



# The American Legion

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

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## Commander's Corner



William A. Huber

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity."* Some of you may recall these words from the opening of Charles Dickens' novel, "A Tale of Two Cities," required reading for many in their youth. It seems apropos for our current circumstances. The COVID-19 virus has injected itself into our daily lives, if not through direct infection, then by the incursions into our liberties and freedom of mobility.

It has been a hundred years since the last pandemic; its arrival has already marked our lives. We have had to be circumspect with our daily activities and required to draw in some of the activities of our Post. But our concern for the welfare of the members of our

Post, the veterans of our community at large and the wellbeing of neighbors has not wavered and is still of preeminent concern. Although we are not at liberty to hold general Post meetings, we can each reach out to one another, even if only by a phone call, a text message or an email. We are stronger together. If you are aware of a post member, a veteran or a family of a deployed serviceman or servicewoman, that may be in need of assistance, please let a member of our Post Executive Committee or the Post Commander know of the matter.

**Blood Donating:** Of the ways that we can still serve our community, donating blood or platelets still is high on the list. For detailed information, see our flyer invitation to donate at our website [www.Post27.org](http://www.Post27.org).

**Armed Forces Day:** This day may not be highlighted on many calendars, but for us, it is of significance and may present an opportunity to educate family members and neighbors. It is held annually on the third Saturday of May, this year on Saturday, May 16th. Many of us may not have been thanked during the time of our service owing to the national sentiment then. Today those sentiments have changed. As opportunity presents itself, please take a moment to thank and recognize those men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces in the United States. We can also clarify for others that Veterans Day honors all those who have previously served in the military. As well as Memorial Day, when we honor those men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



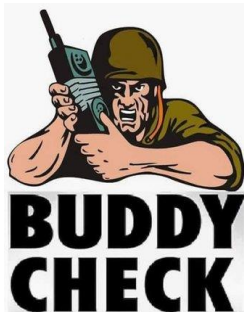
**Memorial Day:** For a number of years now, Post 27 has participated in the observance of Memorial Day. Members of the Post are invited to come to participate in the placement of more than 400 federal flags on veterans' grave at the Farmington City Cemetery on Friday, May 22 at 8:00 am. Bring a long screwdriver for starting a hole in the ground for placing the flags. We will be working in two-person teams, being careful to observe safe distancing throughout this process.

Also on May 22, Post 27 members are invited to assist with the placement of more than 1,000 flags at the Kaysville Cemetery. The event will begin at 10:30 am. In past years, Post 27 members have teamed up with

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Kaysville City holding a program at the cemetery on Monday morning of Memorial Day. This year Kaysville City has canceled this event owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Post 27 will honor their choice. In recent years Post 27 has held its own Memorial Day Program at 12 noon at the Farmington City Cemetery. We are planning to do so again this year, contingent upon Utah State Government guidelines for public gatherings. Put it on your calendar for starting at 12 noon.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



As we say in North Texas, “How y’all doin’?” We have made a push to contact every active Legionnaire in the Post by doing Buddy Checks. If you have not been contacted, you should be soon. We support you and we want to help with anything we can during this stressful time.

Contact any of the Post Leadership if we can help.

I sure miss seeing all my military comrades and their families. It is my sincere hope that all of you and those you love are faring well despite the stresses and fears of the pandemic.



Bob Anderson

### EVENTS CALENDAR\*

May 10 – Mother’s Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 May 16 – Armed Forces Day. *Fly the flag.*  
 May 22 – National Poppy Day. *Fly the flag and wear a poppy to remember our fallen heroes.*  
 May 22 – Flag Placement at local cemeteries. *8:00 am at Farmington and 10:30 am at Kaysville.*  
 May 25 – Memorial Day. *Fly the flag.*  
*Possible program at noon at the Farmington Cemetery if given authorization to assemble. Stay tuned.*

June – All possible meetings have yet to be determined.  
**Both Utah Boys State and Utah Girls State have been cancelled for 2020.**

\*All dates and events are subject to current health constraints.



## Adjutant

### Membership is Our Lifeblood

**American Legion Membership:** Statistics are membership numbers through 1 May 2020.

2020 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
145	14	60	39	4	7	124	86%



Dale Crockett

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

2020 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
50	32			32	64%

Are you sick of the coronavirus yet? Are you getting bored staying at home? Reading this month’s Dispatch, a National Headquarters publication, it states we should be brushing up on Legion knowledge while at home through the organization’s online training program. Because of social distancing and staying in our wonderful homes, we can get more familiar with the many aspects of Legion life at the many benefits of being a member of the Legion.

I know I don’t know everything about the Legion, and I would bet that you could use a little extra knowledge. There are a ton of benefits out there and you could simply go on line and look for the training program or search for information at legion.org for any subject you could possibly come up with. I mean, what else are you doing while isolated at home? Maybe, watch old baseball games that we have seen before. The more you

know about the Legion, the more you can help other veterans come on board at our Post. We need to educate others as well as keeping up to date on our benefits. The American Legion is keeping Legionnaires, Legion Family members and communities that it serves apprised of how the Legion is being of assistance to communities nationwide. These actions can be found on the Legion's web page, again at [legion.org/coronavirus](http://legion.org/coronavirus). Check it out.

Also, the pandemic has brought out those attempting to scam people wanting to assist others – including American Legion Family members. Any solicitations for donations should first be confirmed as legitimate before donating.

*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](mailto:dalescrockett@yahoo.com)*

## Welcome to new members of the Post 27 Family

Legion: Thomas Hansen, Gary Howard, Franklin Halterman,  
Jonathan Rue and Paul Holiday

SAL: Brian Rue, Keith Gardner, Jack Huber and James Crismer

### The American Legion Second Century Post

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**MEDIA ALLIANCE**

## Chaplain

Memorial Day (previously, but now seldom called **Decoration Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering, honoring, and mourning the military personnel that had died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The name "Memorial Day", which was first used in 1882, gradually became more common than "Decoration Day" after World War II but was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967. The holiday is now observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day having been observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.



Steve Steed

On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.



In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields". Its opening lines refer to the fields of **poppies** that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as their official symbol of remembrance. May 22, 2020 is National Poppy Day. Wear a poppy!

May we all take time this Memorial Day to remember, honor and give thanks to God for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

## Training & FYI

Throughout this seemingly endless period of hunkering down, so many of the events, meetings and services we have come perhaps to take for granted have been cancelled or suspended. Our opportunities to wear the blue hat have been put on hold for the foreseeable future and the chance to rub shoulders with each other has been curtailed. Yet through it all, The American Legion is alive and well. Though we may not be as visible as in the past (or as much as we would like), there are several ways that all of us can keep in touch.

**The American Legion Education Institute (ALEI)** While you're sitting home with little to do, it's a great time to take the (free to members of The American Legion Family) ALEI. The outstanding online program can be completed in a few hours and is cram packed with information and videos that, if nothing else, will let you know what a stellar organization you belong to. You can log in at [legion.org/alei](http://legion.org/alei).






**The Legion Magazine** With your membership, you get a subscription to an excellent magazine chock full of interesting and informative articles and other items of interest to all Legionnaires.

**Post 27 Second Century Post** During the directed sequestering, our newsletter has not skipped a beat. Each month, you have continued to receive updates on the future of the Post, direction from Post officers, articles of interest and even a cartoon drawn especially for you.



**Post 27 website** Yes, we have a website. It contains plenty of background on the Post as well as archive copies of our newsletter and a fun photo gallery. See it at [post27.org](http://post27.org).

**Post 27 Facebook page** Here's your chance to embrace the tech of your kids and grandkids by joining the followers Post 27's Facebook page. It's easy. Just go the **American Legion Post 27 Farmington Utah** and grab a vine. So there's no reason to feel cut off. We're here. We care. And we'll be back stronger than ever.



**SGT. SAGE SEZ**

**When life closes a door, breach the wall and walk in like a boss.**

## **POW/MIA News**

### **Count Your Blessings**



This 'Stay Home' situation can't be compared to POW life. Count our blessings. We have most everything I wished for.



**Jay Hess**

- Pain?** Aspirin is available!
- Thirsty?** Lots of choices with ice or heated!
- Hungry?** Cupboard and

refrigerator full and someone knows how to use 'DoorDash!

**Too hot/cold?** The doors and windows open and both the fireplace and thermostat work!

**Something to do?** Still haven't taken the Bible or the dictionary off the shelf. Too busy!

**Worries?** We'll be free by Christmas!

## **Historian**

### **World War II: The Battle for Castle Itter**



**Kent Hansen**

Quite possibly one of the most bizarre battles of World War II, this legendary battle involved 14 American soldiers, a Yugoslavian resistance member, 10 German Wehrmacht troops, an SS Officer, one tank and a handful of French prisoners working *together* to fight off roughly 150 Nazi SS soldiers from taking over a recently-liberated castle in Austria.

On May 3rd of 1945, a Yugoslav resistance member was handed a letter written in English and told to hand it to the first American he saw. Covering more than 40 miles, he ran into the American 409th Infantry Regiment, who organized a rescue party to go take the castle and liberate the French prisoners inside.

While an entire unit of armor was supposed to go on the operation, artillery fire held back all but two jeeps of infantrymen, which made their way to the castle. Before their arrival, the German skeleton crew that were tasked with guarding the castle fled, leaving the

French prisoners -including Charles de Gaulle's sister and a French tennis star- to gather up whatever weapons remained and defend their "accommodations" until Allied forces arrived.

In addition to the two jeeps of American troops, a small group of German soldiers who pledged to protect a nearby village against brutal SS reprisals heard about what was happening at the castle and moved in to assist. At the same time, a single Sherman tank of the 12th Armored Division under the command of Captain "Jack" Lee heard about the castle as well, darting off to make history or get blown up, whichever came first.

Angry about losing face and still fanatically dedicated to the Nazi cause, SS units moved in to take the castle back. Left with no option but to defend, the ragtag band of castle defenders fought viciously through the night to drive off the SS. During the battle, the American tank was taken out by an 88mm gun, though none of the Sherman crew were killed.

By early afternoon of the second day, word of some crazy stuff going down at ol' Itter reached the 142nd, prompting the unit to race to the Austrian castle. On the way, they ran into the French tennis star Jean Borotra, who had bravely vaulted the castle wall and dashed through SS troops to relay the situation to the Americans. His task complete, he requested a uniform and joined the 142nd in backing up the besieged coalition at Itter.



Arriving around 4:00 pm, the Americans swiftly defeated the SS, taking around a hundred prisoners. Two days later, Germany surrendered.

## **American Legion Auxiliary**



It's hard to believe we are still hunkering down, living our different normals. I hope all of you are doing well and are healthy. Sad news this month as the pandemic has required all states to cancel their Girls State programs this year. This broke some hearts (especially mine).

I sent out an email with a form to collect your volunteer hours. Please return them to me before May 14.

**Marcie Mojica**

Looking to challenge the brain's grey matter? The national American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) website [ALAForVeterans.org](http://ALAForVeterans.org) is a good place to spend some time. One thing that all Auxiliary members need to do is the ALA 101 course (the Legion members call their course "Basic Training").

To get there, go to [ALAForVeterans.org](http://ALAForVeterans.org) > LOG IN > click on MEMBERS ONLY on the top bar. When that is open, click on ALA ACADEMY > click on ALA 101. It should only take 30-40 minutes to complete. In this same area, there are many other on-line courses that may interest you and increase your knowledge about the American Legion Auxiliary.

Another area of interest with this website: MEMBERS ONLY > click on at the bottom of the list where you found the ALA 101, click on ALA Service Not Self Volunteering Toolkit. There are great ideas for our group as individuals and as a group for volunteering. Keep track of your volunteer hours by project and any miles driven. Volunteer time includes travel time. These should be reported to me as the Unit President monthly. This report goes to National annually, and is part of the big report from The American Legion that goes to Congress. Please make a difference for our Veterans, Military, and Communities.



**National Poppy Day**  
**May 22, 2020**  
**WEAR A POPPY TO REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES.**

# Legion & Unit Report from Down Under

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served." The April 25 date recalls the 1915 Battle of Gallipoli in which many Australians and New Zealanders fell. Former Auxiliary Unit 27 President Deb Hansen and her husband are currently serving a mission in Australia and sent this report.



Deb Hansen

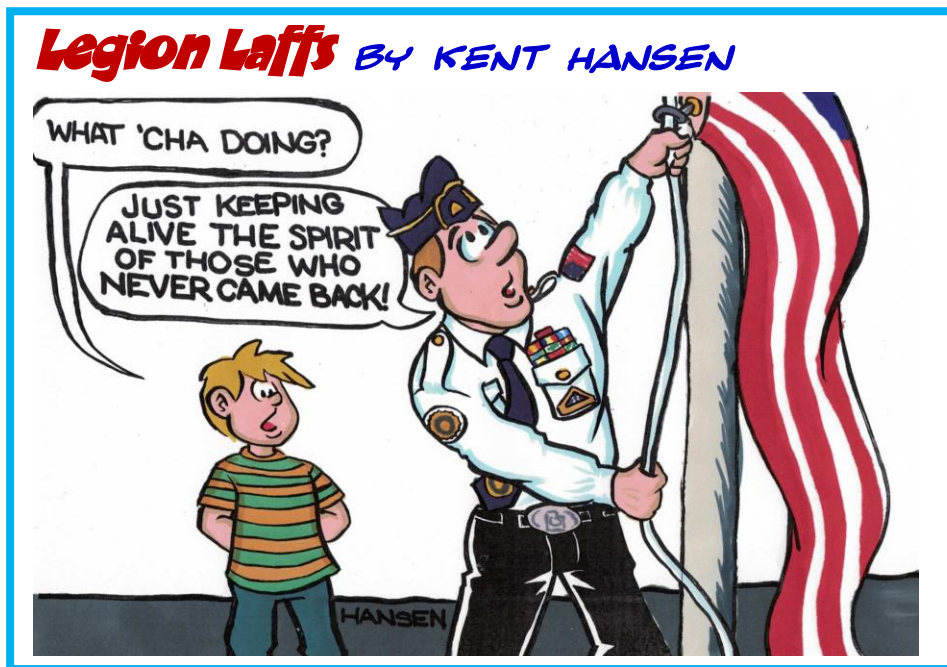


Greetings from the "Land Down Under"! Just wanted to share some thoughts about ANZAC day. That's the equivalent to our Veteran's Day! ANZAC stands for Australia New Zealand Army Corps and let me tell you, ANZAC Day is a very big deal! Most of the stores are closed for the holiday. With the restrictions, there were no gatherings, so it was so awesome to see how it was observed!

People went to the end of their driveways at 6 am on April 25 with candles and poppies. Many set up tables and played "The Last Post" on the trumpet! Then that night, there was like an hour or more on the TV about the observances and how people honored the veterans. There were lots of "drive-by" parades in cars as the veterans were in their driveways and waved! It made us so happy to see how these veterans were honored! Poppies everywhere!

There are so many wonderful monuments honoring the service of these brave servicemen and women. Australia is so patriotic and it made us so proud to be here for this special day! We miss you all and are anxious to see you next April!

Love, Deb and Lynn



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**BASIC TRAINING COURSE**  
*Learn why we do what we do*  
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Go to: [WWW.LEGION.ORG/ALEI](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG/ALEI) 

## Take Advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program



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.*



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**Veterans  
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1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

Confidential crisis chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net)  
or text to **838255**

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@VeteransMTC

# Come one! Come all!



## Your Community & American Legion Post 27 need you.

...or at least your blood.

### Giving **Blood** is Giving Life!

- Looking for a great reason to get out of your virus-imposed isolation while providing a vital public service?
- Join your fellow Legionnaires in giving blood, plasma, or platelets.
- The need cannot be overstated!
- Every donation reflects on our Post to our community and the National office
- It shows the John Sheets American Legion Post 27 doesn't just stop helping others even in a pandemic!
- It is safe, vital, and a service to your community to be proud of
- Looking for location or how to schedule an appointment?
- It's just four easy steps...



#### Through the American Red Cross:

1. Go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
2. Click on "Give Blood".
3. Click on "Find a Drive".
4. Enter zip code.



#### Through ARUP:

1. Go to [www.utahblood.org](http://www.utahblood.org)
2. Click on "Schedule an Appointment".
3. Click on "Locate a Blood Drive".
4. Enter zip code.

*If you have given before and this is nothing new, be proud, get out of your house, and keep up the effort to help your fellow man. If you have never donated, find out about donating, and give it a try. You won't regret it.*

*--Bob Anderson*

**Contact: Bob Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
American Legion Post 27 – Farmington  
(801) 347-8735**





# Legion Laff's Extra – Coronavirus Cartoons

While you're stuck at home, have a little laugh on us.



# Legion Family Membership Coupons

**The American Legion Membership Application**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) **27** (Post #)

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female (Gender) **\$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**

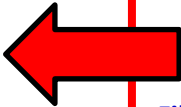
Global War on Terror  U.S. Army  
 Gulf War  U.S. Navy  
 Panama  U.S. Air Force  
 Lebanon/Grenada  U.S. Marines  
 Vietnam  U.S. Coast Guard  
 Korea  Merchant Marines (WWII only)  
 WWII  
 Other Conflicts

30-009 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt of Dues**  
 (Please Print)  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ \$ **\$35.00** for 20 **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](http://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:**

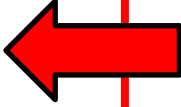
Male Spouse  Female Spouse  Mother  Grandmother  Sister  Self  
 Daughter  Granddaughter

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ **10.00** for 20 **20**  
**27** Squadron No.  
**UT** Department of



Fill this out and get it to the Squadron Adjutant with \$10.00.

