



2021 Hanger Dance

May 15th from 6:30-10:00 pm at the Warbird Museum 4196 S Airport Parkway

Tickets: WWII Veterans FREE. \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door \$200 reserve table of 8

If you wish to purchase tickets visit www.westernskywarbirds.org and donate the ticket amount. Print the receipt and bring it with you to the dance. See flyer on page 5.



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Commander's Column

Marti Bigbie

We are meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the Month for the Dinner/Meeting on May 26th (March and April only about 20 attended) at Foster Johnson's back patio/yard. At this meeting we will install the Officers for 2021-2022. For the Ritual Team, full uniform including Jackets. The menu will be chicken and picnic type food for the items you are to bring by your last name (see schedule of events for your item to bring). Remember this is a family affair so bring your family members if they want to come.

Frieda Stevens is looking for volunteers to help with poppies at several business on May 8th and May 29th. If you can help out please let her know ASAP.

8th Annual Armed Forces Celebration May 13-16, 2021 at St George Airport Hanger Dance, May 15th (Honoring WWII Veterans) at Warbird Museum Memorial Day program, May 31st, 10:00 AM Spilsbury Mortuary Baseball will be played this year so

we will need volunteers to help out at the different playing fields. If interested in helping please give Terry Dunne or Marti so you can be added to a schedule and when dates and times are furnished you will be asked where and when you want to work the gates.



Commander Department of Utah

Marti Bigbie

Due to the change of systems from National I know there are still problems with the new system. We are still asking for those members who have not paid for 2021 to pay their Posts. If they are not going to renew or moved or deceased that information should also be given to the Post and then to the Department. We have a way to go for the 100% for the State of Utah.

The State Convention is being held in Ogden, June 25-27. If you are planning on attending, please get your reservations in now.

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expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 -related funeral

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

(844)-684-6333 | TTY: (800)-462-7585

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

For more information about this assistance, visit <u>COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov.</u> Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process on FEMA's <u>Funeral Assistance FAQ page</u>. Watch the <u>video</u>, Providing Financial Assistance for COVID-19-Related Funeral Expenses.

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The American Legion calls for ending "Forever War," repealing, replacing Authorization for Using Military Force

WASHINGTON (April 15, 2021) – Calling the White House plan to fully withdraw troops from Afghanistan by September 11, "a good start," the leader of the nation's largest veteran service organization, The American Legion, is calling for an end to the "Forever war," nearly twenty years after troops were deployed there.

Acknowledging that the United States "had little choice but to strike back hard" after the 9/11 attacks, American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford called for the repeal of the "outdated authorizations for use of military force" that are currently being used to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Today, there are men and women defending our nation in uniform who were born after 9/11." Oxford wrote in the May issue of The American Legion Magazine. "Thousands of American lives have been lost or broken fighting the global war on terrorism. An entire generation grew into adulthood without knowing a time when the United States was at peace."

Oxford's position mirrors a national resolution titled "Addressing the 'Forever War,' passed by The American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) during its virtual meeting October 14-15, 2020. The NEC Resolution also states, "Our servicemembers accomplished their original objectives in Afghanistan long ago at great cost..."

Oxford penned the magazine piece weeks before the White House had announced its plan. The editorial also calls for the construction of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial in a prominent location in the nation's capital.

"We understand the value of alliances and certainly favor the elimination of imminent threats," Oxford said. "But imminent is not the same as permanent. It's past time to memorialize and honor those who made tremendous sacrifices on our behalf. It's also time to put diplomacy first."

About The American Legion

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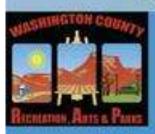


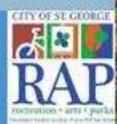
2021 Armed Forces Celebration

\$6 per Adult 17 & Under Free



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- * FLY-BYS
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- * FOOD VENDORS
- * MILITARY DISPLAYS
- * MUCH MORE!
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May 13th-May 16th | 9am to 6pm

May 15th close at 4pm for dance

St. George Airport

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 435-669-0655



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"I'm excited to work with The American Legion this year," Kanaan said. "Jimmie and I had some fun filming the unveil videos. This livery is really sharp looking, and I'm so happy to be running my 20th Indianapolis 500 in it. The American Legion is an important resource for veterans in helping make sure they get the benefits they have earned through their service, and I am proud to represent them, and all veterans."

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization, is using its presence in INDYCAR to elevate awareness and introduce a new modern brand expression before millions of fans. The new logo will not replace the historic American Legion emblem, but rather complement it by honoring the history, heritage and symbols which Legionnaires hold dear.

"Just like each one of our military branches, The American Legion will always have and utilize our traditional seal which has deep meaning to each and every Legionnaire," said Dean Kessel, chief marketing officer for The American Legion. "Our new marketing logo on the No. 48 Honda livery looks fantastic and provides a modern and contemporary expression for the brand. The American Legion name is clearly visible and honors our nation's veterans while still honoring who we are as an organization."

The American Legion is prominently featured on the No. 48 Honda during every race in the 2021 and 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES. It is the primary paint scheme for two races in 2021, including, "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" -- the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day weekend – and at the Texas Motor Speedway May 2.

Throughout the year, The American Legion will use the series and national television exposure to bring attention to some of the most important issues facing today's veterans, including veteran suicide, honoring the fallen and remembering the service and sacrifice rendered as a result of 9/11 and other topics. For more information on The American Legion and its NTT INDYCAR SERIES participation, visit Legion.org/48.

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About Chip Ganassi Racing

Chip Ganassi has been a fixture in the auto racing industry for over 30 years and is considered one of the most successful as well as innovative owners the sport has anywhere in the world. Today his teams include four cars in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, two cars in the NASCAR Cup Series, and one car in both the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Extreme E. Overall, his teams have 20 championships and over 225 victories, including four Indianapolis 500s, a Daytona 500, a Brickyard 400, eight Rolex 24 At Daytonas, the 12 Hours of Sebring and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Ganassi boasts state-of-the-art race shop facilities in Indianapolis and Concord, N.C., with a corporate office in Pittsburgh. For more information log onto www.chipganassiracing.com.

