

The American Legion CENTENNIAL POST



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Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Veterans & America!

Commander's Corner

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in France in World War I is credited with planning the Legion. A.E.F. Headquarters asked these officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer,



Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, this group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.



Kent Hansen

When the first organization meeting took place in Paris in March 15-17, 1919, about 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended. The meeting, known as the Paris Caucus, adopted a temporary Constitution and the name The American Legion. It also elected an executive committee and named a subcommittee to organize the veterans at home in the US. The Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis, Missouri, in May of 1919. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization. It set up temporary headquarters in New York City, New York, and began its relief, employment, and Americanism programs.

The new organization featured several compelling features such as no military rank and veterans of any of the branches of service could join. The Legion has always been an inclusive organization requiring only honorable military service and a desire to continue to serve.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first National Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, adopted a permanent constitution and elected officers to head the organization.

This is where all of us, as American Legionnaires, began. And now, as we enter our second century, the baton has been passed for us to carry on to even greater achievements, more complete service, and a more substantial legacy of love of country in the community, state and nation.

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

Candidates for 2019-2020 Post 27 Officers

Commander: **Ron Jugenitz**, 1st Vice Commander: No nominee yet, 2nd Vice Commander: **William Huber**
 The election will be held at our Mar. 14 general meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

1st Vice Commander



Ron Jugenitz

March is upon us and spring is right around the corner. This month is the American Legion's Centennial Birthday and the beginning of a second hundred years. American Legion membership has declined over the years due to so many brave military veterans having aged and died. We need to recruit veterans from the latest wars we've fought in Iraq and the Mideast. The American Legion is doing great things for our veterans and the young children growing up in our schools. From grade school, teaching them honoring the flag all the way through college with scholarships to complete higher education.

While performing Military Funeral Honors lately, we've talked to some of the military assisting us and asked if they've considered becoming a member of The American Legion. Their response has sometimes been



"I'm still in the service, I'm not a veteran until I get out". We need to educate our military that serving now and during the past wars overseas makes them a veteran and qualifies them to become active in a good cause like the American Legion. When you are out and talk to a military person, ask them if they've heard of the American Legion and if they'd be interested in joining. Always be looking for someone to join our exclusive and beneficial organization.

In an article from the email from The American Legion I read: "your membership supports over 2,300 scouting units across the United States, American Legion baseball for nearly 55,000 young people, Boys State to teach young men in 49 states and the District of Columbia how our federal government works, and much more." Just that data is enough to encourage everyone to go out and find new members so we can do more to help our young people. Let's make March a great recruiting month and increase our numbers so we can help more kids.

CALENDAR

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. 10 – Daylight Saving Time ends. Set your clocks ahead.

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. *RSVP required ASAP.*

Mar. 16 – Department of Utah Centennial Dinner. *Airport Doubletree by Hilton, 5151 Wiley Post Way, SLC.*

Mar. 29 – Vietnam Event at the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Laytonm 1:00 pm.

Apr. 4 -- SAL Meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Apr. 11 -- Post 27 General Meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116

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/>.



William Huber

Completion of the registration package is self-guided and straight forward. When the online application has been completed, the student citizen must print off the completed application package (hard copy) and have their parent or guardian sign confirming their permission. Two additional steps are required to complete enrollment.

1. The high school Counselor must certify on their application their current GPA and make comments concerning students interest in the program; and
2. 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 photocopy of their family insurance card(s) and tuition of \$400.00 by April 30th, 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; contact William Huber at email William.a.huber@comcast.net or cell 801-597-9807 for coordinating your participation as an interviewer. Current interviews have been set for/at:

- a. Davis High School interviews at 9:30am, Thursday, March 21, 2019.
- b. NUAMES interviews at 3pm, Thursday, March 28, 2019
- c. Farmington High School interview - date/time pending.

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. If interested please contact William Huber at email William.a.huber@comcast.net or cell 801-597-9807, or Paula Stephenson at email stphnsnc@aol.com or cell: 801-589-2871.

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifblood

American Legion Membership: Statistics through 1 Mar. 2019.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	% OF GOAL
125	15	54	33	11	3	116	93%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are through 1 Feb. 2019.

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



Dale Crockett

After the First World War, families were shattered across the country when parents came home disabled or psychologically wounded. Thousands were orphaned when parents did not come home at all. In response The American Legion declared Children and Youth one of their four pillars, solidifying their commitment to supporting our nation’s youth.

The founders of The American Legion vowed to provide a square deal for every young person, no matter their circumstances. But we can’t fulfill that promise without you. Your membership helps support many youth programs across the country. Two that our post supports are the Scouts BSA and Boys State. Becoming a member, you make a commitment to protect our nation’s youth. While there is no way of knowing what issues will face our youth tomorrow, we, as Legionnaires, must provide for the young people of today.

The only youth program singled out for recognition at the first American Legion National Convention in 1919 in Minneapolis, was Boy Scouts of America. A resolution is passed in support of its principles and achievements and recommends that each Post assist the Scout troops in its community. Immediately following the convention Posts began to sponsor Scout units nationwide.

The first American Legion Boys State convened in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program teaches young Americans their rights, privileges and responsibilities as franchised citizens and centers on the structure of local governments. Students are elected to various offices and instructed in the duties of public office, learning its functions, powers and limitations. In 1946, the first Boys Nation — then called Boys Forum of National Government — convened at American University in Washington, DC and was a federal version of the successful Boys State programs around the country. The 1946 American Legion National Convention adopted the event as an official youth activity and three years later the program was renamed American Legion Boys Nation.

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.


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Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

Happy Anniversary! We are now celebrating the “Centennial” for The American Legion. As members of Post 27, we are forever grateful to the countless Veterans and Legion members who have contributed their time to the mission of the Legion and support of all Veterans we serve. Some have said that Post27 has set the benchmark for other posts to follow.

Thank you all for your support and individual contributions. Farmington Post 27, Proud Veterans still serving!

Chaplain

As we celebrate the Legion’s 100th birthday John F Kennedy’s quote “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” seems appropriate. As Legionnaires change one uniform for another, we continue to serve this great nation of ours in many different ways. It may be performing funeral honors honoring those who passed that have served in uniform, calling or visiting a people bound by ill health, a kind word or action that means a lot to a person, even a stranger. We remember people who have served in the past, those who continue to serve, and provide gentle encouragement to those who are thinking of serving. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the gifts that we have received and the gifts we share with others like family members that we have.



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

right. Cut this card out and give it to someone else who shops at Smith’s. There is no cost to you for participating in this program. Please help us help our kids!

Email or call me if you have any questions at stphnsnc@aol.com or cell: 801-589-2871.

Support **American Legion Post 27** every time you shop at Smith's. Signing up is free and easy!

1. Go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire
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3. Link your Rewards Card to your organization. Enter your organization’s number: **XN453** or at least 3 letters of your organization’s name and click ‘Search’, 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 nonprofit.*

Helpful information:
 What purchases qualify? Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips! The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith’s Gift Cards, re-loadable Gift Cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel and sales tax.

There’s no cost to participate in this program, and you’ll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases every time you shop!
 *0.5% based on eligible purchases. See Helpful Information for exclusions.

DONATIONS GO TO THE POST 27 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Scholarships



Legion Nuggets

MARCH 15-17, 1919

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States.

POW/MIA News



Jay Hess

For 100 years the American Legion has been a dedicated voice for those of the US military who endured captivity because of war or who are missing in action. Their numbers are significant. See below:

POW-MIA

	WW I	WW II	Korea	Vietnam	Gulf	Total
Captured	4,120	13,0201	7,140	771	21	142,253
Died in Captivity	147	14,072	2,701	113	0	17,033
Returned	3,973	116,129	4,418	658	21	125,199
MIA	3,350	78,773	8,117	1,589	1	82,128

During the Feb 26, 2019 Washington Conference's Commanders Call, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Director Kelly McKeague presented American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad with a flag that had been draped over one of the 55 transfer cases of U.S. service members' remains returned to the United States from North Korea last August.

This was the first time North Korea had turned over remains in 13 years. McKeague explained he was giving the flag to Reistad and The American Legion because of the organizations advocacy for a full accounting of U.S. military classified as missing in action or prisoners of war.

This time of year Vietnam POW's celebrate 46 years of freedom.

When the Americans on Bataan surrendered on April 9, 1942, between 11,000 and 12,000 of them became prisoners, as well as more than 50,000 Filipinos. There are no exact figures, but at least 600 Americans and 5,000 Filipinos died as they marched 75 miles in temperatures of 90° F from Balanga to San Fernando, where they were put on trains to Camp O'Donnel. Another 1,000 Americans and 16,000 Filipinos died within the following six weeks.

Speaking to returned POWs, Pres George W Bush said: "While held POW you reflected the best of our country – acting with resourcefulness, bravery and strength. Through unspeakable conditions, you upheld your oath to defend America with honor and dignity. Your extraordinary spirit, patriotism and resolve helped defeat tyranny and build democratic and just societies, enabling decent men and women around the world to live in freedom. You continue to inspire new generations to acts of courage and compassion."



Vietnam POW on the homeward-bound C-141

Sons of The American Legion



Ron Craig

Thank you for your patience with me for the past three months. If you don't already know, I revived a relationship from years ago with a beautiful woman from South Jordan, Utah. Her name was Collette Tomlinson. When I was President of the South West Chamber of Commerce, she was on the Executive Committee with me. We both had lost our spouses and decided that we no longer wanted to live alone. So, to make a short relationship even shorter, we were married on February 16, 2019 in South Jordan, Utah. We have a great relationship and are very happy. However, I have been out of the American Legion net for about a month and a lot has happened in that period.



First, 2nd Vice Commander Sean Williams of our Sons of the American Legion Squadron, received his Eagle Scout Award on February 24th. Since Sean is also my grandson, this was a very special night. Shortly following, on the evening of February 27th, our Post 27 provided the 13 Flag Folds Ceremony to the Fruit Heights, Brook Haven Ward to 5 boys receiving their Eagle Scout Award. Being the Eagle Scout Advancement Chairman for the area, 5

I presented the awards to the boys. SAL 1st Vice Commander Parker Johnson, and 2nd Vice Commander Sean Williams assisted with the Flag Folding program. The opportunity to participate in this program is highly recommended for every member of the SAL Squadron.

Our next SAL Squadron Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 pm. The highlight of our program will be the awarding of the SAL Five Star Award to six of our Squadron members. This is a difficult award to obtain on an individual basis. However, working as a team and attending all your SAL meetings, it is easier to complete all the requirements. Participation is the key to success. **The following SAL Squadron 27 members are recipients of the Five Star Award: Parker Johnson, Sean Williams, Kent Hansen, Dale Crockett, Dave Parker, and Ron Craig.** Youth SAL members are encouraged to bring family members to our meeting for the presentation of the Awards.

American Legion Auxiliary



What a fun few weeks this has been! We are in the middle of Girls State interviews! We have our new Farmington High and NUAMES...and what great young ladies we have met! We will also be interviewing Davis High which is actually assigned to the Layton unit. Thanks to Michele Done who is our Girls State chair for all her hard work in meeting with the school counselors and setting up the interviews!!! She has also been in on all the interviews! Thanks to our newest member, Marcie Mojica for jumping in to interview the girls! Michele Hess, Leslie Hefner and Paula Stephenson have been a major part of this interview process. Our beautiful Kenzlee Hess came to NUAMES and it was awesome to have her! Thanks so much, ladies!



**Deb Hefner
Hansen**

There's a fun Centennial banquet at the DTC on March 15. RSVPs are required ASAP! We are celebrating the 100th birthday! That counts for our March meeting! Our April meeting will be April 11 at 6PM at the Courthouse!
You ladies are the best!

Scoutmaster



Brian Knox

Hi all, the first meeting of Troops 1082 and 8506 was held February 25, 2019. We had several members of the Post in attendance, including Ron Craig, Frank Ferrante, Jared Hale, and Brian Knox (all serving in leadership roles with the troops). Members Dale Crockett and Pete Schultz are also on board to serve in leadership.

I can't begin to express how excited the Scouts and parents are. Several of them expressed to me how perfect a fit the Legion and scouting are and how grateful they are that the Post decided to charter the troop. The troops are working toward having full uniforms (pants, shirt, belt, socks (probably a neckerchief)) and there will be uniform inspections. We meet every Monday evening

in the Post room and will be learning first aid and fire, knife, axe, and saw skills this month. April will be based in pioneering (knots, lashings, and practical use). Orienteering (map & compass (yes some of us still like the old school skills), GPS, and navigating by the stars will all be taught and practiced).

Events this month: March 15 - Assist the Post celebrate the American Legion's Centennial; March 16 - Scouting for Food; March 29-30 - First campout of the troops. **Thanks for your support.**



Legion Laughs by Kent Hansen



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 is turning



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Come join us at our gala

Open House

March 15, 2019

Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 416

28 East State Street, Farmington, Utah

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Displays ★ Refreshments ★ Veterans

Come see what The American Legion is all about.

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Centennial Banquet

March 15, 2019

Davis Technical College

550 East 300 South, Kaysville, Utah

5:30 - 6:00 pm - Social

6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner

\$20/person Choice of roast beef or chicken

Please **RSVP** not later than March 6, 2019.

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