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CLAIMS ASSISTANCE CALENDAR
veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar



COORDINATION OF VETERANS SERVICES
veterans.utah.gov/coordination-of-veteran-services

Upcoming Events — veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar

MARCH

Saturday – 18 March • 1100 - 1500
Elks Music From The Heart Fundraiser
• Spanish Fork Arena, Ponderosa Building

Wednesday – 22 March •
Honoring Women Veterans
• Zions Founders Room
1 South Main Street, 18th Floor SLC , UT

Thursday – 23 March • 1100 - 1500
Hiring Utah Heroes Job Fair
• South Towne Expo Center

Wednesday – 29 March •
Utah Valley Job Fair
• Utah Valley Convention Center

Wednesday – 29 March • Starts @ 1000
Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day
• Utah State Capitol Rotunda

APRIL

Wednesday – 5 April • 1730 - 1900
St. George Veterans Legal Clinic
• St. George CBOC 230 No. 1680 East,
Bldg. N St. George, UT

Thursday – 6 April • 1000 - 1200
WWI Commemoration
• Utah State Capitol Rotunda

Sunday – 16 April •
Easter Sunday

Sunday – 20 April •
The Great Utah Shake Out

* Mon & Tues – 24 & 25 April •
Generations Conference
• Salt Palace Convention Center

MAY

Wednesday – 3 May • 1730 - 1900
St. George Veterans Legal Clinic
• St. George CBOC 230 No. 1680 East,
Bldg. N St. George, UT

Wednesday – 10 May • 1100 - 1500
Hiring Utah's Heroes Job Fair
• Davis Conference Center, 165 N 700W

Friday – 12 May • 0830 - 1600
Veterans Business Conference
• SLCC Miller Campus

Sunday – 14 May •
Mothers Day

Monday – 15 May •
Yellow Ribbon Day

Friday – 19 May • 1300 - 1800
Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans
• USU Branch Campus 989 s. Main,
Brigham City

Saturday – 20 May •
Armed Forces Day

Saturday – 20 May • Start @ 1930
Armed Forces Program
• Gallivan Center

Saturday – 20 May • 1100
Linking Families Hogle Zoo
• Utah Hogle Zoo



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gary Harter, Executive Director

Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs

This issue's focus of The Veterans' Voice is on employment, so besides our regular updates from the VA, Utah National Guard, Hill Air Force Base, events calendars, contact information and "News You Can Use" you will see several articles related to veteran hiring. Simply put, Utah is doing very well. Employers routinely seek veterans for employment and our employment rate for veterans continues to be one of the best in the country. Collectively, we have a great working veteran employment machine in Utah, so if you are looking for work or different work, or know of a veteran, someone still wearing the uniform or a family member who is looking, dive into this issue or follow us on-line and see what you can find.

Next, March of each year means the end of the legislative general session. Again this year, veterans and military were held in high regard by the legislature, with several bills and resolutions being passed. As this issue goes to print, the session has not yet ended, so while some things may change, with only two weeks to go, many of the items we are watching are pretty much complete. In that regard, elsewhere in this issue is a quick synopsis of how things stand today. And as strange as it may seem, we will start preparing for next year almost immediately, especially when the Commission on Veterans and Military Affairs holds its first monthly meeting in April. These are open to the public and if you have things you would like to see addressed, please let us know.

That's it for now. Hopefully I will see many of you at events across our state in the next couple of months, especially the Women's Veterans event on 22 March, Veterans Job Fair on 23 March, World War I Commemoration on 6 April and others.

Thank you for allowing us to serve,

Gary

Bills related to veterans and military approved by the 2017 Legislative General Session include:

HB 27, Interstate Compact on Military Children, sponsored by Representative Winder

HB 192, Minuteman Highway Designation, Representative Thurston

HCR 2, Resolution Recognizing the U.S. and Utah's Participation in World War I, Representative Handy

HCR 20, Resolution Recognizing Those Who Served and Sacrificed During the Cold War, Rep Greene

HJR 7, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Active Military Property Tax Exemption, Rep Val Peterson

SB 10, Veterans' and Military Commission Amendments, sponsored by Senator Knudson

SB 35, Veterans' Tuition Gap Program Act Amendments, Senator Escamilla

SB 37, Statewide Crisis Line, Senator Thatcher

SB 237, Servicemembers' Custody and Visitation Amendments, Senator Hillyard

SCR 4, Resolution Honoring Colonel Gail Seymour Halversen, Senator Henderson

SCR 7, Resolution Urging the Postmaster General to Issue a Commemorative Postage Stamp, Senator Iwamoto

SJR 12, Joint Resolution Designating Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day, Senator Knudson 🇺🇸

VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

by: Department of Workforce Services

The Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) partnered with many public and private agencies to reduce the veteran unemployment rate in Utah. In 2013, DWS Executive Director Jon Pierpont challenged the department to focus efforts on dropping the veteran unemployment rate to the level of the non-veteran unemployment rate, or lower. At the time the veteran unemployment rate was 7.2 percent and the non-veteran rate was to 4.1 percent.

In order to accomplish this goal, the Utah Military & Veterans Employment Coalition was formed, consisting of state agencies and community business leaders. The Department of Defense

funded the Hero to Hired (H2H) effort to help veterans, reservists and guard members find employment. Veterans Moving America (VMA), H2H, and Utah business leaders partnered with Workforce Services to host veteran job fairs across the Wasatch Front and in St. George.

Though the Department of Defense cut funding for the H2H program, VMA, Workforce Services and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) stepped up to continue the job fairs across the state. With the help of this partnership, the State of Utah has seen its veteran unemployment rate drop from 4.7 percent to 2.3 percent in just three years--surpassing the current non-veteran Utah unemployment rate of 3.1 percent. 🇺🇸

VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

by: Courtney Pendleton



On February 22nd 2017 The State of Utah Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs, Employer Support for the Utah National Guard, and the Department of Workforce Services hosted a benefits Open House located at the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins, UT. This was done in conjunction with Federal, State, Legislative Representatives, and local organizations. The purpose of the event was to assist anyone who served in the military and their family members and connect them to services and benefits they may deserve. Many of the 400

who attended served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War to Current Operations. In the days since the event many in the southern Utah have asked for more to take place due to the information and resources shared. The State of Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs is happy to announce the Open House will continue annually with the valuable partners and all who participated.

Those that participated include: SLC VA regional Medical Center, SLC Veterans Benefit Administration, St George Community Based Outpatient Clinic, St George Vet Center, Avalon Healthcare, VA Homeless Program, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, St George Mobile Vet Center, Five County Association of Governments, Veteran Directed Home Care Program, Southern Utah University's Veterans Center, Utah State Transition Assistant, SLC Vocational Rehabilitation Office, Congressional Legislative Representatives. 🇺🇸

VA study highlights benefits of enhanced aspirin in preventing certain cancers



WASHINGTON - Researchers know of aspirin's benefits in preventing certain ailments - from cardiovascular disease to most recently colorectal cancer. But while the link to those two conditions was made, researchers also questioned how and if this 'wonder drug' could work to ward off other types of cancers.

To read the full article visit: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2865>

VA partnership provides community organizations with path to support homeless Veterans

WASHINGTON - Military Outreach USA, a partner of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), recently launched a program to encourage communities to connect with local VA facilities and help VA provide support to homeless or recently homeless Veterans and their families.

To read more go to: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2866>



VA Secretary announces expansion of mental health care services

Secretary David Shulkin announced his intention to expand mental health care needs to Veterans with other-than-honorable discharges.. To read more go to: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/35762/va-secretary-announces-intention-to-expand-mental-health-care-to-former-service-members-with-other-than-honorable-discharges-and-in-crisis/>



The 2017 National Women Veterans Summit

March is Women's History Month, and we're proud to acknowledge our Women Veterans. This population accounts for 10 percent of U.S. Veterans, and that number is expected to grow to 15 percent by 2030.

To read more go to: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/34336/2017-national-women-veterans-summit-scheduled-march-17-18-dallas-texas/>



VETERAN SUCCESS STORY

by: Dept. of Workforce Services



In June 2015, Earl Thompson, Veteran Representative of the Provo Employment Center (EC) for the Utah Department of Workforce services received a veteran services job search referral for Chid J. Murphy.

Chid enlisted in the United States Navy in 2002 and served more than seventeen months of active duty, leaving the Navy as an FTSA (E-2) in April of 2004. His military role was mainly that of a "Fire Control Technician".

When Earl contacted Chid in June of 2015, he discovered that he was in the final stages of completing his bachelor's degree and would be interested in Earl's assistance the following month.

Working together, Chid was able to procure employment as a production worker with Ellwood Staffing in Spanish Fork and subsequently with Witlec Research in Provo leading to case closure in December of 2015. Although he was suitably employed, he longed to find a more fulfilling position with a long term career opportunity and better compensation.

With that goal in mind, he contacted Earl in July of 2016 and asked for further assistance in hopes of finding such a position. After applying for numerous jobs, he was offered a position as a hydrologist in Baton Rouge, LA. This was the type of opportunity he had been searching for! He was able to find a home to rent in the area, but due to recent flooding, which had created a shortage of rental properties, the landlord could only reserve this property for him if he was willing and able to enter into an immediate contract. Chid would not only have to pay the final month's rent on his Provo home but also pay for the new rental in Baton Rouge as well as finance the actual move of his family, which created a "financial crisis".

Earl was able to assist him with moving costs utilizing \$500 in "Z" funds which helped to make the move financially possible and in September of 2016 Chid began his new employment as a hydrologist with the US Geological Service earning \$40,033 annually to start.

Chid sent a letter expressing his gratitude to numerous entities and people that worked hard to help him achieve his goal, including Earl Thompson, in which he stated the following "I am now finally in a position to begin a career that will be personally fulfilling and provide the life I have always hoped my family would have." Chid will remain in Veteran Intensive Services follow up until his case is scheduled to close in December of 2016. 🇺🇸

Veterans Served

by the Department of Workforce Services



Veteran Demographics 2016

MEASURE	STATEWIDE (fiscal year)
Total Veterans	13,723
Non-disabled veterans*	10,313
Disabled veterans*	3,410
Homeless veterans*	306
Recently separated veterans*	1,220
Transitioning service members*	24
Veterans Receiving a Service	2,530
Veterans referred to jobs	1,339
Veterans attending job-oriented workshops	768
Veterans in case management	490
Veteran UI claimants	708
Veteran UI avg. duration (weeks)	11.9
Veteran UI exhaustion rate	29.29%
Veterans receiving public assistance (FS, Financial, CC, Medical)	2,644
Total Count of UPP Employers	1,745
New Utah Patriot Partnership Employers	283

*With a service in the last 12 months



matching
military
skills to
civilian
jobs

ACE Program Outcomes

2016 TOTALS (calendar year)

Outreach # Events	266
Outreach # People	6,102
Placed in Training	376
Licenses/Certificates Obtained	222
Total Customer Placements	259
Estimated Annualized Wages of Placements	\$5,772,512

Job Seeker Placements

YEAR/ QUARTER (adjusted)	VETERANS STATEWIDE
2015/3	2,601
2015/4	2,305
2016/1	1,892
2016/2	1,903

Source: DWS Dashboard

Utah Veteran Owned Business Partnership



UTAH VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP (UVOBP)

By Cory Pearson

3rd Annual Veteran Business Conference 2017

A number of conferences have been held to increase education and awareness of business resources that are available to Utah Veterans. The Utah Veterans Owned Business Partnership is happy to announce the 3rd annual "Veterans Business Conference" on May 12th 2017.

The keynote address for the Conference will be provided by Tony Horton. Tony is the creator of the best-selling fitness series: P90X®, P90X2®, P90X3®, and Ten Minute Trainer®, and most recently his 22-Minute military inspired workout, 22 Minute Hard Corps®. Tony is a world-class motivational speaker and the author of top-selling books "Bring It!", "Crush It!" and his latest motivational book, "The Big Picture" 11 Laws that will change your life. His father put in 3 years of service in the ROTC, so they were stationed at various bases around America. They had moved to the big island of Hawaii all the way back to Connecticut. Each move meant Tony had to make new friends in a hurry. Tony wasn't shy, which gave him the confidence to go for what he wanted and follow his dreams. Join us to hear how you can follow your dreams of success just like him.

This conference will be facilitated by the Utah Veterans Owned Business Partnership, which consists of several major players including: Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs, Salt Lake Chamber, Salt Lake County, Governor's Office of Economic Development (Utah Procurement Assistance Center), Small Business Administration, Zions Bank, private business leaders, education institutions, and non-profit groups.

Last years conference was attended by approximately 220 Veterans. The location of the event will be at the Larry H. Miller, Salt Lake Community College campus. Don't forget to register and we will see you there!

For agenda of the event and registration/sponsorship opportunities visit: www.slchamber.com/veterans 🇺🇸

UTAH VETERAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2017

UTAH VETERAN OWNED



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

CONNECTING VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE MARKETPLACE

Join the Utah Veteran Owned Business Partnership partners to learn about the keys to becoming a successful Veteran-Owned business, local and national resources, and connect with other entrepreneurs and business owners.

MAY 12, 2017
TIME | 0830 - 1600

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LARRY H. MILLER CAMPUS
KAREN GAIL MILLER CONFERENCE ROOM
9750 SOUTH 300 WEST
SANDY, UT 84070

Register online at www.slchamber.com/veterans
email military@slchamber.com
or call (801) 328-5053

CONFERENCE FEES

\$30 Individual Fee

\$150 Booth and two conference tickets

\$500 Supporting Sponsor *Corporate name recognition on all marketing material, one exhibit booth and two conference tickets*

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AGENDA

0830 Registration & Exhibitors

0900 Welcome

0915 Opening Keynote

1000 Break

1015 Resource Partners Panel Discussion
Business Plans - Salt Lake Chamber Women's Business Center
Boots to Business - Small Business Administration
Government Contracting - PTAC (Procurement Technical Assistance)
Cash Flow - Salt Lake Small Business Development Center
Launch Pad - SCORE

1045 Business Presentations - Lessons Learned from various Veteran Owned Businesses

1145 Lunch / Networking

1230 Luncheon Keynote "A Veteran Effect"
Presented by Juliette Tennert David Eccles School of Business and Director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah

1300 Break

1315 Resource Partner "Mentoring Session"
Visit with resource specialists in the area of business and marketing plans, funding and government contracting

1500 Adjourn

PRESENTING SPONSORS:



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EVENT SPONSORS:



RESOURCE PARTNERS:

Salt Lake County | Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs | Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development | U.S. Small Business Administration
American Legion | Salt Lake Chamber Women's Business Center | Zions Bank | Department of Work Force Services | Utah SBDC Network | SCORE
Utah Microenterprise Loan Fund



Photo's courtesy of Randy Breland

UTAH GUARDSMAN DONATES KIDNEY TO FRIEND

by: 1st Sgt. Brock Jones

When Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Staples, a Utah National Guardsman, walked into Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans, La., on Dec. 12, 2016, to give a kidney to a longtime friend, Staples was personifying an ethos and creed he has lived for well over 20 years. Staples knew that his friend, William Randy Breland, a Vietnam War veteran, was in need of a kidney, so he offered one of his without question. "I look at Randy as my battle buddy," Staples said, his voice filled with emotion. "We've been taught to leave no Soldier behind so I couldn't leave Randy behind when he needed a kidney."

Breland served as a sergeant with the 5th Infantry Division in northern Vietnam in the early 1970s.

He said he was exposed repeatedly to Agent Orange, a defoliant used heavily around the DMZ where he was stationed. "We'd come to a bomb crater with water in it, we'd put a quick perimeter around the thing and we'd take turns bathing," he said. "So we were probably bathing in Agent Orange."

With no history of diabetes on either side of Breland's family, he said Agent-Orange exposure is to blame for his eventual kidney failure. "Over time, the diabetes wore my kidneys out." Enter Staples and his healthy left kidney. But as it turns out, donating a kidney is not a simple affair.

What I was told was that if I was trying to enlist in the service with only one kidney, the Army may or may not take me," Staples said. "I'd still have given my buddy my kidney," he said.

"It's been a little over two weeks, and my kidney function has basically gone from around 10 percent to around 40 percent already," Breland said. "So the kidney's kicking in and getting stronger."

At 70, Breland takes pride in his active lifestyle. Both Staples and Breland agree that only time will tell just how successful the transplant was, but as of now, both donor and recipient are on the mend and improving. Lynne Breland, Randy's wife, said "I don't know how to explain it, It's just amazing. Everybody I tell this story to is just flabbergasted. It is definitely one of the greatest blessings we've ever had." 🚩

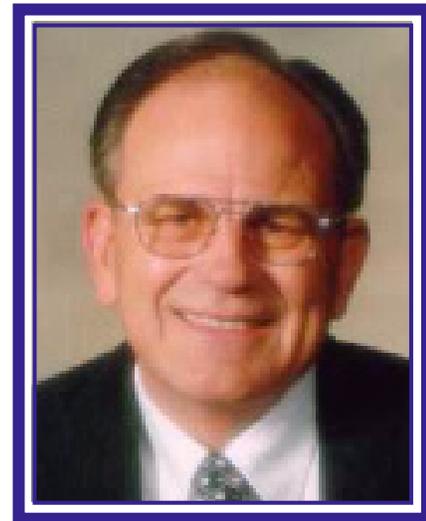
Transition Assistance Advisors



As your Transition Assistance Advisor, I'm here to Direct you to the Benefits you've earned with the compassion of someone who has been there. It is my job to know what benefits are available to you, know who the points-of-contact are at the different organizations, and ensure your timely enrollment.

Essentially, I'm your liaison to organizations that provide resources for:

- Financial Education and Training
- Health and Welfare
- State Benefits
- Health Care (TRICARE and VA benefits)
- Retirement
- Pre and Post deployment
- Emergency Assistance
- Unemployment
- Communication Issues
- Line of Duty (LOD)
- MEB/PEB Process
- Counseling for Self or Family
- Homelessness
- VA Disability and Pension
- INCAP Pay



If you encounter and difficulties along the way, I am here to help you cut through the red tape. Please contact me as soon as it is convenient and let me know what I can do for you.

Thank you for serving...

Bart Davis

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Hill Air Force Base



Airmen from the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings' 34th Aircraft Maintenance Unit deployed alongside the F-35A Lightning II to the Red Flag air combat exercise at Nellis AFB, Nevada, Jan. 20. Flying began Jan. 23.

Since the exercise kicked off, Hill's Airmen have generated 155 sorties, including their first 10-jet F-35A sortie Jan. 30. They "turned around" and launched eight jets that afternoon. The Airmen will generate 16 to 18 sorties every day through Feb. 10, said 1st Lt. Devin Ferguson, assistant officer in charge of the 34th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

Thus far, there have only been two non-effective sorties (when an aircraft takes off, but an issue prevents completion of the mission) -- one generator failure and one landing gear problem. Even with those, the F-35A "mission-capable" rate is well above 90 percent,

Part of the success is due to the maintainer-friendly design of the jet, an improvement over fourth generation aircraft.

"The repair process is smoother with most issues we encounter than with other aircraft I've worked on. The jet's systems specifically identify a break and we're able to correct the issue and return the aircraft to service

very quickly," said Senior Master Sgt. Robert Soto, lead production superintendent for the 34th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, a career maintainer who has worked during several Red Flags.

"This jet is proving to be one of the most reliable combat aircraft I've ever seen," said Master Sgt. Kyle Kutcher, a maintenance section chief with the 419th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Kutcher has maintained four different fighter aircraft and has attended seven Red Flags. "This jet makes it really easy for my maintainers because it's designed to streamline maintenance procedures."

Red Flag is providing maintainers an opportunity to "write the book" on F-35A combat maintenance. For the first time, Airmen are regenerating aircraft in a combat scenario. Jets land after a mission, are refueled, loaded with munitions, inspected for service, and prepped for flight - then head back to the fight.

"At home, our young maintenance Airmen are practicing and learning every day. Here, we're able to put that training into a realistic scenario and watch them succeed and learn how to overcome challenges," Soto said. "This exercise is teaching us a lot and it's great to see them come up with innovative solutions to problems we've never tested them with before." Soto said. 🇺🇸



Veterans Career, Job and Benefit Fairs for Utah Military Veterans, Military Active Duty, Guard, Reserve Personnel and Their Families

Utah's Veteran Employment Coalition will be hosting Job and Benefit Fairs along the Wasatch Front and in other parts of the State throughout the Spring and Summer of 2017

March 23 - From 11:00 am until 3:00 pm

- South Towne Expo Center, 9575 South State Street, Sandy, UT
- Job Seeker Registration:

www.jointservicessupport.org/Reg/21C658

May 10 - From 11:00 am until 3:00 pm

- Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT
- Employer Registration:

www.jointservicessupport.org/Reg/86G841

- Job Seeker Registration:

www.jointservicessupport.org/Reg/35I092





NEW TELEHEALTH HUB REACHING VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE U.S

by: Jill Atwood & Tod Peterson

Did you know that VASLC clinicians on our campus are talking to Veterans as far away as Florida? Our new Tele-Mental Health Hub services Veterans in nine different states and helps on average about 150 Veterans per month. Director, Alethea Varra says some of their Veterans live in highly rural areas and may not otherwise be able to access care as quickly. Telemedicine is much like a virtual medical appointment; a provider makes a connection with a Veteran via computer screen. Therapies include: evidence based treatment for PTSD, addiction, pain management, in-depth medication management, specialized assessments, even couples therapy.

SLC is one of four pilot sites in the United States and VASLC is just getting started. More offices and more providers are on the way here and elsewhere as VA's new Secretary, Dr. David Shulkin, realizes the effectiveness of tele-health and reaching our most rural Veterans. Varra says with a new software in place we can even talk to Veterans in their own homes. 🇺🇸

THE VA SALT LAKE CITY FISHER HOUSE CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS

Over 7 thousands families have called Fisher House home since we opened our doors five years ago. Please join us for this milestone as we celebrate the mission and the many friends we have made along the way.

Fisher House provides a place for Veterans families to stay free of charge, while their loved one is receiving medical treatment.

Fisher House Facts:

7,100 Families Served

15,002 Individuals Served

7,606 Volunteer Hours

\$450,000 in Donations and Community Support 🇺🇸



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT?

A Utah permanent place-of-residence property tax abatement using the military service-connected disability rating percentage is available for disabled Veterans, their unremarried widows, or minor orphans. The Veteran's disability rating must be at least 10% in order to qualify for this abatement.

Here is the formula used to determine eligibility: The maximum property tax abatement rated at 100% military service-connected disability is \$255,301. Multiply your percentage of disability by 255,301. Example: a 10% disability X 255,301 = \$25,530.10 tax abatement. This amount is then subtracted from the taxable value of the property and taxes are paid on the remaining amount.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT?

To apply for Utah Disabled Veterans Property Tax Abatement, request a Summary of Benefits Letter from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Once received, submit the letter with a completed Property Tax Abatement application, on or before 01 SEP, to the applicable county treasurer, tax assessor, or clerk / recorder located in the county courthouse or county government building of the county in which the property is located. All property must be on record as of 01 JAN of the year you wish to file. However, a recent change allows qualified

widows and orphans an exemption to that rule. Disabled Veterans only have to file for the abatement one time; after which it will automatically renew each year. However, Veterans will have to re-file if:

- all or a portion of their abatement is used towards tangible personal property
- their service connected disability percentage changes
- the Veteran dies, sells the property, or no longer claims that property as the primary place of residence.

Ref: (Utah Code 59-2-1104 & 1105).

WHAT ARE MY VETERANS BENEFITS?

The State of Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs have put together an informational pamphlet explaining some of the benefits available to veterans. You can access this document from the website

<http://veterans.utah.gov/resources-and-publications/>

Or you can request a hard copy by calling 800-894-9497 or 801-326-2372.

*For a list of all FAQ's visit: <https://veterans.utah.gov/faq/> 



ZIONS BANCORPORATION



Do you know a low-income elderly, disabled or veteran resident in your community whose home could use a fresh coat of paint?

We're inviting the public to nominate up to half of the homes we plan to spruce up during the 27th annual Zions Bank Paint-a-Thon service project in 2017.

To prepare for the 27th annual Zions Bank Paint-a-Thon service project, we're inviting the public to nominate up to half of the homes we plan to spruce up with a fresh coat of exterior paint in 2017.

Our Paint-a-Thon service project benefits low-income elderly, disabled, and veteran residents in Utah and Idaho.

To qualify for consideration, homeowners must meet federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. The average age of 2016's home owner was 77, with an average monthly income of \$1,803.

Qualifications for this program include:

1. Recipients cannot work for either Zions Bank, Zions Bancorporation or Sherwin Williams, or be related to any of their employees.
2. The recipient must own their home, and live in either Utah or Idaho. Due to travel limitations of the bank's participating employees, there are some counties that are ineligible for this project. A full list is available online.
3. The recipient must be either 65 OR disabled. Veterans are also eligible for this program, based on income.
4. For Utah residents, the homeowner should have an income less than \$47,250 for a household of two; or less than \$41,350 for a household of one. Income considerations for larger families will be made on a case-by-case basis.
5. Applications, guidelines and restrictions are available online at <https://goo.gl/oHCcRx>. For questions, please email ZionsBankEvents@zionsbank.com.
6. All applications should be submitted by April 30, 2017. Nominators and nominees for selected properties will be notified by May 20, 2017. You can request a copy of a full list of selected properties by mailing a request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Zions Bank Community Relations, One South Main, 7th Floor, SLC, UT 84133. 📧



Outreach Calendar

A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is scheduled to be at the location on the day and time indicated. Be advised that unforeseen events may cause the VSO to cancel or change a visit. Please verify this by calling the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA) at 801-326-2372 or by visiting the UDVMA website: <http://veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar/>

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 11:30 - 1230 • DWS Manti 1000 - 1400 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • USU 1000 - 1500 • Ogden 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Payson 0900 - 1300 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Cedar City 0900 - 1200 • Price Outreach 1000 - 1500 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payson 0900 - 1500 • Provo Vet Ctr. 0830 - 1500 • Tooele DWS 1330 - 1500 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden WWH 0800 - 1600 (appt. required) • St George 0900 - 1300
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payson 0900 - 1300 • Beaver 0900 - 1000 • Panguitch 1130 - 1230 • Kanab 1400 - 1500 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roosevelt Outreach 1000 - 1430 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1100 • Provo vet cntr 0830 - 1500 • Farmington 1130 - 1230 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • Provo Courthouse 1000 - 1500 • Ogden Veterans Home 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Cedar City 0900 - 1400 • Price 1000 - 1500 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 1130 - 1230 • Clearfield 1300 - 1500 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden 0800 - 1600 • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • St. George 0900 - 1200
27	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500 • SLCC 0930 - 1600 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogden 0800 - 1600

Addresses per location are listed on pages 16 and 17

Outreach Calendar



A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is scheduled to be at the location on the day and time indicated. Be advised that unforeseen events may cause the VSO to cancel or change a visit. Please verify this by calling the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA) at 801-326-2372 or by visiting the UDVMA website: <http://veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar/>

April 2017

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3	4 • Price 1000 - 1500	5 • Ogden 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Manti DWS 1000 - 1400 • Farmington 1130 - 1230 • Westminster 1300 - 1700 • Clearfield 1300 - 1530	6 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • Ogden 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
10	11 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Cedar City 0900 - 1400 • Roosevelt 1000 - 1430	12 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Tooele DWS 1330 - 1500	13 • Ogden WVH 0800 - 1600 (appt. required) • St. George 0900 - 1200
17 • Beaver 0900 - 1000 • Panguitch 1130 - 1230 • Kanab 1400 - 1600	18 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Price 1000 - 1500	19 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Ivins 0900 - 1500	20 • Fillmore 0900 - 1500 • Provo Courthouse 1000 - 1500 • Delta 1400 - 1600
24	25 • Cedar City 0900 - 1300	26 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1100 • Provo vet cntr 0830 - 1500 • SLCC 0930 - 1600 • Farmington 1130 - 1230 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400	27 • Ogden WVH 0800 - 1600 (appt. required) • St. George 0900 - 1200
			*ATTN: Tooele DWS 1330 - 1500 Will be held every 3rd Friday of the month.

ADDRESSES:

- Beaver (875 North Main St.)
- Cedar City (176 East 2nd North)
- Clearfield (1290 East 1450 South)
- Farmington (28 East State St.)

- Fillmore (75 West Center St.)
- Hill AFB (RAO, Building 430)
- Kanab (468 East 300 South)
- Logan (180 North 100 West)
- Ogden DWS (480 27th Street)

- Ogden Wahlen Veterans Home (1102 North 1200 West)
- Panguitch (665 North Main St.)
- Price (475 West Price River Dr.)
- Provo Courthouse (51 South

- University Ave.)
- Provo Vet Center (1807 N. 1120 W.)
- Richfield (115 East 100 South)
- Roosevelt (140 West 425 South)
- St. George (162 North 400 East)

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The George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home, the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Veterans Home – Payson, and the Southern Utah Veterans Home – Ivins require appointments. Call:

Ogden: 801-326-2372
 Ivins: 435-634-5220
 Payson: 801-465-5400

May 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1	2 • Price 1000 – 1500	3 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 11:30 - 1230 • Westminster 1300 - 1700 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400	4 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • USU 1000 - 1500 • Delta 1400 - 1600
8	9 • Cedar City 0900 - 1200 • Roosevelt 1000 – 1430	10 • Provo Vet Ctr. 0830 – 1500 • Tooele 1330 - 1500	11 • Ogden Veterans Home 0800 - 1600 • St. George 0900 - 1200
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22	23 • Cedar City 0900 - 1200	24 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500 • Farmington 1130 – 1230 • Clearfield 1300 – 1400	25 • St. George 0900 - 1200
29	30	31 • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500	

• Tooele DWS Center (305 N Main St #100)

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