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veterans.utah.gov

Register your information with the Veterans Information System:
uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register



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

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 • 0800 - 1600
 Team Hill Spouses Roundup Golf Tournament
 • Hubbard Golf Course

Friday – 12 May • 0830 - 1600
 Veterans Business Conference
 • SLCC Miller Campus
www.slchamber.com/veterans

Friday – 12 May • 1000 - 1400
 Recreation Fair Open House
 • SLC VA Medical Center Bldg. 8

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 • 0900 - 1400
 Veterans Resource Fair
 • Old County Courthouse, Cache Visitors
 Center

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

Saturday – 20 May • 1100 - 1400
 Military Appreciation Day Hogle Zoo
 • Utah Hogle Zoo

Saturday – 20 May • 1800 - 2300
 Utah Army Ball
 • The Little America Hotel

Thursday – 25 May • 0700 - 1600
 Spring Veterans Golf Social
 • Hubbard Golf Course
<https://veterans.utah.gov/veterans-golf-social-2017/>

Monday – 29 May • 1000 - 1200
 Memorial Day Service
 • UT Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park

Monday – 29 May • 1000
 Memorial Day Service
 • Ft. Douglas Cemetery

Monday – 29 May • 1830
 Military Appreciation Night
 • Salt Lake Bee's Ball Park

JUNE

Thursday – 1 June • 1300
 VVA State Council
 • Radisson Hotel SLC, UT

Thursday - Saturday – 1-3 June • 0900 - 1700
 DAV State Convention
 • Radisson Hotel SLC, UT

Wednesday – 7 June • 1730 - 1900
 St. George Veterans Legal Clinic
 • St. George CBOC 230 No. 1680 East, Bldg. N
 St. George, UT

Saturday – 10 June • 0900 - 1700
 6th Annual Sounds of Freedom Fest.
 • Layton Commons Park

Saturday – 10 June • 0900 - 1700
 Show and Shine Motorcycle Show
 • American Legion Post 112

Saturday – 10 June • 0900 - 1700
 Bob Hope USO Celebration
 • Edward Kenly Amphitheater

Friday - Sunday – 9-11 June • 0900 - 1700
 VFW Convention
 • 2250 S. 1200 W. Comfort Suites, Ogden

Monday – 12 June • 0830 - 1600
 Army 242nd Birthday Golf Scramble
 • Ridge Golf Course

Wednesday – 21 June • 0700 - 1600
 Focus on Defense Symposium
 • Ogden Eccles Conference Cntr

Thursday – 22 June • 0730 - 1600
 Focus on Defense Charity Golf Tournament
 • Wolf Creek Golf Course
<http://www.afafod.org/Events/AEFGolfTournament.aspx>

Friday - Sunday – 23 - 25 June • 0900 - 1700
 American Legion / American Legion Auxiliary
 State Convention
 • Comfort Suites, 2250 S. 1200 W., Ogden, UT

JULY

Monday – 24 July • 1130 - 2300
 The Pioneer Legacy
 • Legend Solar Stadium, St George, UT



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gary Harter, Executive Director

Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs

This issue of the Veterans Voice is focused on Military Affairs. In addition to the recurring information and upcoming events in every issue, we are happy to take the opportunity to highlight the great things happening in and around Utah's military installations and units. The first thing I want to do is to highlight a recent study that was completed by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah which concludes that the total economic impact of the military, veterans and defense industry in Utah exceeds 9.2 billion dollars annually, a truly remarkable impact which reflects the importance of these activities in our state.

By all accounts, Military Affairs in Utah is strong. The Utah National Guard, both Army and Air, continues to excel across all metrics of success and makes significant contributions to our national defense and state homeland security missions. Hill Air Force Base is the largest military installation in Utah in terms of the number of people, size and scope of missions, and economic impacts. With 65+ separate tenant units, Hill's missions are diverse and far reaching. As one of only three Air Force maintenance depots, the home of the first operational F-35 Fighter Wings, and the ICBM Systems Directorate, Hill is well positioned for significant contributions to the Air Force now and into the future.

Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, and reserve units from all services, many concentrated around Ft. Douglas, all provide essential military capabilities to their respective services in support of our national defense. For many of these missions, Utah is uniquely suited and an ideal location for the military to do business. The Utah Test and Training Range is a national treasure, and was recently enhanced in national legislation by improving the buffer and safety zone around the range. We're proud of these units and national defense contributions and knowing Utah is doing its part.

Outside the gates, our military continues to be exceptionally well supported by community group, military associations, and military affairs committees. In this issue you can read about the contributions of the Air Force Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the Utah Defense Alliance. These are only a few highlighted organizations. We know and value the many unheralded groups that support our military bases, unit, service members and family members including the military affairs committees of the local Chambers, family readiness groups, and industry partners. Their efforts are appreciated more than they know.

We hope you enjoy the issue and find it informative. 🇺🇸



UTAH NATIONAL GUARD – TRAINED AND READY

As tensions continue to escalate between Syria, Russia, North Korea, and Iran; military leaders are emphasizing that readiness is priority number one. Sustaining readiness requires constant training, recruiting, adequate facilities, and a healthy and capable force. The Utah National Guard has deployed over 1,500 Soldiers and Airmen into 42 different countries throughout 2016 and are still training, equipping, and preparing units and individuals to answer the nation's call. Readiness is measured through metrics and Utah consistently ranks in the top ten nationally in all categories.

Training has always been, and will continue to be, one of the most critical facets of readiness. Camp Williams consists of over 24,000 acres of training lands, ranges, and facilities. The training that occurs at Camp Williams prepares Utah military members for war-time and state missions. Similar to so many other military installations, Camp Williams was established in 1914 in a location far from population centers. As Utah's population continues to boom, urban development now abuts the borders of Camp Williams which impacts training and quality of life of adjacent communities. After years of effort, Camp Williams was

finally approved to participate in a federally funded program that facilitates installations to work with partners and landowners to create a buffer of compatible lands. The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) was approved in September 2015 and has already brought over \$8 million dollars to the program. To assist with this endeavor, the Utah National Guard, Herriman City, and other stake holders assembled the West Traverse Community Partnership. The West Traverse Community Partnership is a coalition that shares vision, ideas, and resources to preserve training lands and the rural character that is so critical to Utah's heritage.

Camp Williams not only serves the needs of Utah Soldiers but provides a venue at the national level. This year, the Utah National Guard will host the 6th annual Panther Strike Exercise that brings in hundreds of Military Intelligence Soldiers from all over the nation and some from our foreign allies. This year, Camp Williams will host Cyber Shield Exercise that will train the Army and Air Force's newest critical capability in Cyber Warfare.

The Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard remain highly trained and motivated as evidenced by their superior performance and commitment to excellence. Whatever the future brings that will warrant the need for the military, Utah National Guard will always be ready to answer the call. 🇺🇸



Am I eligible?



Apply for Pre-Need Eligibility for VA Burials

An important change to VA memorial benefits now allows Veterans and family members to find out in advance if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.

To read the full article visit: https://explore.va.gov/memorial-benefits?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april-memorial-monthly_4.5&utm_term=header-image-page&utm_content=memorial-application-all-null

VA Fixes Veterans Crisis Line

WASHINGTON - In response to the recently released VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) report that reviewed processes from June 6 through Dec. 15, 2016, of the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL), the Department of Veterans Affairs released the following statement: The Department of Veterans Affairs is proud to announce that the challenges with the Veterans Crisis Line have been resolved.

To read more go to: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2872>



Can Spiritual Therapy Ease Your PTSD Symptoms?

A researcher associated with the Augusta VA in Georgia is conducting a survey to see if Veterans coping with PTSD might be interested in having spirituality introduced into their therapy.

To read more go to: https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/NewsFeatures/2017/March/Can_Spiritual_Therapy_Ease_Your_PTSD_Symptoms.asp



Parkinson's patient finds relief from pain through exercise

The Get Excited and Move program is designed to enhance and improve muscular strength and endurance, coordination, agility, flexibility, speed work, and voice command for those with Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

To read more go to: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/36699/parkinsons-patient-finds-relief-from-pain-through-exercise/>



HILL'S F-16s: 40 YEARS OF COMBAT AIRPOWER ADAPTED FROM HAFB PAO

Forty years ago, the United States Air Force announced that the 388th Fighter Wing would be the first unit to transition to the F-16 Fighting Falcon, now more commonly known as the Viper. Thirty-eight years ago, the first operational F-16A took to the skies here and the Viper has been slipping the surly bonds of earth over Utah ever since.

As the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings prepare to repeat history with the F-35A Lightning II and before the last combat coded F-16 departs later this year, it is only fitting to pay homage to the men and women here who flew, maintained and supported the venerable Viper. Without their extraordinary professionalism and commitment, the F-16's incredible combat-proven service record and perennial success of Hill Air Force Base (AFB) would not have been possible.

Hill AFB and its F-16 operations also saw the first-ever 'Total Force Integration' of 419th FW reserve Airmen in a combined effort with active-duty 388th FW Airmen. This concept leveraged the vast experience of reserve Airmen and deployed them side-by-side with active-duty Airmen, multiplying the combat capability of both units in a concept that would become the norm for the rest of the F-16's tenure here.

As Hill prepares the last F-16s to depart for the last time, it causes many to pause and reflect on the incredible record of F-16 service here. As arguably the most successful fighter aircraft in history, the Viper evolved multiple times across nearly four decades of service at Hill into an aircraft its developers could scarcely have imagined. This is a fitting testament

to her capability, but an even more fitting tribute to the 388th and 419th FW Airmen who flew and maintained the mighty Viper. As has always been the case, it is the men and women who served during this time who enabled nearly four decades of F-16 flying and over 25 years of continuous combat operations. These Airmen tirelessly maintained her, lovingly prepared her and her pilots for combat, and flew her into harm's way. They are the true heroes of this incredible time in the history of combat airpower at Hill AFB. 🇺🇸





TESTS, TRAINING AND TENANTS KEEP DUGWAY BUSY IN 2017

By Robert Saxon and Al Vogel, DPG PAO

Dugway Proving Ground will be bustling in 2017, according to Ryan Harris, director of Dugway's West Desert Test Center.

"It's shaping up to be a pretty busy year. We had some testing last year that got delayed until 2017," Harris said.

Dugway's mission is to test defenses against chemical, biological, radiological and explosives hazards (detectors, decontaminants, protective clothing). Dugway tests only defenses against chemical or biological agents or toxic industrial chemicals -- not weapons. Much of the testing is done in chambers with multiple layers of containment and filtration. Only benign, simulated agent is used outdoors.



Significant testing of systems in 2017 include:

Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard and Fort Stewart, Georgia tested the Joint Sensitive Equipment Wipe, a specialized disposable wipe used to quickly decontaminate sensitive items.

Mobile testing of three variants of the Stryker Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle.

S/K Challenge IV will challenge chemical and biological detectors from around the world and the U.S. with simulated agents at a cost much lower than full testing.

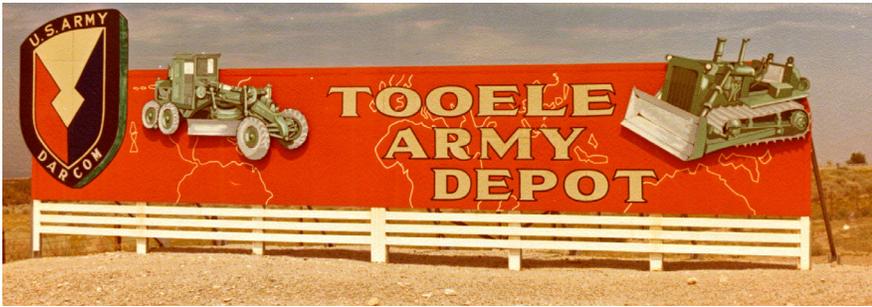
Significant chemical and biological hazards training events in 2017 include:

For the fourteenth consecutive year, United Kingdom Royal Air Force Gunners conduct Desert Vapor exercise at Dugway, labeled as some of the world's most advanced training in chemical and biological defense.

Specialized soldiers from Germany hone their chemical and biological defense skills for two weeks at Dugway, paving the way for more training in following years due to the installation's unique testing and training facilities.

Numerous National Guard Civil Support Teams train at Dugway each year and have done so since CST was created in 2006. 🇺🇸





MILITARY / CIVILIAN CONNECTION CELEBRATES 75 YEARS AT TEAD

By Lally Laksbergs, Tooele Army Depot Public Affairs Officer

This year, Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) celebrates its 75th anniversary of the installation's founding. Although the depot's actual anniversary day falls on April 14, the depot has scheduled an employee/community celebration August 10, 2017.

Through internal and external media sources, such as Facebook and Instagram, we will celebrate TEAD's anniversary by sharing photos, stories and the history of people who have made the depot not only a critical center of the warfighter mission, but also an essential part of the community of Tooele and the State of Utah. We hope these memories will provide an important connection to our nation's history through the eyes of TEAD.

Currently, TEAD employs more than 200 military veterans from all services and 30 employees are actively serving the nation in the National Guard and Reserves. The overall workforce come from seven different counties in Utah and more than 65 employees have been working at TEAD for more than 30 years.

TEAD and its employees are the essence of munitions logistics and have selflessly provided support to our warfighters - supplying America's fight across the globe - for generations. Many of its more than 500 employees have been part of the depot

for multiple-generations, and are truly the backbone of the civilian military family. They "get" why their job is important to the nation and have been purpose-driven for 75 years.

Follow along and enjoy the ride back into the history and memories of this purpose-driven organization on Facebook, www.facebook.com/TooeleArmyDepot and Instagram, "tooelearmydepot_official" - Celebrate with TEAD from April 2017 to March 2018 🇺🇸





Fort Douglas, one of the oldest U.S. Army posts in Utah, was established in 1862 on a rise overlooking Salt Lake City. Fort Douglas is the current home of the 76th Division and the 807th Medical Command, as well as the 96th Sustainment Brigade and many of its reporting units, a Reserve Drill Sergeant Company, a Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, and a regional vehicle maintenance facility.

In the State of Utah, there are total of 3,070 United States Army Reserve (USAR) personnel assigned, approximately 440 are full time support, with an average annual payroll of \$59 million. There are 116 USAR units located across the state in Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Draper, Pleasant Grove, Provo and Saint George.

The 76th Division (Operational Response) is the senior command at Fort Douglas commanded by Major General Ricky Waddell. The 76th Division works to increase the stature and recognition of the Army Reserve in the State of Utah through civic and community engagement. The Division leverages its high standing in the state to garner community and business backing, as well as local and national government support for our Soldiers and units. In turn, the Division supports the state and local communities during events, including the Fort Douglas Military Museum Association annual business dinner, Operation Love

Letter, "Meet the Military" breakfast at the state capitol, the grand opening of Flight at the Leonardo, the first annual Utah Military Community Support Conference, the Mayor's proclamation and flag raising for POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Governor's Day parade and military ball, Chamber of Commerce involvement, German Day of Remembrance, Saluting our Heroes at the National Ability Center, and Wreaths Across America.

On May 20, 2017, the command will be hosting the Utah Army Ball (www.facebook.com/2017UtahArmyBall) at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City to commemorate Armed Forces Day. 🇺🇸



Army Ball & Armed Forces Day Concert



Utah Army Ball

May 20, 2017

Hosted By:

Major General Ricky L Waddell

Commander 76th Division

Operational Response

POC: 1LT Chapa

[801-656-3368](tel:801-656-3368)

LOCATION:

THE LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL
500 Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT
84101



ARMED FORCES DAY CONCERT

Presented By

THE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF UTAH

Sterling Paulson Conducting

And the

UTAH NATIONAL GUARD 23RD ARMY BAND

Chief Warrant Officer Denny Saunders Conducting

May 20, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

**GALLIVAN CENTER
DOWNTOWN SLC**

Free Admission

Activities Begin @ 4:30 PM



of MIC3 in Utah. If you are interested in participating with your local school, contact fredaallen6@gmail.com. To learn more about MIC3 go to www.mic3.net.

Upcoming Army Events

Save the date for these three events:

- 1) Army Ball – May 20th, hosted by the 76th Division Operational Response Command and co-sponsored by AUSA... food, fun, entertainment, contact rebecca.s.chapa.mil@mail.mil for details;
- 2) Memorial Day Services – May 29th, 0930 hrs march from the Museum and 1000 hrs Services at the Fort Douglas Cemetery... gun salute, taps, remarks, music;
- 3) Golf Scramble – June 12th, AUSA Scholarship fundraiser... golf prizes, food, fun, all for a great cause, contact eking2413@aol.com for golf details, and dajohnson26@comcast for scholarship details. 🇺🇸

MIC3 AND MILITARY DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Military families encounter several challenges when enrolling their children for school – eligibility, class placement, graduation credits and the integration of the child into a new social environment. MIC3 is the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, it provides for uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. MIC3 was developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, departments of education, school administrators and military families.

The Utah Chapter of the Association of the United State Army (AUSA) has agreed to assist with implementation

ARMY RESERVES SEEK SKILL LEVEL 20/30 PRIOR SERVICE TO FILL KEY POSITIONS

U.S. Army Reserves are seeking prior service military to fill key leadership vacancies in Utah's TPU's. If you have exited the service, a member of the IRR, or currently in a unit in which you have no upward mobility due to over strengths in skill level 20/30 the Army Reserves is looking for you.

Predominance of vacancies exists in Quartermaster, Medical, Transportation and Combat Engineering units. Limited vacancies as well can be found in Finance, Civil Affairs, and Military Police units. Will train vacancies are available on a case by case basis.

Vacancies need to be filled in order to meet the recently announced need for 6,000 additional active-duty recruits and 1,500 additional Army Reserve recruits by the end of September as a result

of the National Defense Authorization Act's increase in the Army's size. U.S. Army Recruiting Command will see the largest in-year mission increase in the command's history, bringing the original mission of 62,500 to 68,500. This will increase the mission of the local Army recruiting battalion, based in Salt Lake City, Utah from 2,090 to 2,171.

The Army has added \$200 million in incentive bonuses, fully opened enlistment to those who have served previously to assist with the increase, and increased the number of two-year enlistment opportunities. The Army's standards for quality will not change with the mission increase. Currently, only 29 percent of youth meet the physical and mental qualifications required for military service. For more information please contact the US Army Recruiting HQ at 801-974-9518. 🇺🇸



UTAH DEFENSE ALLIANCE: STRENGTHENING UTAH'S MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The mission of the Utah Defense Alliance (UDA) is to strengthen and support

all appropriate governmental and private enterprises in their accomplishment of national defense objectives and expand investment and employment opportunities in defense and aerospace related industries.

UDA began in the early 1990's as a group of volunteer citizens and businesses who came together to ensure the long-term viability of Hill Air Force Base, especially during the military's Base Closure And Realignment

(BRAC) processes. Their hard work, vision and planning resulted in Hill Air Force Base, not only remaining open, but thriving, while other communities across the nation dealt with the impacts of military installations closing or significantly down-sizing. In early 2006, UDA broadened its efforts to look at all military activities across the entire State, including U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, and all National Guard and Reserve organizations.

UDA remains a volunteer board, comprised of board members from local businesses, defense and aerospace industries, concerned citizens, academia, and local, state and federal government, all committed to advocating for the military installations and growing the defense industry in Utah. For more info: <http://utahdefensealliance.com/> 🇺🇸



HONORING UTAH WOMEN VETERANS CEREMONY

By Cory Pearson, Director, Veteran's Services UDVMA

The State of Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA) knows the importance of Honoring Women Veterans living within Utah.

This year UDVMA partnered with SLC VA Healthcare System, SLC Veterans Benefits Administration, American Legion, L3 Communications, Zions Bank, American First Credit Union, Salt Lake Chamber Military Affairs Committee, and Harmons Grocery, to plan and sponsor the event.

On March 22nd, at the downtown Zions Bank Founders Room, a ceremony was held to honor and thank women veterans from all Brances and periods

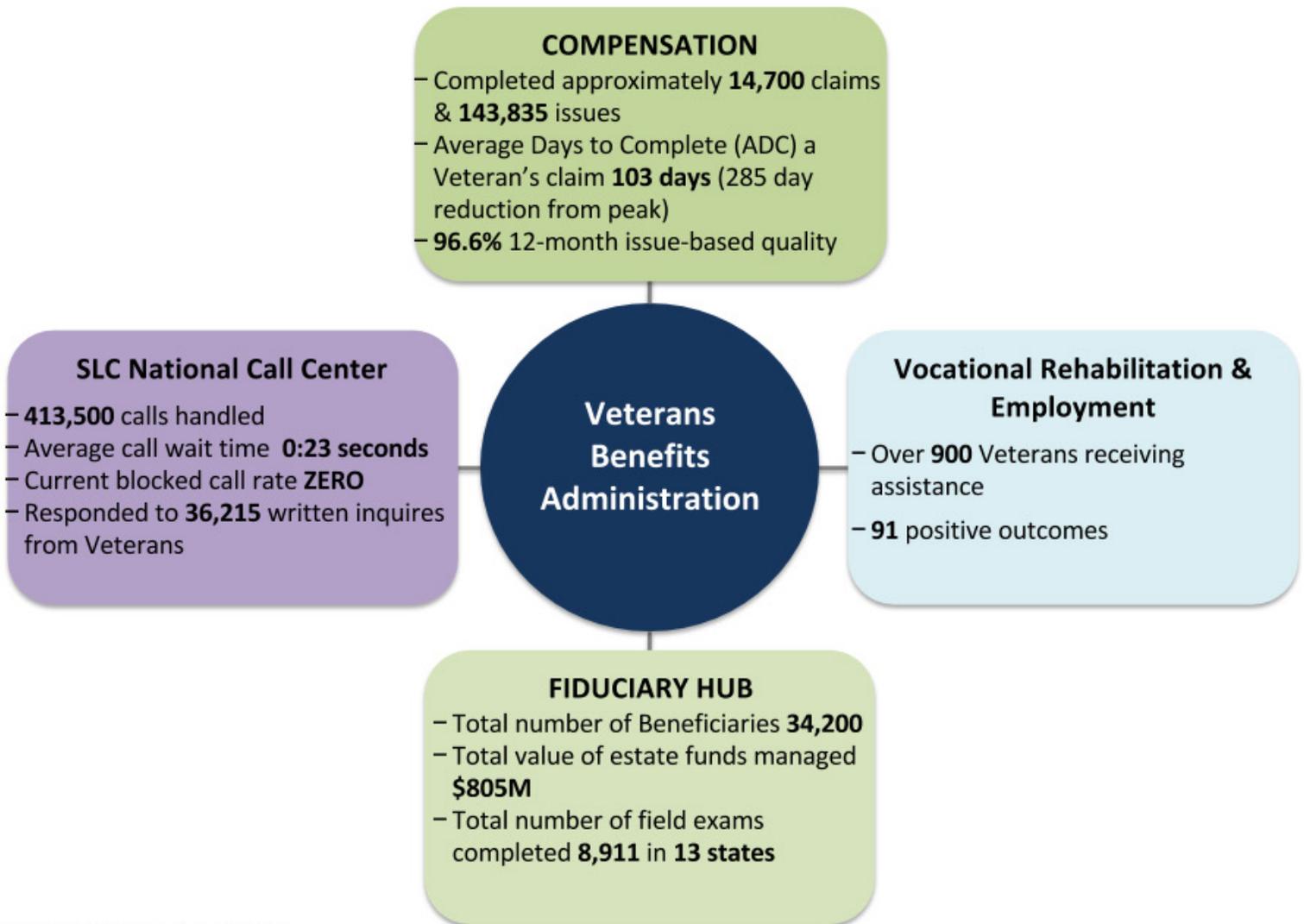
of services. Attendees heard women tell their stories, and also heard messages from some of the amazing speakers. Lt. Governor Spencer J Cox, welcomed all in attendance, and shared a brief message thanking everyone for their service, and their commitment to our country. Colonel Jennifer Hammerstedt Commander, 75th Air Base Wing HAFB also shared a message regarding, "women and their influence on her life and military career".

At the conclusion of the ceremony all those in attendance were presented with a special pin "Honoring Women Veterans" and a certificate thanking them for their service. The State of Utah Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs looks forward to continuing this tradition annually in March during women's history month.

This event could not have been accomplished without the help of great partners and amazing women veterans living here in the State of Utah who attended. Also, a big thank you to all of the sponsors and all who helped in making this ceremony a success. 🇺🇸

UPDATE: "BY THE NUMBERS", VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION, SALT LAKE CITY REGIONAL OFFICE

How Salt Lake City Regional Office is Making a Difference



FY2017 Data as of EOM March

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Obligations & caseload (FY16):

- **COMPENSATION:** Paid nearly \$60M to beneficiaries in FY17
- **PENSION:** Paid \$5.45B to nearly 500K beneficiaries
- **VR&E:** Paid \$1.3B to 137K beneficiaries
- **EDUCATION:** Paid \$12.6B to 1M beneficiaries
- **LIFE INSURANCE:** Paid over \$2B in benefits to insure 6.1M lives in FY16, including 114.5K death claim payments
- **HOME LOAN GUARANTY:** Guaranteed a record 705K loans (12% more than FY15, a previous record setting year) for 1.2M beneficiaries totaling \$179B in FY16

Utah Air Force Association



The Air Force Association (AFA) is a non-profit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. The AFA mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and our Air Force Heritage.

The Utah AFA consists of 3 Chapters, each of which supports Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and civil servant Airmen across the State. AFA provides support for families of deployed airmen, hosts the Sullivan and Scowcroft awards banquets and ceremonies, funds Community College of the Air Force graduations, and provides scholarships to airmen. In December we participated in Operation Snowball Express greeting and providing teddy bears to gold star children who had lost a military parent.

The Chapters and the AFA Aerospace Education Foundation support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education across the state by providing volunteers and financial resources to AF junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (high school) programs, AFROTC units at USU, University of Utah, and BYU; and sponsoring

a state-wide Rube Goldberg engineering contest for Jr High and High School students. Each chapter also recognizes a teacher of the year in the K-8 and 9-12 categories, honoring outstanding efforts in aerospace education.

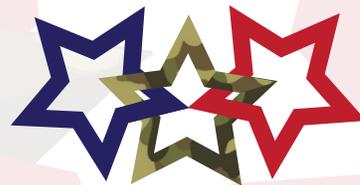
The Industrial Associates of the Utah AFA provide a forum for large and small business to network to provide superior responses to needs and Hill AFB and other military organizations in Utah.

The AFA could always use volunteers to help to support Airmen (Active, Reserve, Guard and Civil Service), veterans, and educational programs. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in supporting today's Airmen/Veterans; Aerospace power projection; or STEM education focused on Aerospace activities. For more information contact <http://www.UtahAFA.org> , or <http://www.AFA.org>.



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*

\$1000 Event Sponsor *Corporate name recognition on all marketing material, one exhibit booth and four conference tickets*

\$2500 Major Sponsor *Corporate logo recognition on all marketing material, one exhibit booth and six conference tickets*

\$5000 Presenting Sponsor *Corporate logo recognition on all marketing material, one exhibit booth and eight conference tickets*

AGENDA

- 0830** Registration & Exhibitors
- 0900** Welcome
- 0915** Opening Keynote Tony Horton 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®.
- 1000** Break
- 1015** Business Presentations - Lessons Learned from various Veteran Owned Businesses
 - Jeff Carleton, Mountain West Cider
 - Ted Garcia, BeXar Advanced Solutions Group
 - Brian Murphy, Utah Luxury Tours
 - Lorraine Peart, Avalon Business Engineering Services
- 1115** Resource Partners Panel Discussion
 - Boots to Business - Small Business Administration
 - Business Plans - Salt Lake Chamber Women's Business Center
 - Cash Flow - Salt Lake Small Business Development Center
 - Government Contracting - PTAC
 - Sale & Marketing - SCORE
- 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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RESOURCE PARTNERS:

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 | Salt Lake County | Utah Department of Work Force Services | Utah SBDC Network | SCORE | Utah Microenterprise Loan Fund



USTAR

UTAH'S TECHNOLOGY CATALYST

USTAR FOCUSED ON GROWING AEROSPACE AND ADVANCED MATERIAL SECTORS IN UTAH

Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) has found a home for its Innovation Center at the Falcon Hill National Aerospace Research Park development, just outside the west gates of Hill Air Force Base.

"The USTAR Innovation Center provides technology entrepreneurs access to sophisticated equipment, office space, mentoring, and proximity to strategic partners – all necessary components to grow Utah's aerospace and advanced material sectors," said Ivy Estabrooke, USTAR Executive Director.

The Innovation Center houses high-tech equipment and provides office and meeting space for startups and growing high-tech companies in the aerospace, advanced materials, and outdoor product sectors. USTAR participated in the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the first building outside the base being developed as part of a public-private partnership by the Air Force and Sunset Ridge Development Partners. USTAR will be the anchor tenant in this new construction. The USTAR Innovation Center is currently housed in a temporary space nearby with the new space expected to be completed later this year.

The completed building will include 21,000 square feet of office and lab space, conference rooms, and dedicated space for manufacturing, research and development projects. The temporary location is currently open to entrepreneurs who need to lease space or utilize specialized equipment including 3D printers, a laser cutter, OMAX Waterjet, CNC mill and lathe.

USTAR also offers competitive grant programs for Utah researchers and entrepreneurs to help address gaps in Utah's technology ecosystem. More information on all USTAR programs including the new Innovation Center can be found by visiting www.ustar.org.





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VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM LAW CHANGES

On April, 19 2017, The President signed a law that removes the August 7, 2017 expiration date and allows VA to utilize funding dedicated to the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) until it is exhausted

Change 1 – Removal of Expiration Date:

The law removes the August 7, 2017 expiration date for the VCP. The VCP will continue until the original \$10 billion dollars is spent. Based on current estimates, funds for the VCP will last through 2018 or until the funds run out.

Change 2 – Primary Coordinator of Benefits:

VA is now the Primary Coordinator of Benefits for services provided to Veterans under the VCP. This common sense change VA requested from Congress.

Impact to Veterans:

- Before this law change, some Veterans were required to pay the cost-shares/co-pays associated with their private health insurance, now those Veterans will not have to pay the cost-shares/co-pays to their private health insurance carrier.

Impact to community providers:

- Originally, some community providers had to bill the Veterans' private health insurance and the VCP. With the law change community providers will now only have to bill the VCP.

Change 3 – Information Sharing:

Previously, VA had a restriction different from other health care providers. This law removes these restrictions and ensures that community providers have access to appropriate health information for Veterans and brings VA in line with other health care providers and federal standards. We emphasize that this does not create an exception to, or weaken in any manner, the protections of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Impact to Veterans:

- Veterans will experience improved continuity and quality of care because community providers will have appropriate access to necessary medical records.

Impact to community providers:

- Community providers will now have access to all appropriate health information for Veterans. 

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I, AS A DEPENDENT, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MY VETERAN'S COMPENSATION BENEFIT AFTER THEY ARE DECEASED?

Dependence and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments are available for un-remarried surviving spouses, surviving spouses who remarry after age 57, children under age 18, and children ages 18 to 23 (if attending a VA approved schools).

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a tax free monetary benefit paid to eligible survivors of military Service members who died in the line of duty or eligible survivors of Veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.

DIC payments may also be authorized for surviving dependents of Veterans with a permanent and total service-connected disability at time of death but whose death did not result from service-connected disability, if the Veteran was continuously rated totally disabled for 10 or more years immediately before death.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF MY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CLAIM?

There are several ways to check the status for VA disability claims. You can check online using an eBenefits account, or you can go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. The Salt Lake Regional Office located at 550 Foothill Drive Salt Lake City Utah. You can also call the VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000.

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

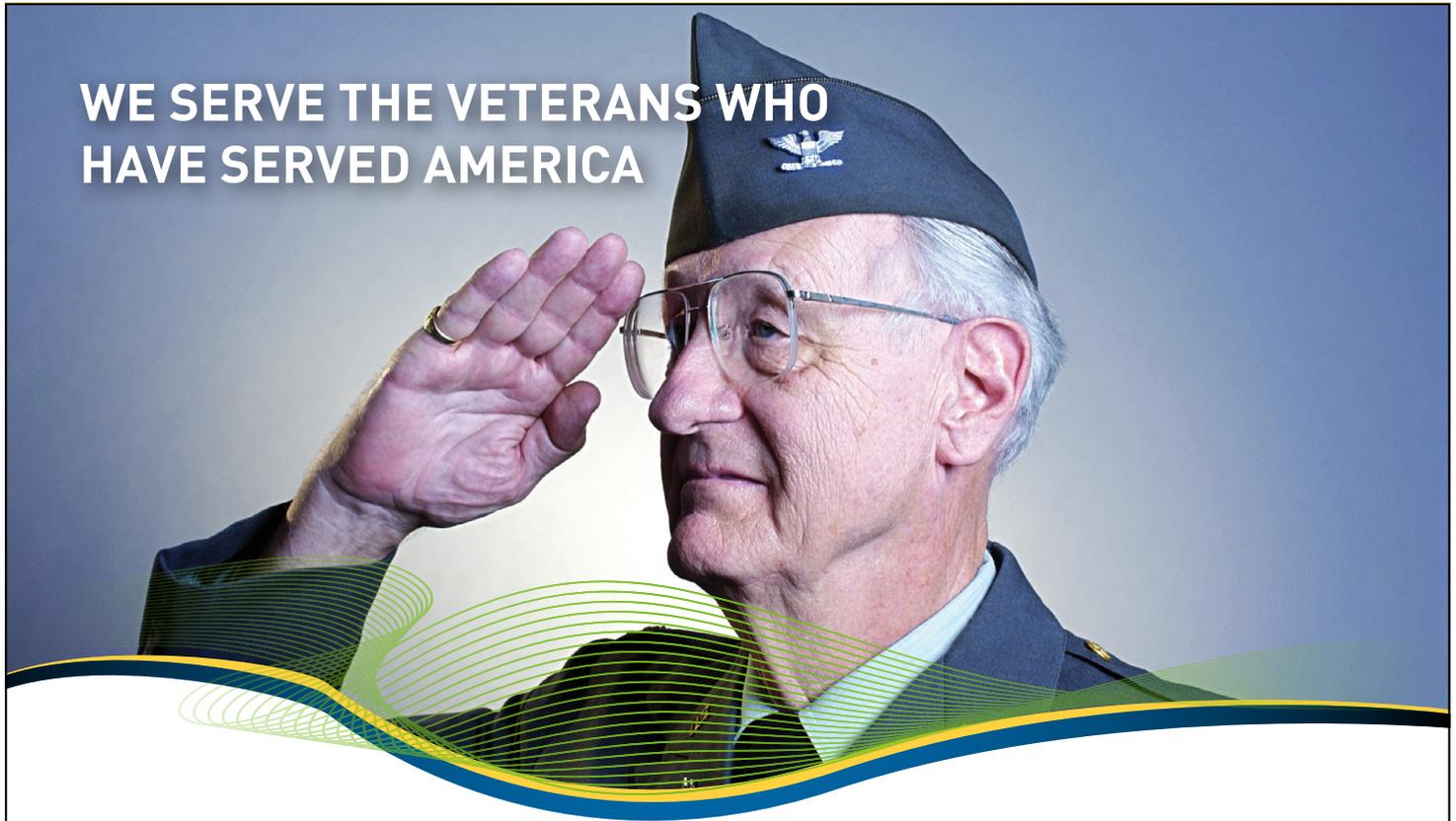
<http://veterans.utah.gov/resources-and-publications/>

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

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May 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1	2 • Price 1000 – 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	3 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 11:30 - 1230 • DWS Manti 1230 - 1400 • 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 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	10 • Provo Vet Ctr. 0830 – 1500 • Tooele 1330 - 1500	11 • Ogden Veterans Home 0800 - 1600 • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • St. George 0900 - 1200
15 • Beaver 0900 - 1600 • Panguitch 1130 - 1230 • Kanab 1400 - 1500	16 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Price 1000 – 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	17 • Provo 0830 - 1500 • Ivins 0900 - 1500	18 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • Delta 1400 - 1600
22 • Ivins 0900 - 1500	23 • Lehi DWS 0830 - 1500 • Cedar City 0900 - 1200 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	24 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500 • Farmington 1130 – 1230 • Clearfield 1300 – 1400	25 • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • St. George 0900 - 1200
29 • Memorial Day	30 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	31 • Provo Vet Center 0830 - 1500 • SLCC 0930 - 1600	

Addresses per location are listed on pages 16 and 17

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June 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			1 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • Ogden 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
5	6 • Price 1000 – 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	7 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 11:30 - 1230 • DWS Manti 1230 - 1400 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400	8 • Ogden WVH 0800 – 1600 (appt. required) • Ivins 0900 - 1500
12	13 • Cedar City 0900 - 1300 • Roosevelt Outreach 1000 - 1430 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	14 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Tooele 1330 - 1500	15 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Provo DWS 0800 - 1500 • St. George 0900 - 1200 • Fillmore 0900 - 1500 • Ogden VH 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
19 • Beaver 0900 - 1000 • Panguitch 1130 - 1230 • Kanab 1400 - 1500	20 • Price 1000 – 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	21 • Ogden DWS 0800 – 1100 • Provo vet cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 1130 – 1230 • DWS Manti 1230 - 1400 • Clearfield 1300 – 1400	22 • Ogden WVH 0800 – 1600 (appt. required)
26 • Ivins 0900 - 1500	27 • Lehi DWS 0830 - 1500 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Cedar City 0900 - 1300 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	28 • Provo vet cntr 0830 - 1500 • SLCC 0930 - 1600 • Farmington 1130 – 1230	29 • Ogden WVH 0800 – 1600 (appt. required) • Provo DWS 0830 - 1500 • St George 0900 - 1300

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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 Payson: 801-465-5400

July 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3	4 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	5 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1000 • Provo Vet Cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 11:30 - 1230 • DWS Manti 1230 - 1400 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400	6 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • St. George 0900 - 1400 • USU 1000 - 1500 • Ogden 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
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17 • Ivins 0900 - 1500	18 • Ivins 0900 - 1500 • Price Outreach 1000 - 1500 • SLC VA Hospital 1000 - 1200	19 • Ogden DWS 0800 - 1100 • Provo vet cntr 0830 - 1500 • Richfield 0930 - 1130 • Farmington 1130 - 1230 • DWS Manti 1230 - 1430 • Clearfield 1300 - 1400	20 • Logan 0800 - 1000 • Fillmore 0900 - 1100 • St. George 0900 - 1400 • Provo Courthouse 1000 - 1500 • Ogden Veterans Home 1100 - 1600 • Delta 1400 - 1600
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• Tooele DWS Center (305 N Main St #100)

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