



# The American Legion

## Post 27/Squadron 27

# Newsletter

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

October 2016

*Still Serving America*

www.post27.org

### 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

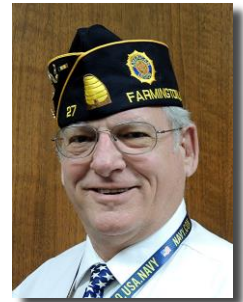
**THE CHOICE IS YOURS.** Next month we will elect a new government. With the current circus-like political atmosphere, I fear many of our citizens feel as if they do not have a choice and consequently may not exercise their right to vote. In reality, we do have a choice and it is as clear as it can be: we have the choice to vote or not to vote.

When we do not vote, we put our country into the hands of others and we have no right to complain because we avoided our chance to make our voice heard. Not only that but not voting is a slap in the face to those who served and even gave their lives to ensure our right to vote.

As citizens of the United States of America, we have both the privilege of and duty to vote. It is the manifestation of our citizenship and our reaffirmation of our form of government. We, in The American Legion, have all donned the uniform of our country and defended the freedoms that many take for granted. Voting helps to validate the good service you have rendered. Perhaps the candidate you favor will not win. But even more important than the outcome is the fact that you participated in the process.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY** Post 27 is losing its reputation as a "little" Post. Our Post has grown from about three members to more than 100. Likewise, our SAL Squadron has also blossomed to approximately 30 members and with the great leadership we have with Dave Parker and Tim Hansen we are continuing to grow.

And very soon now we will be standing up an American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Our Junior Shooting Sports Club is now up and running. Now with that said, we must never forget that membership is our life blood. We must always be looking for those veterans who could benefit from rubbing elbows with the stellar Legionnaires of Post 27.



**Kent Hansen**



### Calendar of Events

**October 10 – Columbus Day.** *Fly the flag!*

**October 13 – Post 27 meeting.** 6:30 pm, Davis County Administration Bldg., 61 S. Main St., Farmington.

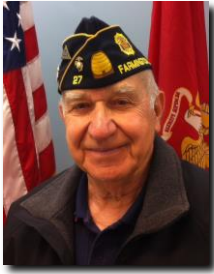
*Boys/Girls Staters report. You don't want to miss this.*

**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 15 – Veterans Employment Fair.** South Towne Exposition Center, Sandy. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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



Frank Ferrante

In the last two months we have participated in many events that should be noted. Besides rendering military funeral honors to our deceased veterans, and giving an American flag presentation at an Eagle Courts of Honor. In August we were involved in our fourth annual American flag retirement ceremony held during the Davis County Fair, we presented an American Flag program to some elementary school students, presented American Flag ceremonies at a Senior Citizen Center and other community functions, Again the Legionnaires of our Post have demonstrated their versatility and willingness to serve. We have received many verbal and written compliments on our performances, and how appreciated they were of our service. I can't express enough my feelings on how honored I am and what a privilege it is to service with you. Thank you all that have participated.

**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 Oct 2016.

2017 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2017 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
100	7	28	16	2	2	55	55%



Dale Crockett

When I put on my American Legion cap and wear my uniform, I see in the reflection of my mirror Legion emblem in several areas of my clothing. As I look at it, I wonder what the emblem means. I looked in the Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies and found the complete meaning which I would like to share with all. The emblem is laid upon the rays of the sun, giver of life, warmth and courage; foe of the cold, of the darkness, of fear, of apprehension, and suggest the legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil. The larger of the two outer rings signifies the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children. The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure. The star, victory symbol of World War I, symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "US" leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the legion's constellation. The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism. Finally, the words "American Legion" tie the ring together for truth, remembrance, constancy, loyalty, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, national security and Americanism. It is your badge of pride and distinction, honor and service and should not be taken lightly.

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](http://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) 451-9493 / C (801) 560-2186 or email [dalescrockett@yahoo.com](mailto:dalescrockett@yahoo.com).**

## Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

Thank you all who have stepped up this past September. Here we are already in the autumn time of the year. 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 our fallen comrades.

The Executive Committee of Post 27 wants to thank all of you for the service you have rendered this year in community activities and for honoring our fallen with Military Funeral Honors. Without you, Post 27 cannot operate and provide this service.

We do invite all of us to meet the continuing demands we are invited 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. We are Post 27, ready to serve for the good of The Legion, the country and Funeral Honors for the fallen.

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## Past Department Commander/ Training Officer

Here is news you can use or pass along to people you know (Pillar I: Support our Military/Veterans).

**EDUCATION IN UTAH:** The "Veterans Voice" for September, 2016 is dedicated to education in Utah. This edition focuses on Education and Training for Veterans (Active/Reserve/National Guard) and Military members throughout Utah. Articles cover universities, colleges, technology schools, and other educational systems. Go to [www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org) and click near the top of the first page that comes up on VETERANS VOICE September, 2016.

**OPERATION BOOTS TO BUSINESS:** This is a two-part training program that provides participants (Veterans and spouses) an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. The next REBOOT is Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Salt Lake Community College, Miller Corporate Partnership Center Building (MCPC), 9690 South 300 West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor #333, Sandy, UT 84070. For more information contact Ted Elliott at 801-524-3228, email: [ted.elliott@sba.gov](mailto:ted.elliott@sba.gov). Flyer available on [www.utlegion.org](http://www.utlegion.org).

**THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER:** The yellow section ("Post 27 Programs & Activities") on page one looks like a lot. These events happen on all days of the week, once a year or several times a year, day time, night time, or whenever we are called. It takes team work. Participation is your decision. If something peaks your interest or tugs at your heart and you want to learn more, come to one of our regular meetings at the Post on the second Thursday of each month. Check the CALENDAR on the first page to see if we are meeting in the normal location or if another event is happening instead (i.e. Christmas Party, picnic, other). The IMAGE GALLERY on our webpage ([www.post27.org](http://www.post27.org)) will show photos of many events and activities of Post 27.



Paula Stephenson

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## Sons of the American Legion



Dave Parker  
Squadron 27  
Commander

Greetings S.A.L. Members!

Good news for those of you interested in the Junior Shooting Sports Club. We now are officially affiliated with Post 27 and will be able to recruit members now and order official targets for postal and shoulder to shoulder competitions. Anyone interested in joining the Shooting Sports Club can contact me for a membership application.

During the month of September, members of our Squadron participated in a blood drive at the Lakeview Hospital, a Military Funeral Honor Guard, Flag etiquette training at the Odyssey Elementary School in Woods Cross, and our Post Picnic in Centerville.



With the appointment of Dave Swafford to a national SAL committee, Squadron 27's own Kent Hansen was promoted to become Utah's National Executive Committeeman.

We intend to start holding our SAL Meetings on the first Thursday of each month, starting with Thursday October 6th at 6:30 pm. 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](mailto:dparker5580@comcast.net).

## Jake Garn Sea Cadet Squadron



**Courtney Putnam**

Our September drill was interesting and historic. On Saturday, classroom training was held, introducing our newly redesigned website: [www.seacadetsutah.org/](http://www.seacadetsutah.org/). Preparations were also made for an awards ceremony and Chief Petty Officer pinning that would be held that afternoon. Many cadets received awards, one of our officers was promoted and our first Chief Petty Officer was pinned. **Chief Emalee Hughes** is only the second female United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Chief Petty to be pinned since the program was

started in Utah more than 30 years ago. Her promotion is quite an accomplishment and took a ton of work and dedication. Sunday started with preparations for a guest speaker General Bruce Carlson (USAF-Ret). General Carlson gave a patriotic devotional in remembrance of 9/11. Sunday afternoon concluded with a complete uniform change-out from dress whites to dress blues, which always takes a lot of time and is quite a logistical challenge. Overall, it was a great weekend and I would like to thank the Utah Military Academy, in Riverdale, for allowing us to use their fantastic facility for the weekend. They are definitely a class act.



### Legion Laffs



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).





## 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.**

## From the Department Commander

***What a Great Time to be a Member of The American Legion Family.*** *For God and Country.....*

*To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.....to maintain law and order.....to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.* A few opening phrases from our Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. A time-tested document that reflects the ideals and principals of The American Legion and is recited at all of our Legion functions and activities. The above phrases do not just “happen.” All Legionnaires and every member of our American Legion Family must work each day to ....*safeguard the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.* The current trend to kneel or sit during the playing of the National Anthem during sporting events is troubling. Many Veterans have fought and died for this country, our flag, and what the flag represents to all who have worn the uniform.

The right of each citizen to make choices is also something that should not be taken for granted. It then falls to us to remain steadfast in our American Legion principals; to teach younger generations what freedom means and the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made each day by Veterans serving around the world so this country can remain the greatest country in the world.



**Chuck Stephenson**  
**Department**  
**Commander**



*I pledge allegiance  
to the Flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible,  
with Liberty and Justice  
for all*

*Membership is Our Lifeblood*