



POST 90 GAZETTE

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POST MEETING



The General membership meeting and potluck will resume on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 PM - Picnic Style! Ritual team members need to be in uniform.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEP 11** - 5th Annual Patriot Day at Southern Utah Veterans Home
- SEP 21** - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- SEP 19** - American Legion Day
- SEP 21 - 22** Case lot sale army Reserve. 3323 E Deseret Drive, St. George, UT



SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS HOME 2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE November 2nd, 2018

Includes 18 holes of golf at beautiful **Sun River Golf Course**, golf cart, and lunch! Must register by October 19, 2018.

Teams will consist of 4 members, with one member designated as Team Contact. The Team Contact will be the primary contact for your team. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Players not yet assigned to a team are responsible for providing this information at the time of registration.



ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

You can pay online or send to the American Legion (address on notice from American Legion). Please pay early and get it out of the way. Membership dues NOT PAID by December 31st, 2018 will cause membership to expire. Any questions, call Marti.

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Commanders Message

Marti Bigbie

Thanks to everyone who went on line to mylegion.org or mailed their dues to the PO Box for their 2019 Membership dues payment. Any dues not received by 9-11-18 will receive a 2nd notice.

Thank your Ritual Team members for being out in the heat these past 3 months to give final honors for our departed Veterans.

The General/Dinner meeting will be September 26th at 6:00 pm. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be furnished. What to bring - make it picnic style. For ALL Ritual Team members coming to the General/dinner meeting please be in full uniform (Summer).



District 7 Report

Marti Bigbie

2019 Year End Goals have been mailed to the Commander/Adjutants of the posts of District 7. It also contained the current number of paid members that National has. The membership dues sent to Department are being processed and will reflect once processed by National. Any dues not paid by 9-11-18 will receive a 2nd notice. Remember memberships not renewed by 12-31-18 will expire but can be reinstated so as not to lose continuous membership years.

Vice Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

All AREA Commanders/District Commanders have been notified by e-mail with their 2019 Year End Goals for their Posts. Some of the Posts are close to 50% which I thank you for the job well done. Working towards having all Posts with 100% by 12-31-18 and UTAH at 100% by 6-1-19. Can be accomplished if we all work together. Need help please call me and I will help make calls with you.

"Quilts of Valor" given to new member RON AXTON on August 15th at his residence.



Veteran Spotlight

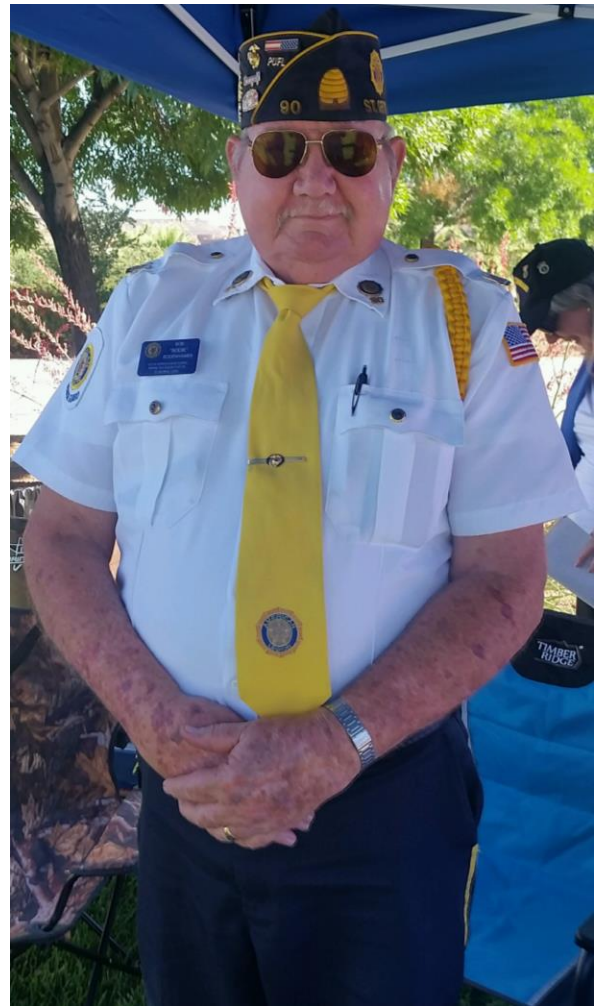
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“Bob was the originator of the ‘Field of Flags’ and has raised money both years we have had this program,” said fellow Post 90 member John Palermo. “He is the guy that had the idea and did most of work to include planning, getting sponsors, help getting the flags, plowing the first field with a tractor and pounding in the iron rods for the 100 flags. He is a hell of a man and has my respect.”

Bodie had heard about Field of Flags events from throughout the country and thought the idea would work well in St. George. A year ago the flags were displayed in an empty field near the Zion Harley-Davidson store in Washington. This year they were posted outside the Dixie Convention Center.



It's a simple concept: Installs the flags and help people to pick out the flags they want to dedicate – often to loved ones present and past. A donation is asked to those wanting to dedicate a flag.

Although the idea is straight forward the execution can be taxing. June was a hot month even by St. George standards. Yet Post 90 members – with help from Boy Scouts and Junior ROTC members – manned a booth near the field to collect donations. One large donation came as a dedication to each military veteran who is a patient at Intermountain Audiology.

“It’s a helluva a lot of work getting those up,” Bodie says in his Oklahoma drawl. “John Palermo was a really big help to us this year. He is an extremely big help with anything you have going. Marti (Bigbie) was a big help this year. And last year, Johnnie (Johnson) got all the rebar for the flags donated. He knew so many people in town.”

Bodie began his military service in the Oklahoma National Guard (45th Infantry Division) and then later served in the Marine Corps, spanning from 1957-61. Bodie turned 79 in July.

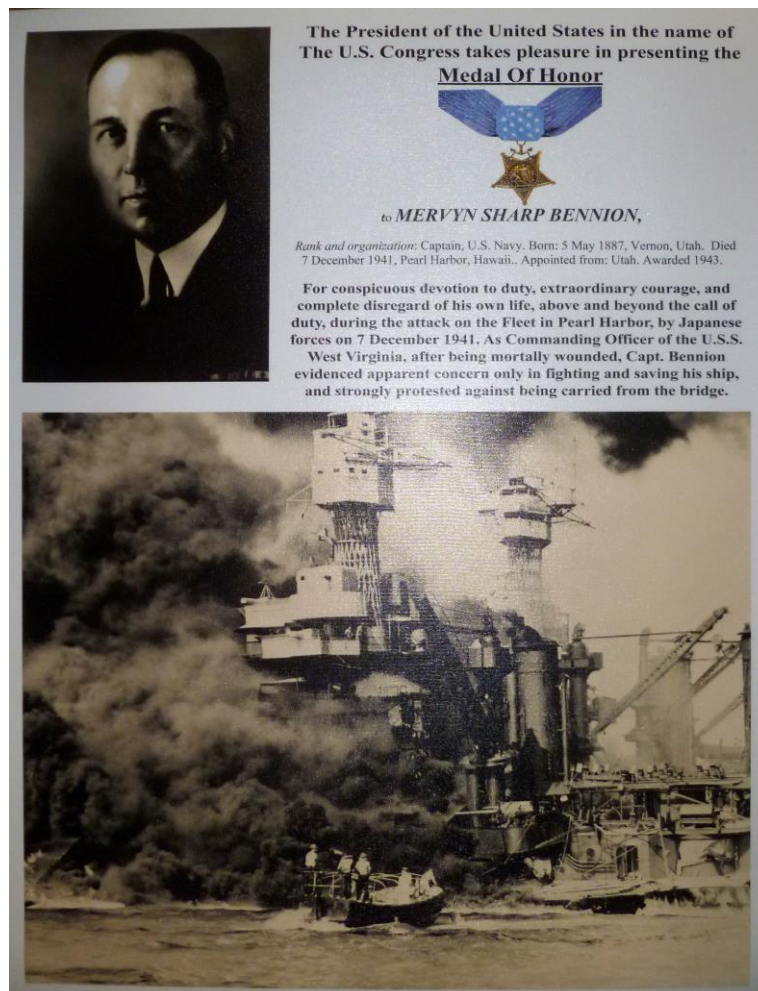
“Bob is a big man and has a healthy “bark.” But underneath all the bark is a very caring and compassionate individual,” Palermo added. “He is one of those “Unsung Heroes,” always willing to help and work on things and help others as well. I am proud to be his military buddy and will help him anytime.”

From Maynard Sorensen, 3rd Vice Commander Post 90

On July 3rd, Maynard and Nonie Sorensen travelled 300 miles north to the outpost town of Vernon, Utah (near Dugway Proving Grounds) 300 residents as guests of the town of Vernon, Ut. and its mayor to make a special presentation on behalf of American Legion Post 90.

The occasion celebrated on July 4th at the town's cemetery involved a special program celebrating the installation of a Veterans Wall honoring their veteran war dead, especially that of US Navy Captain Mervyn Sharp Bennion who died in the act of saving his ship, the USS West Virginia and who received the Medal of Honor posthumously awarded for his acts of bravery.

Sorensen was invited with his wife, Nonie, to play Military Taps and to present on behalf of Post 90, a duplicate of the plaque, fitly framed, of the one he presented previously to the Payson Central Utah Veterans home when it was named in his honor on the Previous Pearl Harbor Day the year before. Attached is a photo of the award.



Honor Guard After Action Reports

On Wednesday, August 18, 2018 at 12:20 PM at the St. George Catholic Church located at 259 West 200 North in St. George, Utah the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Joseph Michael Calabrese a U.S. Air Force veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" at this Military Honors Ceremony. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by C.J. Iacona and by Don Raymond. The Folded Casket Flag was presented to the next of kin by C.J. Iacona. Fifteen (15) Legionnaires reported for duty at this ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Metcalf Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Monday, August 13, 2018 at 12:30 PM at the Washington City Cemetery the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for William Monroe Childress a U.S. Navy veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" at this ceremony. The Casket Flag was expertly folded by Don Raymond and by Foster Johnson. The folded flag was presented to the next of kin by the American Legion Honor Guard Commander Foster Johnson. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires took part in this Military Honors Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Hughes Mortuary of St. George, Utah.

Saturday, August 11, 2018 in the Rose Garden of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church located at 611 North 2450 East in St. George, Utah the American Legion Honor Guard provided the Military Funeral Honors for Paul Scott Reynolds a U.S. Air Force veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party, the Bugler and the Flag was folded and presented to the next of kin. Seven (7) Legionnaires reported for duty at this Military Honors Funeral Ceremony. The Mortuary of record was Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah.

Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 10:50 AM at the LDS Chapel located at 1706 Desert Dawn Drive in Santa Clara, Utah, the American Legion Honor Guard augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Herbert Norcross a U.S. Army veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party as well as the Bugler who played "Taps" for this Military Honors Ceremony. Ten (10) Legionnaires reported for duty for this ceremony. The Firing Party and the Bugler performed flawlessly and looked sharp.

The Flag under which Herbert Norcross served was expertly folded by the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard two person detail of Specialist 4th Class Michael Gallagher and Specialist 4th. Class Eric Walker. The flag fold was crisp and clean. The folded flag was presented to the next of kin by American Legion Honor Guard Commander Terry Dunne. The Mortuary of record was Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah.

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7 PM at the Washington County Fairgrounds, the American Legion Honor Guard had the honor of raising the large American Flag at the opening of the Washington County Fair. Eleven (11) Legionnaires reported for duty at this event. The large American Flag was raised by Utah Vice Commander Marti Bigbie and by C.J. Iacona the Adjutant of American Legion Post 142. The event was highlighted by the Fair Queen and her attendants helping to hold up the large flag as it was raised on the flagpole and as the Bugler played the bugle call "To The Colors". After the flag reached the top of the flagpole the American Legion Firing Party fired one shot and Foster Johnson the Ritual Team Commander led the spectators in the Pledge of Allegiance. To the delight of the crowd a member of the Queen's Court sang the National Anthem. The ceremony was well received by those in attendance.

Monday, August 6, 2018 at 0930 hours at the Washington City Cemetery, the American Legion Honor Guard under the command of Foster Johnson augmented the Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard providing the Military Funeral Honors for Douglas Barney Rather Jr. a U.S. Army veteran. The American Legion Honor Guard provided the Firing Party and the Bugler who played "Taps" for this Military Honors Ceremony. The Firing Party performed very well at this ceremony as all fired in unison. Thirteen (13) Legionnaires reported for duty for this Military Honors Ceremony. The Two (2) person Utah Army National Guard Honor Guard detail expertly folded the Casket Flag and the Folded Flag was presented to the next of kin by the NCOIC Sgt. Ty Delambert. The Mortuary of record was Probst Family Mortuary.