





The American Legion

Second Century POST

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

Commander's Corner



William A. Huber

Post 27 General Meetings: Fellow Legionnaires, apologies for the abrupt change of venue of the October Post 27 General Meeting that was originally scheduled to be held at the Farmington City Community Arts Center (FCCAC). Owing to the rise in cases of the COVID-19 pandemic virus in Davis County and throughout the state, the Davis County Health Department put out restriction of a maximum attendance of 10 people in public gatherings. Our regular meeting attendance ranges 180% to 300% above that maximum. Out of an abundance of caution for the health and wellbeing of our membership, we therefore took advantage of current computer technology to hold our meeting using the application, Zoom. A special thank you to Post member, **Congressman Chris Stewart**, who gave a congressional update during our Zoom meeting and held a Q & A following it.

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POST 27

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Looking forward we have planned to hold the next Post 27 general meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the FCCAC; this is assuming that Davis County has moved out of the Red category of COVID-19 infection rate. If the county has remained Red as of Monday, November 16, with an ongoing meeting restriction of 10 people, an email will be distributed to the membership inviting them to join via the online application, Zoom, with

accompanying instructions. Here are the links and codes to connect to Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933251775?pwd=SEordThvOVBoUk5Cc1BclnJU0J1UT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775

Passcode: 614202

Veterans Day Activities: Post 27's scheduled activities on November 11 are given below. We will be wearing masks and white gloves and observing social distancing at these outdoor events. These activities are open to both Post 27 and Squadron 27 members. Dress will be your Post 27 Legion hat, white shirt with navy blue Legion tie, black slacks, socks and shoes. We are in November so a black jacket or coat may also be in order. White gloves will be made available to the participants needing them. Please contact David Layton at 801-450-7242 of your availability to participate:

- *9:30 am:* Farmington City Cemetery Veteran's Memorial - Flag raising, rifle volley salute and playing of Taps. (16 people needed)
- *11:00 am:* Dedication ceremony of Bountiful Veteran's Memorial - Post 27 is furnishing rifle the volley salute and Taps. (Your American Legion cap is your entry ticket) (9 People needed)
- *1:00 pm:* Davis Tech College - Flag raising, rifle volley salute, playing of Taps. (16 people needed)

Vote: We all fought for the right to vote as we upheld our oath to sustain and defend the US Constitution. Be an informed citizen as you exercise your right to vote. Research the candidates and their platforms of those running for office. There are many judges on the ballot presented for their retention or to no longer be retained in their positions. Information may be found with a little query on the Internet as well as at Utah Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission



website: <https://judges.utah.gov>. There are also seven proposed amendments to the Utah State Constitution presented for your consideration to be accepted or rejected for adoption. Details and analysis of these amendments may be found at the following website: [https://www.utahfoundation.org/reports/on-the-](https://www.utahfoundation.org/reports/on-the-ballot-constitutional-amendments-november-3-2020/)



[ballot-constitutional-amendments-november-3-2020/](https://www.utahfoundation.org/reports/on-the-ballot-constitutional-amendments-november-3-2020/). Regardless of whether you vote on Election day, November 3, or take advantage of early voting by mail, remember to vote.

Thanksgiving: Not withstanding this has been a rough year in many respects, we as a people, have a great deal to be thankful for. For me that is a loving family that stands by me, having grandkids to play with and see them grow, having great neighbors who helped me clean up my yard following a Cat 2 hurricane-strength wind storm that tore down one of my favorite trees, having great comrades in the Post to work and serve with, and a great deal more. May the Lord bless you and yours this season of thanksgiving.

EVENTS CALENDAR

November 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am.

November 3 – Election Day. *VOTE! Fly the Flag!*

November 10 – U.S. Marine Corps Birthday. *Fly the Flag!*

November 11 – Veterans Day. *Fly the Flag!*

November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony. 9:30 am, Farmington City Cemetery.

November 11 – Dedication of Bountiful Veterans Memorial.

11:00 am, Bountiful City Hall. *Wear your Legion hat.*

November 11 – Veterans Day Flag Raising. 1:00 pm.

Davis Technical College.

November 18 – General Post & Auxiliary meeting

6:30 pm, Farmington City Community Arts Center.

December 9 – General Post & Auxiliary meeting

6:30 pm, Farmington City Community Arts Center.

December 13 – National Guard Birthday. *Fly the Flag!*

December 20 – U.S. Space Force Birthday. *Fly the Flag!*

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO ALL EVENTS. THANKS.

1st Vice Commander



Getting new members and retaining old ones is difficult at best and near impossible on occasion. With the current pandemic, this can't get much harder. Peoples health and, at times, lives are at stake when we interact with them outside of our homes. The welfare of people in and out of our Post is the most important. We can't ask anyone to come join The American Legion unless they feel comfortable, see something they would benefit from, and want to be a part of something great. We can't coerce them, but we can convince them.

Bob Anderson First you show them how much it means to you and how much you enjoy it. Make it relevant to them by getting to know them and share your common bonds in your and their military service. Ask questions and listen. Ask if they know what The American Legion does for all veterans and what we do as a Post for our local veterans and community. Explain what you know and love about it. Tell them how they can get involved, not as we plow through the current situation, but in the future, when we are back to "normal". Ask if you can get their name and contact information and follow up with information on joining as soon as you can after discussing the Legion. In addition, there are members about to decide in the coming months if continuing to be active is worth the trouble of renewing. You know it is. They should too. Please, if you personally know, contact them and remind them why being a Legionnaire is important.

For the Executive Committee: Don't forget your Buddy Checks. Irrespective of their renewal, we have wonderful veterans (active members or not) who should know we as a Post care how they are doing. We don't call to ask for renewal; we are here for them and call to ask how we can help them.



2nd Vice Commander



Many of my former friends and colleagues, from my days of military service, are enjoying their retired life, hanging up their uniform perhaps only donning it for the occasion of a hunt or for camping. A few of them also served with me in the base honor guard. I have asked them, why not consider joining the American Legion and continuing their legacy of service. Often their response is, I've done enough. I do not disagree. So few of us have ever worn the fabric of our Nation, whether for a single term of enlistment, or for the few making it to retirement, or fewer still serving past 30 years, our Nation owes you a debt of gratitude for your faithful and dedicated service and sacrifice.



Paul Hubenthal

So why do I continue to serve, past my military commitment? It isn't for fame or glory, and certainly the pay is no incentive. I serve because of the association I enjoy with so many good patriots. Our post is made up of some of the finest people I know, having served from the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Gulf Wars and ongoing War on Terrorism. Affiliating with people who have lived through these experiences and who share a common heritage rekindles my own sense of being.

On one occasion, after leading a Veterans Day parade near Miami, a fellow veteran called after me. "Captain, hey captain!" When I turned around, I saw a man wearing his military blouse and a veteran cap, standing straight and rendering a crisp salute. I returned his salute sharply and we both simply departed. That was all he needed/wanted, to connect with someone of a common experience and heritage and perhaps to relive a time of his life for which he feels great pride. We are the living history of our Nation. Whenever we gather, I too have opportunity to connect with a common sense of heritage and relive a time for which I also feel great pride. But more importantly, I enjoy the company of each and every one of you. Sure, when the call of service comes, I can always find something else to do. But it is to keep your company, as well as to honor a fallen comrade, that I continue to serve, plain and simple. So I thank you for sharing your company and common service.

Adjutant

A special Post 27 Welcome to our new member Larry Unsworth!

Membership is Our Lifeblood! ❤️

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

2021 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
131	14	35	33		8	90	69%

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2021 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2021 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
31		23				23	74%



Dale Crockett

We try to get 100% membership renewal for the 2021 year by the end of December which is coming up fast. Your 2020 membership expires at the end of December and within a few months after that your magazine will stop and your American legion benefits could be in danger of expiring. You can still get your 2021 membership card any time during the 2021 year and be updated as an active member again, but we prefer you to activate your card before January 1. Renewing your membership ensures that the American Legion can remain strong and we can support the four pillars which are; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. But more than that, we should also follow the Veteran's Creed which was established on October 17-18, 2018 as a new resolution No. 10. It goes as follows:

- 1) I am an American veteran
- 2) I proudly served my country
- 3) I live the values I learned in the military
- 4) I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans
- 5) I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6) I continue to lead and improve
- 7) I make a difference
- 8) I honor and remember my fallen comrades

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 Please send your submissions to:
kenthansen7@gmail.com

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MEDIA ALLIANCE

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



David Layton

Post 27 Members, we cannot express again our thanks for your participation with Military Funeral Honors (MFH). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been extremely limited with our number of these ordinances. To date, 2020 we have only participated in 17 ceremonies.

Remember, our participation in the MFH Ceremony is a great privilege and an honor. We help to heal the wounds of the family members of the deceased, by providing the culmination of the service the Veteran rendered to our country.

We were able to conduct MFH Training last month. Thank you all who came and participated with the Utah Army National Guard in this training. Remember, Post 27 is only as strong as the members who volunteer to support its various programs.

For MFH to be truly effective, we need everyone to know the duties of the MFH Ceremony, consisting of team commander, rifle team members, a bugler (Taps), two members for folding of American flag, and a “Three Shell Casing” presenter.

November 11, 2020 is Veterans Day. Post 27 will be participating with three Veterans Recognition Programs; Farmington City; Bountiful City Veterans Park and Davis Technical College. Details and times for these events were given above. All are invited. Post 27 encourages all to volunteer to be a participating member of MFH Team. We need your help now and in the future.

Chaplain

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2020 occurs on Thursday, November 26. The holiday began as a day of giving thanks to God for the harvest and other blessing of the preceding year. In 1621, Governor William Bradford and the Plymouth colonists invited Chief Massasoit and the Wampanoag Indians to share an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

Modern Thanksgiving was proclaimed for all states in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln at the height of the Civil War. Influenced by Sarah Josepha Hale, who wrote letters to politicians for approximately 40 years advocating an official holiday, Lincoln set national Thanksgiving by proclamation for the final Thursday in November, explicitly in celebration of the bounties that had continued to fall on the Union and for the military successes in the war.



Steve Steed

On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November, for business reasons. In 1942, Roosevelt issued another proclamation designating the fourth Thursday in November (which is not always the last Thursday) as Thanksgiving Day. Even though we are in the middle of a pandemic as well as other challenges, we have much to thank God for this year.



Training & FYI

Alert!

Even with the crises that are challenging all of us, some of our fellow veterans are suffering even more. Some have no home to shelter them and, often, no food to eat.

*Our credo in the field was **"NO ONE GETS LEFT BEHIND."***

Can it be less so now that we are back with home, hearth and family?

The American Legion and Auxiliary



from Post 27 - Farmington



are sponsoring a project for the

HOMELESS VETERANS FELLOWSHIP

541 23rd Street, Ogden, UT 84402-1706 ★ www.homelessveterans.org

Here's how you can help with donations:

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

- Soup (*chicken noodle, tomato, etc.*)
- Chili (*individual cans*)
- SPAM (*original flavor*)
- Beef Stew (*individual smaller servings*)
- Canned Ham
- Oatmeal (*individual servings*)
- Coffee
- Meats (*individual serving cans*)
- Anything that comes in individual servings

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED

- Twin sheet sets (*top flat sheet/bottom fitted/pillowcase*)
- Towel sets (*bath/hand/facecloth*)
- Mops (*simple squeeze sponge – no ropes*)
- Floor cleaning supplies (*Spic & Span, etc.*)

No paper goods, please. (TP, paper towels, etc. are donated by a corporation)

No Manwich cans, large cereal boxes or apples

They currently have an excess of donated clothing on hand. Collection of above items at Post meetings or contact Paula, Post 27 at cell: **801-589-2871** (if no answer-please leave message)

SMITH'S "INSPIRING DONATIONS"

PROGRAM



American Legion Post 27 has successfully partnered with Smith's Food and Drug with their INSPIRING DONATIONS Program. SMITH's will donate 0.5% of what you purchase (eligible purchases) at their locations throughout the state. All you need is a Smith's Rewards card and register that card by going to [SmithsFoodandDrug.com/Inspire](https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire). Create an Account and link your Rewards card to "American Legion Post 27" (Organization number **XN453**), select the organization and choose "save". Then every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, Smith's will donate 0.5% of your total order to our Post 27. It's that easy. In fact, we've just received a check for \$99 to add to our coffers.

Donations through this valuable program will go specifically towards Post 27 and Auxiliary Unit 27 projects supporting our Veteran, Military, and communities.

POST 27/UNIT 27 FACE MASK PROJECT: If you are a member of Post 27, Auxiliary Unit 27 or SAL Squadron 27, or your immediate family needs a washable face mask (red, white, blue colors), please email Paula at STPHNSNC@AOL.COM or call 801-589-2871 (leave message if no answer). Masks are FREE!



**SGT.
SAGE
SEZ**

Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But the Marines don't have that problem.

Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; 1985

Historian

Send In The Marines

Marines worldwide revere November 10 as the Marine Corps birthday, this year celebrating 245 years of grit, glory and valor. To honor the Devil Dogs in the Legion, we share three stories from home, abroad and even atop the world.



Kent Hansen

Cody Leifheit

Marine Sergeant Cody Leifheit had been in Lewiston, Idaho, for only a week when he woke up at 2:00 am to hear people screaming outside his apartment. He found a 19-year-old man named Tristan hanging from his neck by a rope after he'd apparently jumped from 25 feet up after telling his friends he wanted to die. Leifheit quickly organized bystanders into action, then grabbed a knife and scaled the

tree to cut Tristan down. Finding no pulse, Leifheit performed chest compressions until Tristan revived and then incredibly resumed that task after a paramedic found that Tristan had bottomed out again. "This is just me being human," said Leifheit. "You would have done the same thing. If you're physically capable of doing something to save someone, you do it. What I did was not a heroic act."





Kyle Carpenter

Marine Corps Corporal Carpenter became the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient in 2014 when he was recognized for his actions on Nov. 21, 2010. Carpenter suffered catastrophic injuries fighting the Taliban in a small village in Afghanistan when he threw himself in front of a grenade to protect another Marine, Lance Corporal Nick Eufrazio. Carpenter's Medal of Honor citation reads, "By his undaunted courage, bold fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death, Lance Corporal Carpenter reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps."

Charles Linville

Linville lost his right leg below the knee after surviving a bomb blast in Afghanistan. "I'm not upset about my injury, but I can't take people feeling sorry for me," said, shortly before departing for his third attempt at climbing Mount Everest. He succeeded in May, becoming the first combat-wounded veteran to scale the world's most notorious mountain. "To get on one of these mountains and to accomplish something most able-bodied people can't, it would be like vanquishing that demon that was left behind by the war," Linville said.



American Legion Auxiliary



This November we remember and honor the numerous men and women who have served in the armed forces for our country. As part of the American Legion Auxiliary, we have the opportunity to support those in our community and try to make their lives better. We are continuing to support the Homeless Veterans Fellowship in Ogden by collecting items they are low on. Please see list in newsletter. Also, we would like to collect blank greeting cards and like items for the

Marcie Mojica Legacy House in Farmington for our veterans living in that facility. Please contact Marcie at email: alexmarcie6@gmail.com or cell: 770-714-2074, or Paula at email: stphnsnc@aol.com or cell: 801-589-2871 with any donations.

For the Christmas store this year, they are only able to collect gift cards and monetary donations. Please keep them in mind as you start your holiday shopping. Recommended gift card amounts are \$10/\$15/\$20 from the business of your choice. I certainly hope you are staying healthy and happy.

Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" – whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount up to and including his life.

Check us out on Facebook at "American Legion Post 27 Farmington Utah"



Find us on Facebook or the link from our Post website at

www.post27.org





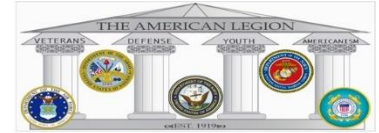
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★ EVERY LEGIONNAIRE SHOULD TAKE THIS! ★



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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STATE OF UTAH

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Confidential crisis chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
or text to 838255



**BE THE SOLUTION
NOT THE PROBLEM.
WEAR A MASK!**

Come one! Come all!



**Your Community &
American Legion John W. Sheets
Post 27, Farmington, Utah
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
2. Click on "Give Blood".
3. Click on "Find a Drive".
4. Enter zip code.



Through ARUP:

1. Go to 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, 1st Vice Commander
American Legion John W. Sheets Post 27 – Farmington, UT
(801) 347-8735**



Legion Family Membership Coupons

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) **27**

(E-mail) _____ Male Female **\$35.00**
(Gender) (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

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

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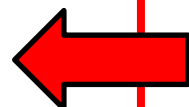
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(Please Print)

From _____ \$ **\$35.00** for 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

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

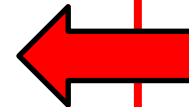
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
 Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self
 Daughter Granddaughter

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 _____ Transmittal \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____
 Received From _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues
 Squadron No. _____
 Department of _____



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

