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Commander's Corner



Ron Jugenitz

Friday the 13th of September was not an unlucky day for the Post Family. We held our annual Post 27 Family picnic at Farmington Heritage Park; it was a great success. A special thank you to the outgoing President Deb Hansen and the recently elected President, Marcie Mojica of Auxiliary Unit 27, for the pulled pork barbeque they prepared and furnished for this event. As a Legion Family, we work hard through the year in the services we render throughout the communities we encompass: Farmington, Centerville, Fruit Heights and Kaysville. It is fitting that we gathered to celebrate our association through the American Legion. Wonderfully prepared side-dishes were furnished by the membership at large and donated to the event. It was delightful to see the faces of so many that were able to turn out for this event. One of our eldest members, John Sheets, was able to attend and was recognized for the efforts he has made in helping the Post grow and thrive with vibrancy.

William Huber, acting commander of Post 27, gave an overview of the activities of the post membership for this year as well as an update on the historical investigation he has been conducting regarding the old Davis County Memorial Court House and its designed usage to include veterans and veteran organizations inclusive of Post 27. We were all pleased Ron Jugenitz, elected commander, and his wife Marlys were able to attend. Marlys furnished a photo album of the Flag Retirement Ceremony held in August as well as a mounted collage of photos for display at Post meetings. She had additionally printed many photos taken at the Ceremony, labeled them and made copies of them available for the participating Post members at the event.

Our newly elected Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Bradley Henderson was welcomed and introduced to the Post Family. We look forward to his leadership in working with the SAL.

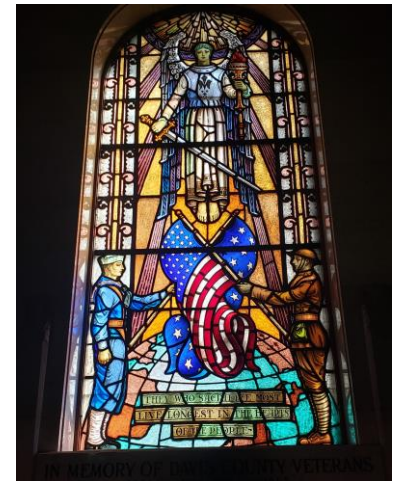
With the recent changes to membership qualifications to the American Legion signed into federal law this past July, membership in the American Legion Auxiliary also took a big step in its redefining eligibility from that of the wife of an American Legion legionnaire, to that of a spouse of an American Legion legionnaire. Chuck and Paula Stephenson both served in the military and are both members of our Post. Paula has dual membership in Post 27 and in the Auxiliary. Chuck has also held dual membership in Post 27 and the SAL. With this new change Chuck became eligible for membership in the Auxiliary as well. At the picnic Chuck completed his application for membership in the Auxiliary, paid his membership dues which were then processed and accepted by the Auxiliary Unit 27 leadership. It is believed that Chuck became the first male member of the American Legion Auxiliary in the history of the Department of Utah Auxiliary and with it achieved a membership in all three legs of the legion family: American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations Chuck!

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POST 27

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**Veterans stained glass window
in the Davis County Memorial
Courthouse**

Looking ahead, mark your calendar, Post 27 anticipates having a busy Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th. We are pleased to be participating with Farmington City in a joint effort in celebrating the veterans in our community at the Farmington City Cemetery Veterans Memorial at 12 noon. Two sixth grade school classes from Farmington Elementary will be furnishing songs there and providing four speakers recognizing veterans in their families. The Post will be furnishing a salute to veterans. Also in the works for Veterans Day but still in the planning stage with details to follow in the November edition of the Centennial Post, are 1) a flag retirement ceremony at Farmington Elementary School at the beginning of the school day and 2) support of a Veterans Day celebration and a free luncheon for veterans at the Davis Technical College.

1st Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, September was fun with a wonderful Post 27 picnic. A lot of work from many people went into making it happen. My thanks to all. Special thanks to Marlys Jugenitz for giving out pictures from the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

I'm excited about having places for our meetings provided by Farmington City. We have a great relationship and I appreciate their continued support.

Post business: I'm looking forward to the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Nov 11th at noon at the Farmington City Cemetery. The Post can use all our support to make it special for our community. Please come out and be a part of it.



Bob Anderson

2nd Vice Commander (Acting Post 27 Commander)



William Huber

Our Post 27 meeting on Monday, October 21, will be our first in the new building setting at the Farmington Community Center located across the street, just to the west, of the old Davis County Memorial Court House. Our opening meeting time is still at 6:30 P.M. This meeting also brings an opportunity

for our Post membership with the Auxiliary, to hear from the Boys State and Girls State youth coming from the Farmington and Davis city high schools and from the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering and Science (NUAMES). The students are invited to share insights from their experience in this program held on the Weber State University campus.

Among the many great programs The American Legion sponsors and supports is the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest". This year the Post 27 contest will be held on

Wednesday, January 22, at the Farmington Community Center from 5 to 7 PM. The contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Details regarding the contest may be found online at <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>. Please encourage those grade 9 – 12 high school students that may be extended family members, neighbors or acquaintances to consider participating in this competition.

CALENDAR

- ◆ October 12 – Department of Utah Fall Training Meeting. Hyatt House, 9685 So. Monroe St., Sandy, 10:00 am–4:00 pm
- ◆ October 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
- ◆ October 14 – Columbus Day. *Fly the flag.*
- ◆ October 21 – Post 27 General Meeting. Farmington Community Arts Center, 6:30 pm, 120 South Main St.
- ◆ October 27 – Navy Day. *Fly the flag.*
- ◆ October 30 – Military Career & Benefits Fair. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Mountain America Exposition Center, 9575 South State, Sandy, UT.
- ◆ November 3 – Daylight Saving Time ends.
- ◆ November 10 – United States Marine Corps Birthday. *Semper Paratus Fly the flag.*
- ◆ 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 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. Mark your calendars!

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Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood



Dale Crockett

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

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
145	14	36	18	2	1	71	49%

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

2019 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
42		20				20	48%

For those who have renewed their membership, thank you. For those who have not, please renew soon. Why is it that I am asking this of you? I am the post adjutant and it is part of my job. As outlined in our American Legion manual, the post adjutant is not just a recorder of minutes at a meeting; the role requires a lot more. The adjutant is similar to a First Sergeant of a military unit, around whom all post activities resolve. Many posts retain a good adjutant in office over a period of years as opposed to a one-year position.

The adjutant should provide continuity for the post. While the commander's duties are largely inspirational and executive, an adjutant's duties are administrative. The commander navigates the ship, but the adjutant is the engineer who runs the ship's machinery and keeps the vessel on an even keel. He or she is the personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the post. The adjutant keeps membership records and minutes of meetings, assists the work of other officers and committees, and publishes official orders, announcements and instructions.

The adjutant's office is a conduit for communication with all levels of the organization and a clearing-house for all post activities. The adjutant assists new officers and committees in getting started with their work and completing their endeavors.

I'm not sure if I have done all of this as stated above, but I am still learning and trying to be most helpful. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if there are any needs you have. It is and has been an honor to serve with and for you.

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



This is my first chance as Post 27 Chaplain to write something to the group. First, I appreciate your service in the military and continued service as a Legionnaire. Second, I know some members have suffered family losses in recent past and our condolences to you. That is always difficult, particularly as loved ones pass away. Third, I am aware some of you may be going through some trials of your own, and have physical, or emotional pain yourself or of a loved one.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sometimes this life proves to be a real test for us, and although not easy, I am confident you can get through the challenges we face. I for one, appreciate the friendship and camaraderie of the Post we have. We had a great flag retirement ceremony in recent months, have performed at many funerals, and we had a great annual picnic. Thanks to all for making this possible. Please enjoy the nice weather fall brings, and reach out to those who are in need, whether or not we know them well... and I think that will bring you joy and satisfaction in your small acts of service.

Americanism Programs

UTAH AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MAKES HISTORY

On September 13, 2019, Legionnaire and SAL member **Charles “Chuck” Stephenson** became the first male spouse member of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Utah Unit 27, in Farmington, Utah. At the 2019 American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis, delegates of The American Legion voted to replace the word “wife” with “spouse” in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.



Paula and Chuck Stephenson



When his spouse asked Chuck if he would like to become a member of the Auxiliary, Chuck said “. . .it would be an honor”. Unit 27 welcomed Chuck as their newest member at the annual Legion Family Picnic for Post 27, with District 2 President Judy Lewis, outgoing Unit 27 President Deb Hansen, incoming Unit 27 President Marcie Mojica, spouse/Legionnaire/ALA member Paula Stephenson, and members of Unit 9 (Ogden), Unit 27 (Farmington), and Unit 79 (Bountiful), along with Post 27/Squadron 27 SAL members. Chuck went from DUAL member to TRIPLE member of the Legion Family this day. Congratulations, Chuck!



Legion Nuggets



Oct. 16, 1989

The long-standing objective of the Legion to improve adjudication procedures for veterans claims is achieved when the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals becomes operational. Most of the provisions contained in the law creating the court were originally included in the Veterans Reassurance Act, written by the Legion and introduced in Congress in 1988.

Historian

THE BULLET, RAZOR AND MATCH



Kent Hansen

There’s an old American myth that we’ve all heard before in varying ways: The bullet, razor and match story. In some cases, the story goes that a razor, bullet and one match are at the top of the flag pole on a base – in other’s it’s buried at the bottom. The idea is that the commander of the base or the one unlucky troop that is left can run the flag down, cut the stripes and then commit suicide instead of being taken alive. While there’s no doubt that the flag holds a significant amount of pride and garners our protection, the logistical problems are pretty obvious. Protecting the base would probably be at the forefront of everyone’s mind. Imagine a soldier frantically defending his base, realizing they’re being overrun and then taking the time to dig up or chop down the flag pole only to then light the flag on fire with one match and ceremoniously commit suicide. The lore of this tradition has been proven false, but it’s a nice thought at least.



And, in celebration of the Navy Birthday (Oct. 13) here’s a bit that you may not know...

The **USS Constitution (Old Ironsides)**, as a combat vessel, carried **48,600 gallons of fresh water** for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The USS Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whiskey, and 38,600 gallons of water.

By the way, "Old Ironsides" is still a commissioned Navy ship. **GO NAVY!**



**SGT.
SAGE
SEZ**

There is no problem that cannot be solved by the use of high explosives.

POW/MIA News



I was humbled to receive a letter from Governor Gary R, Herbert and his wife Jeanette thanking me for my service on National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Day. Ninety plus Vietnam POWs will renew friendships the first week of October in Portland, Maine. About 450 of the 662 military POWs from Vietnam are still living. If any words of wisdom are heard from this group, I will pass them on next month.

Jay Hess



American Legion Auxiliary

We had a very successful picnic this month with our fellow Units. Our unit was able to make history by welcoming the first male member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Utah, Chuck Stephenson. We are very excited for the changes that have been made at the national level that have made this possible.

We will have reports from Girls State on Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm, at the Farmington City Arts Center. We look forward to hearing from them and hope to see you there.



Marcie Mojica

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