



POST 90 GAZETTE

JANUARY 2020

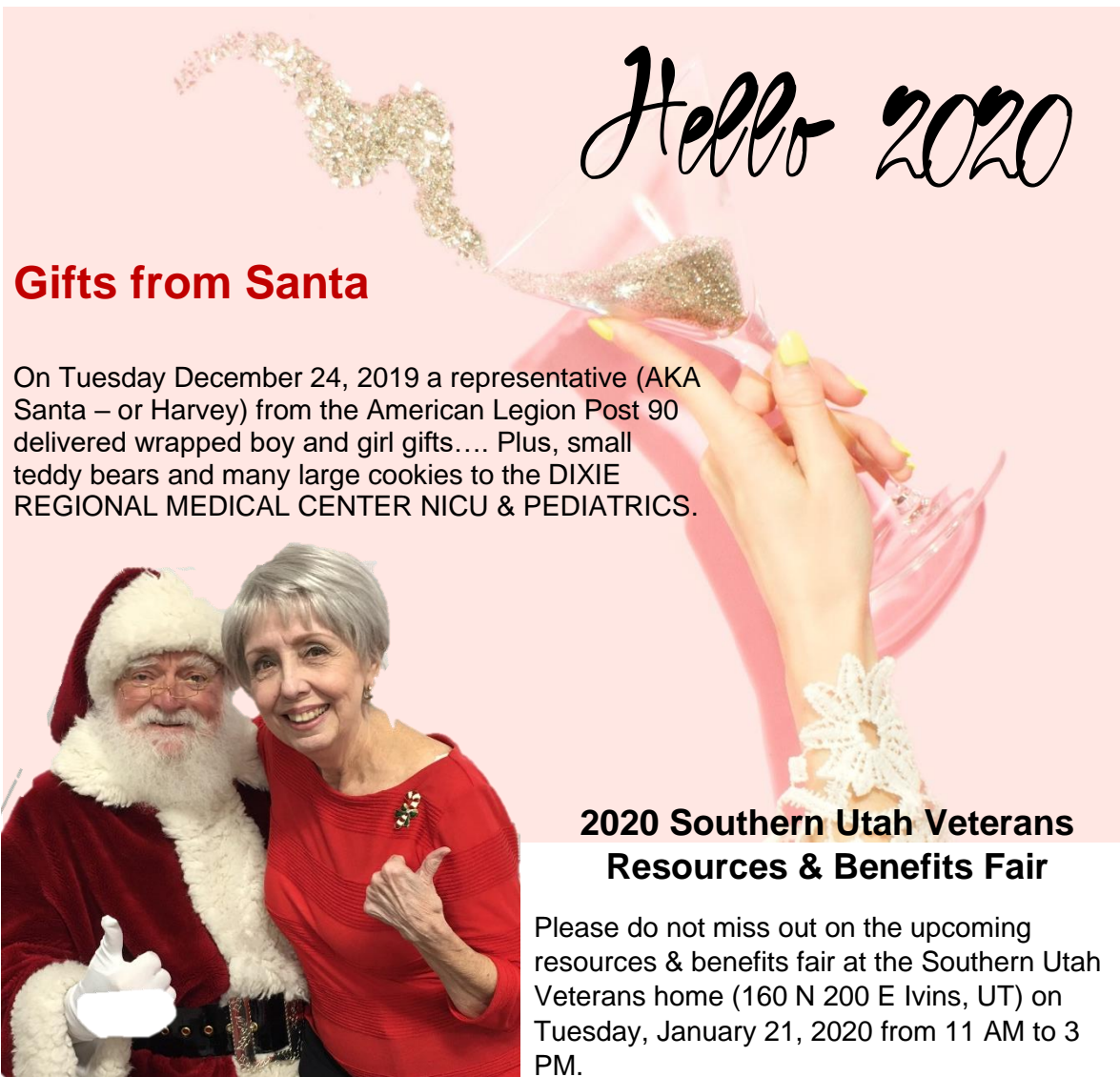
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. GEORGE CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT FEATURING SOLOIST ERIC HANSON
JANUARY 8, 2020 7 PM AT THE ST. GEORGE TABERNACLE

UTAH VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR
JANUARY 21, 2020 11 AM TO 3 PM AT THE SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS HOME

POST 90 MEETING AND POTLUCK
JANUARY 22, 2020 - 6 PM AT THE LEGION HALL



Gifts from Santa

On Tuesday December 24, 2019 a representative (AKA Santa – or Harvey) from the American Legion Post 90 delivered wrapped boy and girl gifts.... Plus, small teddy bears and many large cookies to the DIXIE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER NICU & PEDIATRICS.

2020 Southern Utah Veterans Resources & Benefits Fair

Please do not miss out on the upcoming resources & benefits fair at the Southern Utah Veterans home (160 N 200 E Ivins, UT) on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 11 AM to 3 PM.

This is a great time to review and make sure you are aware of all of your benefits and clarify any questions you might have.

Awards and Recognitions for 2019

Post 90 had a very busy year! Please review the list of awards and recognitions and when you have a moment, give thanks to those who have volunteered a great deal of their time and money this past year.



Commander's Column

Marti Bigbie

With year ending and American Legion memberships unpaid for 2020 they will expire on 12/31/19, After that memberships paid prior to 6-1-20 can be reinstated. If you are not planning on renewing would you please let us know this. Thanks to those who did pay to the Post or on-line for your 2020 American Legion membership.

We are looking for new members so please talk to the Veterans you meet or in your neighborhood – REMEMBER we do not want a Veteran to feel left out, invite them to join our AMERICAN LEGION family.

Post 90 meeting/dinner will be held January 22nd at 6:00 pm. This is a cook-off. Theme is CROCK POT (can be main meal, dessert, vegetables or soup. Again, outside judges and prizes. Please have dishes that are to be judged to the Post by 5:45 pm so the judges have time to judge and the food will still be warm when it is time to eat. Remember all family members are invited to attend these dinner meetings.

Thanks to Tiffany Harris and Family, Judy Oar and Marti for helping with the delivery of 424 Christmas Bags for Christmas to Veterans/members in Assisted living homes, Rehab Centers, SUVH Post 90 members and to those WWII, Korean, Vietnam Veterans at private homes.

Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Hope all members had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For those members whose 2020 American Legion membership dues not received by 12-31-19 WE need to reach out to see if they are going to renew for the 2020 membership year.

ALSO, asking that those names of members who have indicated that they will not renew or have moved out of the area be sent to the Department Office. We can notify National to prevent further notices from being mailed and to save postage both for the Department and National.

Thanks for your help.



Wanted: Eyewitnesses to the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri

By Wyatt Olson/Stars and Stripes
DEC 19, 2019

Organizers for an event planned next year for the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II have tracked down 14 veterans who were aboard the USS Missouri where Japan officially surrendered. All have agreed to attend.

Thousands of allied sailors and officers crammed aboard the Missouri on Sept. 2, 1945, as it was anchored in Tokyo Bay for the official Japanese surrender, said Michael Carr, president of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, during a news conference Wednesday on the ship's deck.



“Every square inch of this ship was covered with men,” he said. “We have identified 14 individuals who were actually on board. There is no central database, unfortunately, that we can go [to] to help identify all of them.”

The search is continuing, he said.

Those 14 — and others if they are found in the coming months — along with one traveling companion each, will be flown to Hawaii for the five-day commemoration, which begins Aug. 29 and concludes with a ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2.

National legislation authorized the 75th World II Commemoration, which is being administered by the Department of Defense.

Bob and Elizabeth Dole, both former U.S. senators, are national co-chairs of the commemoration, which will recognize the end of the war in Europe with events in Washington, D.C., May 6-10. Bob Dole is a World War II Army veteran and was severely wounded in Italy.

More than 100 vintage warbirds are expected to fly over the National Mall on May 8 in 24 separate formations sequenced by historical periods.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige formally kicked off commemoration planning for his state Wednesday with a proclamation naming the 25 committee members overseeing the event, which will include a welcome banquet, gala, educational forums, flyovers and the ceremony aboard the Missouri. The ship has been berthed at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor since 1999, when it was converted into a World War II memorial site.

Ige signed the proclamation on the exact spot where Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender in 1945.

Ige and Adm. Philip Davidson, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, are honorary co-chairs of the Hawaii committee.

“What strikes me here, and what strikes me about the 75th commemoration, is not what ended here on this deck, but [what actually began] a rules-based international order that literally freed hundreds of millions from tyranny and lifted billions out of poverty over the course of the nearly 75 years now,” said Davidson, who added that he had served aboard the USS Missouri during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

Davidson made special mention of those who served in the armed forces during World War II.

“There are very few of them left, and this is a key opportunity to again commemorate and celebrate their service and their sacrifice during World War II and what it’s meant to the foundation of freedom, not only for the United States but for the Indo-Pacific as well,” he said.

American Heart Association Heart Valve Disease Ambassador Program

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 30, 2019

Contact:

American Heart Association



Local heart valve disease survivor and caregiver selected as ambassadors for national program to support heart valve community

The American Heart Association launched the Heart Valve Ambassador Program in 2015, an initiative designed to provide support to the millions of Americans impacted by heart valve disease. The inaugural group of volunteer ambassadors includes seven heart valve disease survivors and one caregiver from across the country who represent the face of heart valve disease in America and show that it can affect people of different ages,

backgrounds and lifestyles. These ambassadors will serve as leaders in the community and will work with the American Heart Association to raise awareness about heart valve disease and share available resources for patients and families.

Dennis Dobkowski, and his wife Ann, from Orange County, CA, have experienced heart valve disease firsthand. Dennis was diagnosed with a heart murmur in 2012. Over time, Dennis’s symptoms progressed, and his cardiologist decided he needed an aortic valve replacement. Dennis had open heart surgery in January 2015 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Orange County, where Ann worked as a nurse for 45 years. Ann was Dennis’s primary caregiver and support system during his heart valve replacement experience, using her healthcare background to help him through surgery, cardiac rehab and recovery. Now retired in Saint George, Utah, Dennis is a Viet Nam veteran and a member of the Saint George American Legion Post 142 Honor Guard, he would like for all vets, their family and friends to have their heart checked. They should also go to the web site for information on what happens before – during - and after heart surgery.

Dennis and Ann will be working in the Saint George Utah community to offer support and to direct patients and caregivers to available resources, including helpful information about heart valve disease, potential treatment options and recovery milestones on the American Heart Association’s Heart Valve Disease Education Center at www.heart.org/heartvalves. Additionally, patients and caregivers can connect with Dennis and Ann on the American Heart Association’s Support Network, an online forum that enables people affected by heart disease and stroke to share their personal experiences and give and receive emotional support.

The eight ambassadors assembled at the American Heart Association’s Dallas headquarters in July to meet with American Heart Association staff and leadership, including CEO Nancy Brown and Chief Mission Officer Meighan Girgus. The ambassadors shared their personal stories, learned more about the American Heart Association’s history and mission and brainstormed ways to support those affected by heart valve disease.

Over the next year, the ambassadors will engage with the heart valve disease community, both online via the Support Network and social media platforms and through in-person outreach, including participation in Heart Walks, Go Red for Women Luncheons and Expos and other local events.

Support for the Heart Valve Ambassador Program is provided by Edwards Lifesciences. For more information about heart valve disease, please visit the American Heart Association’s Heart Valve Disease Education Center at www.heart.org/heartvalves. To connect with Dennis, Ann or another heart valve ambassador, visit the Support Network at supportnetwork.heart.org/heartvalvedisease.

CONTINUOUS AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER CERTIFICATE

Years	Names	Years	Names
73	David Webb	34	Monte Larsen
67	Ted Baca	33	Elmer Zoltz
57	Pier Hamlin	32	Abe Franco
55	Ivins Jones	31	Otis Newbold
53	Merton Lovell	31	Earl Plenert
51	Albert Strumn	30	Lamaun Sorensen
50	Dale Bunker	29	John Hadwick
50	Kennith Smith	29	Jack Kelly
49	Vincent Zahuranec	27	Ralph Greenhalgh
45	Sandra Okerlund	27	Floyd Smith
42	Carlton Fortin	26	James Yeamans
39	Douglas Brough	26	Keith Pendleton
39	Paul Price	26	Joann Rofulowitz
38	Bruce Purcell	25	Kenneth Davis
38	Howard Putman	25	Thomas Flenniken
37	Gary Bogenhagen	25	Jim Harvie
37	Spencer Truman	25	Willard Mayer
36	Harry Brockmeier		
36	Calvin Carman		
34	James Lanier		

PAID UP FOR LIFE MEMBERS (PUFL)

Names	Years	Names	Years
Merton Lovell	53	Robert O Horne	13
Dale Bunker	50	James McDermott	13
Kenneth Smith	50	Marti Bigbie	11
Carlton Fortin	42	James E Carter	11
Howard Putman	38	Lewis David	11
Spencer Truman	37	Ski Ingram	11
Monte Larsen	34	John Hansen	10
James Lanier	34	Lyle Bunker	9
Elmer Zoltz	33	Alvin E Cooley	9
Abe Franco	32	Melvin T Smith	9
James Yeamans	28	T J Satterfield	8
Keith Pendleton	26	William E Schmitt	8
Thomas Flenniken	25	William E Shaner	8
Jim Harvie	25	Larry Tolman	8
Willard Mayer	25	Brad Hardesty	7
Foster Johnson	24	Michael D Breck	6
Juan Madeira	24	Richard Land	6
John A Paxman	24	Thomas Lystrup	6
Steven Carter	23	Roy Wennerholm	6
Joseph Rondo	23	Ray Carpenter	5
Gerald Stoddard	23	Phil Christensen	5
Paul Young	23	Thomas Deutermann	5
James McGeehan	21	Derick T Kamachi	5
Douglas Johansen	20	Kenneth W Smith	4
Jack Daley	19	Lynn Gomez	3
John Choate	18	Glenn Huey	3
Bob Bodenhamer	15	John Jennings	3
Robert Steed	15	Alvin Byington	2
Fidencio Mata	13	Leonard Skinner	2
David L Gaines	13	Trenholm Bartlet	1

AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD/RITUAL TEAM MEMBERS

<p>Ty Delambert Dennis Dobkowski Tom Lystrup Tom Jessop James Webb Don Walker Robert (Bobbie) Stevens Ron Smith Floyd Smith Don Raymond Kenneth Peck Amy Ostler Don Oborn John Love Ed Jones Foster Johnson</p>	<p>Calvin Jensen Milt Jacklin CJ Iacona Harvey Hefley David L Gaines Jim Flohr Steve Duke Skippa Asa Bob Bodenhamer Pam Palermo Terry Dunne Marti Bigbie Lee Reininger Ron Krucke</p>
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Certificates for Service to the American Legion and Community

Harvey Hefley	Day to day activities for Post 90, Co-editor for Post Newsletter, Boy Scouts flag program and youth group at church
Pam Palermo	Day to day activities for Post 90, Financial Advisor/Event Coordinator
John Palermo	Cook at dinners, setting up the Legion Hall and helping whenever needed.
Thomas L. Lystrup	Day to day activities for Post 90, Flag certificates and membership contact forms
Amy Ostler	Website for Post 90, Post Newsletter Editor
Foster Johnson	Day to day activities of Post 90, Ritual Team Commander, caretaker of ritual team equipment.
Paul Cramer	Day to day activities for Post 90.

Don Oborn	Day to day activities for Post 90.
Brooks Reece	Day to day activities for Post 90, Adjutant and new Financial Advisor for Post 90.
Maynard Sorensen	Day to day activities for Post 90, Boys State.
James Webb	Day to day activities for Post 90.
Terry Dunne	Day to day activities for Post 90, Vice Commander/2 nd Ritual Team Honor Guard Commander, Chaplain, Commander's position at Funerals.
Marti Bigbie	Day to day activities for Post 90, Commander Post 90, District 7 Treasurer, Department of Utah Commander 2019-2020.
Frieda Stevens	Auxiliary, Poppy Chair.
Judy Oar	Auxiliary Treasurer, helped with Christmas bag deliveries.
Tiffany Harris	Auxiliary, family helped with Christmas bag deliveries.
Marti Bigbie	Auxiliary Secretary, set up legion hall for meetings, Christmas bag deliveries.

Businesses who received certificates for service to the American Legion

Businesses:

Smith's
 Albertsons
 Golden Corral
 Maria's Pizza
 Bishops Washington
 Bishops Sunset
 Uniform Center II
 Mike Ford State Farm Insurance
 St George Chamber of Commerce
 Staples
 Anton (Tony) Kuhlmann - Wreaths Across America

Funeral Homes:

Affordable

Hughes

McMillan

Metcalf

Pine View

Serenity

Spilsbury

Mayor Jon Pike

David Cordero

City of Saint George

Mayor Ken Neilson, City of Washington

Mayor Chris Hart, City of Ivins

Mayor Rick Rosenberg, City of Santa Clara

Mike Lee, US Senator

Chris Stewart, US House of Representatives

Utah Governor Gary R Herbert

Ed Baca, City Council Member

Michele Randall, City Council Member

City of St George, Fire Department

City of St George, Police Department

Angie Mason, Leisure Services Department

Court Pendleton, Department of Veterans & Military Affairs

Tony Moore, State Officer, Southern Utah Veterans Home

Jennifer Ferrau, Southern Utah Veterans Home

Jerry Olson, Southern Utah Veterans Homes

Justin Smith, St George Vet Center

Erin L Henrie, Family Assistance Center Utah Army National Guard

Melissa Anderson, Community Education Channel