

The American Legion

Second Century POST

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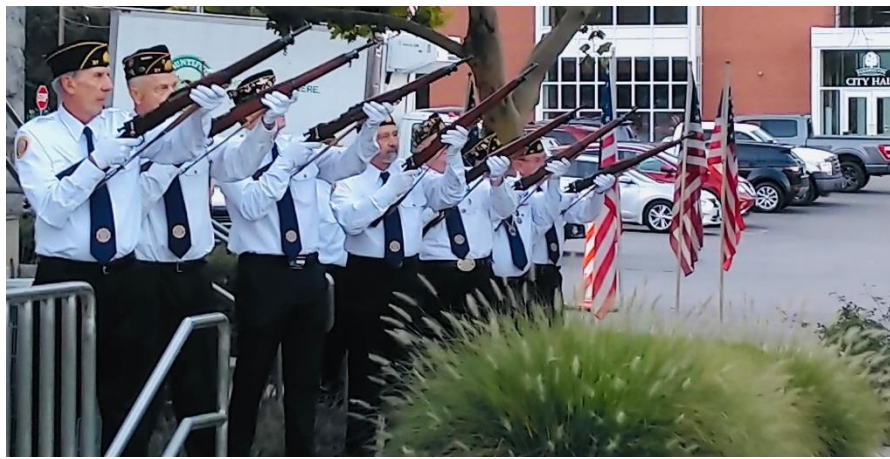
The Official Newsletter of The American Legion John W. Sheets Post 27 ★ Unit 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Farmington, Utah

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to thank everyone that participated in the 9/11 Patriot Day event that was held in Farmington and jointly with Centerville. A change from past years, this memorial started at 8:00 am and kicked off service events throughout both communities. Your Post reverently opened the program with a prayer by Chaplain Steve Steed and a short introduction by me. Following that, our rifle squad fired 3-volleys and Paula Stephenson



Jon Rue



played "Taps". Dale Crockett and Frank Ferrante assisted the Farmington Fire Department in raising the Flag, and Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following speeches by the mayors of Farmington and Centerville, the service day organizer spoke and released the volunteers to projects throughout the community. After the crowd dispersed, we assisted the Farmington Fire Department in

lowering and folding the large US Flag that hung from their truck ladder during the program. That glorious flag is so large it took a dozen or so of us to gather and fold it.

Although service projects are worthwhile and needed activities in our communities and nation, I will always refer to September 11 as "9/11 Day" or "Patriot Day". To me, that better represents the events that we are remembering, including the heroes who stepped up and into harm's way that fateful day 20 years ago.

On a brighter note, in the middle of the month we held our annual Post Picnic. Thank you to Frank Ferrante for organizing, Bob Anderson for reserving the Park facility, and Deb Hansen for taking care of the Pulled Pork! It was delicious! I didn't take a formal headcount, but I think we had close to 40 people sharing our comradery that evening. We also had a "swearing in" of officers for our Auxiliary Unit #27, including our returning President Deb Hansen.

In closing, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during the October meeting and also at Veterans Day ceremonies coming up in November.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- October 11 – Columbus Day. *Fly the flag.*
- October 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
- October 14 – General Post 27 meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Cultural Arts Center and ZOOM.
- October 23-26, 1944 – Battle of Leyte Gulf, a turning point in the Pacific War

- November 10 – U.S. Marine Corps Birthday. *Fly the flag.*
- November 11 – Veterans Day. *Fly the flag.*
- November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 am, Farmington City Cemetery.
- November 23 – General Post 27 meeting. 7:00 pm, Farmington City Cultural Arts Center and ZOOM.
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Day. *Fly the flag.*

1st Vice Commander



Bob Anderson

The Patriot Day 2021 Ceremony at Farmington City's Forbush Park commemorated the victims and first responders who lost their lives during and after the tragic event. The ceremony went off beautifully and was well received. Thank you to all who participated and supported this solemn event.

We are busy planning the annual Post 27 Christmas party. Things are still in a state of flux due to the COVID concerns. I would expect a flyer by direct email with details when we know the final details.

Veterans Day is coming up soon and the Post will be looking for maximum participation from the membership. There may be as many as three ceremonies we will support – Farmington, Kaysville, and Centerville. Once again, because of COVID, details are pending.

Keep talking up The American Legion, SAL, and the Auxiliary! Tell everyone they are well worth being a part of.

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2nd Vice Commander

I would like you to stop and give pause a moment and think about a time when you were part of something where the cohesion was tight, there was purpose in what you were doing and you felt successful, through either external recognition or a sense of personal gratification. How long did that last? Do you reflect upon such times with fond memories?



resembling more of a fond reunion of sorts. Moreover, it is evident we are touching lives and making an impact in the community as evident by the graciousness expressed by the surviving families and community leaders we serve and how well we are received by the organizations to whom we give and receive support. Now is a great time to get involved and become part of something truly special. A ship without wind in its sails cannot be steered and provides no value or joy in the journey.

Well, Post 27 certainly has wind in its sails and we'd like very much to share this wonderful experience, as fleeting as they might be in the grand scheme of things; they just don't come around often enough. AND if you do decide to come out and join us for the first time (in a while), reach out to a member of Post 27 leadership, we'll be sure to introduce you and help you acclimate. Veterans Day is right around the corner, we'd love to have you join us in celebration of your service and to allow your community to recognize the sacrifice and many contributions you have given in preserving the standard of Liberty and Freedom that is so precious to us all.

In my experience, such moments don't come around frequently enough, but when they do, they are worth savoring. One such team I was a part of provided such a rich experience I turned down a number of promotions simply to prolong the journey and enjoy my associations.

I humbly submit that Post 27 provides just such an experience, and we are better for the new additions who have become a staple to our meetings and presentation of military honors. Although we may be small in number, we have an active post with men and women of notability and rich service history, many of which are movie worthy.

Moreover, they give of their time selflessly and enthusiastically, making many of our gatherings



Paul Hubenthal

Adjutant

**WELCOME ABOARD to our new member
NINA SLATER**



Dale Crockett

Membership is Our Lifeblood

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

2022 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
135	17	45	16	1	1	79	59%

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through Oct. 1 2021.

2022 GOAL		REGULAR		NEW	TRANSFERS	2022 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
33		27			1	28	85%

#RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

According to U.S. Flag Code:
 “No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing.”

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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

Fellow Legionnaires, "Thank You" for your willingness to continue to serve our community and the Veterans that we honor. For calendar year 2021 to date, Post 27 has provided 23 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 "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 a rifle volley, the playing of Taps and the folding of the American Flag that presented to the next of kin.

The participation and service you have rendered this year in community activities has 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 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

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SALUTE

The encyclopedia defines a **salute** as a gesture or other action used to display respect. Salutes are primarily associated with armed forces and law enforcement. The origin of the hand salute is uncertain. According to some modern military manuals, the modern Western salute originated in France when knights greeted each other to show friendly intentions by raising their visors to show their faces, using a salute. Others also note that the raising of one's visor was a way to identify oneself saying "This is who I am, and I am not afraid."



Steve Steed



Most historians believe, however, that the U.S. Military salute was influenced more by the British Navy. The Naval salute differs from the "Open Hand" British Army Salute in that the palm of the hand faces down towards the shoulder. This dates back to the days of sailing ships when tar and pitch were used to seal the timber from seawater. To protect their hands, officers wore white gloves, and it was considered most undignified to present a dirty palm in the salute, so the hand was turned through 90 degrees.

The Defense Authorization Act of 2009, signed by President Bush, contained a provision that gave veterans and active-duty service members not in uniform the right to salute during the playing of the national anthem. Previous legislation authorized saluting when not in uniform during the raising,

lowering and passing of the flag.

Examples when saluting is appropriate:

- **During Military Funeral Honors**
- **When the colors of the United States are presented**
- **During official ceremonies**
- **During the playing of the national anthem**
- **During the raising or lowering of the American flag**
- **During the Pledge of Allegiance**

The use of gun salutes for military occasions is traced to early warriors who demonstrated their peaceful intentions by placing their weapons in a position that rendered them ineffective.

When armed with a rifle the usual method of salute is called "present arms." The three-rifle volley salute (representing duty, honor and country) consists of no less than three and no more than seven rifles firing three volleys in memory of the fallen.

One of our greatest privileges as American Legion members is providing a final salute to our military veterans during Military Funeral Honor ceremonies.

For Your Information



**When you wear a mask
for the protection of others,
you never looked better.**

Thanks for being part of the solution.

UTAH VETERAN AND MILITARY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER GRANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Utah Veteran First-time Homebuyer Grant program is open to eligible veterans and current service members (Active Duty, Reserve or Guard). If you are a recently separated Veteran (last 5 years) or a currently serving member of the military living in Utah and are interested in buying a home for the first time in Utah, this program is for you. Eligible first-time homebuyers may apply for a \$2,500 grant to go towards the purchase of a home in Utah. Go to veterans.utah.gov and scroll down and click on the FIRST TIME HOME BUYER button.

MILITARY USO LOUNGE COMING TO NEW SLC AIRPORT

After many months of hard work and coordination, a USO lounge for active-duty military is nearly at the finish line. This lounge will provide private space, food, resources, and more for members of the military traveling through Utah. Tentative opening will be near Christmas 2021.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE AMERICAN LEGION GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85483980262?pwd=UjJMZzBzaEpxVHkvWmRLRlNZVVZDdz09>



Meeting ID: 859 3325 1775

Passcode: 614202



It's easy. It's fun! And it's a great way to stay in touch with your fellow Legionnaires. We've even had some attending from Massachusetts, Florida and Australia.

Historian



Kent Hansen

A FEW SPOOKY STORIES FOR HALLOWEEN

Our military history includes many stories of trial, hardship or heroism. But as we approach Halloween, it may be appropriate to share some eerie tales to rattle our chains and shiver our timbers.



The Ghosts of the USS Hornet

The USS Hornet and her crew served in World War II and the Vietnam War, achieving numerous awards for service and operations. She also was the prime recovery ship for the Apollo 11 and 12 missions. During her active years, about 300 crew members died from accidents and suicides. Visitors to the ship's permanent location in San Francisco report hearing voices and seeing apparitions of sailors. Electronic equipment is also known to go haywire on board. Now the host of ghost tours, the USS Hornet holds the title of the most haunted ship in America.

The watery grave of the USS Arizona

Another haunted WWII-era Navy ship is the USS Arizona. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Arizona became a mass tomb for the 1,102 that perished with her. She serves as an underwater graveyard and memorial to those that died during the tragic event. However, many believe that the dead did not go in peace and still haunt the area. Today, officers blame a ghost called "Charley" for many of the eerie happenings near the USS Arizona. This famous apparition is reportedly harmless, only



turning on water faucets and causing heavy doors to swing open and closed. Another ghost, however, inspires more fear. One of the sailors who abandoned his post during the bombings allegedly haunts the deck of the ship at low tide, inspiring fear and sadness in visitors to the memorial.

Fort Leavenworth

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth is widely considered one of the most haunted posts in America. Though it's still actively used today, residents and visitors claim that it is host to a myriad of ghosts that wander its buildings and grounds. One of the more famous haunts is Gen. George Armstrong Custer, who is said to roam the General's Residence (while also haunting another site on this list). Though he did not die here, his spirit is said to remain after he was found guilty of mistreating his troops and deserting his command.

But some buildings are more haunted than others. The Rookery at 14 Summer Place is considered both the oldest and most haunted. The U.S. Army reports numerous incidents that have happened to Rookery residents, including missing items, unexplained noises, spectral visitors and more. One of the ghosts is said to be a woman with long hair who attacks residents by clawing at them with her fingernails.

Another haunted site is the St. Ignatius Chapel which has been rebuilt multiple times due to fires. A house now stands at the first location of the chapel, but residents have claimed to see the ghost of a young priest who died in a fire. As for the rebuilt chapel, it inexplicably burned to the ground again in 2000.



SGT. SAGE SEZ Don't waste your time looking back; You're not going that way.

POW/MIA News



Utah Honor Flight took 72 Veterans to the memorials in Washington DC on Friday, Sept 17. Michelle's dad and I were helped by my two sons, Cameron and Warren. With Guardians and staff, there were 165 persons on the flight. It was the only flight of the year but they are accepting applications for 2023.

We saw POW/MIA wreaths at the Marine Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Navy Memorial and Arlington. Because it was POW/MIA Day, I had the privilege of saying a few words at the Friday night dinner. It was also Constitution Day and we saw that faded document.

I most enjoyed the Honor Guard ceremony at the WW II memorial, the changing of the guard at Arlington and the ceremony accompanying the changing of flags at Fort McHenry.

The welcome when getting off the Allegiant Charter flight at Baltimore was unexpected. The welcome at the Salt Lake Airport was tremendous, emotional and noisy event with family and many organizations present. It was on TV and can be seen on Facebook, Utah Honor Flight page. Thanks, Paula and Steve, for being there to welcome us home.



Jay Hess



American Legion Auxiliary



Deb Hansen

What a terrific picnic we had in September! The food and the company were so much fun and it was great to be together in person! We appreciate our District President swearing in our officers! Judy and I go back over 30 years as we both worked in the Ogden School District. She and her husband are devoted members of the Legion family! I was so proud of our Post at the 9/11 ceremony at Forbush Park in Farmington. We really provide something very special to any event we are privileged to be part of.

It is exciting that the Veterans Holiday Gift Shop will be held again this December. Stay tuned for the dates and we will send out an email with a list of items you could donate. This is a special gift for our Veterans to be able to shop for their families! Look for information to come via email on our meeting schedule! We know with COVID, that in person meeting may not be everyone's first choice so we are setting up Zoom links also!

Happy 68th anniversary to Frank and Bev Ferrante and a little bird told me that the Lennartz's will be celebrating 67! The Layton's too are celebrating! (I think 57 years?!)

Thank you for all you do to support our Unit, our Post, and our Veterans! With great admiration!



American Legion Auxiliary Food Drive



HELP THE FAMILIES OF HILL AIR FORCE BASE BY DONATING TO THE "AIRMAN'S ATTIC" FOOD BANK

ITEMS NEEDED

**DRY CEREAL – INSTANT OATMEAL – GRANOLA – CANNED FRUIT – APPLESAUCE – NOODLES/PASTA/SAUCE
RICE – BEANS – CANNED SOUPS – CANNED VEGGIES – CRACKERS – PEANUT BUTTER – JAM/JELLY
BABY FOOD – FORMULA – DIAPERS/PULL-UPS – SHAMPOO – CONDITIONER – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
TOILET PAPER**

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Rue House – 792 Grain Street, Kaysville
(Bin on front porch)

OR

Stephenson House – 1258 Eagle Way, Fruit Heights
(Blue bin on front porch)

Legion Laffs BY KENT HANSEN

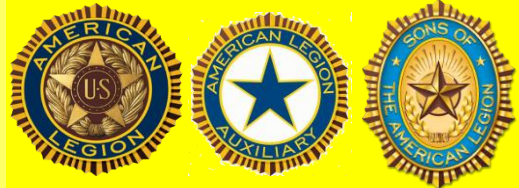


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 website at

www.post27.org



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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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4. Enter ZIP Code.



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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

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____

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

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

30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

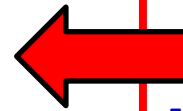
Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From \$ **\$35.00** for **21** 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:

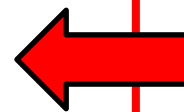
Male Spouse Female Spouse Mother Grandmother Sister Self
 Daughter Granddaughter

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 _____ 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.

