



# POST 90 GAZETTE

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## POST MEETING



No Member-  
ship Meeting  
in November

Happy Thanksgiving!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Scramble at Sun River Golf Club
- NOV 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Free Veteran's Day Meal SUVH in Ivins 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- NOV 8<sup>th</sup>** - Veterans Day
- SEE MORE EVENTS FOR VETERANS DAY ON PAGE 5**

## The American Legion will TAKE ON HEP C and win

Did you know that one out of every 20 veterans enrolled in the Veterans Health Administration has Hep C? That is more than three times the infection rate of the general U.S. population.

Visit [legion.org/hepC](http://legion.org/hepC) to get more information about the disease, exposure risks, symptoms and testing information.

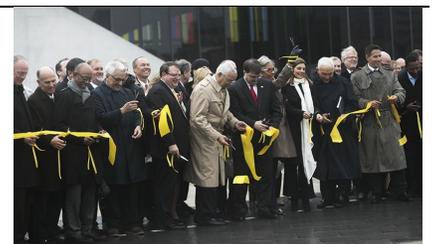


## "Teach what you know, and if you don't know - LEARN."

When I was a young Lance Corporal, I had a Master Gunnery Sergeant who served in WWII, The Korean War and the Vietnam war tell me that *and* the seven P's all the time. We have a wonderful opportunity to learn and teach new Legionnaires' about the American Legion History thru a **FREE** online basic training course. Visit <https://www.legion.org/alei> for more information. In case you wondered, the 7 P's are prior proper planning, prevents piss poor performance.

## A Museum for all Veterans by Steven B. Brooks

David Nilson is proud of being a U.S. Army veteran. Standing in the cold rain and sub-50 temperatures in downtown Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 27, Nilson was wearing his Army jacket 25 years after he'd retired from the military after a 21-year career. **SEE FULL STORY on Page 3**



## Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Membership renewals are still needed to reach the 100% goal by December. Thanks to all who are going on line or mailing in their renewal memberships. If you have or know of a Veteran living in your community invite them to join the American Legion. Let me know their names and I will put introductory packages together and deliver them personally. (be sure to check the dates of service on the application for time of service).



If you would like to ride in one of the trailers that we have for Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 12th be at the parade lineup at 10:30. Those wishing to walk we will be walking along side or ahead of the tractors. There is seating for everyone wishing to join Post 90's entry in the Parade. From November 8th - 12th there are a lot of events (check the Schedule of Events) you can attend as many as you like.

Christmas Party for Post 90 will be held at THE FALLS on December 12th at 6:00 pm. RSVP's are appreciated as we have 90 seats. REMEMBER this is a family event.

**Santa Claus will also be making an appearance.**

## District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

We still need membership dues sent in more frequently to reach our Department goals each month and the 100% goal by December 1st. (awards to Posts are involved). With changes in the officers of Posts and passing of Officers PLEASE let me know as soon as possible so we can meet and help with training of new Officers or retraining with current information.

BE SURE to attend all VETERANS DAY events in your community to let them know that the American Legion is there to help with their events.

## Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to all the Post Commanders/Adjutants and American Legion members who are going on line to mylegion.org to pay their membership dues or mailing into their Posts. With your help we have made the set goals for the Department. November's goal date for 65% paid membership is November 15th and we almost there. Continue to work for 100% paid membership by December 1st as I WOULD like to be able to give each Post a Pin/Certificate showing your accomplishment. Let's all work towards this goal. I understand that we can welcome a new Post- more information to follow.

**Good job Alex.**

## Veteran Spotlight

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Standing in the cold rain and sub-50 temperatures in downtown Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 27, Nilson was wearing his Army jacket 25 years after he'd retired from the military after a 21-year career. But on this day, Nilson was there to celebrate all U.S. veterans - as were around 2,000 other people gathered together for the grand opening of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM).



"I think it's great that they're doing this for all veterans," said Nilson, a member of American Legion Post 11 in Lancaster, Ohio. "It's not just a particular branch of the service. I'm just excited to get in here and see what's available. I think it's great that veterans are being honored."

Nilson was joined at the grand opening by Kathy Upton, whose husband Curt has been a member of American Legion Post 677 in Lithopolis, Ohio, before passing away recently. "(The museum) is one way to keep our patriotism going - something I think we're lacking today," Upton said. "I think it's awesome that Ohio has this."

Many American Legion members, including National Vice Commander Jack Milburn and Department of Ohio leadership, also were in attendance at the grand opening, which included remarks from members of Congress, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie and retired U.S. Army Gen. Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Forty-two million Americans have served in uniform in the history of our nation," Powell said. "This building will show their faces, their letters, their fears, their bravery, their anxious families waiting for them to return. You will hear their stories. You will see their photos and their videos."

"You will be moved to ask 'Where do we get such patriots?' And the answer is, as it has always been, from everywhere. From city and farm. From every color and origin. They represent the rainbow that is America. The strength and goodness that is America."

The 53,000-square-foot museum allows visitors to can trace the service and sacrifice of U.S. veterans from the Revolutionary War through the war on terrorism through the words of the veterans themselves. A 2.5-acre Memorial Grove, created as a place for reflection and remembrance, is on the seven-acre campus in downtown Columbus. NVMM President and CEO retired Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter said the hope is the museum becomes "a national beacon that draws millions of veterans, their families and the general public."

More than \$82 million was raised via private donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and partnerships. The idea for the museum came six years ago from a collaboration between former U.S. Sen. John Glenn and billionaire Leslie Wexner.

Glenn died in 2016, but his son was on hand at the grand opening and spoke about the stories that can be told by those that the museum honors. "It's what this place is all about," he said. "For my father, nothing in his life was more formative and significant than his military service. So helping with the creation of this National Veterans Memorial and Museum was very important to him. I wish he was here to see it."

Wexner, a philanthropist and chairman/CEO of L Brands, and his wife Abigail, donated \$40.6 million to the project. "When I approach this building, what I think about - and I hope that it influences your thinking - is the greatness of our country, the foundation of our country and our basic beliefs," Wexner said. "The true advantages that we have, the value that comes from those core beliefs that give us that American exceptionalism - and clearly supported by veterans. A total of 41 million Americans have served to protect those values."

Wilkie said the museum "reminds all Americans that they sleep soundly at night because of the sacrifice of millions of ordinary men and women." And while naming such well-known veterans as Alvin York and others, Wilkie said the museum also serves to honor "all of those ordinary citizens who have performed extraordinary deeds in the defense of freedom from Lexington to Afghanistan."

Also on hand were U.S. Sens. Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown, and U.S. Reps. Steve Stivers and Joyce Beatty. Portman said the museum is "an extraordinary opportunity to honor, pay tribute and thank those that have made so many sacrifices."

Brown said the museum also honors the families of U.S. veterans. "We don't think enough about the sacrifice of their families, who worry every single day about their loved ones," Brown said. "This museum is for all of you."

## Items of Interest

### American Legion Twitter hits 100k followers

Follow the American Legion on Twitter for the latest statements from the national commander, information on Legion programs, and other items of interests to veterans, the military and their families. Join in! [@AmericanLegion](https://twitter.com/AmericanLegion).

### Free FLU Shots

Veterans enrolled in Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) health care can get a flu shot at their nearest VA health care facility.

The VA is also partnering with **Walgreens** to offer eligible veterans free flu shots at the 8,200 local Walgreens locations nationwide. Just go to the local Walgreens, tell the pharmacist you are an eligible veteran and want to get your flu shot.

You just have to show them your VA Health ID Card and another form of photo ID to get the shot for free. Walgreens will even automatically add the information to your VA health record.

## Veterans Day Events

- 11-2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Utah Veterans Home/American Legion 2nd Annual Golf Scramble at Sun River Golf Club at 8:30 am. Check-in 7:30 am - 8:15am
- 11-2<sup>nd</sup> FREE VETERAN'S DAY MEAL Utah Port Producers are inviting Veterans & a guest or your family to attend a special dinner in Celebration of Veterans Day at Southern Utah Veteran's Home in Ivins. Starting at 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Menu: Roasted Pork Loin Sandwiches, Chips, Cookie, Water
- 11-3<sup>rd</sup> Homecoming Parade at 10 am 900 East to Main Street on Tabernacle Street Last Football game 1pm DSU vs Colorado School of Mines
- 11-3<sup>rd</sup> UTAH HONOR FLIGHT TO DC Arriving Sunday Dixie center about 9:00 pm those coming be in FULL uniform
- 11-8<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Celebration at the CAPITOL building
- 11-9<sup>th</sup> Hero Day Flag Ceremony 8:45 am Sunset Elementary - Bugle call and who want to attend
- 11-9<sup>th</sup> Dixie Montessori Academy 8:15 am -8:45 am light breakfast for Veterans PROGRAM start time 9:00 am If you plan on attending please let me know as we must let DMA know the number planning on attending
- 11-9<sup>th</sup> DSU Benefits Success Center Veterans Day Memorial on Campus starting at 11am at the encampment mall by the Veterans Memorial
- 11-10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to put up FLAGS at the Washington City Veterans Park
- 11-10<sup>th</sup> Flag Presentation at The Meadows, 2:00 pm American Legion Ritual Team
- 11-10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale = 8 am-2 pm at New Promise Lutheran Church 244 Valley View Drive, St George. Proceeds benefit SUVH, Washington County Search & Rescue, ELCA World Relief and New Promise Quilters & Knitters
- 11-11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Concert at the St George Tabernacle, hosted by the St George Interfaith Council 7:00 pm arrive early to get a seat
- 11-12<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day 9:00am Sun River Veterans Honor Park
- 11-12<sup>th</sup> Washington City Museum 9:00 am decorate the trailer for the parade building will be open for refreshments
- 11-12<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade Washington City starting promptly at 11:11 am AFTER the Parade short program at the Washington Park with Speaker from Pine View JR ROTC THEN Lunch at the Museum after the short program from the Park