

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

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COMMANDER'S CALL



Jon Rue

Greeting fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons, family members, and friends of the American Legion. At both the January and February general meetings, nominations were held for the next year's Officers of the Post. I humbly accepted a nomination for Post Commander again. Bob Anderson was also nominated to run again as 1st Vice Commander. Our current 2nd

Vice Commander, Daniel Woodward was also nominated to repeat. Nominations can be made from the floor before the election which will be held at the General Meeting on March 9 at the Davis Memorial Courthouse and on Zoom. Before the elections, a presentation will be made to Lindquist Mortuary for Wreaths Across America, and we will conduct this year's Post Everlasting Ceremony. Please

**Lotsa stuff poppin'
at Post 27!**

join us for these important events at this month's meeting.

Last month the Post also held our Oratorical Contest. This was organized by our current 2nd Vice Dan Woodward. I am grateful to Dan and the numerous volunteers that worked to pull off this year's event. We had two contestants this year (another couple had last minute illnesses and had to withdraw). Abigail Christensen from Davis HS was the winner of our Post's competition. Additionally, Abigail won the District Contest and will compete at the Department (State) level on Saturday, March 4th at the Old Provo Courthouse. If you can, join us to help support Abbie!!

American Legion National Commander in town on Saturday, March 18. A dinner banquet will be held at the Airport DoubleTree near SLC Airport. Reach out to me for details and if you would like to join us there. \$35 per person.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the General Meeting on March 9.

1st Vice Commander



Bob Anderson

Post 27 needs your help. We are working to continuously increase our membership by bringing in those that have served or are serving. This includes National Guard and Reserve (that were activated under Title 10 orders) as well as the Active Duty and retired veterans. Title 10 orders are issued by the Secretary of Defense and therefore are federal orders. Identifying our service men and women that served or are presently serving in the Armed Services of our nation needs to be a grass roots effort.



Legionnaires, please take the time to locate families in your neighborhoods with active, guard, or reserve members and provide us with their names, addresses, and telephone numbers / emails. Send them to me at 801-347-8735 or RBA1524@aol.com.

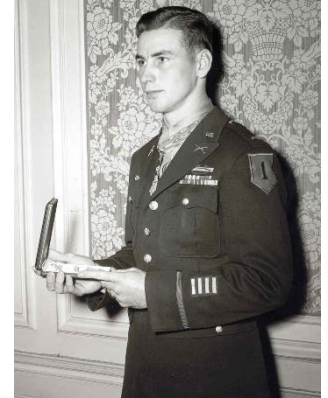
2nd Vice Commander



Dan Woodward

March 25th is Medal of Honor (MOH) Day. the United States Armed Forces' highest military decoration awarded to those who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor in combat

First introduced in 1861 (by the Navy) and soon followed by the other services, 3,515 have been awarded to these brave individuals, of which 64 are living today. In fact, even eight civilians have received the MOH during the Civil War, including the only woman to receive one. Mary Edwards Walker, who was a surgeon for the Union Army during the Civil War. The youngest MOH recipient was Willie Johnston, age 11 years, who served as a drummer boy with the 3rd Vermont Infantry.



I had the chance to meet a MOH recipient, at one of my CA State Guard Holiday Dining Outs. Walter Ehlers, a Staff Sergeant with the 1st Infantry Division in WW II. He was our keynote speaker that night. This man had acted as the spearhead of repeated attacks against heavily defended enemy strongpoints in Goville, France in June of 1944.

You can read about his, and all other recipients, at the Congressional Medal of Honor Society website: cmohs.org. During his address, he went over his experiences that eventually earned him the MOH, but what struck me most was how humble this man was. He was not taking credit, he was just doing his job he said. He had made a commitment to protect this country and defend those ideals even overseas, and he did.

We can all learn from these MOH recipients, their humbleness, their dedication, their love of country. That we could do the same as them would be a fine goal indeed.

Post 27 Family EVENTS CALENDAR



March 4 – Department Oratorical Contest 1:00 pm
Historic Provo City Courthouse, 3rd Floor
March 9 – Post 27 General Meeting. 7:00 pm
Davis County Memorial Courthouse
March 12 – Daylight Saving Time begins

April 13 -- Post 27 General Meeting. 7:00 pm
Davis County Memorial Courthouse

Adjutant

Welcome to Post 27's newest member
Gordon W. Hall



Dale Crockett

Membership is our Lifeblood!



American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Mar. 1, 2023.

2023 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2023 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
134	20	54	28	2	6	110	82%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Mar. 1, 2023.

2023 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2023 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
34	30	1		31	91%

We still have a few folks that have not renewed. If you have not sent your money to the post or renewed online, please do so soon. Also, we need post members to help us find folks that would like to join the American Legion. Just to remind everyone who is eligible, here are the eligibility rules. As provided in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 1: Any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time

during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, and December 7, 1941, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, or continued honorably during or after any of said periods; provided, further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service. Please talk to your family, friends and neighbors about serving in the American Legion. We are family and we can help each other and serve our veterans.

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. You can also VENMO me to renew @Dale-Crockett-7 if you have the app. It does not cost you anything and you can get it from the APP Store.

Chaplain

US Supreme Court

The US Supreme Court convened for the first time in March 1790 in New York City, then the nation's capital. From 1791 to 1800, it assembled in Philadelphia, which served as the capital while Washington D.C., was under construction. Starting in February 1801, the court began meeting in Washington, where it occupied various as been in the Capitol building for more than a century. (After the British burned the Capitol in 1814, the court even temporarily met in a private home.) In 1929, at the urging of Chief Justice William Taft, Congress authorized some \$9.74 million to erect a building the court could call its own.

The marble structure was completed and in use since 1935. The building features its own police force as well as a top-floor gym, with a basketball court nicknamed "the highest court in the land." Shooting hoops and lifting weights are banned while court is in session, however.



Steve Steed



Article III of the Constitution establishes the federal judiciary. Article III, Section I states that "The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." Although the Constitution establishes the Supreme Court, it permits Congress to decide how to organize it. Congress first exercised this power in the Judiciary Act of 1789. This Act created a Supreme Court with six justices. It also established the lower federal court system.

Over the years, various Acts of Congress have altered the number of seats on the Supreme Court, from a low of five to a high of 10. Shortly after the Civil War, the number of seats on the Court was fixed at nine. Today, there is one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Like all federal judges, justices are appointed by the President and are confirmed by the Senate. They, typically, hold office for life. The salaries of the justices cannot be decreased during their term of office. These restrictions are meant to protect the independence of the judiciary from the political branches of government.

Article III, Section II of the Constitution establishes the jurisdiction (legal ability to hear a case) of the Supreme Court. The Court has original jurisdiction (a case is tried before the Court) over certain cases, e.g., suits between two or more states and/or cases involving ambassadors and other public ministers. The Court has appellate jurisdiction (the Court can hear the case on appeal) on almost any other case that involves a point of constitutional and/or federal law. Some examples include cases to which the United States is a party, cases involving Treaties, and cases involving ships on the high seas and navigable waterways.

When exercising its appellate jurisdiction, the Court, with a few exceptions, does not have to hear a case. The Certiorari Act of 1925 gives the Court the discretion to decide whether to do so. In a petition for a writ of certiorari, a party asks the Court to review its case. The Supreme Court agrees to hear about 100-150 of the more than 7,000 cases that it is asked to review each year.

The Supreme Court plays a very important role in our constitutional system of government. First, as the highest court in the land, it is the court of last resort for those looking for justice. Second, due to its power of judicial review, it plays an essential role in ensuring that each branch of government recognizes the limits of its own power. Third, it protects civil rights and liberties by striking down laws that violate the Constitution. Finally, it sets appropriate limits on democratic government by ensuring that popular majorities cannot pass laws that harm and/or take undue advantage of unpopular minorities. In essence, it serves to ensure that the changing views of a majority do not undermine the fundamental values common to all Americans, i.e., freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and due process of law.

Historian



Kent Hansen

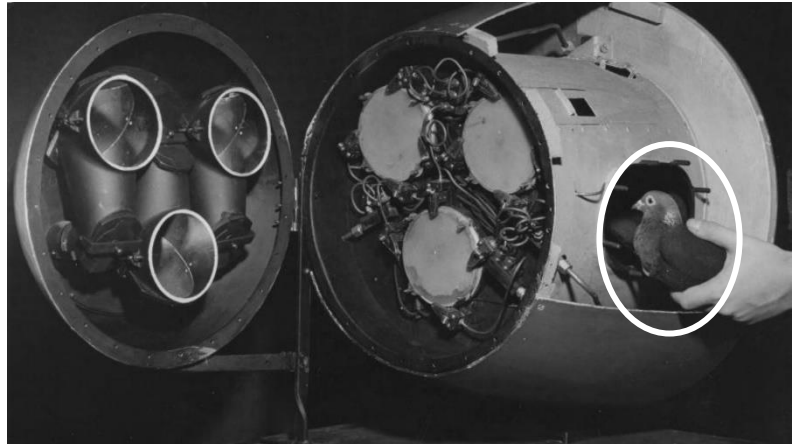
BIRD BRAINS FOR SMART BOMBS

In World War II, the need for weapons that were “smarter” and capable of hitting targets with greater accuracy grew in importance. While the Germans were pioneering early drone technology, the Allied forces were exploring all possible means of changing the nature of precision attacks. It was a famous psychologist, B.F. Skinner, who came up with the idea for a weapon guided by an organic component... a pigeon-guided missile.

Homing in on the ultimate weapon, B.F. Skinner wrote about the moment of revelation when he “suddenly saw [the pigeons] as ‘devices’ with excellent vision and extraordinary maneuverability.”

Upon realizing how capable pigeons were, he conceived of bombs guided by the intelligent birds, who would be able to self-direct the weapon’s course to its target.

The kamikaze pigeon project showed extremely successful initial results, with the birds proving to be extremely capable of piloting a bomb to a target after being sufficiently trained to recognize the shape of elements like enemy battleships. However, despite its early signs of effectiveness, the military scrapped the project in the end, and Skinner’s pigeons were released from their service to their country.



For Your Information

VA HEALTHCARE WHEN TRAVELING

For Veterans who receive their medical care through the VA, when you are traveling and need to seek emergency care, if you call the VA Centralized System at **1-844-724-7842** within 72 hours of the emergency visit, the VA will be part of the billing and payment. Keep this phone number in your wallet with a list of your medications and allergies.

VA



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of Veterans Affairs



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War has no
“reset” button.



Deb Hansen

American Legion Auxiliary



We are surely grateful for this latest snowstorm...although Chris and I had to postpone our ski day together...but we need the water!! Thank you to all who attended our February 9 meeting, both in person and via Zoom! Our 2 main projects right now are doing Girls State interviews and supporting our Spring Food Drive for the Airman's Attic at Hill Air Force Base!

March 10 is our interview date for NUAMES and we can use all the members we can get as we will have a large number to interview. We are still waiting for dates for Davis High and Farmington High, but will let you know as soon as these schools schedule us!

Our Food Drive will be from now until April 1 and Paula will be collecting items and donations at her home (or you can bring them to our March 9 meeting!). Her address is 1258 Eagle Way, Fruit Heights.

Deb made and Paula presented a warm fleece blanket to the family of LeRoy Fultz at his graveside service. LeRoy served in the US Navy and the fleece was made of the Navy military insignia fleece. We would like to continue this tradition when members of our Post pass away. Thank you to Grace Hansen who is doing our second fleece!!

Michele Done has wonderfully volunteered to be our Girls State liaison and Chris Decker will assume the Secretary responsibilities! Welcome to our newest member, Susan Woodward! Thank you for all you do and don't forget to record all your service hours!!

Scouting

February started off with a BANG! Klondike was a success as always and the Scouts had a great opportunity to learn the importance of proper gear and teamwork!

The Scouts have worked on at least two different Merit Badges this month, the first being Citizenship in the Nation, and the second being Chemistry. One aspect of the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge requires the Scout to write a letter to their Congressman! We can't wait to hear about the responses. A fun experiment of the Chemistry Merit Badge involves preparing and tasting a raw onion, a slightly cooked onion, and a caramelized onion and discussing the difference from a chemistry standpoint! We have such a great troop, and greatly appreciate your support!



Legion Laughs BY KENT HANSEN



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or the link from our Post website at

www.post27.org





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