

January 2019 Edition
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Post 90 Gazette



Post 90 General Meeting and Dinner January 23, 2019

Crock Pot Cook off with outside judges. Dishes must be there by 5:45 PM at the legion hall.

A-G Salads H-M Vegetables N-S
Desert T-Z bread/butter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 - Happy New Year!**
- Jan 2 - St George Veterans Legal Clinic** 5:30 - 7 PM CBOC 230 N. 1680 E. bldg. N
- Jan 5 - Saturday Movie Matinee - St George Library** 2 PM - 3:30 PM
- Jan 11 / 12 - St George Senior Living Expo**, Dixie Convention Ctr



Utah Soldiers receive Christmas packages from Post 90 and the auxiliary members

Happy New Year!

The American Legion float was the third float in the 130th Rose Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day. The float featured Brett P. Reistad, National Commander of The American Legion and 4 Medal of Honor recipients, Hershel "Woody" Williams, Ron Rosser, Walter "Joe" Marm and Brit Slabinski. All 5 military branches were represented.



Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to every Legionnaire who renewed their membership before December 31st as your current membership expires on 1-1-19 but can be reinstated upon payment. ALSO, welcome to all the new Legion members who have joined Post 90, St George.

I would like to thank all who came and participated in our Pearl Harbor Commemorate at Tonaquint Cemetery on December 7th. The day was a little chilly but the sun did finally come out. I appreciate all of the Veterans Service Organizations, Daughters of American Revolution, American Patriotic Riders, family and visitors for helping make this a day of remembrance by bring together all branches of Service to Commemorate a date in history at exactly 10:48 am (our time for the bombing on December 7th Pearl Harbor).

To everyone who came out to place wreaths for Wreaths Across American sponsored by the Color County Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution on December 15th at Tonaquint Cemetery, St George Cemetery and Shivwits Cemetery with the placing of wreaths for 1800 plus veterans graves I thank you.

Christmas packages put together by the American Legion Auxiliary have been delivered to Veterans in Assisted Living homes, Rehab Centers, WWII and Korean Veterans, Auxiliary members, Southern Utah Veterans Home, Ivins in time for Christmas. At the Christmas party for Post 90 food items were collected and delivered to Switch Point for the food pantry. Thanks for all who participated in making and collecting items to put these packages together and delivery of the packages.

Have a safe and Happy New Year.

District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

Many thanks to the Post Adjutants/Commanders/members who have renewed their membership in the American Legion. Most of the Posts of District 7 almost or did make 100% paid memberships and hopefully will reach this goal by 12-31-18. Remember any unpaid membership expires on 12-31-18 but can be reinstated upon payment of membership dues.

Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

To All Legionnaires/Post/Districts/Area Commanders/Department of Utah who help the Department of Utah make the December 12th membership target of 75% WE MADE IT so thanks for your help. We still need to work on having member's dues paid by 12-31-18 so they will not expire. Memberships can/will be reinstated if paid after that date.



Veteran Spotlight



Photo by Eric Kruszewski for The American Legion

\$737,350 in grants distributed by American Legion in 2018

The American Legion DEC 28, 2018

Through The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF), Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) and Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program, military and veterans' families are assisted following the aftermath of natural disasters, during times of financial need, and when recovering from various wounds and illnesses.

In 2018 alone, these three American Legion programs provided more than \$737,350 in assistance.

TFA awarded \$221,705 in cash grants, benefitting 364 minor children of 174 veterans. The grants help eligible veterans, with minor children, meet the cost of shelter, utilities, food, clothing and medical expenses. TFA grants are made possible by the support and generosity of the Legion Family and donations to The America Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

The Veterans and Children Foundation supports veterans and military families in need, as well as American Legion service officers who provide free VA benefits and health care assistance to veterans.

NEF awarded \$250,178 in grants to 78 Legion Family members and 22 posts nationwide who were affected by a natural disaster. A recent NEF contribution of \$20,000 from American Legion Post 510 in Laceyville, Pa., was earmarked to support victims of the Camp Fire in California and Hurricane Florence in North and South Carolina. The significant donation came after post members read an article in the October issue of The American Legion Magazine about the need for NEF donations to continuing supporting victims of natural disasters.

"We feel privileged to be able to have what we have and just want to share it with others in need," said Post 510 member Ron Dobranski.

OCW provided \$265,469 in grants that aided veterans and their immediate family members across the nation and overseas. OCW is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured and ill military personnel and veterans by providing recreational, rehabilitative, therapeutic and comfort items. One hundred percent of donations go toward the program.

OCW provided 26 grants this year. A few include:

\$50,000 grant to the Department of Veterans Affairs to help supply 1,000 new baby welcome kits to women veterans at 60 VA medical centers across the country.

\$30,000 in Walmart and Home Depot gifts cards to help VA patients in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands continue their recovery efforts following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

A custom-fitted all-terrain trike for U.S. Army and Air Force veteran Michael Bacon who suffered a moderate traumatic brain injury during an IED explosion in Iraq in 2006. The trike will allow him to resume riding with his 14-year-old daughter.

More than \$58,000 in recreational and rehabilitation equipment, clothing, health and hygiene products to support veterans recovering in VA facilities.

Items of Interest

We make 30,000 poppies every year to be distributed On the Memorial Day Weekend in May.

We are in need of Poppy Makers. If you are a veteran we can pay you \$50 for every 1,000 Poppies that you make (one poppy kit makes 1,000 poppies).

If you need help knowing how to make them I am sure I can be of help and would be glad to come to any Unit and show you how to make the poppies.

If you would like a Poppy kit please contact Cary at the Department office or email Cary at alautah@yahoo.com or Ellen at arneen@infowest.com and we will be sure to get a kit to you.



Honoring Utah's Women Veterans at the Utah State Capitol Rotunda March 22nd, 2019.

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Presents
*Honoring Utah's Women Veterans
Sisters in Service*

Please join us as we celebrate Utah's Women Veterans
SAVE THE DATE!
UTAH STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA
Friday March 22, 2019 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Social and Hors d'oeuvres
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2BqEljZ>

