



POST 90 GAZETTE

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POST MEETING

**** NO POTLUCK IN AUGUST ****



The General membership meeting and potluck will resume on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 PM - Picnic Style!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 08 - Auxiliary Meeting
- Aug 14 - Executive Meeting
- Aug 18 thru Aug 23 - Legacy Run (American Legion Riders)
- Aug 24 thru Aug 30 - National American Legion/Auxiliary convention



DON'T FORGET, IT IS TIME TO PAY OUR ANNUAL DUES STARTING JULY 1ST FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR.

You can pay online or send to the American Legion (address on notice from American Legion). Please pay early and get it out of the way. Membership dues NOT PAID by December 31st, 2018 will cause membership to expire. Any questions, call Marti.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Salt Lake City Regional Office's Outreach Team will be hosting a benefits Fair on the following date:

Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Veterans Center 1664 S Dixie Drive, Suite C-102. The VA will be assisting filling out forms and answering questions regarding benefits to include:

- Service Connected disability
- Non Service Connected Pension
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Survivor benefits
- Burial benefits

St George Sentinels 2018 Walks Away Victorious Over Pleasant Grove Legion in High-Scoring Game, 11-8

NEW SMILES FOR VETERANS

This program established by Dennis Matthews, 435-851-3317 to help VETERANS with Dental Care. He has 2 Dentists in St George Area that are willing to help Veterans. If interested call Dennis and he can set you up with appointments.



Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to All who have renewed their membership on line and to those who have sent in the renewal checks to the PO. A BIG THANK YOU.

We have a long way to go but keep in mind that after December 31st your membership for 2018-2019 will expire. At the recent Department Convention District 7 was awarded the 2019 (100th year) Convention to be held in St George. If anyone would like to work or be involved in the planning please call Marti.



The Baseball team is still playing and we have a few games that the Ritual Team will be posting Colors.

Please drink a lot of water, stay cool, and we will get through the heat and storms. There has been some damage due to flooding to members homes so be careful.

District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

Now that all the membership packages have been delivered - it is time to start forwarding the membership dues when received. You will receive the weekly reports in a couple weeks. During the 2018 Department Convention District 7 received a certificate for making of the 100% membership 2018 ending goal for All POSTS.

Also we had 100% CPR's. So THANK YOU all for the work put forth in making this happen.

Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to all who voted for me at the Department Convention for Vice Commander. I will do my best as your Vice Commander. If you have suggestions always willing to listen. After a careful review of current membership of each Post for the State of Utah and reviewing the potential members in each of the areas of the Posts, I have come up with a plan in hopes that UTAH will be number ONE for 2019. It's a Goal to strive for, Right.

Veteran Spotlight

Ted S. Baca

Utah State Commander, Veterans of Underage Military Service.

I was born in Holbrook, Arizona on 20 June 1932. My parents were originally from New Mexico. I was at the age of 15 when all of my buddies started getting the "Army Bug". I didn't want to be left out, I wanted to go too. The next thing I knew, we were at the recruiting station in Flagstaff, Arizona. One of my buddies even wanted to tell on me, but he didn't have to. I was 5 feet, 4 inches and weighed 111 pounds soaking wet with a pocket full of rocks. The recruiter took one look at me and told me to go home and eat a lot of bananas, so I did.



One month later, I went back to Flagstaff. This time they just asked me how much I weighed. I told them 135 pounds. So they said yes. I went through the line and passed everything until they asked for my birth certificate. Well, I didn't have one. I told them I was 17, but they wanted my Mother and Father's permission and proof of birth. So, here I go again, back home to Holbrook.

I got home and told my parents what was going on, and what I needed. Neither of them liked the idea. My Mom said I was too young, that I was only a baby. But we were having a hard time at home. My Father was not working, and I wanted to help. I told them I would send my pay home to them. So two months after I turned 16, my Dad said I could go, and there I went. At this time World War II was over, and my Mother was very sure that there was not going to be another war for a hundred years. This convinced her to say yes.

I returned to Flagstaff and was sworn into the Army on 4 September 1948. I was sent to Fort Ord, California for basic training. When we finished boot camp on 1 December 1948, most of my buddies were sent to Seattle Washington while we were waiting to ship. This went on for about 2 months. We were asked who wanted to go to the Far East, all hands went up. We were all getting webbed feet in Seattle.

Some of my friends went to the 24th Infantry Division, and the rest of us went to the 865th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. I was assigned to D Battery of the 865th in January 1949.

In July 1950, we were loaded on LST's and sent to Korea. D Battery was the first unit of the 865th to land in Korea. By this time, I was a Corporal. Within two months, I became a Sergeant-in-charge of two half-tracks, one armed with squad '50's and one with 40mm cannons. I was section chief. We went from Pusan to Pyongyang to the Yalu River and back. We provided support to the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions and the 1st Cavalry Division, guarding bridges and tunnels in North Korea. D Battery was the only unit of the 865th to see combat in North Korea.

We were at Kimpo (K-14) when we were informed that our enlistments had been extended for one year, the "Truman Year". I served in the 865th until December 1951.

At Age 19, I was discharged at Ford Devlin, Massachusetts, as a Staff Sergeant. I received the Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, the Japanese Occupation Medal and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Honor Guard After Action Reports

Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 4 PM at the Ivins City Cemetery, the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Kelly Tyson "Squid" Coulson a veteran of the U.S. Navy. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Firing Party fired their weapons on cue and sounded terrific with the synchronized opening and closing of the seven rifle bolts. Gerald Grosegner of Post 142 handled the Bugler duty and the Bugle Call of "Taps" has never sounded better. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by Don Raymond and by Foster Johnson, the "Fold" was precise and tight. The folded flag was presented to the next of kin by the Commander of the Honor Guard, Foster Johnson.

This Military Funeral Honors Ceremony was in my opinion, one of the best over all ceremonies our Honor Guard has ever done. After the ceremony, several of the family and friends of the deceased veteran expressed their heartfelt gratitude to various members of the American Legion Honor Guard for honoring their loved one. The Mortuary of Record was Pine View Mortuary.

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 0730 hours at the LDS Church on Valley View Drive in St. George the American Legion Color Guard participated in the Pioneer Day Breakfast Event put on by this LDS Church. Six Legionnaires reported for duty led by Foster Johnson who was the NCOIC of the Color Guard. Legionnaires participating in addition to Foster Johnson were Marti Bigbie, Bob Stevens, C.J. Iacona, and Terry Dunne. Bodie Bodenhamer handled the Bugler duty and played "To The Colors".

Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Issac W. Carling Memorial Park Cemetery in Colorado City, Arizona at 1:15 PM Mountain Daylight Saving Time the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Alvin Issac Black a U.S. Army Veteran who served in the War in Vietnam. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" for this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. Seven (7) Legionnaires reported for duty and made the 120 mile round trip drive to Colorado City, Arizona from St. George, Utah.

The two (2) Utah Army National Guard Honor Guardsmen were Sgt. Ty Delambert and Sgt. Darrell Adamson and they expertly folded the Casket Flag. The folded Casket Flag was presented to the next of kin by the detail NCOIC Sgt. Ty Delambert. The mortuary of record was Spilsbury Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 12:15 PM at the St. George Tonaquint Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Maurice "Morris" Vernon Wilson a 100 year old U.S. Army veteran of World War Two. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. Nine (9) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Ceremony. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail of Specialist 4th. Class Tyler Smith and Specialist 4th. Class Tori Taubgo expertly folded the Casket Flag. The folded Casket Flag was presented to the next of kin by American Legion Honor Guard NCOIC Foster Johnson.

As Maurice "Morris" Wilson was a Legionnaire, a Resolution of Transfer to Post Everlasting was prepared by Commander Marti Bigbie. The Resolution of Transfer was read and presented to the next of kin by Vice Commander Terry Dunne. The Mortuary of record was Metcalf Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 9 AM at the St. George Tonaquint Cemetery, the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Gary Eugene Salisbury a U.S. Army veteran. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail members were 2nd. Lieutenant Kenneth Hart and Specialist 4th. Class Tyler Smith. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. Twelve (12) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Casket Flag was folded by 5 members of the Dixie High School Air Force Jr. ROTC and were led by a Grandson of the deceased veteran. The Mortuary of record was McMillan Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Pine View High School Baseball Diamond the American Legion provided the "Color Guard" for the American Legion baseball game between the Dixie American Legion team and our St. George Sentinels. The Color Guard consisted of Color Guard NCOIC Foster Johnson, Bugler Gerry Gorsegner, Rifleman Terry Dunne, Rifleman Bodie Bodenhamer, U.S. Flag Commander Marti Bigbie, Utah Flag Jim Webb, and the American Legion Flag was carried by Don Oborn. Foster Johnson led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and to the Republic for which it stands. Bugler Gorsegner played "To the Colors" and never sounded better.

Monday, July 16, 2018 at 8:30 PM at the Dixie High School Baseball Diamond the American Legion Color Guard presented the Colors prior to the start of the American Legion Baseball Game between Roosevelt, Utah and our St. George Sentinels. As the Roosevelt players lined up on the first base line and our St. George Sentinel players lined up on the third base line the American Legion Color Guard marched onto the baseball diamond. The American Legion Color Guard was led by Foster Johnson who expertly handled all the necessary commands while Marti Bigbie carried our Stars and Stripes Flag, Bodie Bodenhamer handled the Utah State Flag and Terry Dunne carried the American Legion Flag. Riflemen were C.J. Iacona and Don Raymond. Gerald Gorsegner handled the Bugler duty and played "To The Colors" while Foster Johnson led all present in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to our Flag and to our Republic. All Legionnaires in attendance handled their assigned tasks flawlessly.

Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 12:40 PM at the St. George Tonaquint Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Nathaniel K. Nahinu Sr., a U.S. Army veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler for this Military Honors Ceremony. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard Specialist 4th. Class Miles Morrison and Sgt. Darrell Adamson. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard NCOIC Sgt. Ty Delambert presented the folded flag to the next of kin. Eleven (11) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Ceremony and all performed their assigned tasks with skill. This ceremony was well received by those family members and friends of the deceased U.S. Army veteran who expressed their gratitude to members of both the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard and to the American Legion Honor Guard personnel. The Mortuary of record was Affordable Funerals & Cremations of St. George, Utah.

Monday, July 09, 2018 at 8:30 PM at the Pine View High School Baseball Diamond the American Legion Honor Guard performed the Color Guard duty for the St. George Sentinels versus Taylorsville American Legion Baseball game. Six (6) Legionnaires reported for duty for this Color Guard and they are Marti Bigbie carrying the Stars and Stripes, C.J. Iacona carrying the American Legion Flag, Don Raymond carrying a rifle, Bodie Bodenhamer carrying a rifle, Terry Dunne the Color Guard NCOIC and Gerald Gorsegner expertly handled the Bugler assignment and played "To The Colors".

This Color Guard performed exceptionally and was well received by the players of both teams and by the audience in attendance who gave us a round of applause as we marched off the diamond.

Friday, July 6, 2018 at 0800 hours at the St. George Tonaquint Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Patrick D. Collins a U.S. Navy veteran. In addition to the American Legion Honor Guard the Patriot Guard Riders of Southern Utah were in attendance and led by Kent Hardman stood up a Flag Line around the grave site.

The Casket Flag was folded by Sun River Post 142 Legionnaires C.J. Iacona and Don Raymond. The folded flag was presented to the next of kin by C.J. Iacona. The Military Honors Funeral detail led by Foster Johnson performed well and the Firing Party fired extremely well as all 7 members of the Firing Party fired in unison. Twelve Legionnaires reported for the Funeral Detail today.

The Mortuary of record was Spilsbury Mortuary.