

The American Legion Centennial Post



September 2018 The Official Newsletter of Post 27 ★ Squadron 27 ★ Unit 27 ★ Farmington, UT www.post27.org

Post 27 Programs & Activities

- Flag Education
- High School Constitution Oratorical Scholarship Contest
- American Legion Utah Boys State & American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
- Military Funeral Honors
- Sons of The American Legion
- 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
- DTC-Davis Tech Veterans Center support
- VA Outreach support at Post
- Medal of Honor Character Development Program in Davis County schools
- POW/MIA updates
- Meet The Candidate sponsor
- Farmington/Kaysville Cemetery Flag project
- Memorial Day weekend
- Parade participation
- American Legion charities support

Commander's Corner

PATRIOT DAY...EVERY DAY

At 8:46 am on September 11, 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 slammed into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Only 17 minutes later, United Flight 175 ripped into floors 75 to 85 of the South Tower. Thirty four minutes more passed before American Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

Every decent person on the planet shuddered at the heinous and cowardly attack that targeted innocent civilians. These intolerant terrorists declared war on America because we do not worship in the same way they do; they hate us because our system of democracy works and the government of tyranny they espouse does not.

The intent of the 9/11 attacks sought to bring our country to its knees. Instead, though staggered, Americans rose as one to face the foe. First responders dashed into the stricken towers, intent on saving lives, only to have those very towers collapse on them. We Americans responded as we did after Pearl Harbor: with a united front to confront an enemy determined to destroy freedom and democracy.



through The American Legion, we continue to serve the country we love. As we bring our first 100 years to a close, we can feel justifiable pride in the GI Bill of Rights, the U.S. Flag Code, the Veterans Administration, Boys State, Legion Baseball, disability benefits for victims of Agent Orange and a host of other services for veterans, all of which originated with The American Legion. So as we observe Patriot Day this September 11, let us remember that patriotism is not just something to be celebrated once a year, but rather a creed by which to live every day of every year. We are The American Legion, Veterans still serving for God and Country.



Kent Hansen

These attacks brought to the surface a spirit that has propelled American GIs from our country's birth to today and into the future. For many of us, that spirit has never died and,



1st Vice Commander



Ron Jugenitz

Summer is ending and kids are back in school. The Flag Retirement held at Davis Fair grounds in August was a success with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, Army National Guard Special Forces, Farmington Fire Department and the Army National Guard quartet providing music, over three hundred flags were properly retired.

It is now time to concentrate on the next functions that are soon to be upon us. Post 27 will have our Officers and Auxiliary visit High Schools to promote Boys State and Girls State to the Principal and Councilors. Next June we want to increase the number of students that attend these important and exciting learning events. Any Legion or Auxiliary member that wants to become a counselor at Boys State or Girls State and hasn't done so in the past is invited. It's a great opportunity and lots of fun, watching the students grow in the five days is exciting.

The next Post 27 meeting is September 6 which will be a combined Post and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meeting at 6:30 PM in room 116. Then on September 15 we will have our Post Picnic at 5:00 PM at Heritage Park Pavilion, 1591 N. 1075 West, Farmington.

The October meeting has a change of date. It will be on Wednesday 10 October in Room 131A, Auditorium, in the Davis County Administration Building. The time will be 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM and the students from this year's Boys State and Girls State will speak and tell us about their week at Weber State University this past June. It will be a fun evening listening to their stories. The American Legion has been sponsoring Boys State since its foundation in 1935. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the similar but separate program Girls State.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Sep. 3 – Labor Day. *Fly the flag.*

Sep. 6 – Auxiliary Unit 27 Meeting. 6:00 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 114.

Sep. 6 – Combined Post 27 & SAL meeting, 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Sep. 10 – Veterans Resource Fair. 4:00 to 7:00 pm, Hill Aerospace Museum.

Sep. 11 – Patriot Day. *Fly the flag.*

Sep. 15 – Post 27 Picnic, 5:00 pm, Heritage Park Pavilion, 1591 N 1075 W, Farmington, (west of Hwy 89)

Sep. 21 – POW/MIA Recognition Day. *Fly the flag.*

Oct. 6 – SAL Meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Memorial Courthouse, Room 116.

Oct. 10 – Special Post 27 Meeting. 6:30 pm, Davis County Municipal Building (*across the parking lot from the Memorial Courthouse*), Room 131. *This is the gathering of Boys and Girls State graduates who will be reporting on their experience. Don't miss this one.*

2nd Vice Commander

Many thanks to all who made our 6th Annual Flag Retirement and Military Tribute such a success. The hard work of the Post 27 Legionnaires and Sons really paid off. We are especially grateful to the Davis County Fair staff, the 19th Special Forces National Guard unit, the wonderful 23rd Army Band, the Farmington Fire Department, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all those who attended. I want to give a special thanks to Miss Kaysville 1st Attendant Olivia Egan who stepped in at the last minute to sing our national anthem. This event proves once again The American Legion motto: For God and Country.



William Huber



See more Flag Retirement photos on Page 4.

Adjutant

Membership is Our Lifeblood!

American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Sep. 2018.

2019 GOAL	PUFL	REGULAR	ONLINE	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
120	14	39	14	3	1	71	59%



Dale Crockett

Sons of the American Legion Membership: Statistics are membership numbers through 1 Sep. 2018.

2019 GOAL	REGULAR	NEW	TRANSFERS	2019 TOTAL	PERCENT OF GOAL
46	28	0	0	28	61%

Please keep your membership renewals coming. Our \$35.00 annual dues for Membership Year 2019 is due now.

Don't miss any opportunity to recruit for Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and Eagle Scholarship applications.

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 dalecrockett@yahoo.com.

The Post 27 Centennial Post

is published monthly for members of Post 27, SAL Squadron 27, Auxiliary Unit 27 and friends of The American Legion.

Editor: Kent Hansen

Please have your submissions in by the last week of the month prior to publication.

Submit to: kenthansen7@gmail.com



Sergeant-at-Arms



David Layton

SHOUTOUT "Thank You All" for your participation with Military Funeral Honors (MFH) and American Flag Retirement during August. The Veterans families are so appreciative of the MFH for their Loved One. This is the Patriotic Tribute for the service rendered for our Country. Like the MFH for our Veterans, the Annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony is the Patriotic Tribute to the symbol of our country. With respect, our nations Flag is burned in a very Solomon Ceremony.

These ceremonies cannot happen without each one of us doing our part. Look for ways you can continue to serve Post 27.

Training Officer (Past National Vice Commander)



Paula Stephenson

To Members of Post 27's American Legion Family,

I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support this year as I traveled throughout the U.S. for my duties as one of The American Legion National Vice Commanders. My husband, Chuck, needs the biggest thank you for holding down the fort at home during all of my travels and supporting me with everything. I was able to visit 11 of the 15 Legion Departments in the Western Region. Due to distance and funding, I was unable to visit Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines, and Mexico (Mexico/Central/South America).

You were a great influence in my travels, as I was able to share experiences from the Post level. You kept me grounded. You were my inspiration. That is how it should be. Membership and programs for our communities, veterans, youth, and national security start at the Post level.

Post 27 does this well in many areas. In representing our great National Commander Denise Rohan, I was able to attend the American Legion Baseball Western Tournament in Denver, the 20th anniversary celebration of the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA), Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, and the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

The American Legion will be celebrating its 100th birthday this coming year, and Post 27 is ready for the next century. I am proud of our Post, and proud that #27 was on my red hat. The rule says I can only be in the National Vice Commander's position for one year/for life, so I will continue to still serve America with Post 27 and anything else that sparks my passion. No, I will not be going on to serve as National Commander. The travel involved with that job would kill me ☺. I am still

Post 27 Training Officer and Unit 27 Treasurer. I hope I can be a spark that ignites your passion with this great organization. We are all Family. We can do this together. **Thank you.**

IN OTHER NEWS

New House Bill H.R. 299, expands benefits to the Blue Water Navy Veterans. If you served in-country between 1962 – 1975, there is presumed exposure to Agent Orange along with a medical diagnosis, and you may be eligible for benefits through the VA. You should make an appointment to file a claim with the VA Outreach representative that comes to our Post two times a month (385-272-8852).

Sign up for the **American Legion Dispatch**. It won the Bronze Award for website Editorial Excellence in the Association of Media and Publishing. Go to www.legion.org to sign up for The Dispatch or www.legion.org/newsletters.



Left: Flag Retirement Speakers Stand: (L-R) Post 27 1st VC Ron Jugenitz, National VC Paula Stephenson, Post 27 Cdr Kent Hansen, 23rd Army Band.

Below: Flag Retirement participants salute as worn flags are retired.

Right: Olivia Egan, Miss Kaysville 1st Attendant, who sang our national Anthem.



POW/MIA News

45th Anniversary of Freedom

Last month (Aug 16-19) about 140 former POW's assembled at Frisco, Texas (25 minute drive NE of Dallas-Ft Worth airport) to celebrate their 45th Anniversary of Freedom from the Prisons of Vietnam. It was heartwarming for me to hug former cellmates but sobering to accept the fact that we knew each other as young men and that now we are old.

Unexpectedly, appreciative Vietnamese-Americans provided an elaborate lunch for us. They referred to themselves as "U.S. Armed Forces Association of Vietnamese-Americans." There were many expressions of gratitude for our support in their civil war. There were also horror stories resulting from the U.S. withdrawal. I was flattered by their wanting to have their picture taken with me. I was surprised at their energy and education. At least one I met was a lawyer and several are running for political offices.



Jay Hess



Our group visited the Bush Presidential Library and Museum, the amazing Cavanaugh Flight Museum, the Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters, Ross Perot's Legacy Hall and his Circle T Ranch complete with wonderful food, music, airshow including B-52s and insightful observations from a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Dr. Roger E. Shields was the speaker for the Farewell Banquet Dinner at the Omni Frisco Hotel. He was in charge of and oversaw the planning and execution of Operation Homecoming in 1973. He was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for P.O.W.-M.I.A. Affairs from 1971 to 1976. He was the Pentagon Official leading the Task Group in charge of accounting for those who did not return. He lives in Georgia, grew up in Florida, married a girl from Heber City, Utah and has a summer home near Oakley, Utah.

Jay Hess in a mock-up of his cell in the Hanoi Hilton at the Hill AFB Aerospace Museum.

There were 662 of us that were held captive in Vietnam that got out alive. Seventy three military POW's died in captivity. Officially, 28 of the 73 died in North Vietnam where the Hanoi Hilton and other prisons were located. The conditions in jungles camps of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were crueler.

We remembered those who didn't come home with us.



Legion Nuggets

Sept. 1, 1966

The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. Today, the Legion urges a full accounting of all POWs and troops missing in action; and has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.

American Legion Auxiliary



Deb Hefner Hansen

Thank you for your hard work on the Flag Retirement Ceremony! It is so great to be a part of the American Legion family, especially Post 27!

There were some very cool posts last week on Facebook about the reunion that Jay and Michelle Hess attended in Texas of POW's...there were some gorgeous family pictures of Jay and his beautiful ladies! We look forward to hearing all about it from Michelle at our next meeting!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 6 at 6 pm at the Courthouse! Our Fall Picnic will be on Saturday, September 15, at 5 pm at the Heritage Park in Farmington...we will have brisket and pulled pork! The rest will be potluck and if it's like last year, there will be very yummy food there!

I have a source for getting us American Legion Auxiliary golf shirts at a very reasonable price and we can have our Unit #27 embroidered on it. The price may be less than \$25 and we can choose the golf shirt color...so at our meeting, please be ready to bring your size and we can get them ordered!

Thank you for renewing your membership and thanks to Paula for getting the membership cards out! See you all on the 6th!



**SGT.
SAGE
SEZ:**

***"Teamwork is essential,
it gives them someone
else to shoot at."***

Sons of the American Legion



In September, we will be focusing on **Citizenship**, which is **Point 2** on the **Five Star Award**. Last month the focus was on **Patriotism, Point 1**. If you have not met with Commander Craig on this Point, do it soon so you can get credit for it. The Five Star Award is designed to help SAL members demonstrate perfection in the Five Point Program of Service. As the SAL members completes each point on the Star, they will receive a Star inscribed with that point. When the member receives all five stars, he will be awarded the **Five Star Metal** for perfection in the SAL work.



Ron Craig
SAL Squadron 27
Commander

Citizenship

1. Recite or write the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America. Write an essay on what it means to you. (Optional essay)

Answer - *We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

2. What date is set aside to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States? Name the five members of the committee chosen to write the Declaration of Independence.

Answer - September 17. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert R. Livingston.

3. Recite or write the American's Creed. (Optional) Write an essay on what it means to you.

Answer - *I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.*

4. Name the mayor and members of your city council; the state governor; the congressional representative from your district; and the two U.S. senators from the state. Attend and report on a meeting of the city's governing body.

Answer – **Farmington:** Mayor Jim Talbot; City Council: Brett Anderson, Doug Anderson, Brigham Mellor, Cory Ritz, Rebecca Wayment. **Centerville:** Mayor Clark Wilkinson; City Council: William "Bill" Ince, Stephanie Ivie, George McEwan, Robyn Meacham, Tami Fillmore. **Kaysville:** Mayor Katie Witt; City Council: Dave Adams, Jake Garn, Larry Page, Michelle Barber, Stroh Decaire. **Fruit Heights:** Mayor John M. Pohlman; City Council: Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Julia Busche, Jeanne Groberg, Brandon Halliday. **Utah:** Governor Gary Herbert. **House of Representatives:** Either Rob Bishop or Chris Stewart, depending on where you live. **Senate:** Orin Hatch and Mike Lee.

5. What are the three divisions of government provided for in the Constitution of the United States?

Answer - Executive (enforces the laws), Legislative (makes the laws), and Judicial (interprets the laws).

6. Assist the sponsoring post and other agencies in a non-partisan "Get Out the Vote" campaign.

Examples: newspaper ads, fliers and such, urging the public to vote for the candidate of their choice.

7. Assist nonprofit campaigns such as United Way, Red Cross, etc.

8. Participate in oratorical and essay contests on citizenship subjects. These contests are sponsored by both The American Legion and Auxiliary. Students may enter either one for credit.

9. Participate in religious activities. Give a brief written report.

10. Encourage your associates of the benefits of being thrifty.



National POW/MIA Recognition Day



Legion Laughs



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

 Find us on
Facebook
or the link from our
Post website at
www.post27.org.



Take advantage of our Veterans Outreach Program

Every first and third Wednesday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, a representative of the Department of Veteran and Military Affairs 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.

Veterans Outreach Schedule

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
5 & 19	3 & 17



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





Please Join us
Congressman Rob Bishop's
2nd Annual
Veterans Resource Fair

Monday, September 10, 2018
4pm - 7pm

Hill Aerospace Museum

7961 Wardleigh Rd
Hill AFB, UT 84056

Veterans and their families can learn more about their benefits and have questions answered directly by representatives from federal, state, and local agencies and veteran advocacy organizations.

Opening remarks by Congressman Rob Bishop
Complimentary refreshments provided



AMERICAN LEGION Post 27 Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 15, 5:00 pm

Heritage Park Pavilion

1591 N 1075 W, Farmington, (west of Hwy 89)

*Legionnaires, Auxiliary,
Sons of the American Legion
Family & Friends*



BBQ meats provided by Post 27
plus Potluck foods/desserts/beverages

Please **RSVP** not later than

Monday, September 10

with # people coming & potluck item

Paula Stephenson: 801-589-2871 (voice or TXT)

or email: stphnsnc@aol.com