



AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

Farmington, Utah

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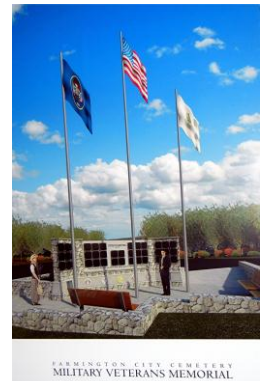
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Jim Hefner:

Comrades, welcome to September and the beginning of our fall activities. I hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend. Outside of our regular Post meeting this Thursday, September 8th, we have a fun activity on September 17 at the Miller Motorsports Park. If you haven't asked for free tickets yet, please contact Paula Stephenson, our Post Adjutant. We must have a firm headcount in order to request the tickets ahead of time. 9-11 Patriot Day and POW-MIA Recognition Day are also two days to be involved with activities. I look forward to seeing you.

Work has started on the Military Veterans Memorial at the Farmington City Cemetery, with a target dedication date of November 11, 2011 (11/11/11). Post 27 is starting a fund raising campaign for this long awaited memorial. Our goal is to donate \$1,000 towards this project, an idea that starting with members of Post 27. We will also be donating the first set of flags which include a U.S. Flag, POW-MIA Flag, and a Utah State Flag. Donations can be made to "American Legion Post 27" and mark in the note section "Veterans Memorial Campaign". Send to our Finance Officer, John Sheets at 1368 W. Fairway Circle, Farmington, UT 84025. We will get out a campaign letter to everyone soon.



POST BUSINESS / INFORMATION



2nd Vice Cdr. William Huber:

Information about the upcoming Oratorical Contest and Utah Boys State 2012 was presented to the principals of Viewmont High and Davis High. Please encourage any high school students you know to participate in these great American Legion programs. The Oratorical Contest is scheduled for early January, and Boys/Girls State is early June. It is not too early to get them motivated.



Adjutant Paula Stephenson: The American Legion Nation Convention in Minneapolis last month was enlightening and overwhelming. Because of our large membership numbers (approximately 2.5 million members), we have a very big influence with our legislators. And whether you like President Obama or not, he was there, spoke at the Convention, and The Legion has his ear. There are many good people within the American Legion doing good things for our armed forces and our veterans. The Utah delegation was one small part of that. Our membership dues helps us accomplish these good deeds. Keep those membership renewals coming—be proud of belonging to The American Legion.

We have had a lull in our Post doing Military Funeral Honors. Post 27 has not performed any since May. If you are aware of any Veteran being buried in the Kaysville, Farmington, Centerville or Bountiful cemeteries and would like the Military Funeral Honors, please let the families know. John Sheets is our point of contact for arrangements and he can be contacted at 801-549-8596 or me at 801-444-7189. This is a *free* service we perform for our Veterans.

There will be a Celebrity Golf Tournament at Coral Canyon Golf Course, Washington, UT on September 23-24. This will raise funds for the new VA Nursing Home that is being built in Ivins, UT (St George area). See attached flyer and registration form.

Anyone needing membership brochures and American Legion applications, let one of the officers know. Dues are \$30 annually, and checks are made payable to "American Legion Post 27".

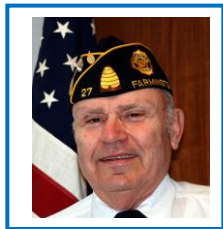


Finance Officer-Post 27/Commander, District 2 John Sheets: As you may or may not know, it is now possible to renew your membership online at www.legion.org/renew. We are still working out the state and Post level kinks in this new system, and the Adjutant will get your official 2012 Membership card to you as soon as possible.

The financial health of the Post is reasonable for now with minor mail expenses yet to be paid. We have been asked by the City of Farmington to contribute a U.S. Flag and a POW-MIA flag for the new Farmington Veterans Memorial at the cemetery. The Post has also agreed to

contribute \$1,000 toward the memorial fund. A fund raising letter for this campaign will provide more information soon.

Do you know of anyone who would like a flag for a small donation? We have many different sizes and materials. The prices cannot be beat anywhere.



Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Lennartz:

Post 27 outing at the Miller Motorsports Park – corrected date is Saturday, September 17. We meet at the main gate promptly at 10:00 A.M. and go in as a group. The first thing we will do is have a tour of the Miller Car Museum. ***Please let Paula or Chuck know how many tickets you need not later than September 7.*** Contact them at 801-444-7189 . Tickets are free but we need to know how many to order. Thanks. Flyer and map are attached.

Training Officer Paula Stephenson:



Bronze medallions (5-inch, 3-inch, 1 ½ inch) for civilian headstones signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran are now available. Information and an application (VA Form 40-1330) are available at www.va.gov > Veterans Services > Burials & Memorials > Headstones & Markers. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact me at (801)444-7189, and I will mail you the application and instructions. If you need help, we have volunteers that can assist you. **NOTE: A sample will be on display at our regular meetings.**

DID YOU KNOW?

West Point and the Naval Academy have a football rivalry spanning more than a century. How did the tradition begin? It dates back to an 1890 bet by Naval Academy football players against their Army counterparts, according to the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau. Cadets accepted the challenge and promptly lost. The Army-Navy game quickly became an annual tradition. But it almost ended in 1893, when a fight broke out after the game between a rear admiral and brigadier general that almost ended in a duel. The war secretary and

the Navy secretary subsequently decided to ban the teams from playing each other, a ban that lasted through 1898. After the five-year interruption, Army and Navy resumed playing, with a city about halfway between the two academies – Philadelphia – serving as primary host. (Extracted from The Army Times, 8/29/11).

AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Interested in participating with the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Flag Ceremonies? Dale Crockett will be discussing how Post 27 will be participating in this great youth program.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 8th, 6:30 pm, Davis County Courthouse, Rm 114, Farmington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST:

- Sep 8 – Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)
- Sep 8-18 Utah State Fair, Salt Lake City
- Sep 11 – Patriot Day
- Sep 16 – POW-MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 17 – Post 27 Outing to Miller Sports Park
- Sept 18 – U.S. Air Force established
- Sept 18 – Gold Star Family Remembrance Sunday
- Oct 13 - Post 27 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M., Davis County Courthouse, Room 114, Farmington (enter East side of the building)