



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Utah

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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Dear Comrades,

November 22, 2022

THANK YOU! Over the days surrounding Veterans Day, many of you have stepped up, going above and beyond to show The American Legion Flag with your presence and participation at numerous events and activities across the State of Utah. Your willingness to volunteer; demonstrate some of our military rituals, and share some of your wonderful, oftentimes colorful stories, illustrates just how inspirational you are and how dedicated you remain. As a fellow veteran, I cannot be prouder to be associated with you and counted among your ranks. Through your selfless efforts, you symbolize all the positive characteristics that our fellow citizens love and respect about their veterans.

JOB WELL DONE!

Moving forward: I believe the key to our success is and always will be communication, communication, and communication. Far, far too often we're failing to get the word out, failing to get information to every member of our organization. This challenge is not insurmountable, we just need to exert an effort and make contacting all our comrades on an ongoing basis a priority. I'm challenging every Post to design and implement some type of a phone-tree, email-chain, text-party, group of willing door-knockers; really a combination of all the above. Let us commit to making sure that none of our Legion family remains uninformed, unaware, in the dark. Instituting and executing an ongoing comm-plan will reap untold numbers of members willing to help, that are just waiting to be invited and welcomed in.

As you well know, our membership year comes to an end December 31st. At that point on the calendar, we should all have our dues for 2023 paid up. I respectfully request that you make a concerted effort to communicate with our Legion family members. If they're paid up thank them and if not ask them to please submit their payment and remain a member in good standing. Remind them that the lion's share of their dues really does go to help The American Legion keep our promise to advocate for and help veterans. Dues paid equals lives saved. Tell your comrades that if they're looking for a great Christmas gift, pay someone's 2023 membership dues, in fact pay a bunch of them.

While engaged in this American Legion business, it seems there really is no rest for the weary. We have a full agenda through the holidays and well into the new year. I have included with this letter a list of significant items, lots of places where you and your comrades can get involved.

All the best to you and your loved ones, have a great holiday season.

Thanks for your service and continued membership.

Doug Case

Doug Case,
Department Commander

Copy to: Adjutant & PDCs

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

*** The National Commander is scheduled to visit Utah March 16 - 19*** More to follow....

Our National Vice Commander has requested dates, times & places where he can visit. If anyone has something they'd like to include him in, please let me know as soon as possible.

- Department Training Thursdays. Zoom platform. If you don't get a zoom link, contact your commander or adjutant for a copy. We'll accommodate the first 100.
October was American Legion Basis Course completion (all-hands)
Thursday November 3, 6:00 pm, Membership Eligibility & How to Process Dues
Thursday December 1, 6:00 pm, MyLegion for Posts and who to report to.
Thursday January 5, 6:00 pm, How to run a Meeting.
Thursday February 2, 6:00 pm, Utah Boys State
Thursday March 2, 6:00 pm, Learning the Legion Basics, (Pillars & Programs)
Thursday April 6, 6:00 pm, Keeping your Post current
Thursday May 4, 6:00 pm, Purpose of Conventions.
Training Thursdays will go on hold for the summer and start up again in September.
- The 3rd Edition of our Department Newsletter will be published early January. Deadline for submission is December 21. The Blue Hatter is your newsletter, we really want stories from members. Copies of the Blue Hatter are available on our website, (www.utlegion.org/news).
- Registration for Utah Boys State class of 2023 will open on the boys' state website (www.utahboysstate.org) on or about January 3, 2023, registration will close April 16, 2023. Student cost will be \$325 each. Posts will receive a letter in the next couple of weeks with more information. All schools will get a letter following Post notification. Please plan to make a concerted effort to help fill student seats, 300 boys are our goal. We need counselors and staff, it's your program and a great experience.
- Department Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2023. Time and location to be determined. If you're considering a bid for a job (elected) as well as all committee chairs (appointed) the DEC meeting would be a good opportunity to make your intentions/desires known.
- Department Oratorical Contest is scheduled for March 4, 2023, in Provo. It's a great scholarship opportunity for students. Now is the time to be fully engaged in your schools.
- District Spring Conventions March – May. Please plan to attend as many conventions as you can, especially the meeting in your district.
- March 4, 2023, District 6 convention Salina.
- March 25, 2023, District 5 convention. TBD
- April 1, 2023, District 8 convention. TBD
- April 8, 2023, District 1 convention. TBD
- April 15, 2023, District 7 convention TBD
- April 22, 2023, District 9 convention TBD
- May 6, 2023, District 3 convention TBD
- May 13, 2023, District 2 convention TBD
- Boys State 2023 dates June 11 – 16, 2023, Weber State Campus. We need counselors!
- Department Convention June 23, 24, 25, 2023, held in Provo, hosted by Post 13. Please get the word out and plan to show support by your attendance. All department level elections will be held at convention.

District 4 date, time & place TBD
