



The American Legion

Post 27/Squadron 27

Newsletter

Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116, 28 East State Street, Farmington, Utah

November 2016

Still Serving America

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Post 27 Programs & Activities

- Flag Education
- High School Constitution Oratorical Contest
- American Legion Utah Boys State & American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
- Military Funeral Honors
- 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
- DATC Veterans Center support
- VA Outreach support at Post location
- Medal of Honor Character Development Program in Davis County schools
- POW/MIA updates
- Meet The Candidate sponsor in Farmington
- Farmington/Kaysville Cemetery Flag project Memorial Day weekend
- Parade participation
- American Legion Junior Shooting Sports
- American Legion National Emergency Fund support

Veterans Still Serving!

Commander's Corner

THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

Last month, I had the honor and privilege to be selected to represent Utah at the National American Legion College in Indianapolis. Let me say it was a real eye-opener for me. I have always loved The Legion and the principles it espouses but I confess to being awed by the breadth and depth of Legion efforts. Our Legion is grander and mightier than I could have imagined. And it instilled in me a determination to do more, to try harder, to be more constant in my commitment to our veterans and their families.



Kent Hansen

Veterans join The American Legion for a variety of reasons, most of them good and valid. Yet it is in participation in the activities of the Post that the real rewards are found. Above and beyond the priceless camaraderie enjoyed by those of us who meet together often is the enrichment of spirit that comes through service to our veterans, our community and our nation. No words can express the feeling one gets when



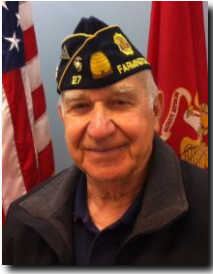
looking into the grateful eyes of a bereaved widow following military funeral honors, or the heart-thumping excitement that overcomes one who has helped a boy transform into a citizen at Utah Boys State.

As demonstrated patriotism becomes more and more passé, can we as citizens, veterans and Americans afford to occupy the sidelines as our national values are shelved and ignored? Who among us having worn the uniform, fought the fight and made the sacrifice can sit by while there is still work to be done, service to be rendered and lives to be touched? Our duty is as clear as it has ever been. I invite you to come join us in this noble effort. Find the fire within you to be more than a spectator. Help us stop the slide of apathy and rekindle the flame that has lit our nation for more than 200 years.

Calendar of Events

- November 3 – Squadron 27 SAL meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- November 5 – Veterans Day program for Kaysville/Fruit Heights.** Davis High School, 11:00 am
- November 8.**—Veterans Day Program, 7:30 am, Viewmont High School.
- November 10 -- Post 27 meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- November 11 – Veterans Day.** Ceremony at Farmington Cemetery at 11:11 am. *Fly the flag!*
- November 12 – Veterans Day Parade,** Ogden, 11:11 am
- November 15 – Veterans Employment Fair.** South Towne Exposition Center, Sandy. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- December 8 – Post 27 Christmas Party,** 6:00 pm, Orlando's, 141 Main Street, Kaysville.
- December 25 – Christmas Day.**

1st Vice Commander



Still Serving: It's Who We Are

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: **Veterans & Rehabilitation**, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year. Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent 2.6 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels. **It's who we and what we do!**

Frank Ferrante

In the following months I would like to briefly review each of the four pillars with you.



PILLAR 1: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Access to VA Care
- Better Funding Formula
- Support for Veterans with Special Needs
- Career Opportunities
- A GI Bill for a New Century
- Employment and Business
- Heroes to Hometowns
- Volunteering
- Final Respects

For nearly 90 years, The American Legion has acted as the nation's leading advocate for proper health care, economic opportunity and legal benefits for U.S. military veterans. The Legion was instrumental in the creation of the Veterans Administration in 1930 and an ardent supporter of its elevation to cabinet status when it became the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. The relationship between VA and The American Legion continues to evolve today. As it has for decades, The American Legion continues to aggressively lobby for adequate funding of VA health care, timely access to facilities, fair rulings on benefit claims and economic opportunities for those who have come home changed by their military experiences. A nationwide network of American Legion department service officers works diligently to assist veterans as they pursue benefits and care they earned and deserve. At the local, state and national levels, thousands of Legionnaires provide countless hours to help veterans obtain their benefits. The American Legion provides professional representation in claims appeals, discharge disputes and transition assistance from active-duty to civilian status throughout the country. Today, as the number of discharged veterans from the global war on terrorism has surpassed 500,000, the Legion's federally chartered role to support them could not be more profound. The Legion strongly believes that a veteran is a veteran, no matter the war era, nature or location of service. In that light, The American Legion is the only organization that works on behalf of all 24.5 million U.S. veterans and all who will follow. The American Legion stands on the front line of change in the pillar of service known as "Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation." It is a complex and vital part of the organization's mission, particularly now, as a new generation of wartime veterans enters the civilian and VA world.

Reminder, the American Legion is only as strong as its membership base. The more devoted members it has, the better the organization can advocate for veterans and serve the military community which has given much to our country. Invite a potential member to our meetings.

Adjutant/ Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

Membership is Our Lifblood

Membership. Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Nov 2016.

2017 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2017 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
100	8	29	19	3	2	61	61%



Dale Crockett

We are coming to the end of October where it is really important to finish our membership drive. If you have not gone online or sent your dues to the post, please do so soon. It is very helpful to me to get all memberships out so I can relax and quit reminding folks through mail or phone calls. We want all our members to renew so we can stay strong as a body of veterans where we can influence those bills in Congress and the Senate to pass that will benefit us. It is about veterans helping veterans, families and communities. One of many examples is that the legion lobbies for a well-funded, appropriately staffed VA that can handle benefits claims efficiently, quickly and accurately. So your membership does matter very much.

Our \$35 annual membership dues are due now for the 2017 membership year. We would like the rest of the members to renew by the end of the year, preferably sooner than later. You can send it to our Post: P.O. Box 427, Farmington, UT 84025-0427. An even easier option is to go to www.Legion.org/renew and renew online. All you need is your current American Legion Membership Number and a valid credit card. Your renewal is instant, and the Post can see your renewal on-line within 24-48 hours. If you do not know your membership number, please give me a call or e-mail me. ***If I can do anything for you to make your membership renewal easier or more convenient, or answer any questions you may have regarding membership, please let me know. I can be reached at H (801) 4561-9493 / C (801) 560-2186 or email dalescrockett@yahoo.com.***

Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO SERVE THIS GREAT COUNTRY!

November is perhaps one of our busiest Veterans recognition periods we have the opportunity to be involved as we recognize all who have served our great nation. We have Veterans Programs, Flag Presentations, Veterans Parades and Military Funeral Honors. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service. November's schedule is as follows:

7 November, 12:00 pm, Fort Douglas Museum. Utah War Lecture. Learn all about Colonel Albert S. Johnston's Army impact on Utah during the period 1857 – 1861 in the Utah Territory.

8 November, 7:30 am, Viewmont HS Veterans Recognition Program. We need all of you for this recognition by the VHS students.

10 November, 10:00 am, Flag Ceremony and Veterans Program. River Bend Senior Center, SLC. Have opportunity to meet and participate in program with a World War II Hero Ted Kampf.

11 November, 11:00 am, Farmington City Veterans Day Flag Raising and Program. Farmington City Cemetery.

12 November, 8:00 am, Ogden City Annual Veterans Day Parade. This is the annual parade we have participated in the past three years. Come join all in SALUTING all Veterans.

Thank you all who have stepped up this past October. Regardless of the season, Post 27 of the American Legion continues to serve the families and communities where we are asked to provide ceremonies and honors in remembrance of are fallen comrades. I want to thank all of you for the service you have rendered this year and wish all of you a Happy Veterans Day 2016.

We do invite all of us to meet the continuing demands we are asked to perform. Let us remember when we are asked to participate in Post 27 duties, some were asked to give all. 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.

Past Department Commander/ Training Officer

HOW DO I ORDER AN AMERICAN LEGION CAP?



Paula Stephenson

The American Legion hat/cap is one of the most recognizable hats in the country. It identifies the person wearing it as a member or former member of the military service.

The American Legion caps all have the patented American Legion emblem and the basic, Post cap is navy blue with gold trim. A Legion member or Sons of the American Legion (SAL) (color powder blue) can order their caps simply by going on-line to www.emblem.legion.org. The first page has a "button" for UNIFORM CAPS.

Don't forget to order a free catalog at the end of the order. On the left is an order form from the catalog that may assist at certain decision points during the order for the cap.

Some other items of interest to order at the same time:
 Catalog # 844.400 Plastic Cap Cover
 Catalog # 705.205 Long Sleeve Uniform Shirt (men) / #705-206 (women)
 Catalog # 701.100 American Legion Uniform Tie (color navy)

LEGION
UNIFORM CAPS

Ordering Your Uniform Cap Is Easy!

Simply Answer Each Of The Following Questions!

1. What style cap do you need?
That's easy. Simply choose your cap from those listed below:

Post "State" Cap: Solid blue cap with your State name spelled out in full.

Post "City" Cap: Solid blue cap with your City name in full, and your State name abbreviated.

County Cap: Solid blue with white piping and white letters. Your County name is in full, and your State is abbreviated.

District Cap: Blue cap with white crown. Your District name in full, and your State is abbreviated.

Department Cap: Solid white cap with your State name in full.

National Cap: Solid red cap with your State name in full.

* Note: Past Officers may only wear Post Caps.
 ** County, District, Department & National cap orders must be sent to your Department Headquarters for approval if your state is listed here: AL, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MT, NC, NM, NY, OH, PA, PR, SC, SD, TX

5. What do you want for your Right-side Lettering?
Your Post number goes here — free of charge. After that, it's up to you! Additional lettering may be added to your cap @ \$1.25 per letter for standard gold letters. (White or red letters may be added @ \$1.75 per letter.) All lettering will be in a straight line. (Curved lettering is an additional \$1.25 per letter.)

6. What size cap do you need?
Simply refer to the chart below.

Cap Size Scale			
Cap Size	Head Size	Cap Size	Head Size
5 1/8"	18 1/4"	7 1/8"	22 3/8"
5 7/8"	18 3/8"	7 1/4"	22 1/2"
6"	19"	7 1/2"	23 1/8"
6 1/8"	19 3/8"	7 5/8"	23 1/2"
6 1/4"	19 1/2"	7 3/4"	24 1/8"
6 3/8"	20 1/4"	7 7/8"	24 1/4"
6 1/2"	20 1/2"	8"	25"
6 5/8"	20 3/4"	8 1/8"	25 3/8"
6 3/4"	21 1/4"	8 1/4"	25 1/2"
6 7/8"	21 3/8"	8 1/2"	26 1/8"
7"	22"		

7. Does your state have a Mandatory State Insignia?
If so, you must buy the insignia with your cap. It has been made mandatory by your Department Convention or Executive Committee. Refer to the chart below.

8. What is the price of my cap?
Simply add up three numbers:
 1) The price of the cap you chose to buy
 2) The price of any Right-side Lettering you chose to add.
 3) The price of your State's Mandatory Insignia (if listed).

Legion Cap Prices	
\$31.95	(Post "State" Caps)
\$40.95	(All other caps: Post "City", County, District, Department, National)

Mandatory State Insignia	
Alabama Heart of Dixie	\$ 6.00
Arizona Cactus	\$ 6.00
California Bear	\$ 8.00
Connecticut Bull Top	\$ 6.00
Connecticut Charter Oak	\$11.00
Florida Orange	\$ 6.00
France Eiffel Tower	\$ 6.00
Georgia Peach	\$ 8.00
Hawaii Rainbow	\$ 8.00
Illinois Abe Lincoln	\$ 7.00
Indiana Soldiers & Sailors Monument	\$10.00
Kansas Sunflower	\$ 7.00
Louisiana Red USA...Style 1 Only	\$ 5.00
Maine Pine Tree	\$ 6.00
Maryland Shield	\$ 8.00
Massachusetts Minuteman	\$ 6.00
Minnesota Gopher	\$ 7.00
Mississippi Magnolia	\$ 7.00
Missouri Mule	\$11.00
Montana Buffalo Skull	\$11.00
Nebraska Covered Wagon & Large State Name...Style 1 Only	\$20.00
Nevada Battle Born	\$10.00
New Mexico Roadrunner	\$12.00
New Hampshire Old Man of Mountain	\$ 8.00
New York Statue of Liberty	\$ 8.00
North Carolina Dogwood	\$ 7.00
North Dakota Prairie Rose	\$ 7.00
Oklahoma Indian	\$12.00
Pennsylvania Keystone	\$ 8.00
Puerto Rico El Morro Castle	\$ 7.00
Rhode Island Red Rooster	\$ 8.00
South Carolina Palmetto	\$ 6.00
Tennessee Old Hickory	\$11.00
Texas Star & Steer	\$ 9.00
Utah Beehive	\$ 7.00
Virginia Cardinal	\$ 9.00
West Virginia Mountaineer	\$ 8.00
Wisconsin Badger	\$ 9.00
Wyoming Let-R-Back...Style 1	\$14.00

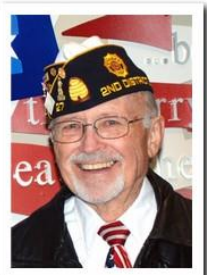
Allow up to 8 weeks for delivery

The total of these three numbers is your total cap price (not including Shipping & Handling or applicable sales tax). Approx: \$47.95+SH

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Shop Online at <http://emblem.legion.org>

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John Sheets

Military Funeral Honors

Post 27 assisted Military Funeral Honors Service teams for three Veterans who had served their country honorably. We are coming into the cold months of November, December, January and February, all of which in the past, have been extremely busy months for the Military Funeral and Honor Guard team. Consider this as an invitation to add your name to the list of MFH and Honor Guard teams.

Sons of the American Legion



Dave Parker
Squadron 27
Commander

Greetings S.A.L. Squadron 27 members! I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 3, at the Davis County Memorial Court House, Farmington, Room 116, at 6:30 p.m.

I would like to welcome our newest member to the squadron, **Scott K. Petersen**, and invite him to our next meeting so we can get to know him.

During the month of October, squadron members participated in funeral Honor Guard as well as color guard events. We all appreciate their helping and with these ceremonies. The month of November will include many activities, including a Veterans Day parade, and other ceremonial activities in which we have been requested to participate.



Any of you that are interested in joining the shooting sports club, please get in touch with me for an application of membership. This would include juniors and seniors wishing to participate. There are blank membership forms at the post at the present time. I can also email a form to you with additional information on request. Our Gun Safety and marksmanship training will be accomplished at our meeting room 116 in the Davis County Memorial Courthouse. I would also like to schedule a shooting club meeting yet to be announced sometime during November.

We are in the process of trying to obtain a building to use in the winter months for practice, shoulder to shoulder, or postal competitions. For practice or postal competitions, members are free to shoot at home or any facility of their choosing.

I was fortunate to attend my Marine Attack Squadron (VMA-311) reunion during October in Pensacola Florida. I had a great time, and look forward to sharing some of my pictures and experiences with you all at the next meeting. If I can be of further service, I can be reached at [\(801\) 725-6134](tel:8017256134) cell / [\(801\) 451-5580](tel:8014515580) home or email dparker5580@comcast.net.

POW/MIA News

Fake POWs

It is strange indeed that anyone who had never been a POW would pretend to be a former POW but there are some who do. My sentiment after completing Survival training was, "I am willing to die for my country but I never want to be a POW." There are only 21 surviving POWs from the first Gulf War in 1991. The VA is paying disability benefits to 286 service members claiming POW status during that conflict. Officially only 661 POWs returned from the Vietnam war alive and about 100 of those have since died. The VA reports 966 purported Vietnam POWs are getting disability payments.



Jay Hess

Mary Schantag, P.O.W. Network co-founder, and Capt Mike McGrath, USN (Ret), historian and past president of Nam-POW, Inc., have documented more than 900 fake POWs. **Fake Warriors** by Henry and Erika Holzer documents that there are also SEAL, Ranger, Special Forces, Air Commando and even CIA agent imposters. "Unknown to most Americans, there is a virtual epidemic of imposters in this country—countless thousands of men—who, since the Vietnam War, have been either inventing a non-existent military service, or inflating their war records." Fake Warriors page 5.

Perhaps most surprising is the fact that Fake Warriors come from every imaginable strata of society: a Pulitzer Prize-winning college history professor, a Ph.D. professor of history and lecturer at four service academies, a major league sports team manager, a newspaper publisher, a consultant to Fox News, a judge, a police chief, a murder, a bodyguard, a fireman, a minister, a cofounder of two chapters of a POW organization, a prominent movie actor, a saloon keeper and commander of a veterans color guard, a high school principal, a children's soccer coach, a retired banker, a general contractor, a candidate for President of the United States, a Congressman, a United States Senator, and the list goes on and on.

"He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and third time, till at length it becomes habitual; he tells lies without attending to it, and truths without the world' believing him. This falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time depraves all its good positions." Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Peter Carr, Aug 19, 1785.

Our task is to verify retired or discharged military claims and report suspected false military claims. The VAs task is to verify applicants' claims with DoD. Help stop the epidemic of military imposters.

Jake Garn Sea Cadet Squadron



Courtney Putnam

This month, drill consisted of the final stage of our uniform transition to blues. Last month, blues were issued and this month the cadets were inspected on the condition of their uniforms. The cadets put considerable effort forth to make their uniforms look sharp. Sunday was the highlight of the weekend. The cadets were treated to training, conducted by the Hill Air Force Base, Security Forces, which consisted of Taser, police dog and room entry demonstrations. The cadets received orientation on the various weapons that the security forces use, including heavy weapons. Two personnel from the security forces group volunteered to be "Tased" as a demonstration for the cadets. It was rather interesting and a bit sad for the airmen who volunteered. The day was ended with training on room entry. Cadets used mock M-16s and cleared rooms under the direction of the security forces. It was a great day and a memorable experience. Next month, the cadets will travel, south, to the Department of Public Safety firing range for firearms qualifications, which will be sponsored by the Utah Highway Patrol.



Legion Laughs



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"American Legion Post 27 Farmington Utah"



or the link from our Post website at

www.post27.org





American Legion Post 27



Christmas Party

at

ORLANDO'S RESTAURANT

141 N. MAIN STREET, KAYSVILLE, UT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

6:00 P.M.



TOYS FOR TOTS

*BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY FOR
THE MARINE CORPS TOYS FOR TOTS*



Order off the menu

Everyone pays for their own meals

**RSVP to: 1st Vice Commander Frank Ferrante
Cell/TXT (801) 589-3292**

or

Email: fbferrante@aol.com

***** Not later than Monday, December 5th *****



Take advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program

Every first and third Wednesday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, a representative of the Veterans Administration will be at the Post (*Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116*) to assist you with your questions. Call for an appointment with the Veterans Service Office at 801-326-2370 or 801-326-2372.

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

VA CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP



The American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored the VA Gift Shop for over 60 years at the George Wahlen VA Medical Center. The Gift Shop serves any veteran registered in the VA system who is in need of assistance for Christmas. During the three days the Gift Shop is open, veterans bring information about their families (sizes, ages, etc.) and are allowed to choose gifts for themselves and their immediate family (sons, daughters, parents, grandchildren). Volunteers assist the veterans in "shopping", wrap the gifts and they can either take them with them or the Auxiliary will mail them. There is no charge for the gifts, wrapping or mailing.

All of the items the Gift Shop has available are donated by Units, individuals or companies or purchased by the Utah American Legion Auxiliary through donations. Longtime Auxiliary members believe it was originally set up for inpatients. The Auxiliary used to take a cart of gifts up to the wards, but this practice has expanded to serve any veteran that is registered with the VA. This includes also the veterans residing at the Veterans Homes. Dates for 2016 VA Gift Shop are December 5 – 7, Bldg. 8, Multi-purpose Room. Hours are from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, except Wednesday, which is 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information, contact the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Utah office, 801-539-1015, or email alautah@yahoo.com.

Cary Fisher/ alautah@yahoo.com

