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From the Commander's Desk,

HEADS UP!! Post 3 now has a website, [www.americanlegionpost3.org](http://www.americanlegionpost3.org), which should be up shortly. The site will be populated with future newsletters (can be emailed, too), photographs, schedule of events, links to services, and other good-to-know information.

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Post 3 hosted its annual dinner celebrating the American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The well-attended rib dinner was held at the Active Re-Entry Center.

On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Post 3 hosted District 5's annual meeting; most active Posts in the District attended. Guests included Department Commander Hayes Stromness, Dept Vice Commander Marti Bigbie, Dept National Executive Committee member Terry Schow, Alternate NEC Richard Fisher, as well as Auxiliary Utah 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Stacey Campbell, and Unit 3 President Lenda Leek and their respective members. At least 34 persons sat down to enjoy lunch, and over 40 in attendance.

Discussions included: raising community awareness of veterans and veterans' needs (VA and otherwise); reaching out and recruiting new members to keep the largest veterans' lobbying organization alive and strong to advocate for improving veteran support in local, state and national legislatures; Boys State; a vote for the new District Commander, and; local VA health care, among others. Many of the issues presented have been passed before in previous Post Newsletters.

Other great news, every Post within District 5 reach 100% of membership goals and received awards and certificates for the same; District 5 was the first district within the state to reach this 100% goal. And, in case you've not heard by now, I was selected District 5's Commander, a two-year posting.

**For the Good of the Legion.** If you come across fellow Legionnaires who are not members of our Post, please encourage them to transfer in; it'll most likely cost the same or less, and they too will get to know what is going on and how to participate.

### **Remember the Difference:**

Memorial Day -Honors all Veterans who died in service to our nation.  
POW / MIA Day -Honors all service members who serve and remain unaccounted for.  
Armed Forces Day-Honors all service members currently serving our nation.  
Veterans Day -Honors all Veterans who have served our nation.

**VA Medical.** Regarding local VA health care (or not), please call or write to me IF YOU obtain VA medical care at the VA facility in Grand Junction or Moab. Knowing why and how many veterans seek care elsewhere is paramount. Consolidating your complaint data, passing it to NEC Terry Schow (who meets regularly to the VA Salt Lake City Director's office directly and just learned of Price Clinic's service and staff complaints) is the only way to affect change. Walking away does nothing!

**Post Elections.** On Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Post #3 will take nominations for elections of officers (Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Vice Commander). On Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, nominations will again be open, then closed for elections held during the regular meeting. Please come ready to volunteer- or nominate a comrade for a position, and then vote. Come all challengers to further the Post's future!

**Veteran Community Awareness.** As mentioned in the last newsletter, I've been reaching out to Price City Council, Carbon County Commission, and USU-E staff to increase their awareness of veterans, their needs and both known and unknown resources in Castle Country. USU-E's first meeting efforts saw over 70 attendees; unfortunately, the meeting one month later saw only seven. This is nothing new in getting anything started in the world; lots of faces want to be seen as being interested, but only a few actually will aid in accomplishing a goal. In case you've not learned about me, I like challenges.

### **Veteran News.**

The American Legion. Two legislative efforts before congress include expanding eligibility of veterans who served outside the times of identified conflicts (between the wars); one would open the doors to the VA, and the second would open the doors (block by our Congressional Charter) to open membership to those same men and women who wore the uniforms and served our nation, preparing for the worst, many losing their lives and many more receiving injuries in training and operations during the Cold War.

Medical. (VA) Influenza significantly increased the risk of hospitalization for heart failure, according to a study of more than 450,000 adults, which was published in the March 27 issue of Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)/Cardiology, and headed by a Minneapolis Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researcher.

Agent Orange – Blue Water Navy. Several Veteran Service Organizations have sent a letter to President Trump requesting that he direct Department of Justice NOT to appeal the U.S. Appeals Court for the Federal Circuit decision in *Procopio v. Wilkie*, decided on January 29, 2019. This decision recognizes that Blue Water Navy veterans have been exposed to the Agent Orange herbicide and makes them eligible for VA benefits. [This effort does not rely on current legislation floating through Congress.]

Navy. (NCOA) The U.S. Navy is proposing to decommission its six oldest cruisers [of 22], in 2021-22 at or near the end of their 35-year service lives; there is no replacement plan for the largest combatants with 122 vertical launch systems cells. This comes at a time when the Navy needs as many missiles downrange as it can field as it squares off with the threat of Chinese and Russian anti-ship missiles.

Marines. (NCOA) Lt. Gen. David Berger has been nominated to receive a fourth star and serve as the service's 38th commandant. Berger, a three-star general and career infantry officer who has spent decades leading troops through some of his service's most important strategic operations, currently heads up Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Virginia, which develops warfighting doctrine. The current commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert Neller, will come to the end of his four-year term this fall.

American Indian Veterans. (NCOA) A \$15 million steel and stone structure, called the "Warriors' Circle of Honor," will be built outside the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian on the Mall and open next year to honor the more than 156,000 active military service members and veterans who are Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Transferred in from Post 8 (Department): Robert Olson and Dale Bradley

Military Honors Rendered (\*Legionnaire)

February	None	
March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen Wooden, US Army
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Simpson, US Army Air Corps, WWII
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Louis Whimpey, US Army, WWII
April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gerald Mills, Army National Guard
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lawrence "Floyd" Seal, US Army
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond Richens, US Navy, Korean War

Post Activities

March	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day Parade
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	National Association of Letter Carriers' State Convention



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Hello everyone from the American Legion Auxiliary!!! Hope everyone is having a great year so far. We wanted to invite all the ladies who have ever wondered about our organization to our meeting on April 12th at 11:00 am at JB's in Price. We would love you see you there!! For any questions please call Lenda Leek or Stacey Campbell.

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**Calendar.** The American Legion Meetings begin at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly (excepting July and August).

### Dates to Remember:

- April 5<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Spouses' (Wives') Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Post 3 HG will present the colors at the National Association of Letter Carriers state conference to held at the Ramada Inn.  
9<sup>th</sup> Appomattox Day – The day the Civil War ended, 1865  
14<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve Birthday, since 1948  
23<sup>rd</sup> Army Reserve Birthday, since 1908
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Loyalty Day, since 1921  
1<sup>st</sup> Silver Star Service Banner Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Prayer  
8<sup>th</sup> VE – Victory in Europe  
18<sup>th</sup> US Armed Forces Day – Recognize those Serving our Nation now. Say thank you to anyone serving our nation today.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Carbon High School, Colors Presented at Commencement  
27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – Recognize those who died in Service to our Nation. Post 3 will conduct Memorial Day services at cemetery/ies in Helper, Price, Wellington and East Carbon. All those able should attend to support those veterans who have died while in uniform and show the community we still care.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> D-Day, 1944  
14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day, since 1916. Post 3 will host a Flag Day ceremony and properly retire any US flag brought forth.  
14<sup>th</sup> Army's Birthday, since 1775  
21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Department of Utah Convention. District 7 will host this year's annual meeting at the Desert Garden Inn: 1450 So. Hilton Dr., St. George.  
25<sup>th</sup> Korean War began in 1950
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, since 1776

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