

*The American Legion*

# Second Century POST

November 2021

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

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Post's Military Funeral Honor Team has become quite active the last month or so, averaging one event per week. Although it is sad to have that need, I am grateful to the team members who volunteer their time to give our fallen comrades the honor they deserve. Many thanks to all of you, and especially Dave Layton for organizing each event. For those of you that are interested in helping us, we can always use more participants, please reach out to Dave or myself. In addition to the funeral honors that are provided, we have flag raising ceremonies and other patriotic activities to participate in. One of the reasons we can always use extra hands is the upcoming Veterans Day. We currently have requests for four different activities throughout the day!



**Jon Rue**

Plans for our Holiday party are unfortunately still in flux. We thought a date and venue was secured, but those fell through at the last minute. Although we are still pursuing all avenues, it is potentially possible that a Post New Years event will be our activity this season. Details will be announced as they are developed.

# Veterans Day

**OUR HEROES WEAR DOG TAGS!**

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



I'm excited at all the celebrations coming up! Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. We have been requested to support three (and possibly four) cities as they honor our veterans. Everyone, come out and be a part of the celebration and appreciation. Your Post can use your representation to further encourage other veterans to be involved in The American Legion and Post 27. We all look forward to seeing you there.

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**Bob Anderson**

The other celebrations are the upcoming holidays. Whatever your holiday traditions or plans, I hope they are enjoyable and full of sharing and caring with family, friends, and the occasional person who needs a helping hand. If you know a veteran that could use a visit/help from our Post 27 "Usual Suspects" to cheer them up or help with a problem, let someone in the Post know so we can do our best for our veterans.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

- November 10 – U.S. Marine Corps Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
- November 11 – Veterans Day. *Fly the flag.*
- November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremonies. *See box.*
- November 18 – General Post 27 meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Cultural Arts Center and ZOOM.
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Day. *Fly the flag.*

- December 1 & 2 – ALA Veterans Shopping Event, George Wahlen VA Medical Center, SLC.
- December 13 – National Guard Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
- December 18 – Wreathes Across America. 9:00 am Lindquist Mortuary 1867 Fairfield Road, Layton

**Veterans Day Post 27 Ceremonies**

Centerville, 9:00 am	Davis Tech, Kaysville, 12:30 pm
Farmington Cemetery, 11:00 am	Legacy House, Farmington, 3:00 pm

# Adjutant

## Membership is Our Lifeblood



Dale Crockett

**Welcome to our newest Post 27 members**  
**Val Hansen ★ Dustin Kazmar**  
**Derek Kinhofer ★ Douglas Smith**

*American Legion Membership:* Statistics are membership numbers through Nov. 1 2021.

2022 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
135	17	46	18	1	1	82	61%

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2022 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
33		30			1	31	94%

*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).*

### #RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

NEW YORK LEGIONNAIRE AND ACCLAIMED "MARCH KING" JOHN PHILIP SOUSA WROTE "THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER" ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1896, AND CONGRESS DECLARED IT THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL MARCH OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1987.



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VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

## Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

Fellow Legionaries, "Thank You" for your willingness to continue to serve our community and the Veterans that we honor. For Calendar Year 2021, Post 27 has provided 28 Military Funeral Honors (MFH) for deceased Veterans.

What is a Veteran? A Veteran, whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including their life." That is Honor, and there are too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.

Veterans are entitled to MFH consisting of rifle volley, playing of Taps and the folding of American flag that is presented to the next of kin. The participation and service you have rendered this year in community activities have been exemplary and has brought high praises from the communities and families we serve. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service.

As members of the American Legion, we volunteer as required to meet the requests that 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.

## Chaplain

### NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

National Family Week in the United States takes place in November, the week of Thanksgiving.



It was first proclaimed by Richard Nixon in 1972 pursuant to a resolution introduced in Congress by Representative John Myers (R-IN) upon the suggestion of a constituent, Sam Wiley.



Steve Steed

The family is the basic unit of our society, the heart of our free democracy. It provides love, acceptance, guidance, support, and instruction to the individual. Community values and goals that give America strength also take root in the home. In times of change and challenge, families keep safe our cultural heritage and reinforce our spiritual foundation. National Family Week is an appropriate time for us to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of our service members and their families.

Families enrich our communities, shape our values, and provide a foundation for future success. Families are — and will always be — the basic building block of our society. During National Family Week may we celebrate the threads of compassion and unity that tie our families together and strengthen the fabric of our Nation. During National Family Week, let us take time to honor and appreciate the many blessings of strong and healthy families.



## For Your Information

### HILL AIR FORCE BASE FOOD DRIVE MISSION COMPLETE!

Feeding our Hill Air Force Base military families to minimize food insecurity and hunger is what motivated the American Legion John W. Sheets Post 27 Family to do a Food Drive. Three full trunks with *905* items



were delivered on October 15, 2021 to the Hill Air Force Base Airmen's Attic Food Pantry. Food and grocery items were collected on Post members' porches, monetary donations received for the past month, and "Smith's Inspiring Donations" received by the Post since the beginning of 2020 made it all possible. The project was spearheaded by Auxiliary Unit 27 through the leadership of Hilary Rue. Delivery was made by Post 27 Commander Jon Rue, Hilary Rue, Unit 27 President Deb Hansen, Dale and Roleane Crockett, Chuck and Paula Stephenson. Receiving the "goods" at the Food Pantry was TSgt Ramon Pacheco. Thanks for the heavy lifting from our three trunks, TSgt Pacheco!

## UTAH BOYS STATE SENATOR COMES TO POST 27

American Legion Utah Boys State Senator **Noah Garcia** for 2021 spoke to American Legion John W. Sheets Post 27, ALA Unit 27, and SAL Squadron 27 members on October 14, 2021. Noah spoke about his experience at Utah Boys State (on-line/virtual) and Boys Nation in Washington, DC in July 2021. Post 27 Commander Jon Rue, Utah Boys State President Doug Case, and Utah Boys State City Counselor for Noah presented an American Legion Citizenship Award from Post 27 for his hard work and achievements with the Boys State Program. Noah is now a senior at NUAMES in Layton, UT. Also present that evening were his mother and two sisters.

*Left-right: Utah Boys State Director Kent Hansen, Boys Nation Senator Noah Garcia, Post 27 Commander Jon Rue, Utah Boys State Chairman Doug Case*



## Historian



**Kent Hansen**

### MY ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Each year at this time, families gather around a table, gorge themselves with food, perhaps watch some football and argue about politics. Ironically, the mere fact that we can do this without imprisonment or physical retribution is reason enough to give thanks. But there are many other reasons as well.

Even with all the criticism of the United States from within and without, the American dream still looms large around the globe. The

democracy and freedoms that are omnipresent here are beacons to those from countries deprived of those rights. By and large, we are a nation of immigrants. Nearly all of us can trace our lineage to another country. And each of these immigrants has brought a bit of the heritage and culture from the homes of their birth. This marvelous diversity, now resident in our 50 states, is the reason that we are the world's all-star team.



Visit our stores, whether in person or on-line, and the variety of offerings is absolutely mind boggling. In the final analysis, most of us want for nothing and can obtain anything our enterprise can earn. Drive through any neighborhood and see churches of many denominations serving their flocks. Want to take a trip to another state? You won't need a passport or travel documents. Do you like the mountains with their ski slopes, the ocean with its majestic surf, or scenic red rock vistas? They are all here – and much, much more.

One of the most important freedoms we enjoy is free open dialog about vital issues. We can express just about anything we want. Take a look around the world at dictatorships and denied freedoms and remember that in our democracy, we are not subjected to constant oversight. Our leaders are chosen by us, not by biological "right" or martial coup.

Now, it must be said that some of our greatest gratitude has to go to our United States Armed Forces. Since Lexington and Concord and through countless conflicts since then, some of our citizens have donned the uniform, shouldered the rifle and marched off to defend those freedoms that are the bulwarks of all this nation stands for. Many – too many – did not come home. And many of them who did were condemned for their service or ignored completely. Often, neighbors and friends have no idea what that guy down the street did to preserve their freedoms. They cannot see the scars, both physical and emotional, that mark body and mind. So, let us give thanks to a country that has given us so much, a nation unique in all the world. May God bless America.



**SGT.  
SAGE  
SEZ**

“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.” – General George Patton

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE AMERICAN LEGION GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85483980262?pwd=UjJMZzBzaEpxVHkvWmRLRINZVVZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775

Passcode: 614202

## **POW/MIA News**

### **A Poem tapped on the walls of the Hanoi Hilton**

Tap, tap, tap, tap, pause, tap, tap, tap, tap. Decoded, that spells "T." Tap, pause, tap, means "A." As the tapping continued, the letters formed these words. It was fall, 1970.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

*As we pause to reflect on this Thanksgiving Day  
Of the many blessings that have come our way  
Of a country to great and families so fine  
Of good health, strong spirits and soundness of mind  
For these things we are thankful.*

*For having lived in a country so rich and divine  
Where justice prevails over evil and crime  
For being more fortunate than many a friend  
For just being alive while their lives end  
For these things we are thankful.*

*For having lived in a country where the air is free  
For having lived in a nation of true democracy  
So let us not forget our greatest blessing of all  
Our American heritage – let us stand tall  
For this we are most thankful.*

Fifty two years later we say our country is in serious trouble but we are grateful for our heritage and privileges.



Jay Hess



## **American Legion Auxiliary**



Deb Hansen

October was a great month with the conclusion of our Hill Air Force Base Airmen's Attic Food Drive! Thank you to Hilary and Paula for being the collection points and for spearheading this awesome event! The tally was 905 items which were gratefully received! It took three large vehicles to make the delivery!

We were so fortunate to hear Noah Garcia of NUAMES report on his experience as a Boys Nation Senator. There is a young man with a bright future! I especially loved how he started his message to us with his expression of gratitude for the Boys State Program. His attitude of gratitude is so impressive!

We are busy getting items for our Veterans Holiday Shopping annual event to be held at the VA in Salt Lake on December 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact me if you have some great items to donate that would make nice gifts.

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for you, your service, your families and your willingness to continue to serve! Let us commemorate Veterans Day and remember the great gift we have to live in this amazing country!

# Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN



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



or the link from our Post  
 website at

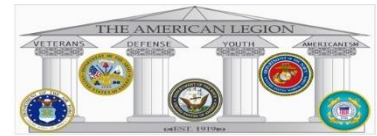
[www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org).



## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

# BASIC TRAINING COURSE

*Learn why we do what we do*



It's a **FREE** on-line course for members of The American Legion Family 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.*



Department of Veterans & Military Affairs  
 STATE OF UTAH

### MINDY HONEYCUTT

Outreach Program Manager / VSO

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# Giving Blood is giving Life!

Support your community and The Legion.

Make an appointment today.



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.



LABORATORIES

THROUGH ARUP LABORATORIES

1. Go to [www.utahblood.org](http://www.utahblood.org).
2. Click on "Make an appointment."
3. Click on "Locate a Blood Drive."
4. Enter ZIP Code.

# Legion Family Membership Coupons

**The American Legion Membership Application**

LEGION ADJUTANT

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) **27**  
 (E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female **\$35.00** (Dues)  
 (Gender)

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



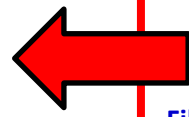
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**Receipt of Dues**  
 (Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ **\$35.00** for 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)

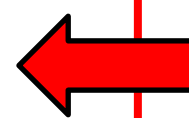
**Veteran Served:**  
 WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)  
 Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):  
 Global War on Terror  Panama  Vietnam  WWII  
 Gulf War  Lebanon/Grenada  Korea  Other Conflicts


**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20\_\_\_\_ Dues  
 Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department of \_\_\_\_\_



Fill this out and get it to the Squadron Adjutant with \$15.00.

