



The American Legion Centennial Post






November 2018

The Official Newsletter of Post 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Unit 27

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Commander's Corner

USO: A VETERAN'S HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Many of us travel and on the way find that we have layovers at the airport. Usually, we sit idly during the forced delay staring at the airplanes, watching the people or wandering the terminal shops, wondering how they can charge so much for their wares. But if you are a veteran, there may be good news. Many airports throughout the country (and, indeed, the world) are home to USO Centers.

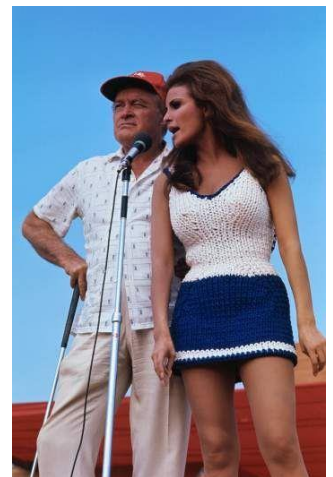
Folks from my generation tend to think of the USO in terms of the Bob Hope camp shows presented to the troops overseas. In fact, both years that I was in Vietnam, Bob Hope did a show in DaNang on Christmas Day. But the USO is, and always has been, much more than that. The USO provides programs, entertainment and services at more than **200 USO locations worldwide**, including Afghanistan, Djibouti, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Germany, Italy, Japan, Iraq, South Korea and in 27 of the United States.

In 2017, USO centers were visited more than **7 million** times by service members and their families. USO centers provide a warm and comforting place where service members can connect to loved ones via Internet or phone, play a video game, catch a movie, have a snack or just put their feet up and relax.

While on a four-hour layover at LAX, my wife and I enjoyed a relaxing respite from the trials of travel at the Bob Hope USO Center. There, we were able to stow our luggage and enjoy sandwiches and a drink – all for free. The center is manned by volunteers and stocked by sponsors who want to thank the veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our country.



Kent Hansen



Bob Hope and Raquel Welch

The USO has always strived to provide a home away from home for GIs and veterans and their families. Whether in an airport, a downtown center or even in the combat zone, the USO has let every soldier, sailor, airman and Marine that he or she is not forgotten and that their

sacrifices will always be appreciated. Nothing can replace home sweet home but the USO comes mighty close.

1st Vice Commander



Ron Jugenitz

This month we all need to start recruiting new members to our Post 27. As the 1st Vice Commander, I am tasked with the primary duty of recruiting. We all know veterans and we meet new ones daily. Take a minute to ask a friend or new acquaintance if they served in the military. If they did, ask them where they served and what service branch were they in. Then ask if they ever

thought of joining a veterans service organization that honors veterans.

Tell them about what we do for our community during the national holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day June 14, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day in November and all the Military Funeral Honors that we provide an Honor Guard with Flag folding, rifle volley, and Taps with presentation of the flag to the family. Tell them about how we help boys and girls with Boys State and Girls State in June.

If they are interested in what we do, tell them to go to www.post27.org and in the drop down "join Post 27" they can join our post by filling out the short application. Tell them they will be contacted by our Adjutant and when they pay the small dues they will receive our newsletter, attend our meetings and get involved with what inspires them. Or better yet, ask if they'd like to attend one of our monthly meetings to meet our members and offer to pick them up and bring them to our meeting. You are part of the largest veteran's organization in the world. Be proud of your service and ask others to join you in serving our nation and community by recognizing the veterans that helped keep our nation free.

2nd Vice Commander

As I reflect upon upcoming Veterans Day, my thoughts are drawn back to my grandfather, now passed away some 36 years ago. He was a veteran of the "war to end all wars", more notably known as WWI. He was a member of the Big Red 1 Division and assigned to an artillery battery. He often spoke of his comrades-in-arms, pulling guard duty, caring for the horses that pulled the caissons and the infamous



42cm German field gun known as Big Bertha. After many fierce battles the welcomed armistice finally came on November 11, 1918. When the American Legion formed in 1919, he was among its earliest members and joined Ohio Post 304. He, like so many veterans leading up to today and enumerating into the millions, gave Uncle Sam a blank check giving their all, up to including their life as payment on demand. As we reflect on the bleakness of autumn days gone by, may we always remember the rays of hope given by our valiant men and women in uniform who fought to bring the light of day to a new generation, preserving the many freedoms and liberties enjoyed by its citizens. Please remember to exercise one of those hard-fought-for rights, the right to vote! Thank you for your service to God and Country.



William Huber

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Nov. 1 – SAL Meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- Nov. 8 – 100th Anniversary of the Armistice,** 11 am – noon, Utah State Capitol Rotunda.
- Nov 8 – Post 27 Meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.
- Nov. 8 – DTC Flag Raising/Taps.** 11 am, Veterans lunch
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day.** *Fly the flag.*
- Nov. 11 – Farmington Veterans Day Ceremony.** Farmington City Cemetery, 11:00 am.
- Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day.** *Fly the flag.*
- Dec. 2-5 – American Legion Auxiliary VA Christmas Gift Shop.** George Wahlen VA Medical Center, Bldg. 8, SLC.
- Dec. 7 -- Post Family Christmas Party.** 5:00 pm, Davis Technical College. \$16 per person (cash please, payable at the door). *Bring unwrapped presents for Toys For Tots.*
- Dec. 15 – Wreaths Across America –** 10:00 am, Lindquist Mortuary, 1867 No. Fairfield Rd., Layton.
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day.** *Fly the flag.*



Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifblood!

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Nov. 2018.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
120	15	39	18	4	2	78	65%

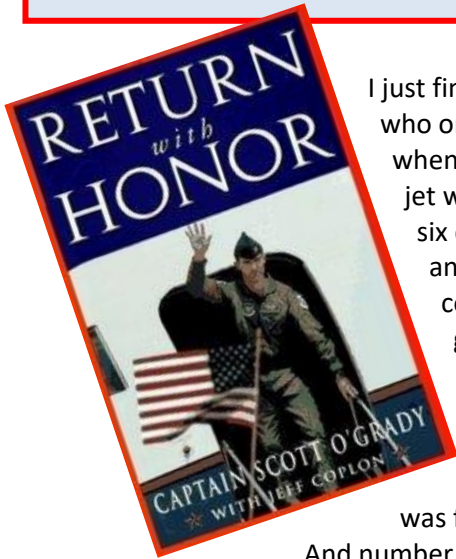


Dale Crockett

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Aug. 2018.

2019 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
46	28	0	0	28	61%

Welcome to Post 27: Edward J Klint, USA National Guard



I just finished reading "Return with Honor", a book about US Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady, who on June 2, 1995 was helping enforce the NATO no-fly zone in the skies over Bosnia when a Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile slammed into his F-16. He managed to eject as his jet was exploding around him, safely parachute down into enemy territory, struggled for six days to survive in a war-torn hostile land, and relying on his survival training, cunning, and deep faith in God, managed to evade capture and established contact with the comrades-in-arms who could pull him out. It is an easy reading book which has a ton of good adventure and details about his experiences. I thought it was quite an inspirational tale of courage, faith, and patriotism. There were three things he learned from this event that became priorities as stated in his book. Number one was faith in God, the source of all goodness. Number two was the love of family and friends. That love wasn't something apart from faith, nor was a by-product. It was faith's fullest expression. We spread God's love through our caring toward others.

And number three was good health, the physical foundation for faith and love. I would highly recommend the reading of this book.

Also, be sure to check out our Post lending library which contains many informative and inspirational books on the military and its service members.

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

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



David Lavton

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, the "Veterans in the Classroom" program and military funeral honors. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide these services.

Thank you all who supported Post 27 this year. The Post continues to serve the families and communities where we are asked to provide Military Funeral Honors ceremonies and honors in remembrance of are fallen comrades. We do invite all of our members to help us meet the continuing challenges we are asked to perform. 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.

Training Officer (Past National Vice Commander)

TRICARE and OPEN SEASON –Are You Ready?

For those who have the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, this ends December 31, 2018. Open Season is Nov. 12, 2018 to Dec. 10, 2018. Tools are available, online, to assist in making decisions that fit your life. The good news is that you will be able to add VISION benefits to your insurance.

www.tricare.benefeds.com

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Click on VIEW FULL ARTICLE

Scroll down to HOW TO PREPARE

Click on RESEARCH PLANS

Click on FEDVIP PLAN COMPARISON TOOL

- Dental Plans vs. Vision Plans
- Click box :COMPARE three different plans (separate for Dental and Vision)



Paula Stephenson

For the TRICARE Health Benefits Open Season for Prime and Select Enrollees, go to: www.tricare.mil/openseason

POW/MIA News



Jay Hess

Veterans Day 2018 will mark 100 years since the end of World War I. More than 7,000 Americans were POW/MIA from that conflict. The chart below is one estimate of the number of Americans who are listed POW/MIA from all conflicts. I take it with a grain of salt but the Civil War numbers are sobering.

POW/MIAs from all US Wars

CONFLICT	POW	MIA
War of the Revolution	18,152	1,426
War of 1812	20,000	695
Mexican War	46	238
Indian Wars (US)	339	11
Indian Wars (Native American)	2,958	40
Civil War - Union	POW/MIA: 194,743	
Civil War - Confederacy	POW/MIA: 214,865	
Spanish-American War	8	72
World War I	7,470	-
World War II	124,079	30,314
Cold War Era	Classified	343
Korean War	7,140	8,025
Vietnam War	766	1,719
USS Pueblo	83	http://www.usspueblo.org
Grenada	-	4
USS Stark	-	1
Persian Gulf War	29	21
Somalia	6	2
Yugoslavia	3	-

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's update of Oct 26, 2018 reports more than 82,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Cold War, the Gulf Wars and other recent conflicts.



Legion Nuggets

Nov. 10-12, 1919

First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 2,500 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.

Sons of The American Legion

Our **November goal** is to focus on **Point 4** of the Five Star Award is **Leadership**. Lolly Daskal, President and CEO and writer of "Lead From Within," says that "effective leadership can be thought of as a set of qualities and skills. Different leaders may have different makeups, different strengths and challenges. But there are certain traits that lie at the core of leadership-the qualities that all great leaders have."



Ron Craig

From my prospective, leadership skills can be learned. If that were not the case, why then do we have leadership courses, military academies, leadership symposiums, and the like? I believe that anyone can become a good leader, but it takes challenging work, participation and a desire to take charge.

Leadership Principle 4 is a part of the Sons of the American Legion training because we believe that the future leaders of The American Legion will come from our younger veterans and SAL members. That is why I place *Participation* as a key principle in becoming a leader. If you don't participate as an active member, you will never know enough about the organization and its programs to lead others. Knowledge, confidence, honesty, and trustworthiness are also keys to a good leader.

I always like to quote our **SAL Preamble** when I talk about participation. "**Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as 'Sons of the American Legion'.....**". **Think about what "priceless heritage", "veterans of the Great Wars", and "associate ourselves together" mean.** Does that sound like a card carrying member that does not participate, or an active member that values the fact that he can serve as an active member, and one that values past veterans who gave their all for their county. Our monthly training programs are designed to help each member learn how to become a leader. Those who attend are destined to become organizational leaders in the future. Those who fail to participate will not. We need you and you need us. Place the **first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm** on your calendar and reminder list. Plan on attending. Desire to become a leader.

Leadership

1. What are the principle requirements of true leadership?

Suggested answer - Leadership requires that the leader has a workable plan which he communicates to others in the group to get their cooperation in putting the plan into action. It requires working with people in a way that gets them to assume responsibility and to work toward the goals outlined in the plan. Some of the prime requirements of leadership are:

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| 1) Determining what to do; | 4) Assigning work and authority; |
| 2) Thinking about ways to do it; | 5) Persuading and directing others; and |
| 3) Making firm decisions; | 6) Checking on progress. |

2. Who was commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces in the United States during World War I and World War II?

Answer - World War I, Woodrow Wilson; World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

- A. Name five Americans noted in leadership in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.
- B. Name five Americans noted for leadership in industry.
- C. Name five outstanding statesman in American history.

Answers - A, B and C can be answered by using the library or online research.

3. Does a good leader do all the work himself or see that it is done by others?

Answer - A good leader assigns work so that others will work with him when given the proper authority.

4. Name the present national, state and local leaders of The American Legion.

Answer – National Commander: Brett P. Reistad, Department of Utah Commander: Hayes Stromness, District II Commander: Joe Guimond, Post 27 Commander: Kent Hansen.

- 5. How would you develop qualities of leadership? Explain these qualities.
- 6. Demonstration of leadership by holding office in the squadron, or by leadership in group activities of the squadron.
- 7. Demonstration of leadership in school.
- 8. Demonstration of leadership in a church.
- 9. Demonstration of leadership in sports and contests outside of squadron activities.
- 10. Write a short essay on leadership. (To be graded by the post committee)

Answer - Those judging these essays should determine whether objectives have been set, some attention has been given to personal attitudes, proper thinking has been stressed, and if the essay allows for delegation of authority, motivation and follow-up.

American Legion Auxiliary



Deb Hefner Hansen

Happy November! Since Paula, Michele and I will all be gone for our regularly scheduled meeting day, we will cancel the November meeting!

Here is the important information about the VA Gift Shop and the Christmas party! I will be taking items to Cary Fisher on November 13 so let me know if you have items to contribute! (It's OK to re-Gift!). Lynn and I will be back living at 931 Lands End, Farmington if you need to drop some items off at my home on the black bench!

ALA VA Christmas Gift Shop:

2 Dec 2018, 10:00 AM, Bldg 8, VAMC Campus, Salt Lake, Multipurpose Room: Assist with organization and setup.

3-5 Dec 2018, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, same place: Assist veterans with shopping, help wrap presents, assist with packaging for out of state mailings.

5 Dec 2018 around 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Pack up everything left and take to storage for next year.

Volunteers will sign in every day. Lunch tickets are available. Wear an American Legion Auxiliary logo shirt/t-shirt, etc. Parking is free. Give your volunteer hours to Deb (include travel time).

Post 27 Christmas Party:

Friday, December 7, 2018, 5:00 PM, DTC Main Campus Building, the Culinary Arts students will serve a turkey dinner with all the fixings and dessert. Cost \$16/person at the door **\$CASH\$** only please! This event is just for our Post 27 Legion Family. Toys-For-Tots contributions will be collected and we always have free give-aways to those present.

'Tis the season to be busy, so remember to take good care of you!

November Events Commemorating World War I

Nov. 7, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Davis County Library presents "Memories of the Great War." Farmington Library, 133 S. Main Street, Farmington.

Nov. 8, 11:00 am

World War I Commission Closing Ceremony. State Capitol Rotunda, SLC.

Nov. 8, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorial House in Memory Grove will have an Open House allowing visitors to come and learn more about this historic building and WWI.

Memory Grove, SLC.

Nov. 8, 12:30 pm (start)

WWI Commemorative March, 100 kilometers, 22-hour relay, broken into 40 minute laps of 3 kilometers around the UofU campus. UofU Marriott Library, SLC.

Nov. 8, 6:30 pm

"Remembering WWI Veterans Open House" celebrates the end of WWI and remembers and honors WWI Veterans. 61 East 100 North, Castle Dale.

Nov. 10, 2:00 pm

Unveiling of the restored Ogden Doughboy Statue in Ogden City Cemetery, 1875 Monroe Blvd, Ogden.

Nov. 10, 3:00 pm

Marker placed for Kaysville's WW I MIA Elmer Criddle. Kaysville City Cemetery, Post 27 participating.

Nov. 10, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

The Great War: Commemorating 100 Years Since WWI. An evening of music, The Utah National Guard and Granite School District present a 90-minute concert. Temple Square Tabernacle, 50 West North Temple, SLC.

Nov. 11, 2:00 pm

Armistice Day Poetry Reading. The Babcock Readers will read WWI War poetry.

Chapman Branch Library, 577 S. 900 W., SLC.

Nov. 11, 6:00 pm

Motley Wandering Minstrels and Wasatch Theater Company present, *Journey's End – A Staged Reading*, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. 124 South 400 West, SLC.

Nov. 12, 12:00 pm

Dedication of the new/renovated USU War Memorial. USU, Military Science Bldg., Logan.

Nov. 15, 12:00 pm

Brown Bag Lecture on Memorial House and other Historic WWI era buildings in Salt Lake City.

Legion Laffs by Kent Hansen



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The American Legion Utah Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State staff members present Boys and Girls State graduates to the Davis County Commission on Oct. 30, 2018.



Post/Squadron/Unit

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Christmas Party

Friday, December 7

5:00 pm



550 East 300 South, Kaysville, Utah

Prepared by the Davis Tech Culinary Arts Program

MENU: Turkey Dinner Buffet
with all the fixin's and dessert

Please RSVP no later than Dec. 3 to Ron Jugenitz

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Please bring unwrapped, new presents
and contributions to the party.