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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gary Harter, Executive Director
Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs

HONORING AND ADVOCATING FOR OUR VETERANS

Every year on Veterans Day, we take a moment to recognize the veterans who have served and sacrificed for our country.

This Veterans Day, the 101st anniversary of Armistice Day, and every day, the Utah Department of Veterans & Military affairs is committed to providing our veteran's, service members and their families with the support they deserve. Every day, our veterans service officers work diligently to connect you to your earned benefits and ensure that you are advocated for and supported by the State of Utah.

Whether active-duty, Reserve, or the National Guard, we commend you for your service and sacrifices. Whether veteran or current service member, the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs is privileged to advocate for you and your family.



Nearly 150,000 veterans reside in Utah, and over 300 soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines from Utah are currently deployed across the globe serving our national security interests.

The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs humbly thank our service members, veterans, and their families for your selflessness and love of country. Your sacrifices are valued and appreciated.

Nothing could be greater than to work with all of those who ensure our freedoms are preserved each and every day.

GARY HARTER





HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM'S B-29 SUPERFORTRESS GETS HISTORICAL MAKEOVER

by Todd Cromar, 75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A static display at the Hill Aerospace Museum received a major makeover this summer.

Museum staff, volunteers and contractors completed an exterior restoration of a B-29 Superfortress to preserve the airframe, as well as display markings and insignia to accurately represent the famed B-29 nicknamed "Straight Flush" that trained for top-secret operations from Wendover Field during World War II.

Aaron Clark, Hill Aerospace Museum director, said the aircraft's new appearance is intended to reflect the museum's collection tie to Hill Air Force Base and the state of Utah,

one of the primary objectives for the museum. "Because of our museum mission, we felt it was prudent that this static display represents a historically significant aircraft, with direct ties to Wendover Field, Hill Air Force Base, and World War II to educate the public on this rich local story," Clark said.

The previous paint scheme on the B-29 represented a different mission, unit, and airframe. It took more than three years to restore the aircraft. Exterior work included sanding the aircraft to the bare aluminum, extensive corrosion control, sheet metal work, and more.

Clark said the majority of the unique markings exhibited on Straight Flush for the restoration

were stenciled and painted by hand to replicate the application and look of the original airframe.

The storied history surrounding Straight Flush began in 1944 when the U.S. Army Air Force activated the 509th Composite Group, a unit assigned the duty of providing training in atomic warfare and nuclear weapons. Soon after, the 509th received fifteen of the distinctive Silverplate B-29s and trained at Wendover Field, Utah – once a satellite of Hill Field.

The term Silverplate was assigned to B-29s that were modified to carry and deliver the atomic bomb.

One of the Silverplate B-29s, later nicknamed Straight Flush, arrived at Wendover Field April 2, 1945, and had an integral part in the Enola Gay's mission to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. The aircraft earned its nickname for its pilot Capt. Claude "Buck" Eatherly and his affection for gambling.

Upon completion of testing and training, Eatherly flew Straight Flush from Wendover Field to Tinian, one of the Mariana Islands in

the Pacific Ocean and the airfield from which the B-29s dropped the atomic bombs on mainland Japan.

From June to August, Straight Flush flew 11 training missions and six combat missions dropping bombs on Japanese targets.

On the morning of Aug. 6, Eatherly flew Straight Flush on a weather reconnaissance mission over Japan and radioed that the weather appeared sufficiently clear. Then at 9:15 a.m. local time, the Enola Gay dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

After World War II ended, the Army Air Force assigned Straight Flush to a number of locations before it was then sent to the 3040th Aircraft Storage Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, where it was retired in July 1954.

"The Silverplates' time at Wendover Field training for the atomic bomb drops led to the 509th Composite Group playing a decisive role in ending World War II and was the reason the museum restored the exterior of its B-29 to resemble Straight Flush," Clark said. "We feel this story is one everyone should encounter while visiting this museum." ★

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BLUE STAR FAMILIES NONPROFIT LAUNCHES UTAH CHAPTER

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S MILITARY FAMILIES THROUGH COMMUNITIES



by Emily Harrison,
Blue Star Families Salt Lake City
Chapter Director

More than 105,000 service members, families and veterans call Salt Lake City home. For that reason, Blue Star Families (BSF), a national nonprofit that serves more than 1.5 million military and veteran family members nationwide, brought its support here with the launch of the Salt Lake City Chapter earlier this year.

Founded in 2009 by a group of military spouses, Blue Star Families works to build communities to empower military and veteran families to thrive by delivering evidence-based programs such as career development tools, local events for families, caregiver support and civilian engagement.

The Salt Lake City Chapter serves a 50-mile radius around the capital city, covering just about the entire Salt Lake Valley and Wasatch Front. With that expansive reach, it aims to carry out Blue Star Families' mission, while joining the ranks of San Diego, Chicago, Missouri, Tennessee, Jacksonville, D.C., Baltimore and New York City.

The duo behind this particular community—Emily Harrison, Salt Lake City chapter director, and



Mariah Morse, careers manager—seeks to put their experience in Family Readiness and Family Programs to good use for Salt Lake City's military, veterans and their families.

Since its launch in July, the Chapter has implemented many of Blue Star Families' signature programs including Blue Star Parks, Blue Star Museums, Corporate Engagement, and Spouse-force, the Blue Star careers platform. These programs help military and veteran families get out into the communities in which they live to bridge the civilian-military divide and establish a sense of connectedness and belonging. Moreover, the careers program aims to reduce military spouse unemployment and

underemployment, two critical issues affecting our community not only here in Utah but also across the country.

More than 900 residents have already tapped into the various programs and events the BSF Salt Lake City Chapter offers. Membership is free and open to active, guard, reserve, veterans and their families located within 50 miles of Salt Lake City.

Additionally, civilian supporters of the military can sign up to be a Blue Star Neighbor, which provides access to events and volunteer opportunities. To become a member or a neighbor today, visit bluestarfam.org/join. ★



CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIES ACROSS THE STATE

On Veterans Day and Veterans Day Weekend, communities across the state will join Americans around the world in recognizing the

men and women who have sacrificed in service to our country. The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs invites you to join us to pay respect

to veterans at events and ceremonies across Utah.

For a full list of events, visit veterans.utah.gov.



For a full list of community events visit veterans.utah.gov.
Submit an event to veterans@utah.gov.

VETERANS DAY 2019

CEDAR CITY

SUU Veterans Day Banquet

Join Southern Utah University in celebrating and recognizing all those who served. Formal event.

*Thursday, Nov 8, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Hunter Conference Center
RSVP to AmandaKeller1@suu.edu*

DRAPER

Draper Veterans Day Ceremony

This ceremony is held to demonstrate the Draper community's gratitude to all veterans.

*Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Draper City Park; free to the public*

EUREKA

Veterans Appreciation Day

Join the Battlin' Betties Utah Platoon and Tintic Elks Lodge for Veterans Appreciation Day! Free food, raffles, and a flag ceremony.

*Saturday, Nov. 2, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tintic Elks Lodge; free to the public*

FARMINGTON

Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us in honoring our veterans at the Farmington Cemetery.

*Monday, Nov. 11, 12 noon
Free to the public.*

IVINS

Southern Utah Veterans Home Veterans Day

Join us in honoring all those who have served our country! Special remarks by Darrell Holck.

*Friday, Nov. 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Southern Utah Veterans Home; free to the public*

KAYSVILLE

Kaysville Veterans Day Program

Join Kaysville as they honor those who have served and their families. Includes a luncheon.

*Friday, Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Davis High School; free to the public*

LAYTON

Layton Veterans Parade and Veterans Honors Ceremony

A 'Veterans Honors Ceremony' will be held at the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica site following the parade.

*Saturday, Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Layton City; free to the public*

LOGAN

American Festival Chorus and Orchestra A Veterans Day Memorial

Join with AFC and the USU Symphony Orchestra for this popular annual concert celebrating the indomitable spirit of U.S. military service men and women.

*Monday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Daines Concert Hall; free to the public
Sold Out, standby only*



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VETERANS DAY EVENTS

(CONTINUED)

A selection of ceremonies, concerts and parades that planned throughout the state to honor veterans, service members and families for their service. Special events to celebrate Veterans Day run Thursday, Nov. 8 through Monday, Nov. 11.

Note: This list is not all-inclusive, and events are subject to change. For a more up to-date list, visit veterans.utah.gov.

Utah State University Veterans Events

There will be several events throughout the day. A remembrance roll call will be held all day, just south of the Taggart student center. A moment of silence will be held at noon with guest speakers in the Taggart student center Starburst Lounge. At 7 p.m. a showing of "No Greater Love" will be held in the Eccles Conference Center with Guest Speaker Justin Roberts. For more information visit <https://veterans.usu.edu/>.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3:45 - 4:15
Ogden Nature Center

For further details visit <https://ogdennaturecenter.org/calendar#/?i=2>

Ogden Eagles Lodge Veterans Dinner/Dance

Join us for our annual dinner and dance at the Ogden Eagles Lodge FOE # 2472
Saturday, Nov. 9, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

MAGNA

Magna Veterans Parade

The United Veterans Council of Salt Lake City & County and Magna Township will host their annual Magna Veterans Day Parade

Monday, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.
Magna Township; free to the public

OGDEN

George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home Veterans Day Program

Join us in honoring all those who have served our country!

Friday, Nov. 8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home; free to the public

Senator Milner Ice-Cream Social

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. at
George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home; free to the public

Ogden Nature Center Veterans Day Event

Join us for our annual celebration of Veterans Day as we discuss the history of this special holiday.

OREM

Celebration of Veterans

Join SCERCA for an inspiring, entertaining and patriotic event featuring patriotic presentations, special guests, a variety of musical performances and a display of military vehicles on the front lawn.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.
SCERA Center for the Arts; free to the public

Utah Valley University Veterans Day Celebration & Keynote

Hosted by the Veterans Success Center & the Veterans Day Committee, join UVU for a Veterans Day event featuring a keynote speaker, musical numbers, etc.

Monday, Nov. 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Ragan Theatre; free to the public

For a full list of Veterans Day events at Utah Valley University, visit uvu.edu/veterans/

PAYSON

Bennion Veterans Home Veterans Day Program

Join us in honoring all those who have served

our country! Special remarks by Robert D. Pagnani. Bob served as an Army Combat Medic from 1973-1977.

Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mervyn Sharp Bennion Veterans Home; free to the public

PROVO

Provo Veterans Day Tribute

The Monday morning program is planned by students of Timpview High School with the support of the Provo City Veterans Council and America's Freedom Festival at Provo.

Monday, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.
Timpview High School; free to the public

RIVERDALE

Riverdale Veterans Day Program

Honor those who have served our country through military service. Those attending are encouraged to bring your own personal chair for seating.

Monday, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.
Riverdale Civic Center; free to the public

RIVERTON

Riverton City Veterans Day Program

Join Riverton City in honoring those who have served, and are currently serving our country in the military. Come for a performance by the Riverton Jazz Band and others.

Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sandra N. Lloyd Community Center; free to the public

SALT LAKE CITY

University of Utah Veterans Day Commemoration

Eleven Utah veterans will be honored in a full military dress ceremony that includes bagpipe procession, medallion presentation, and cannon salute.

Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
University Union Ballroom; free to the public

For a full list of Veterans Day events at the

University of Utah, visit veteransday.utah.edu

Utah National Guard 64th Annual Veterans Day Concert

This concert features the theme, 'D-Day' Commemorating 75 Years and will feature stirring patriotic pieces coupled with videos from World War II honoring some of our nation's heroes. Governor Herbert will conduct the last musical number "Stars and Stripes."

Friday, Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m.
The Tabernacle at Temple Square; free to the public

William E. Christoffersen Veterans Home Veterans Day Program

Join us in honoring all those who have served our country!

Friday, Nov. 8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
William E. Christoffersen Veterans Home; free to the public

Military Appreciation Day

Utah's Hogle Zoo - All Day

ST. GEORGE

Dixie State University Veterans Day Ceremony

Join Dixie State University for its annual Veteran Day event followed by the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
OUTDRA Encamp-North; free to the public

For a full list of Veterans Day events at the Dixie State University visit veterans.dixie.edu

"Freedom is Not Free"

Join us as we honor our Veterans and hear Jennie Taylor share her story of family, Country, and commitment. Flag Ceremony by The American Legion Post 90.

Monday, November 11 @ 2 p.m.
Spilsbury Mortuary Chapel



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Sun River St. George Veterans Day Event

Everyone is invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at the SunRiver Veterans Honor Park

Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.
Free to the public

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Tooele Veterans Day Program

Join us as we honor our veterans

Monday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
Utah Army National Guard Building; Free to the public

WASHINGTON

Washington Veterans Day Parade & Events

Following the parade there will be a service held at Veterans Park, after the service, there will be a Veterans luncheon at the old church.

Monday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Washington City Cemetery; free to the public

WEST VALLEY CITY

Washington Veterans Day Parade & Events

Please join West Valley City as they honor our Veterans at the city's annual Veterans Day Program. This is a free event for all community members and includes dinner, entertainment, a speaker and a special gift for each veteran and military member in attendance.

Monday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.
Utah Cultural Celebration Center; free to the public ★



Governor Gary R. Herbert addresses the audience at the 63rd Annual Utah National Guard Veterans Day Concert in 2018

WEST VALLEY CITY RECEIVES FREEDOM AWARD

by Ileen Kennedy,
Utah National Guard
Public Affairs Office

West Valley City was awarded the 2019 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award and held a special reception for community members to view the award, Sept. 17, 2019. The Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the Department of Defense to employers for their exceptional support of National Guard and Reserve members.

"For the past 18 years we have been engaged with a very difficult conflict," said Brig. Gen. Tyler Smith, Assistant Adjutant General, Utah Army National Guard.

"Our National Guard and Reserves are highly depended upon to answer the nation's call. We ask a lot of our

service members. To have the comfort of knowing the employers are supporting them, I can't express how great that is, and how much it contributes to the overall success of our nation."

ESGR received 2,415 nominations for this prestigious award for employers throughout the 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. West Valley City won the award and is the first government entity in Utah to receive this honor.

"One thing that separates [Guard and Reserve members] from us, they volunteer to go to faraway places doing dangerous

things protecting our liberty and freedom," said Jeff Tiede, Chairman of the Utah Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. "One really important thing is to have a job to come back to. West Valley City goes above and beyond things required. They do it because they want to, not because they have to."

Over the last decade and a half, West Valley City has recognized its city employees who also serve with the Guard and Reserve, and wanted to make sure they were not penalized for their military service. In the early stages, the city offered little things to its military employees and has since grown in supporting their



employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

"The city will provide some time off for their service, also when they are called up to active duty we provide differential pay to them for however long they serve on active duty," said West Valley City Mayor Ron Bigelow. "We continue full benefits for them and their family while they are serving. Those are some of the financial aspects."

A company or organization can not apply for the award, it has to be nominated by one of its employees. Only 265 employers have received the Freedom Award since 1996. "The one person I need to make sure that I recognize... is Tech Sgt. Robert Brinton from the Air National Guard, who also happens to be one

of our police officers," said Bigelow. "He is the one who made the application. He was very instrumental in the city receiving that award."

"I want to commend Sgt. Brinton for taking the time to recognize his employer," said Smith.

"What a phenomenal thing. It would be so easy to just go about your business and not take the time to fill out the forms and nominate your employer. What a tremendous example that is." Brinton expressed gratitude for the support he has received from his employer—serving as a West Valley City police officer.

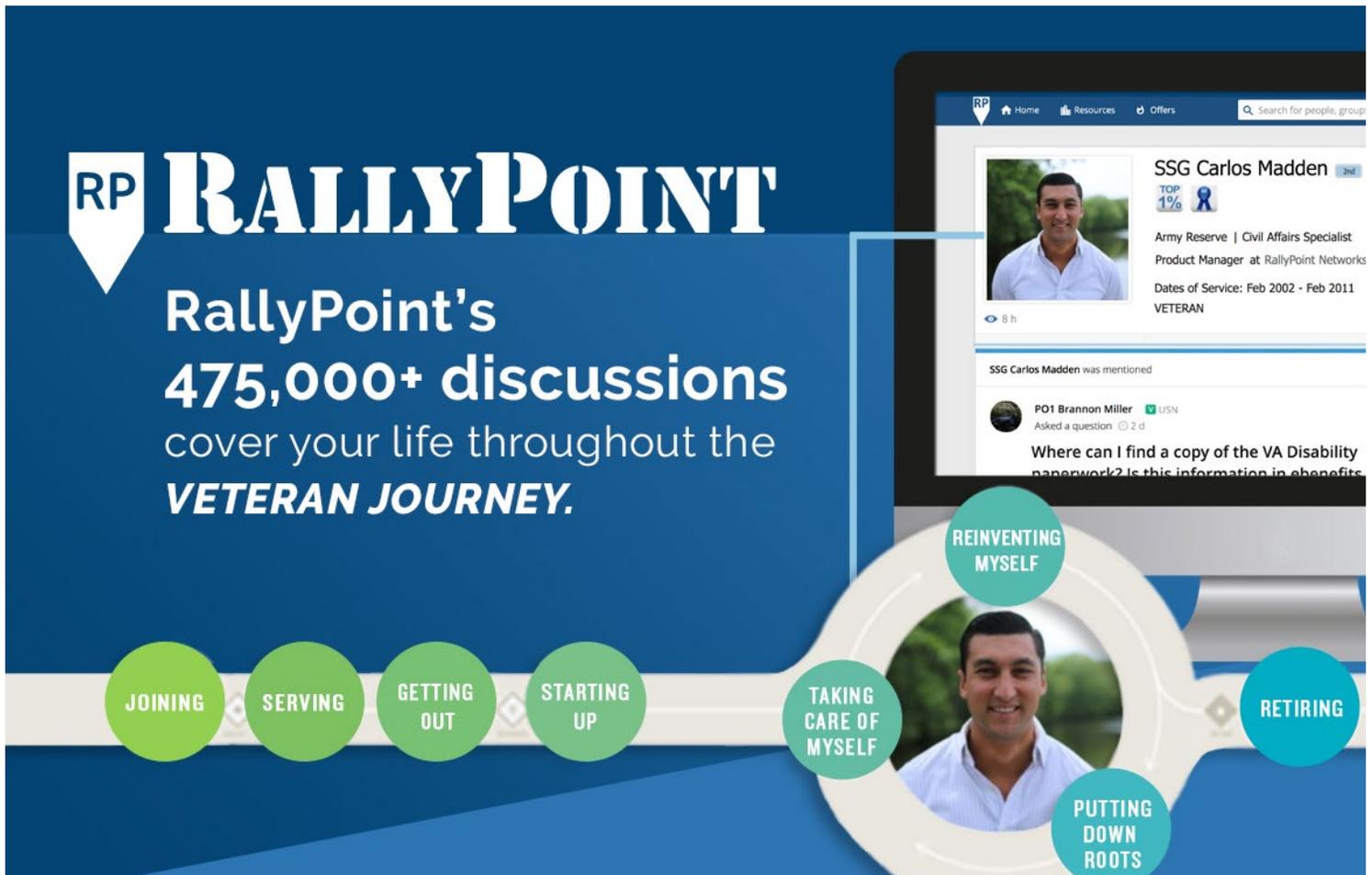
"The police department has provided great support to me, my family, and other service members. Through my

direct chain I have received nothing but positive support with my military endeavors," said Brinton. "The city's human resource department provides a seamless process when it comes to time off, benefits, and pay, which makes things easier for me when orders come on short notice."

The annual ceremony was held at the Pentagon, in Washington, DC, Aug. 23, 2019, where 15 recipients received the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan expressed gratitude to these organizations for their role in keeping our nation safe and for setting the standard for all employers of Guard and Reserve members. ★



NEW RALLYPOINT FOR UTAH VETERANS

The graphic features a dark blue background with the RallyPoint logo (RP) and the text "RallyPoint's 475,000+ discussions cover your life throughout the VETERAN JOURNEY." Below this is a horizontal timeline with seven circular nodes: JOINING, SERVING, GETTING OUT, STARTING UP, TAKING CARE OF MYSELF, PUTTING DOWN ROOTS, and RETIRING. A large gear-like shape contains a photo of a man. To the right, a laptop screen displays a social media profile for SSG Carlos Madden, an Army Reserve Civil Affairs Specialist and Product Manager at RallyPoint Networks, with a post asking about VA Disability paperwork.

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Where can I find a copy of the VA Disability paperwork? Is this information in eBenefits

by Ryan Callahan,
RallyPoint Vice President of Marketing

With 1.7 million members, RallyPoint is the nation's largest military community for service members and Veterans to discuss military life throughout their entire veteran journey. Last year, RallyPoint announced a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve access to and navigation of services in local communities.

RallyPoint has continued to show their commitment to the veteran community by partnering with organizations here in Utah like the University of Utah's National Center for Veterans Studies (NCVS). With NCVS, RallyPoint has improved access to their world-class Suicide and Trauma Reduction Initiative for Veterans (STRIVE) project.

To learn more or join other Utah veterans on RallyPoint, visit rallypoint.com. ★



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INVESTING BASICS: YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

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The best way to invest wisely and avoid falling prey to investment fraud is to get informed. Understanding the risks, researching your financial professional and not being rushed into an investment decision are essential basics to put in your investing rucksack.

- Understanding the risks: There is no such thing as a guaranteed investment and if someone is telling you they have one available, it is most likely too good to be true. Know the risks associated with investing your money and don't be afraid to ask questions of your investment professional.
- Research your investment professional: Investment advisers and broker-dealers are required to register in order to sell securities. A free and easy way to find out if your investment professional is registered is to use the SEC's database on Investor.gov. If your investment professional is not registered, they cannot sell securities and

this should be a red flag. Even better, this database is mobile-friendly. Meeting your adviser for the first time? Search his or her name on your mobile device while you wait for your appointment.

- Don't be rushed: A fleeting opportunity may be just that. And it might be a scam. Don't feel pressured by investment offers touting tight timelines or to "Buy right now!" This can be a sign of investment fraud.

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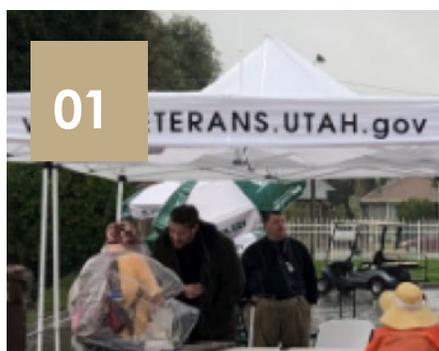
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SALT LAKE CITY VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION IN THE COMMUNITY

Salt Lake City Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has been traveling the State of Utah from the Navajo Nation, to St. George, to Logan supporting our troops, Veterans, and their families in communities across the state. The VBA has participated in over 100

hundred outreach events during the fiscal year 2019 (Oct 1, 2018, through Sept 30, 2019). Here's a look back of some of the fun events the VBA participated in this year. ★



01 - VBA's commitment to veterans and their families is not slowed down by a little rain. VBA staff meets with veterans and family members at the Utah State Fair on Sept. 11, 2019.

02 - One of the VBA's coaches supporting the George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center Town and Resource Fair held September 26, 2019

03 - Paiute Nation Outreach Event held June 7, 2019, where VBA staff members answered questions and enjoyed all the festivities of the event.

VA NEWS ROUND-UP



FIVE TIMES YOU SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH A VA CAREERS RECRUITER

Following up with a VA Careers recruiter at the right time can help make the application and interview process smoother. But when and how?

To read the full article visit: blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66460/five-times-follow-va-careers-recruiter/

VETERAN GOES FROM FIGHTING IN IRAQ TO FIREFIGHTING

Navy Veteran Tyler Welch used to patrol the streets of Iraq as a corpsman. Now, he's fighting a new battle against fires. Welch is part of the Veterans Fire Corps crewmember program, run through the Southeast Conversation Corps.

To read more go to: blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66420/veteran-goes-fighting-iraq-firefighting/



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SUICIDE PREVENTION: NOT JUST SEPTEMBER, BUT EVERY DAY

Although National Suicide Prevention Month is over, suicide prevention doesn't end with the observation.

To read more go to: blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66467/suicide-prevention-not-just-september-every-day/

VA STAFF'S INSTANT ACTION PREVENTS A VETERAN SUICIDE

During his regular appointment, a Veteran told a staff member about his plans to end his life. They immediately contacted his treatment team who provided treatment and saved his life.

To read more go to: blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66482/va-staffs-action-prevented-veteran-suicide/



MEET WITH A VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER

Need help filing a benefits claim with the VA? Have questions about tax abatement, education, and other earned benefits? Talk to a state veteran services officer (VSO) to navigate the many federal, state, and local resources and benefits available to veterans and dependents. This service is available to service members, veterans, and dependents at no cost.



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IN THE SALT LAKE CITY METRO AREA?

Meet with one of several of our team members! Call us at 801-326-2372 to schedule an appointment or contact us at veterans@utah.gov for general questions.

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

VETERAN SERVICES & OUTREACH CALENDAR

A state veterans officer is scheduled to be at the location on the day and time indicated. Walk-ins are welcome unless otherwise indicated. All schedules are subject to change. To verify this schedule, please contact the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA) at 801-326-2372 or by visiting the UDVMA website at veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar/.

BEAVER DWS

875 North Main St.
Beaver, UT 84713

Monday, Oct. 18 - 0900 to 1000
Monday, Dec. 9 - 0900 to 1000

CEDAR CITY DWS

176 East 200 North
Cedar City, UT 84721

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - 0900 to 1200
Tuesday, Nov. 26 - 0900 to 1200
Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 0900 to 1200
Tuesday, Dec. 17 - 0900 to 1200

CLEARFIELD DWS

1290 East 1450 South
Clearfield, UT 84015

Wed., Nov. 20 - 0900 to 1200
Wed., Dec. 18 - 0900 to 1200

KANAB DWS

468 East 300 South
Kanab, UT 84741

Monday, Nov. 18 - 1400 to 1300
Monday, Dec. 9 - 1400 to 1300

LOGAN DWS

180 North 100 West
Logan, UT 84321

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Tuesday, Nov. 7 - 0800 to 1600
Tuesday, Dec. 5 - 0800 to 1600

MANTI DWS

55 South Main Suite 3
Manti, UT 84642

Wed., Nov. 6 - 1200 to 1400
Wed., Nov. 20 - 1200 to 1400
Wed., Dec. 4 - 1200 to 1400
Wed., Dec. 18 - 1200 to 1400

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Beaver, UT 84713

By appointment only. To schedule, call (801) 662-8256

Wed., Nov. 6 - 0900 to 1700
Wed., Dec. 4 - 0800 to 1700

OGDEN VETERANS HOME

480 27th Street
Ogden, UT 84401

By appointment only. To schedule, call (801) 662-8256

Monday, Nov. 4 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Nov. 6 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Nov. 14 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Nov. 18 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Nov. 21 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Nov. 25 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Nov. 7 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Dec. 2 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Dec. 9 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Dec. 12 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Dec. 16 - 0800 to 1600
Thursday, Dec. 19 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Dec. 23 - 0800 to 1600
Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 0800 to 1600
Monday, Dec. 30 - 0800 to 1600

PANGUITCH DWS

665 North Main
Panguitch, UT 84759

Monday, Nov. 18 - 1130 to 1330
Monday, Dec. 9 - 1130 to 1330
Monday, Dec. 18 - 1130 to 1330

PAYSON VETERANS HOME

1551 N Main St
Payson, UT 84651

Monday, Oct. 28 - 0830 to 1630
Tuesday, Oct. 29 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Nov. 4 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Nov. 18 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Nov. 25 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 2 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 9 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 16 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 23 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 30 - 0830 to 1630
Monday, Dec. 31 - 0830 to 1630

PROVO VET CENTER

360 S. State Street
Bldg C Suite 103
Orem, UT 84058

Wed., Oct. 23 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Oct. 30 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Oct. 31 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Nov. 6 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Nov. 7 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Nov. 13 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Nov. 14 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Nov. 27 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Dec. 4 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Dec. 5 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Dec. 11 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Dec. 12 - 0830 to 1530
Wed., Dec. 18 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Dec. 19 - 0830 to 1530
Thursday, Dec. 26 - 0830 to 1530

RICHFIELD DWS

115 East 100 South
Richfield, UT 84701

Wed., Nov. 6 - 0930 to 1130
Wed., Nov. 20 - 0930 to 1130
Wed., Dec. 4 - 0930 to 1130
Wed., Dec. 18 - 0930 to 1130

ROOSEVELT DWS

140 West 425 South 300-13
Roosevelt, UT 84066

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - 1000 to 1530
Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 1000 to 1530
Tuesday, Nov. 26 - 1000 to 1530
Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 1000 to 1530

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH DEPT. VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

550 Foothill Dr Suite 105
Salt Lake City, UT 84113

To schedule an appointment, call (801) 326-2372. Walk-ins welcome Fridays after 1300.

Open Monday through Friday,
0830 to 1630

CLOSED

Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 28
Christmas Day - Wed, Dec. 25

ST. GEORGE

162 North 400 East Suite B100
St. George, UT 84770

By appointment only. To schedule, call (801) 326-2372

Thursday, Nov. 27 - 0900 to 1200
Thursday, Nov. 21 - 0900 to 1200
Thursday, Dec. 12 - 0900 to 1200
Thursday, Dec. 19 - 0900 to 1200

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I FILE A CLAIM WITH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION?

There are a number of ways to apply for VA disability benefits depending on the type of benefit you are seeking. To apply:

- Visit eBenefits
- Complete and mail your claim form to your nearest VA regional office
- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. To find the VA regional office nearest you use the Veterans Affairs National Facilities Locator or call VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000
- Work with an accredited service representative:
 - » Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (801) 326-2372
 - » American Legion (801) 326-2380
 - » Disabled American Veterans (DAV) (801) 326-2375
 - » Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) (801) 326-2385

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY DD214 (RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE DOCUMENT)?

If your home of record upon your release from active duty service was within the State of Utah, then the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs may have a copy in our archive. You can send a request to 550 Foothill Drive, Suite 105 Salt Lake City, Utah 84113; call 800-894-9497 or 801-326-2372; or you can email veterans@utah.gov. To search the archive we will need your:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Last four digits of your Social Security Number

There is no cost for certified copies of your DD214. You will need to be present and present valid photo identification at 550 Foothill Drive, Suite 105, Salt Lake City, Utah 84113 to receive your certified copies.

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 un-remarried widows, or minor orphans. The Veteran's disability rating must be at least 10% in order to qualify for this abatement.

The percentage cap is subject to change, but here is the formula: The maximum property tax abatement is \$266,670 (rated at 100% serviceconnected disability), multiply your percentage of disability by 266,670. Example: a 10% disability X 266,670 = \$26,677.00 tax abatement

- This amount is then subtracted from the taxable value of the property and taxes are paid on the remaining amount. ★



**Register as a veteran
with the State of Utah:**

[uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/
public/Register](https://uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register)

VETERAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS & RESOURCES

BENEFITS & ENROLLMENT

eBenefits

800-983-0937
ebenefits.va.gov

CRISIS LINE

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
veteranscrisisline.net

FAMILY SERVICES

Blue Star Families

bluestarfam.org

Fisher House Foundation

801-588-5900
fisherhousesaltlakecity.com

Operation Home Front

888-305-1486
operationhomefront.org

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

Senator Mike Lee

801-524-5933
lee.senate.gov

Senator Mitt Romney

801-524-4380
romney.senate.gov

Rep. Bob Bishop

1st Congressional District

801-625-0107
robbishop.house.gov

Rep. Chris Stewart

2nd Congressional District

801-364-5550
stewart.house.gov

Rep. John Curtis

3rd Congressional District

801-922-5400
curtis.house.gov

Rep. Ben McAdams

4th Congressional District

801-999-9801
mcadams.house.gov

EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESRG)

801-432-4536
esgr.mil

U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment & Training Services (VETS)

801-524-5703
dol.gov/agencies/vets

Utah Department of Workforce Service

801-526-9675
jobs.utah.gov

Veterans Business Resource Center

801-957-5288
mbrcsfcc.com/departments/vbrc

FEDERAL RESOURCES

Defense Finance & Accounting Services (DFAS)

888-332-7411 or 800-321-1080
dfas.mil

Office Personnel Management (OPM)

202-606-1800
opm.gov

HOMELESS SERVICES

Homeless Veterans Fellowship

801-392-7662
homelessveterans.org

Salt Lake City VA Homeless Program

801-582-1565 ext. 2746

The Road Home

801-359-4142
theroadhome.org

Utah Department of Workforce Service - Homeless Services

801-526-9675
jobs.utah.gov/housing/homelessness/

Valor House

801-584-0700
720 S Valdez Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84148

LEGAL - PRO BONO

Legal@Ease

lschmidt@agutah.gov
attorneygeneral.utah.gov/utah-at-ease

Utah Veterans Legal Clinic

801-872-8382
representveterans.com/veterans-clinic

MEDICAL INSURANCE

CHAMPVA

800-733-8387
va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva

Medicare

800-633-4227
medicare.gov

Tri-Care West

877-988-9378
tricare-west.com

NONPROFITS

Continue Misison

801-243-2508
continuemisison.org

National Ability Center

-435-649-3991
discovernac.org

Utah Honor Flight

435-272-0254
utahhonorflight.org

RECORDS

Camp Williams Medical Records

801-878-5120

U.S. National Archives

1-866-272-6272
archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Utah Air National Guard Records Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC)

1-800-525-0102

Utah Army National Guard Records

801-432-4558

STATE RESOURCES

Utah Department of Motor Vehicles

801-297-7780 or 1-800-DMV-UTAH
dmv.utah.gov

Utah Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs

801-326-2372
veterans.utah.gov

Utah Department of Workforce Services

801-526-WORK (9675)
jobs.utah.gov/jobseeker/veterans/

Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

801-743-3882
rideuta.com

VETERANS AFFAIRS**Salt Lake City Regional Office****(Benefits)**

1-800-827-1000
benefits.va.gov/saltlakecity/

VA Salt Lake City Health Care System**(George E. Wahlen Medical Center)**

801-582-1565
 1-800-613-4012
saltlakecity.va.gov

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**American Legion**

801-326-2380
legion.org

Disabled American Veterans

801-326-2375
dav.org

Utah Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs

801-326-2372
veterans.utah.gov

Veterans of Foreign Wars

801-326-2385
vfw.org



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Test and provide feedback for the upcoming Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs app.

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL [VETERANS@UTAH.GOV](mailto:veterans@utah.gov)





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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

HELP the State of Utah keep its records current by telling us any updates to your contact information, mailing address, etc. Registering with the Utah Veterans Information System will help ensure that you receive any relevant communications for veterans, service members and families from the State of Utah

The data we have on file is only as accurate as the corrections and updates we receive.

To update your contact information, visit uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register.