or on TV, it saddens me greatly. The flag represents many freedoms, rights and responsibilities not enjoyed by citizens of any other country in the world. In a few weeks on June 14, we will celebrate Flag Day. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

In 1974, the Watergate scandal and opposition to the Vietnam War had some Americans questioning the greatness of their country. Johnny Cash was not one of them. An Air Force veteran, the country music star loved the American Flag. It was in this turbulent time that he released “Ragged Old Flag,” a song that would become a staple at his concerts. Covering a wide history of American events from Francis Scott Key’s penning of the Star Spangled Banner through Vietnam, Cash’s closing lyrics were powerful:

*“Cause she’s been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more
So we raise her up every morning
We take her down every night
We don’t let her touch the ground and we fold her up right
On second thought, I do like to brag
‘Cause I’m mighty proud of that ragged old flag.”*



Cash, like millions of American Legionnaires, understood that while the United States was not perfect, it still represented the best in humanity. When Key described the new nation as the “Land of the free and the home of the brave,” he could not have imagined that this would also be a country that would liberate so many others from tyranny. Flag Day is a time when we reflect on the cherished red, white and blue cloth of our nation. It is our blanket of freedom.

If you are in need of a flag, our post has some for sell at discounted prices. You can also order a flag from Emblem Sells at emblem.legion.org. If you go that route, be sure to mention you are buying it to support our post 27 because we get a little credit for those who buy a flag on-line.

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 Layton

June, the year is half over and Post 27 continues in “Full Operation” in spite of COVID -19 with many American Legion programs and service.

We want to thank all of you for the service you have rendered this past year in community activities and for honoring our fallen with Military Funeral Honors (MFH). Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service. We encourage each member of Post 27 to be trained in MFH Ceremonies. As you know, many of our Post 27 MFH participants are experiencing health concerns, we wish them all health and strength for recovery and return to MFH Team.

Participation in this ceremony is a great privilege and an honor.

Also big thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day placement of American flags on the graves of Veterans and the Memorial Day Programs at both Kaysville & Farmington Cemeteries.

Farmington Days on July 10 will be opportunity for all Post 27 members to participate in service to our communities and to recognize all past and current veterans. Remember when we are asked to participate in Post 27 duties, some were asked to give all. Post 27, ready to serve for the good of the Legion, the country and funeral honors for the fallen.



Chaplain

As early as 1942, the United States and the British were considering the possibility of a major Allied invasion across the English Channel. Hitler charged Rommel in 1943 with fortifying the Atlantic Wall, a 2,400-mile fortification of bunkers, landmines and beach and water obstacles.



Steve Steed



On the morning of June 6, 1944, Allied forces staged an enormous assault on German positions on the beaches of Normandy. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian

forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives that day, with thousands more wounded or missing.

The invasion is often known by the famous nickname “D-Day,” yet few people know the origin of the term or what, if anything, the “D” stood for. Most argue it was merely a redundancy that also meant “day,” but others have proposed everything from “departure” to “decision” to “deliverance” to “doomsday.”

According to the U.S. military, “D-Day” was an Army designation used to indicate the start date for specific field operations. In this case, the “D” in D-Day doesn’t actually stand for anything—it’s merely a placeholder used to designate a particular day on the calendar.

The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. A significant psychological blow, it also prevented Hitler from sending troops from France to build up his Eastern Front against the advancing Soviets. The following spring, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany.

May God bless us never forget all those who gave their lives on “D-Day” to preserve our liberty and freedom.

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

Zoom Meeting

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 Massachusetts, Florida and Australia.



Historian



Kent Hansen

Early on in World War II, she signed up to be part of the brand-new Air Evac Group. As a flight nurse, she would tend to wounded soldiers as they were flown from Europe back to hospitals in the United States or Canada for treatment. After VE Day in May 1945, Chicken was transferred to a hospital in Hawaii, where she cared for servicemen who were wounded while fighting the Japanese in the Pacific. Just after the surrender papers were signed, Chicken flew in on the second Air Evac plane into Japan, where she picked up a load of American POWs. The patients, she recalled, “were so thankful to be going home.”

GRACE CHICKEN: ANYTHING BUT A CHICKEN

Grace Chicken always knew she wanted nothing more than to be an Army nurse. When war broke out in 1941, she jumped at the chance to serve, first in the Army and then later in the Air Force. It was a commitment that would continue for 26 years and through three wars.

During the Korean War, she rode in on two-engine planes that landed so close to the fighting that “we almost picked people up right off the line.” During the Cold War, she took care of soldiers and their families stationed at Air Force bases throughout the U.S., including at Alaska’s Elmendorf AFB where, as director of the obstetrics ward, she once delivered eight babies in eight hours. Like thousands of other military nurses over the centuries, Chicken risked her life on numerous occasions and in the process saved thousands of other lives. But it was no hardship, she says. She was just fulfilling her purpose. “Those were the happiest years of my life,” said Chicken, who retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 2019, she celebrated her 105th birthday.

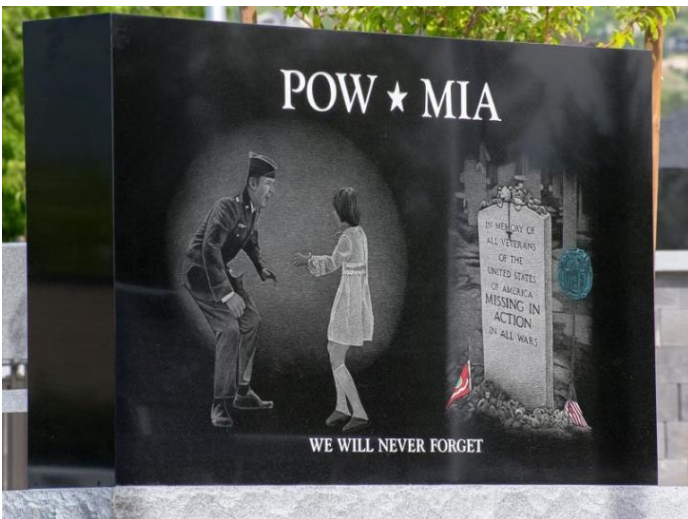


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POW/MIA News



This POW/MIA monument was installed at the beautiful Bountiful Veterans Park the week of May 16, 2021. “We will never forget” is written at the bottom. On the grave stone like image is written “In memory of all veterans of the United States of America MISSING IN ACTION in all wars. The image under POW is a likeness of the photo taken by Los Angeles Times photographer Ben Olander at March AFB near Riverside California in the spring of 1973. It was one of his favorite photos and was submitted for a Pulitzer Prize. The photo is of then-Major Jay Hess and his fast-running 8-year-old daughter Heidi when he returned to the United States after being a POW for 2,029 days.



Jay Hess

American Legion Auxiliary



Summer is upon us, even though I still feel the chill. We are ready for our first virtual Girls State to begin on June 7th. Many, many preparations have gone on by the staff to try to make this year's experience as worthwhile as possible. If you are interested in watching any of the sessions, please contact me via text (or phone) at

Marcie Mojica 770-714-2074.

Start collecting canned goods for our next food drive. We plan to have them twice a year and want our next one to be at Hill Air Force Base.

At my training meeting in Hurricane, I was able to see two quilts of valor presented to the daughters of Veterans (they were not able to attend). I was very moved. If any of you are quilters, I have a pamphlet with more information.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.



Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



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www.post27.org



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*Be sure to bring a DD-214
or Discharge Certificate
with you.*



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HERO!**



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4. Enter ZIP Code.

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** (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

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

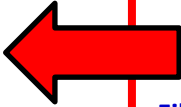
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From \$ **\$35.00** for 20 **21** to 20 **27**

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:

WWII (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:

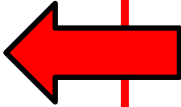
Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self
 Daughter Granddaughter

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.

