



POST 90 GAZETTE

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POST MEETING



The General membership meeting and potluck will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:00 PM. **Chili Cookoff.** Dishes need to be there by 5:45 PM.

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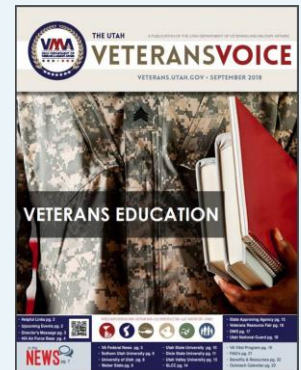
UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 12th** - Military Appreciation Ceremony SUVH home 5:30-7:00 PM. RSVP's are needed.
- NOV 1-3rd** - Utah Honor Flight to DC Arriving Sunday, 4th at 9:00 PM
- NOV 2nd** - 2nd Annual Golf Scramble at Sun River Golf Club
- NOV 8th** - Veterans Day

Now that summer is coming to an end, the Department has some spectacular reading material in the newly available September edition of the "Veterans Voice" newsletter.

This newsletter is hot off the press and now online for your enjoyment. This special edition focuses on Education and Training that takes place throughout the great State of Utah for Veterans and their family members. The Director's message on education and coordinating with education partners in Utah is from Cory Pearson, Director of Veterans Services.

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SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS HOME 2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE November 2nd, 2018

Includes 18 holes of golf at beautiful **Sun River Golf Course**, golf cart, and lunch! Must register by October 19, 2018.

Teams will consist of 4 members, with one member designated as Team Contact. The Team Contact will be the primary contact for your team. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Players not yet assigned to a team are responsible for providing this information at the time of registration.



Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Membership renewals are still needed by October 11th to help the Post make the 100% goal by December 1st. Thanks to all members who have gone on-line or mailed in their dues to the PO box. We do have new and transfer members and are still looking for more. Invite a Veteran to join the American Legion (be sure to check the dates of service on the application and DD-214).



Remember Post 90's General/dinner meeting on September 26th at 6:00pm. IT is picnic style (Legion will be furnishing the hot dogs and hamburgers that night). Ritual Team members come in uniform. Others please wear your cap as this is the official American Legion uniform other than the Ritual Team.

Upcoming is the Military Appreciation Ceremony on Friday, October 12th at SUVH home 5:30-7:00 pm. RSVP's are needed.

District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

Congratulations to the Post's of District 7 for making the 50% mark. Keep forwarding the membership dues to Department or go on-line to send dues to National. Post 69 Kanab had their installation of Officers on September 19th. Welcome to all new board members. Remember for every member who brings in 3 new members or from 2017 or prior will be eligible for the new National Commanders Pin. And for 100% National Family Ribbon Posts will need 100% for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. So start working together to see if District 7 can have a 100% for all Posts.

Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Brought back very good ideas/information from National Convention. Also had the opportunity to attend Arizona's American Legion College for 3 days and again obtained lots of important useful information to help with the Vice Commander's duties of membership here with the Department of Utah. Membership is 3 R's Recruit - Retain - Reinstate.

The Department of Utah MEET the 50% membership goal for 9-11 and are on the way for making the 55% by October 11th date. Keep forwarding the membership dues as you received them so National has the opportunity to process for the October 11th. Trying for 100% by 12-1-18 so UTAH can be among the top 10.

Thanks to all members, Post/Adjutants, District Commanders, Area Commanders, Personnel in Department of Utah Office for making these GOALS for the State of Utah.

Veteran Spotlight

Continued from page 1. There are many great programs and resources available to Veterans and their family members as they attend school at Utah's System of Higher Education, Utah System of Technical Schools and other institutions.

In the newsletter you will find articles and information from the Department's State Approving Agency, Veterans Affairs Federal News, V.A. Healthcare (Vital Program), Hill Air Force Base, Veterans Business Spotlight, Utah National Guard, and other great partners and resources.

For those wishing to learn specifics about their veteran benefits, please see page 23 for locations, dates, and times that Veterans Services Officers are available throughout the state to discuss benefits and provide assistance with claims for benefits. Have a fabulous September and enjoy the end of summer as the beautiful fall colors begin to appear. The September 2018 edition of The Veterans Voice can be found [HERE](#). For further information on education benefits [go to our Education Page](#). It is our high honor to serve those who have and continue to serve.

Thank you.



Brett P. Reistad was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 30, 2018, in Minneapolis during the organization's 100th national convention. He has been a member of the nation's largest veterans organization since 1981.

A resident of Manassas, Va., Reistad is a life member and past commander of Post 270 in McLean. The Department of Virginia reached an all-time high in membership while he served as department commander from 2005-2006. He retired as a lieutenant with the Fairfax County Police Department after 26 years of service and began a second career as a law enforcement services coordinator for the

Regional Organized Crime Information Center of the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program, a congressionally funded law enforcement investigative assistance program of the U.S. Department of Justice. He holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia's Bluefield College.

Reistad's American Legion membership eligibility is through his honorable Vietnam War-era service (1974-1978) as an active duty U.S. Army infantryman where he served with the Presidential Salute Battery of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at historic Fort Myer, Va. He participated in the inaugural ceremony for President Carter and other high-profile ceremonies. He has since been honored as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

Reistad has served at every level of The American Legion. He is a past president and honorary life member of the National American Legion Press Association. He recently completed a six-year appointment as chairman of the Department Legislative Committee and two three-year terms as a gubernatorial appointee to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations where he helped coordinate the input of 23 veterans service organizations in crafting veteran-friendly legislation and advocating the proposed legislation before the governor and General Assembly. He is also a tenured past department historian and was recently bestowed an honorary life membership by the National Association of Department Historians of the American Legion.

He is a past Legionnaire of the Year from Post 270 and a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 10 in Manassas. His wife, Jessica, and his family, are proud members of the American Legion Family.

His theme as national commander is "Celebrating Our Legacy," with special emphasis on the organization's centennial.

Honor Guard After Action Reports

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the LDS Church located at 807 Caprilla Drive in the Green Springs area of Washington, Utah, at 10 AM the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Robert Lawrence Miller a U.S. Army veteran. The family of the deceased veteran were escorted to the Church by elements of the Patriot Guard Riders of Southern Utah who after arriving at the Church set up a two row Flag Line for the family to walk between. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps". Thirteen (13) Legionnaires took part in this ceremony.

The Flag of the United States of America under which Robert Lawrence Miller served was expertly folded by the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail of Specialist 4 Class Christopher Swann and Sergeant Ty Delambert. The NCOIC Sergeant Delambert presented the folded flag to the next of kin. The Mortuary of record was McMillan Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Friday, September 21, 2018 at 3:30 PM at the St. George City Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors Ceremony for Ronald Wesley Nelson a U.S. Army veteran. The Casket Flag was expertly folded and presented to the next of kin by the Utah Army National Guard two person detail of Sergeant David Francis and Specialist 4th. Class Christopher Swann. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. Fifteen Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Hughes Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:10 AM at the St. George City Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Phillip Lang Foremaster a U.S. Army veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. Fourteen (14) Legionnaires took part in this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Casket Flag was expertly folded and presented to the next of kin by the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard two (2) person detail of Specialist 4th. Class Christopher Swann and Specialist 4th. Class Michael Gallagher.

The American Legion Honor Guard was joined by the Patriot Guard Riders of Southern Utah who escorted the Mortuary Hearse from the Mortuary to the St. George City Cemetery and then "stood up" a Flag Line from the Hearse to the grave site. The Mortuary of record was Spilsbury Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at approximately 9 PM at the St. George Dixie Center the latest Honor Flight Bus returned from Washington D.C. via Las Vegas, Nevada escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders of Southern Utah who did their usual terrific mission of escorting the Bus carrying the returning veterans and their care givers. The American Legion was represented by American Legion Honor Guard members C.J. Iacona, Bodie Bodenhamer, Steve Duke and Terry Dunne who brought the Flag of the United States of America, the American Legion Flag and all of the various Service Flags along with the appropriate flag stands. The Flags were placed at the entrance to the room where all passed by the flags to access their respective seats. As the veterans exited their bus, Bodie Bodenhamer played the Bugle Call "To The Colors". The Ceremony inside the Dixie Center was very well attended by the families and friends of the returning veterans. It was a younger group of veterans on this Honor Flight as many were Vietnam Veterans.

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 12:25 PM at the Church located at 450 S. Indian Hills Drive in St. George, Utah the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Jerry R. Border a U.S. Army veteran. There were no Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard personnel at this ceremony. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played "Taps" at this ceremony. Ten (10) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was McMillan Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:20 AM at the St. George Tonaquint Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Thomas Gary Day a U.S. Navy veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler for this ceremony. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by Don Raymond and by C.J. Iacona who also presented the folded flag to the next of kin. The Mortuary of record was McMillan Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Friday, September 7, 2018 at 11:15 AM at the St. George Catholic Church located at 259 West 200 North in St. George, Utah the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Jack Robert Kincaid a U.S. Navy veteran and a Legionnaire of the Sun River American Legion Post #142. The American Legion Honor Guard was joined at the ceremony by the Knights of Columbus in full regalia who with drawn swords escorted the casket from the Church to the Funeral Hearse. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played the "Taps" bugle call. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by C.J. Iacona and by Don Raymond. The Folded Casket Flag was presented to the wife of deceased U.S., Navy veteran Jack Kincaid by C.J. Iacona the Adjutant of the Sun River American Legion Post #142. After presenting the folded flag to the next of kin, C.J. Iacona prepared and read an American Legion Resolution of Transfer of Legionnaire Jack Robert Kincaid from the Sun River American Legion Post #142 to the American Legion Post Everlasting. The Resolution of Transfer was then presented to the next of kin. Fifteen (15) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Metcalf Mortuary and Cremation of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 3:45 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 Roy George Parker a World War 2 U.S. Army Air Corp veteran. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail was made up of Sgt. Ty Delambert the NCOIC and Specialist 4th. Class Michael Gallagher. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail and the folded flag was presented to the next of kin by Sgt. Ty Delambert. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" at this Military Honors ceremony. Eleven (11) Legionnaires reported for duty and took part in the ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Metcalf Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 11 AM at the St. George City Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard honor guard providing the military Funeral honors for Douglas Leonard Cline a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played the "Taps" Bugle Call. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires reported for duty and took part in this ceremony. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard two person detail of Specialist 4th. Class Tyler Smith and Specialist 4th. Class Michael Gallagher folded and presented the folded Casket Flag to the next of kin. The Mortuary of record was Metcalf Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 10 AM at the St. George City Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Norman Walter Johnson a U.S. Army veteran. The Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail of Specialist 4th. Class Tyler Smith and Specialist 4th. Class Michael Gallagher expertly folded and presented the Flag of the United States of America under which Norman Walter Johnson served to his next of kin. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler for this ceremony. The Firing Party superbly performed their duty and Ed Jones, our Bugler, did his usual outstanding job with the "Taps" Bugle Call. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was McMillan Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Spilsbury Mortuary in St. George, Utah the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Robert Paul Lehmkuhl a U.S. Navy veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played "Taps" for this ceremony. The Flag of the United States of America under which J.R. Lehmkuhl served was expertly folded by Legionnaires Don Raymond and C.J. Iacona. The folded Flag was presented to the next of kin by C.J. Iacona. Ten (10) Legionnaires reported for duty and participated in this Military Honors Ceremony. The ceremony was also attended by many of the Patriot Guard Riders of Southern Utah as well as veterans of various Military Service Branches. The Mortuary of record was Spilsbury Mortuary of St. George, Utah.