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Commander's Corner



William Huber

The ghosts and goblins of Halloween have gone out the back door and an Arctic blast has blown November wide open. On reflection our opening October Post 27, Auxiliary and SAL combined meeting was held at its new venue, the Farmington City Community Center, and it was a successful night. Three students, two boys and a girl, attendees of the 2019 Boys State and Girls State Programs held at WSU campus shared their thoughts on their experiences. The young woman, Morgan Mojica, is also this year's elected Girls State Governor who will be returning next year to conduct the meetings at Girls State 2020. All three individuals are very sharp.

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Veterans Day is quickly approaching and with it opportunities to both be recognized for past service rendered to our Nation and opportunities to continue to serve. As Post members you are invited to participate in the events of Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. They are scheduled to unfold as follows:

1. 8:30 am **Farmington Elementary School** flag ceremony, Post 27 members arrive, school students will congregate around the flag pole by 8:45. Brief comments on the symbolism of the flag will be made, Post 27 members will lower the colors, it is a large flag requiring a minimum of 4 members to retrieve, then they will fold the flag in a triangle, it will thereupon be presented to the school principal. A new flag will then be raised by Post members accompanied by the music "To the Colors" following which a Post member will invite the student body to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. It is anticipated we will finish there by 9:00 am.
2. Commencing at 10:30 am, Post 27 has been invited to furnish a formal posting of the Colors indoors at Davis Tech. Following this, Post members are invited to a free lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students. We will be excused early enough to make our next event at 11:45 am in Farmington City.
3. The Post will be furnishing a salute to veterans at noon at the Farmington City Cemetery.



Our Post has recently had the high privilege of participating with the respective service branches in rendering final military funeral honors at the grave site for two of its own members: **Gerhardt Stracke** and most recently **Gordon H Weed**. As a final recognition and acknowledgement of their service to our country and to the American Legion both individuals will be honored in a Post Everlasting Ceremony to be conducted at our next Post 27 general meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm.

Also at our November 21 meeting, following the tradition of inviting our Post members to share of their lived experiences in the military, our Post will be honored to hear from a member who was a former Vietnam War POW/MIA. Jay Hess was held captive for five and a half years. He will share insights of his internment and how it has affected him in his life.

Post 27 would like to acknowledge Dale Crockett's grandson, Daniel L Hall's eagle flag collection box project. Daniel is also a member of SAL Post 27 Squadron and a member of Troop 438, Kaysville, UT. Through Daniel's efforts and those scouts serving with him, he has built three flag collection boxes to be placed in our community. One has been recently placed at Fruit Heights City Hall. The other two to be placed shortly hereafter in other locals served by Post 27 and SAL.



Post and SAL Adjutant Dale Crockett (left) admires the flag receptacles made by his grandson, Daniel L. Hall (right) for his Eagle Scout project.

CALENDAR

- ◆ November 10 – **United States Marine Corps Birthday. Semper Parati Fly the flag.**
- ◆ November 10 – **American Legion Auxiliary 100th Birthday.**
- ◆ November 11 – **Veterans Day. Fly the flag.**
- ◆ November 11 – **Veterans Day Program. 12:00 am, Farmington City Cemetery.**
- ◆ November 12 – **Davis County Commission meeting, 4:00 pm, posting of the U.S. Flag by Post 27 and visit by Boys and Girls State 2019 graduates.**
- ◆ November 12 – **Honor Flight returns with Post 27 Commander Ron Jugenitz. 5:15 pm, National Guard Readiness Center, 1640 North 2200 West, North Salt Lake.**
- ◆ November 21— **Post 27 General Meeting, Farmington Community Arts Center, 6:30 pm, 120 South Main St.**
- ◆ November 28 – **Thanksgiving Day. Fly the flag.**
- ◆ December 4-**Post 27 Annual Christmas Party. Davis Tech, 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars!**
- ◆ December 7 – **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Fly the flag.**
- ◆ December 16 – **National Guard Birthday. Fly the flag.**

1st Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, The American Legion and our Post depend on your membership. We have many members who have yet to renew. Please do so through The American Legion National website: www.legion.org/renew or contact Dale Crockett (dalescrockett@yahoo.com / 801-560-2186/ or mail your renewal to 2038 Chapman Pl, Farmington, UT 84025).

We have had our first meeting at the Farmington Community Center last month. Farmington City's continued support is so appreciated. All went well and having the Boys and Girls State participants speak about their experiences was fun and interesting. Thank you to the Auxiliary for the refreshments. Delicious! We should not get too comfortable; William Huber is still looking into our options with the County.



Bob Anderson

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Nov 2019.

2020 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
145	14	41	25	2	1	83	57%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Nov 2019.

2020 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2020 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
46	21			21	46%



Dale Crockett

I love the song that Lee Greenwood sings:

*And I'm proud to be an American,
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died,
Who gave that right to me
And I'll proudly stand up next to him
to defend her still today,
Cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA*



That song sends goose bumps through me every time I hear it. It also makes me proud that I have nearly 30 years of service in the Utah National Guard where I

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made 1st Sgt. before I retired. I am also so grateful for my service in the American Legion where I can still serve America. With Thanksgiving approaching, I count my many blessings for our freedom, our Flag, our Military, and the support of our families. Let's keep strong and faithful to our nation and God bless all of us.

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.

Chaplain



Keith Gardner

As I was participating in a military funeral honors on Saturday with several other Legionnaires, I was struck with the reverence and awesomeness of the moment at the same time. Reverence and respect for a veteran who served. Awesome for the feeling of joy/hope it provides to the families of the deceased. I am sure many of you have experienced the same



previously. It brought tears to my eyes as Taps was played by Dave Standing on the live bugle.

This truly is one of the best services we provide. I encourage all to participate in military funeral honors.

It's November and may our hearts be turned to thankfulness to our Creator for the 'bounty' we enjoy. Compared to many, many people in other countries, we are truly blessed. Grateful is the word we should consider this month. Gratitude is a wonderful attitude to carry all year long, but let's not forget it this month.

Americanism Programs

HISTORICAL APB (all points bulletin)!!!!

American Legion Post 27 has existed in Farmington under a temporary National charter since 1919 and permanent Charter since 1926, and needs to find its historical, official/unofficial documents that were created throughout the years. Our 100th anniversary celebration may be coming to a close, however, our work is not done. Of critical importance to find are Resolutions the Post created and passed throughout the years. Example, a Post 27 Resolution in early 1921 with the Post membership volunteering as fire fighters supporting the Farmington City Fire Department. These documents will support our historical partnership with our communities for over 100 years.



If you have, your family has, or you know where we can get any historical documents, news articles, photos, etc., please contact Kent Hansen, current Post 27 Historian and Past Post 27 Commander at kenthansen7@gmail.com/ cell: 801-589-7667, or Paula Stephenson, Post 27 Training Officer at stphnsnc@aol.com / cell: 801-589-2871.

VIETNAM WAR DOG MEMORIAL

There was a good article in the *Standard-Examiner* on October 28, 2019 about plans for a Vietnam War Dog Memorial being created for placement at the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Layton Commons Park in the near future. The model for this statue is CWD Mazzie NDD who served in Kuwait for five years, and is now owned by Jim and Linda Crismer from Fruit Heights. The article stated there were approximately 4,900 dogs who served in Vietnam from 1964-1975, with only 200 making it out of Vietnam. We can also invite the Crismers and Mazzie to our Post meeting for more details, if the interest is there.

A fundraising campaign is underway for this addition to the Vietnam War Memorial site. Ways to contribute to the War Dog Memorial:



Checks payable to VVA Chapter 1079, War Dog Statue, 1290 W. 1045 S., Clearfield, UT 84015, or at Wells Fargo Bank, WarDogStatue/VVA1079 Donation Fund or Zelle, WarDog Statue.



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 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.*

Historian

LIGHT A BIRTHDAY CANDLE & SEMPER FI!



Kent Hansen

To celebrate the 244th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, here are a few facts that may help you to appreciate our sea service comrades even more.

- Marines often pin their next promotable rank onto their uniforms as motivation. They usually hide it in their cover, or under a pocket flap.
- The Marine Corps' first amphibious raid was only weeks after its creation. Marines successfully stormed a British weapons cache in the Bahamas.



• The Marines' first land battle on foreign soil was in Libya. During this battle, 600 Marines stormed the city of Derna to rescue the crew of the *USS Philadelphia* from pirates.

- Marines regularly train with international counterparts from more than 15 different nations.
- Marine recruits must finish eating the moment their drill instructor is finished. This is why Marines eat so fast.
- "Hurry up and wait" is what happens when each leader down the chain of command tells his or her Marines to be there 15 minutes prior to the senior's directive. This is why Marines arrive early to their destinations.



- Marines in uniform are not authorized to put their hands in their pockets
- Only female Marines are authorized to carry umbrellas in uniform
- The rank of Marine "gunner" is the only Marine Corps rank that requires different insignia on the left and right uniform collars. (The rank of colonel requires the eagles on each collar to be mirror images of each other, so they are also technically different insignia).
- Even though the Corps is an amphibious force, swim qualification is one of the few annual qualifications that doesn't count toward a Marine's promotion to the next rank

- Three, five or seven Marines can perform a three-volley salute. A three-volley salute performed at funeral ceremonies is often confused with a 21-gun salute. The three-volley salute is the firing of three rifle volleys (rounds) over the graves of fallen armed forces members and political leaders and can be traced to the European dynastic wars, when fighting was halted to remove the dead and wounded. Once an area was cleared of casualties, three volleys were sent into the air as a signal to resume fighting.
- Every year, Thai Marines instruct U.S. Marines in a day of jungle-survival training as part of the annual exercise Cobra Gold. The training culminates with the U.S. Marines participating in a Thai warrior ritual that involves cutting a cobra's head off and drinking its blood.
- According to Marine sniper superstition, there is ultimately one round destined to end the life of a Marine, and that is "the round with your name on it." Until that round is fired, the person for whom it is intended remains invincible. If the sniper carries the round with him at all times, it can never be fired and the sniper is therefore untouchable.
- Out of school, a Marine sniper carries the colloquial title "PIG," or Professionally Instructed Gunman. This is the Marine's title until he has killed an enemy sniper in combat and removed the round with his name

on it from the enemy sniper's magazine. That round is then worn as a necklace and symbolizes his new status as a HOG, or "Hunter of Gunmen."

- Ever since Vietnam, Marine AmTrac crews will not eat apricots, as they're considered bad luck. They also think it's unlucky to eat the CHARMS that used to come in packs of MREs.
- Let's hear it for The Corps: **SEMPER PARITUR**



**SGT.
SAGE
SEZ**

"The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen.

Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!

Eleanor Roosevelt

POW/MIA News



During the first four days of Oct 2019, 94 former Vietnam POWs with their guests and families gathered at Portland on the coast of Maine for their 46th Year of Freedom Reunion. There, they learned that Portland was the closest port for ships sailing to America from England, saw lighthouses and the color of autumn in New England. They were greeted by the Command Staff and instructors of the Navy SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape) School, escorted by American Legion Riders, the motorcycle police of South Portland, Westbrook, State and Portland and hosted by that city for lobster dinner at the harbor Ocean Gateway facility.

Jay Hess The incentive for going to Portland, Maine, however, was the Maine Military Museum that Lee Hummiston (a friend of NAMPOW who boasts the titles 'archivist' and 'Keeper of the Flame') has established during the past 50 years. It begins with his family's involvement in the Civil War continuing to present military action with the most detailed coverage of the Vietnam Prisoner of War experience in existence today.

As we entered the museum grounds our three buses passed under a large American Flag suspended from ladder trucks of the Portland City Fire Department. As we stepped from the bus to go in the museum the drivers handed each of us an enclosed star from a flag and simply explained that it was from the "Ladies of Maine."



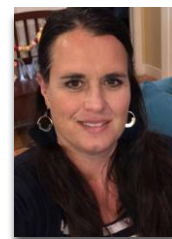
On the back of the star was written, **"I am a part of our American Flag. I have flown over a home in the U.S.A. I can no longer fly. The Sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten."**

It was an appropriate symbol. Captivity and 50+ years had caused us, like that star, to look a little tattered and torn, most of us aircrews that no longer fly.

Veterans Day is a reminder that all who serve and have served in the Armed Forces of the United States are appreciated and remembered. American Legion Post 27 members are part of the whole who keep the flame bright and they care enough to add something special to the day.

American Legion Auxiliary

I cannot believe the holidays are upon us already. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be with the Post and Squadron on Thursday, November 21, 6:30 P.M. lower level, at the Farmington Community Arts Center, 120 S. Main Street, Farmington. The meeting will start with a Post Everlasting Ceremony for two members of our Post who recently passed away, with members of their family present. Then Jay Hess, Post 27 member and former Vietnam War POW, will speak. The Auxiliary will then meet separately to discuss upcoming ALA activities and help needed. I hope all can attend.



Marcie Mojica

- Post 27 Christmas Party on Dec. 4, 6 P.M. at the Davis Technical College, Kaysville. Flyer to be published with RSVP information.
- Gift Shop: Volunteers and donations needed. This is a state-wide Auxiliary activity, ongoing for about 80 years now. Place: George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center, Bldg 8, Multipurpose Room, 500 Foothill Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT 84148
 - Set up Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 A.M.
 - Shopping with the Veterans: Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 2 & 3, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Donation suggestions: New: Items for teen boys, little boys including clothing toys/games for older children, winter gloves for all ages but especially for men, gift cards.

Not Needed: stocking caps, baby item, gift wrapping supplies including paper.

Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for all of you!

Scoutmaster



Brian Knox

Howdy all! We have been very busy in scouting. As you all know, the landscape of scouting in Utah is changing quite a bit, simply due to the closeness of scouting with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints over many decades and the church's withdrawal from scouting. We are seeing many members of the community confused to learn that scouting is still very much strongly being pursued by many youth and adults in the community.

As a result of the church's inability to allow Scouting to use their buildings and the Legion losing its space, we have been scrambling to find meeting space for our troops, being reduced to meeting at individual homes. This has worked somewhat to this point, but we just had an influx of boys into the boys' troop, resulting in around 30 youth and a

bunch of adult volunteers. We expect another ten or so before the end of the year. With those boys alone, home usage is going to be very difficult. Taking into account that we meet often with the girls, this has become more than mildly unmanageable. We ask the Legionnaires to keep this in mind and work their networks to help us find a spot to meet, at least during the winter. Once spring is here, scouting will be largely outdoors, as scouting should be!

We had a HUGE court of honor at the end of September, awarding scores and scores of award (156 to be exact). In the past few months, two of our boys received their Life Scouts ranks, two girls received their Star Ranks, and one boy received his First

Class. Numerous lower ranks were awarded. The two Stars and the First Class were to scouts who went from no rank at all to those ranks. This is an amazing feat in that amount of time. We appreciate the Post's support of Troops 27. We hope you will let us know of specific acts of service our scouts can perform for the Post or its members, especially with Christmas approaching.



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



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