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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gary Harter, Executive Director

Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs

2019 was a terrific year for Veterans, service members and their families. The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA) appreciates all the hard work of our partner government agencies, academia, private partners and non-profit organizations to serve the state's veteran and military communities.

UDVMA continued to see a steady increase of veterans and families looking to learn more about the benefits they earned through service. Our team assisted an average 26 veterans a day with claims, housing, employment and other questions. In all, the department helped nearly 10,000 veterans and their families make more than 3,500 claims for benefits earned through service.

More current service members, veterans and their families are also making use of education benefits or taking advantage of programs like the Utah Veterans First Time Home-buyer Grant and our pro bono legal assistance program, Utah@Ease.

Our partners also continue to work to serve service members, veterans and their family members. In December, the Department of Workforce Services reported state veteran unemployment at just 1.9%.



At the national level, the MISSION Act provided the most significant access to VA care expansion for veterans in over 25 years.

Over the past year, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves troops from Utah deployed to support numerous operations in the Middle East and around the globe. A deployment of Hill Air Force Air Base's 388th and 419th fighter wing marked the first time F-35A Lightning II jets performed a real-world combat mission.

We look forward to building on last year's success, and continuing to work with the VA, veterans service organizations and other partners to continue to ensure our service members, Veterans and their families have the tools and support to succeed and thrive in Utah.

GARY HARTER

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EXPANDED MILITARY INSTALLATION ACCESS FOR VETERANS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Expanded access is now available to military installations across the state of Utah for the following patrons:

- Former prisoners of war
- Medal of Honor recipients
- Veterans with a VA 0-100% service-connected rating
- Individuals approved & designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans

DID YOU KNOW?

All honorably discharged Veterans are eligible for online military exchange shopping through the Veterans Online Shopping Benefit.

Simply create an account for any military exchange website or the VA's Veterans Canteen Service.

The Department of Defense (DOD) recently announced expanded commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation retail eligibility beginning on Jan. 1, 2020.

Under this new program, eligible individuals may now access military facilities such as:

- Commissaries
- Military service exchanges
- Golf courses
- Bowling centers
- Recreational lodging
- RV campgrounds
- Other select recreational facilities and rentals



EXPANDED ACCESS FAQs

I served in the Reserves or National Guard. Am I eligible to use these benefits?

Eligible Veterans include former members of any of the uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), including former Reserves and National Guard.

What is a service-connected disability?

A service-connected disability is an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service, as determined by the VA.

Are all veterans eligible for this expanded access?

No. Unless otherwise authorized only veterans eligible under Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 are eligible.

I don't meet any user categories. What's next?

Veterans who are currently not eligible for expanded installation access should contact the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA) or other veteran service organization to inquire if they are eligible to apply for a service-connected rating.

www.americanforcestravel.com

QUICK LINKS & RESOURCES

FIND A COMMISSARY OR EXCHANGE NEAR ME

Commissaries: www.commissaries.com
 Army & Air Force: www.shopmyexchange.com
 Coast Guard: www.shopCGX.com
 Marine Corps: www.mymcx.com

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

Veterans must possess both:

- a REAL ID-compliant form of identification
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that states their eligible status below the photo on the front of the card.

Caregivers must possess both:

- VA Office of Community Caregivers eligibility letter
- a REAL ID-compliant form of identification

Why can't all veterans get these privileges?

DoD infrastructure is not equipped to handle an influx of over 15 million additional veterans to these types of facilities and the implementation of the Purple Heart and Disabled Veteran Equal Access Act of 2018 without severely impacting its ability to provide these critical services to active duty military personnel and their families, which is why they exist.

I am eligible under the new user categories but do not have a VHIC. What can I do?

Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible for VA health care, but not enrolled in VA health care or are enrolled in VA health care but do not possess a VHIC, will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for inperson commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.

Visit va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic for information regarding eligibility for the VHIC. ★



Navy: www.mynavyexchange.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

VA Canteen Service: www.shopvcs.va.gov
 Veterans Health Identification Card: www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic
 VA Office of Community Caregivers: www.va.gov/communitycare/programs/caregiver
 American Forces Travel:

HILL AIR FORCE BASE

2019: YEAR IN REVIEW



Brig. Gen. C. McCauley von Hoffman, incoming Ogden Air Logistics Complex commander, address Airmen during a change of command ceremony in July 19, 2019,

by 75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs,
Hill Air Force Base

Hill Air Force Base has seen some major successes in 2019, much of it fueled by enhancements to the installation's infrastructure, achievements in the area of warfighter readiness, and milestones reached by the base's fighter wings. Here's a look at some of the top stories covered during the past year:

WINTER

Hill cut the ribbon on a new, \$35 million software facility that offers state-of-the-art engineering labs and an agile work environment for the base's scientist and engineer workforce. The 15,300

square feet of laboratory space will accommodate an anticipated growth of around 1,600 personnel to more than 3,000 personnel over the next decade.

Air Force reservists from the 419th Medical Squadron brought dental care to underprivileged communities in Chiquimula, Guatemala, during a humanitarian mission. Lt. Col. David Jackson, commander of the 419th MDS, and Lt. Col. Brady Thomson, commander of the squadron's dental flight, spent two weeks in the region in partnership with Hirsche Smiles Foundation, a non-profit organization that sends plastic surgery, dental, and

home construction teams to underserved areas in the country.

SPRING

Airmen from the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, to support the United States Air Force Central Command mission in the Middle East. The aircraft arrived in country April 15 marking its first combat deployment.

Two F-35As, deployed to the Middle East from the active duty 388th and Reserve 419th Fighter Wings, conducted an air strike at Wadi Ashai, Iraq, in support of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve on April 30.

This strike marked the F-35A Lightning IIs first combat mission. The F-35As conducted the airstrike using a Joint Direct Attack Munition to strike an entrenched Daesh tunnel network and weapons cache deep in the Hamrin Mountains, a location able to threaten friendly forces.

SUMMER

The 388th Fighter Wing received a new commander June 24 as Col. Steven G. Behmer assumed command of the Air Force's only operational F-35A Lightning II unit. Behmer took over for Col. Lee E. Kloos, the wing's commander since June 2017. Kloos retired following a 24-year Air Force career.

Brig. Gen. C. McCauley von Hoffman became the new Ogden Air Logistics Complex commander at Hill AFB during a change of command ceremony on July 19. During the ceremony, Hill bid farewell to Maj. Gen. Stacey Hawkins who served



as the Ogden ALC commander since August 2017.

FALL

The Department of Defense chose Hill AFB and three other U.S. military bases as a test bed for 5G technology. 5G is the fifth-generation of cellular network technology.

Additionally, Hill's fighter wings received their final F-35A Lightning II Dec. 17. The delivery brings the total number of aircraft at Hill to 78. The 388 FW's three squadrons – the 4th, 34th and 421st Fighter Squadrons – now each have 24 primary assigned aircraft with six back-up aircraft. The 419th FW's 466th FS also supports routine F-35 operations side by side with the active duty squadrons.

The first operational F-35As arrived at Hill in September 2015 and since then the active duty 388th and Reserve 419th FWs have flown more than 17,500 sorties and more than 33,000 flying hours. ★





DUGWAY COMMISSARY RECEIVES TWO NATIONAL AWARDS

Dugway Proving Ground's Commissary recently received two national awards from the Defense Commissary Agency. In fiscal year 2019 it was judged the best small commissary in the continental U.S. The other award was for increased sales of 9.98% during FY 2019.

For best small store, the Dugway commissary competed against approximately 50 small stores in the lower 48. For the sales increase award, it competed

against eight similarly sized stores. Sales at the Dugway Commissary totaled \$982,290 in Fiscal Year 2019, a 9.98% increase over the previous year, according to Derek McNamara, manager.

Approximately 425 residents live on post; most of its civilian work force commutes 40 to 90 miles each way. Because of their remote living, civilian and contractor residents of Dugway are allowed to shop at the Dugway Commissary.

DUGWAY SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The Special Programs Division (SPD) began operating at West Desert Test Center (WDTC) in October 1999.

Twenty years later, SPD has grown from just six contractor employees to 40 Army civilian employees supported by almost as many contractors. The division is made up of scientists, chemists, biologists, engineers and former service members with chem/bio expertise.

Last year, SPD completed more than 100 tests, conducted approximately 110 training events that trained more than 3,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, supported over 18,500 Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) flights, and brought in over \$22M in revenue.



DUGWAY PROVING GROUND WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

On July 18, 2019, Col. Scott D. Gould assumed command of Dugway Proving Ground, replacing Col. Brant D. Hoskins after he served his two-year stint as commander.

Prior to joining Team Dugway, Col. Gould attended the U.S. Army War College where he earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

Col. Gould received his Army commission into the Chemical Corps in June 1995 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Colorado through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The change of command was overseen by Major General Joel K. Tyler, Commanding General, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

DAVIS AND WEBER COUNTIES NAMED 2020 'GREAT AMERICAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY'



Families gather for the annual Salute Picnic at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Aug. 2, 2019. This was the 19th year the Top of Utah Military Affairs Committee sponsored the event for Hill's military and family members.

Press Release American Defense Communities

Tgether, Davis and Weber counties, Utah, are one of five communities across the country named to the 2020 Class of Great American Defense Communities, the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) announced in conjunction with USAA, the program's official sponsor.

"The strength of our military starts at home, in America's defense communities," said ADC President Joe Driskill. "We are proud to recognize Davis and Weber counties as a community that goes above and beyond to support Hill Air Force Base. We are excited to share their story."

The communities recognized by the Great American Defense Communities program demonstrate exemplary work in improving the quality of life of military personnel and their families through programs, initiatives and partnerships in their regions.

"We are extremely pleased to be selected as a 2020 Great American Defense Community," said Tage Flint, president of the Utah Defense Alliance. "The whole community works tirelessly to improve the quality of life and mission effectiveness for over 20,000 military professionals, civilians, and family members who make up Hill's military family."

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

EMPLOYMENT

Utah continues to lead the nation in job growth and economic performance.

In Dec. 2018, Utah's veteran unemployment rate was 4.6%.

By the end of 2019, veteran unemployment was just 1.9%, according to the Utah Department of Workforce Services.



OUTREACH & SERVICES

UDVMA continues to advocate for Utah's Veterans by providing claims and benefits assistance.

In all, **the department helped nearly 10,000 veterans**, current service members, and their families **make more than 3,500 claims for benefits** earned through service in 2019.





EVENTS & MEMORIALS

Top right: Congressman Ben McAdams attends a Memorial Day ceremony at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park

Top Left: Gov. Gary R. Herbert attends Vietnam Veterans Day recognition ceremony

Middle: The annual Sisters in Service celebrates Utah's women Veterans

Bottom: The annual Military Roundtable brings together top military leaders in the state to discuss Utah's role in protecting our nation



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★ The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA) appreciates all the hard work of our partner government agencies, academia, private partners and non-profit organizations do to serve the state's Veteran and military communities.

★ These partners were crucial to ensuring that 2019 was another great year for Veterans who call Utah home.

Right: The Salt Lake Chamber Military Affairs Committee helps bridge the military-civilian divide for Utah's business



Bottom: The Department of Workforce Services helped more than 300 Veterans, service members and spouses find new jobs in 2019.



The VBA's coaches help Veterans and depends navigate their career paths, ensure most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.



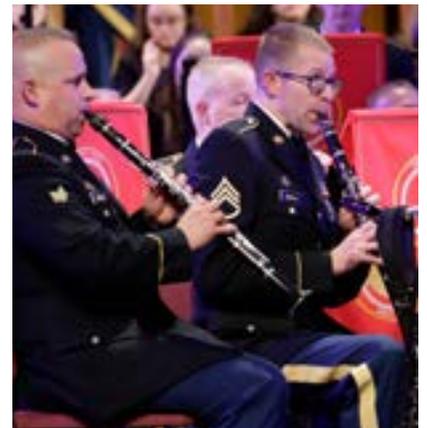
Members of Utah's federal Congressional delegation visited Hill Air Force Base to learn about base activities that will bring thousands of jobs to Northern Utah, strengthen the installation's standing inside America's defense landscape and pave the way for major improvements to state infrastructure.



Gov. Gary R. Herbert visits patients at the George E. Wahlen Medical Center on Valentine's Day.



Veterans shake hands at the annual University of Utah Veterans Day Celebration.



UTNG hosts Veterans Day Concert Commemorating 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL J. TURLEY ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

On Oct. 17, 2019, Governor Gary R. Herbert announced the selection of Brig. Gen. Michael J. Turley to serve as the next adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, to succeed retired Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton, effective Nov. 7, 2019.



At the change of command ceremony, service members, their families, and members of the congressional delegation witnessed the time-honored tradition of the passing of the colors, the symbolic transfer of command from the outgoing commander to a new commander.

Governor Herbert provided remarks and oversaw the event as commander in chief of the Utah National Guard.

"It's an honor to follow a Soldier like General Burton," said Turley.

"The sacrifice and service he provided over the years are directly in line with all the soldierly values we cherish, like courage, commitment, and character. He has been my mentor and exemplar for over 20 years. It's sad to see him go, but he left an indelible mark on the UTNG, his influence will always be part of our history."

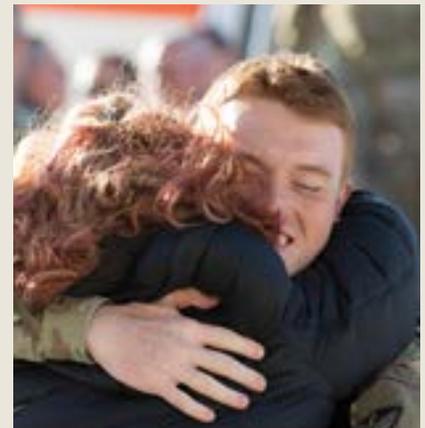
2019 NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS



Approximately 7,000 Air and Army National Guardsmen stood in formation on Tarbet Field at Camp Williams, Utah, for one of Utah's proudest traditions, the 65th annual Governor's Day ceremony, Sep. 14, 2019.



In June, several hundred Soldiers from the US, Canada and the UK participated in the annual military intelligence exercise Panther Strike. The combined exercise is designed to train and evaluate each of the military intelligence specialties.



More than 100 Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard's 65th Field Artillery Brigade, 'America's Thunder,' returned from a Middle East deployment on Jan. 31, 2019, at the Utah Air National Guard's Wright Air Base, Salt Lake City.

IN SAFE HANDS



IN DECEMBER 2019, THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD LAUNCHED A NEW SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS APP DESIGNED TO SUPPORT UTAH NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

by Sgt. Nathaniel Free,
Utah National Guard Public Affairs

The SafeUTNG app is free to download from the Android and Apple app stores, providing service members and their families with a safe, confidential platform to communicate with a crisis counselor 24/7.

"Speaking up when in crisis, whether it's in person or over the phone, can be uncomfortable for many," said Robert Spencer, Suicide Prevention Program Manager of the Utah Army National Guard. "Communicating via apps or text has been the main way in which Soldiers and Airmen prefer to correspond."

The app works similarly to the SafeUT app, which was introduced to middle and high school aged students in 2018, and has already been credited with saving lives, according to Spencer.

"What SafeUTNG will do is provide a simple pipeline for service and family members to anonymously reach out and get needed help for themselves or someone else," said Spencer. "That help will come from trained mental health professionals, not limited to peers and unit leaders with whom they rub shoulders."



Using the SafeUTNG app, service members can initiate a live confidential call or chat with behavioral health providers receiving help or lifesaving tips.

The app is managed by the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute in partnership with the UTNG. Depending on the severity of the situation, UNI can activate local emergency response. Tips not deemed emergencies will be forwarded to privileged UTNG behavioral health providers. In case of emergency or active crime, the app encourages users to call 911.

This app serves as a tool to enable Soldiers and Airmen to help others or find help for themselves. ★



HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

VIA IPHONE/iOS

1. Go to the Apple App Store
2. Search SafeUTNG and download
3. OR download at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/safeutng/id1488643677>

VIA ANDRIOD

1. Go to Google Play Store
2. Search SafeUTNG and download
3. OR go to https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.universityofutahhealth.safeutng&hl=en_US

VETERANS AFFAIRS 2019: MISSION ACT

In June 2019, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program as part of the 2018 MISSION Act.

The MISSION Act gives Veterans greater access to health care in VA facilities and the community, expands benefits for caregivers and improves VA's ability to recruit and retain the best medical providers.



Under the MISSION Act, Veterans have more ways to access health care, including within the VA's network and through approved non-VA medical providers in the community, called "community care providers. Depending on a Veteran's situation—for example, if a certain type of health service isn't provided by VA—they may be able to go to a non-VA provider, using VA coverage.

The MISSION Act:

- Strengthens VA's ability to recruit and retain clinicians.
- Authorizes "Anywhere to Anywhere" telehealth across state lines.
- Empowers Veterans with increased access to community care.

- Establishes a new urgent care benefit that eligible Veterans can access through VA's network of urgent care providers in the community.

Eligible Veterans can use VA health care services nationwide, including through mobile health clinics that serve rural areas and via telehealth

Not enrolled in VA health care yet? To receive care from VA or a community provider, Veterans must be enrolled in VA health care.

To learn more about how to apply for VA health care or to access VA Health Care benefits through the MISSION Act, visit missionact.va.gov/.

MEET WITH A VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER

Need help filling 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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 801-662-8256



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 (801) 326-2372



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 (435) 218-5128



Roy Dodd, Salt Lake
roydodd@utah.gov
 (801) 326-2372

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

VETERAN SERVICES & OUTREACH CALENDAR

*ALL CLAIMS ASSISTANCE WILL BE REMOTE OR VIRTUAL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

UDVMA offers free claims assistance for Veterans and families that covers all federal, state and local veterans' programs. The veteran service officers are trained and accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT



If you would like to schedule an appointment with a veteran service officer, please contact us at Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. using the phone numbers below:

- Northern Utah:
(801) 662-8256
monicamann@utah.gov
- Salt Lake Metro Area:
(385) 272-8852
- Central Utah:
(385) 414-0155
stephaniereeder@utah.gov
- Southern Utah:
435-218-5128
cpendleton@utah.gov

Alternatively, all appointments may be scheduled by contacting the Department at (385) 272-8852 or veterans@utah.gov.

Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, it may take UDVMA slightly longer to respond to calls and emails.

The department encourages individuals to leave a message or email in case the phone line is busy. We ask that individuals leave only one voicemail and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS PART OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION?

No, the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA) is not the (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Rather, UDVMA works with the VA and other entities, both public and private, to assist Utah Veterans, current service members and their families to apply for benefits they may have earned through service.

As a Utah state agency, we assist our Veterans in numerous ways, including connecting Veterans with their VA benefits, overseeing four skilled-nursing Veterans' Homes and the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park.

I AM INTERESTED IN STARTING OR GROWING MY OWN BUSINESS. HOW CAN THE STATE OF UTAH HELP?

The Utah Veterans Business Resource Center (VBRC) is a program funded by the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs that offers business training, counseling and resource partner referrals to transitioning service members, veterans, National Guard & Reserve members and military spouses interested in starting or growing a small business.

To learn more visit <https://mbrslcc.com/departments/vbrc/>.

WHAT IS UTAH'S MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE RECIPROcity POLICY?

The state of Utah is committed to making sure your family's military relocation is as seamless as possible. To that end, Utah became one of the first states in the nation to offer military and military spouses professional license reciprocity.

If a military spouse has a valid occupational or professional license from another state, they are exempt from needing a State of Utah license. This exemption is one of the many ways the state is dedicated to help military families by making military spouse careers more portable, profitable and fulfilling. For source documentation and code language:

The military and spouse exemption applies to occupational or professional license professions in Utah including 80+ professions regulated by the Department of Commerce Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing (DOPL).

For more information, visit <https://veterans.utah.gov/military-spouse-employment-licensing/>. ★



**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
stewart.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
mbrcsllc.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 Mission

801-243-2508
continuemission.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.org

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

dav2.vbaslc@va.gov
dav.org

Utah Dept. of Veterans & Military Affairs

801-326-2372
veterans.utah.gov

Veterans of Foreign Wars

801-326-2386
vfw.org



GOVERNOR CELEBRATES CENTENARIAN VETERANS

On Nov. 5, 2019, Governor Gary R. Herbert paid tribute to Utah's oldest veterans at a ceremony at the Utah State Capitol.

22 veterans in their hundredth year of life were recognized at the event. The group included veterans from several Armed Forces branches, with their experiences and service reaching from the Aleutian Islands to the Philippines to North Africa to the beaches of Normandy.

"These veterans are a living history of the sacrifice and courage the Greatest Generation faced, both at home and abroad," said Gov. Herbert. "I am grateful

for the service of these brave men and women, and their continuing contributions to this country and the State of Utah."

All of the veterans honored in the ceremony served during World War II.

Of the more than 16 million Americans who served in World War II, fewer than 500,000 are still alive today.

UDVMA invites families of veterans in their hundredth year of life to contact the department at (801) 326-2372 or veterans@utah.gov to ensure they receive a small token from the Governor, which recognizes both their service and age milestone.





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