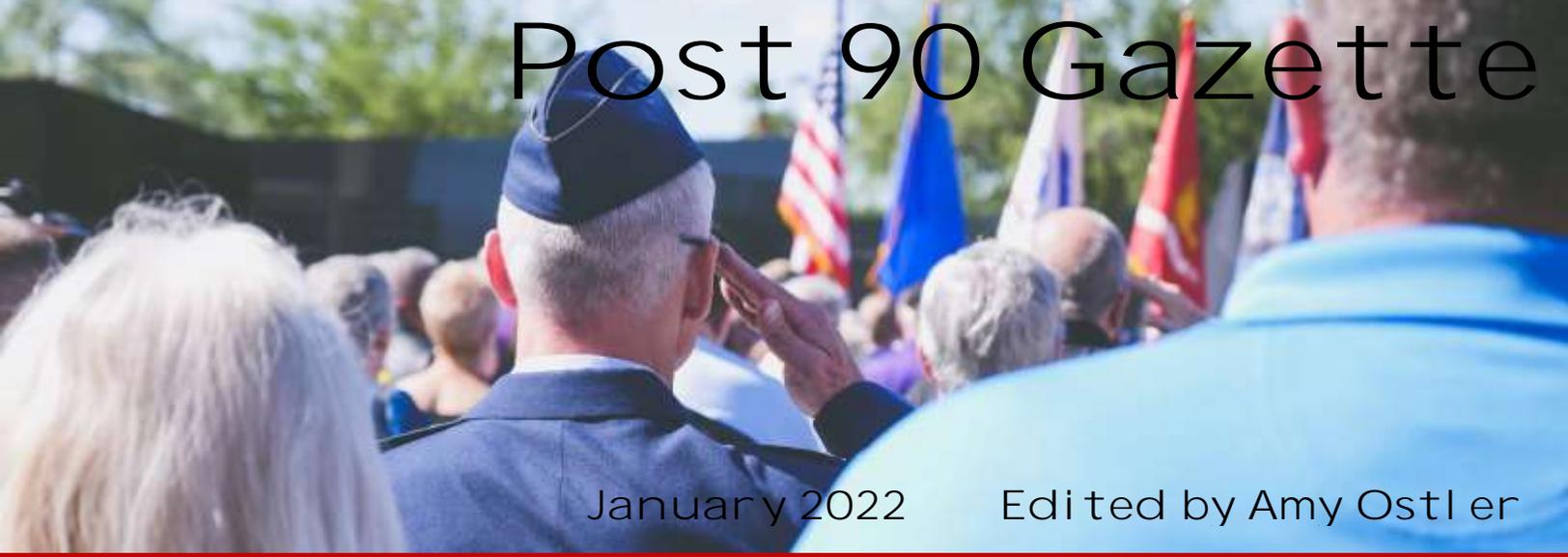


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USS Arizona survivor Ken Potts. Current resident of Provo, UT.



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Commander's Column

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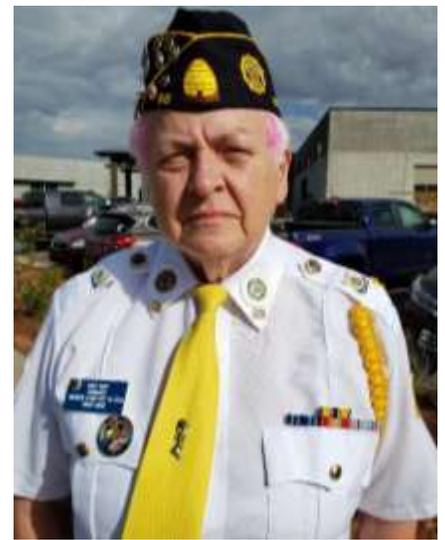
Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends.

IF you did not forward your renewal dues for your 2022 American Legion Membership the membership expired on 12-31-21. If you want to continue your membership please forward the \$40.00 renew dues to PO Box 910931, St George Utah 84791.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR AMERICAN LEGION CARD TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE NEW CARD FOR 2022 THEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR RENEWAL WAS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED. If you receive a notice for dues for 2022 just disregard them as you already have your 2022 card.

The 2022-2023 Election Ballot for new officers for Lester Keate Post 90 is included in this newsletter. If you are interested, please get in touch with the Chairman of the Nomination Committee Jim Webb at 435-632-6300 or email jimboglennwebb@yahoo.com. (attached is the instructions given to the Nomination Committee and the list of responsibilities for Post Officers).

Please do this at your earliest convenience by email as it will be your signature. BUT we need your decision by 1-21-2022 so the final ballot can be attached to the February newsletter for voting for officers if more than one applies for the elected positions.



Area 4 Commander's Column

Marti Bigbie

In just a few months the District 6 and District 7 Spring Conferences will start (March & April) where District Commanders will be elected. If interested in applying get in touch with the current District Commander to let them know. Will need to furnish a BIO about yourself.

PLEASE check with your Post members that have not paid their 2022 membership (as it expired on 12-31-2021) to see if they are going to renew, NOT renew, Moved or have passed. If you could let me know ASAP so that paperwork can be submitted by POST for National awards for your POSTa/District/Department.

Thanks for all your help in obtaining 100% in District 6 (Manti and Loa) and in District 7 Tropic, Minersville and Escalante). I know it has been a difficult couple of years but We need to make sure that we continue our Buddy Checks for our Veterans.

The following are the nomination instructions and Post Officer job descriptions. Please read thru these and submit your nominations to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee Jim Webb at 435-632-6300 or email ajimboglennwebb@yahoo.com.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS for POST OFFICER POSITIONS

COMMANDER (Elected)

- *ATTENDANCE at monthly Executive Board meetings
- *Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals
- *Attendance at VSO meeting every 3rd Tuesday/month
- *With the help of the Executive Board plan the post operations and events for the coming year
- *Develop and have an active plan for membership
- *Work with Adjutant to maintain records, minutes of meeting and provide information on times and dates for the Weekly update of events email that goes out to members with emails and mailed out to members without emails
- *Forward to the Post Newsletter Editor a monthly article written by the Commander about the post and upcoming events or items of interest received from Department or National that is beneficial to the members
- *Encourage all Executive Board members to write an Article concerning what's happening for their office/position
- *Establish a Post Budget with the help of Financial Officer and Executive Board. Post membership dues should cover the administrative costs of postage, stationery, ink, envelopes for the Adjutant, Commander and Finance Officer. Cost for Insurance, bonding of members, Certificate of Liability for City for planned events and State Certification of the Post.
- *Donations received applied to the Ritual Team, Baseball, Boys State when designated otherwise to the general funds.
- *Appoint committee assignments for special activities and Projects. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor, Christmas, Nominating Committee, Installation of Officers, set up Legion Hall with AUXILIARY for meetings/events.

ADJUTANT (Elected) and PR

- *Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals
- *Primary administrative officer for the Post. Maintain all Executive Board agendas and minutes (copies to be given to all Executive Board members in timely manner)
- *Maintain Membership Roster for paid members and new members. Add any new members to the roster
- *Work with 2nd Vice Commander to contact members for renewal dues and send reminders for when dues are due.
- *Publish weekly email for upcoming events/activities for the Post including all functions that the Post is involved in the community.

- *Keep an updated email list for those members who have emails and for those that do not an updated mailing label database. Send the Post Newsletter Editor any new email Address so the Newsletter mailing can be updated. If any member non renews or email address is no longer valid notify the Editor also.
- * Send monthly article to the Post Newsletter Editor concerning status of membership and events upcoming
- *MUST have computer access to Department and National data base to have daily access to membership records and receive reports
- *Maintain membership Records (in July receive a copy of the membership roster with update information from prior year on members who have deceased, not renewed or moved from the time that National pulls the roster for the coming membership year) and update paid members and Online members from the Finance Officer. Record those that have deceased and indicated that they will not be renewing or are/have moved
- *Complete and verify all new member applications with annual dues, record on the roster and give the application and money to Finance Officer to process.
- *Obtain and keep record of all hours, money spent, funerals Post activities for the ANNUAL CPR report
- *Forward to Department the reports received from Ritual Team for the billable funerals (ARMY) - one of the reports that needs done often to record Post activities to Department/National.
- *Work with other officers and committee members to ensure that all activities/events are covered in the weekly Emails sent to members to keep them informed of events concerning participation from the members
- *Role is to provide continuity for the Post
- *Personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the post.

VICE COMMANDER (elected) also EVENT COORDINATOR

- *Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals
- *Steps in for the Commander when not available to represent the Post at meetings, community events or at convention.
- *ATTENDANCE at monthly Executive Board meetings
- *Sets up the agendas for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor, Christmas Party, May Installation of officers and works with AUXILIARY to plan the menu for upcoming meeting dates in September, December and May.
- *Executes a plan to conduct BUDDY CHECKS of members with the help of the membership. Checks on the welfare and identify those members/Veterans that are in need of help or assistance. Keeps records for time spent, number of hours and number of visits by telephone or in person for each member who is participating in the Buddy Check. Information needs to be given to the ADJUTANT for the annual CPR report on monthly reporting so nothing is missed. Information is used by Department and National to take before Congress
- *Must be familiar with the ceremonial protocol fo regular meetings and be called upon to conduct one or more meetings due to an absence of the post commander
- * Must know how to develop an agenda, run meeting and follow protocol

*Membership and retention being one of the primary concern for this office.

SECOND VICE COMMANDER (elected)

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*Membership and retention of members is primary concern.

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings

*Work with Adjutant to contact members for annual dues and the renewing of members.

*Work with the membership to identify new Veterans in the Community - discuss membership in the American Legion

*Distribute membership applications to all members asking for them for help in developing/obtaining new members for the Post

THIRD VICE COMMANDER (elected)

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings

*BOYS STATE in the High Schools primary responsibility

*Develop a plan to talk to the school councilor and Junior High School Students (to completing application) about attending Boys State at WEBER University in June

*Work on membership and Buddy Checks

FINANCE OFFICER (appointed)

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings. The finance officer should be honest and have experience in handling financial affairs. Finance Officer is in charge of all receiving and disbursing of post funds.'

*Helps prepare budget for coming membership year

*Collects all mail from the post office and deposits checks for membership dues against members name on master roster

*Makes payment of dues online at mylegion.org as money is received. Forwards copy of receipt to Adjutant for updating of the Adjutants copy of the membership roster

*checks online payments of members paying dues and updates membership roster.

* Pays all Insurance (AFFINITY LLC - Homeless Package Policy) and Bond (CNA Surety Direct- Utah Dishonesty A-Non Profit Organization) bills and files taxes (990-N - in January of each year for the prior fiscal year)

*updates the State of Utah, Department of Commerce, Division of Corporations & Commercial Code, Corporation Registration Information Change Form when changes in the states of The Executive Board members

*a copy will also be maintained by the Adjutant for purposes.

*MAKE sure all Insurance, Taxes and Bond bills are paid before due

POST SERVICE OFFICER (appointed)

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings. This position requires a competent, dedicated and organized person, preferably one is readily available to provide assistance. Must know how to access and utilize the expert services available through The American Legion, state and Federal government agencies, and local community agencies. Job requires timely submission of information to full-time Professionals so veterans and their dependents are adequately represented.

* The service officer's report should be a standard part of every meeting.

CHAPLAIN (appointed)

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings

*Need not necessarily be a clergyman, but must be a person capable of moral and intellectual leadership and one who gives dignity and respect to the office. Chaplain should be in closes touch with the Commander and other Post officers, and should attend all meetings of the Post Executive Committee/Board.

*Needs to be available if on the Ritual Team to recite the Chaplains portion of the Military Service Honors, at Meetings and at Community functions/activities if asked.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (Appointed)

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings

* Lower and Raise flag at Legion Hall when directed by President or American Legion National Commander

*Arranges the meeting hall for all Executive Board meetings and dinner meetings and events. Works with Auxiliary to Set up Legion Hall for dinners. Assists the Post Commander and Adjutant in preliminary arrangements for meetings (including leading the color detail during presentations and Retirement ceremonies.

- * At Executive Board meetings keeps the meeting civil and discussions timely and keep the flow of the meeting going
- *NEEDS to be an expert on flag etiquette, knows proper flag etiquette, and knows dates that the flags are to be a half mass and raised again at sunset.
- *Logical person to chair a welcome committee
- *Encourages members to attend meetings and advises the commander on who should be acknowledged (Visitors)
- *Must make certain new members are welcomed and introduced at dinner meetings

HISTORIAN (Appointed)

- *Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals
- *ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings
- *Make a scrapbook of all Post activities and awards.
- *Has to have a close cooperation between the Post Commander and Adjutant to record ALL activities of the Post.
- *Take pictures and write reports on the functions that the Post is involved in and events where the Post/Ritual Team are present.
- *Collect news articles written and/or on media.
- *Keep copies of the Post Newsletter.
- *Get copies of any awards, pins, certificates that are presented to members of Post 90.
- *Make copies of all Thank You letters and donation letters for/with donations

JUDGE ADVOCATE (Appointed)

- *Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals
- *ATTENDENCE at monthly Executive Board meetings
- *Supplies professional advice in the conduct of post business or procure proper council. Guardian of the constitutional form of post government.
- *Update Post Constitution and By-Laws to reflect current Post agenda/activities/meeting times as Needed
- *Submitted signed and dated updated copies to Department when passed by the Executive Board

RITUAL TEAM COMMANDER & ASSISTANT

*Member of the Ritual Team for Military Funerals

*ATTENDANCE at monthly Executive Board meetings

*Work with Mortuary's to set up time and place for the Funerals at Cemetery's for Military Honors.

*Notify Ritual Team members by email the time and Cemetery of the funeral and who the military honors are for. If a member - a Post Everlasting will need to be made up and read at the funeral.

*Email to the Adjutant, Finance Officer and Historian an AFTER ACTION REPORT as records need to be kept and updated as they happen.

*Maintain/clean/repair rifles and obtain shells and equipment as needed.

*Outfit new members to the Ritual Team with uniform items that the Legion pays for or if there are uniform items available.

*Order from EMBLEM SALES gloves, belts, pins, emblems, Ties, that the Legion furnishes.

*Shells need to be ordered with proper paperwork (folder needs to be kept for years - when there is a new commander Paperwork needs to be submitted)

WEB SITE CARETAKER

*Have proper credentials for the website and computer

*Receive and update information from Commander and Adjutant regarding the Post information

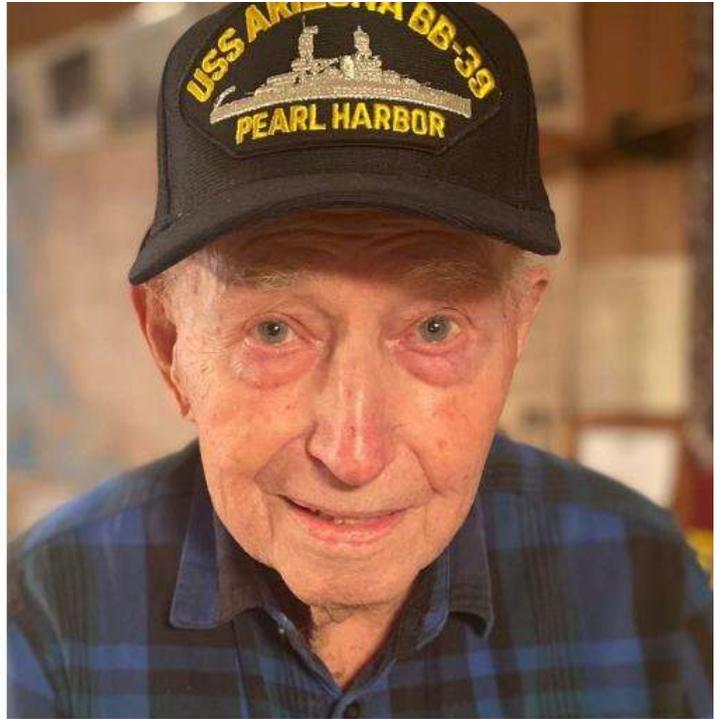
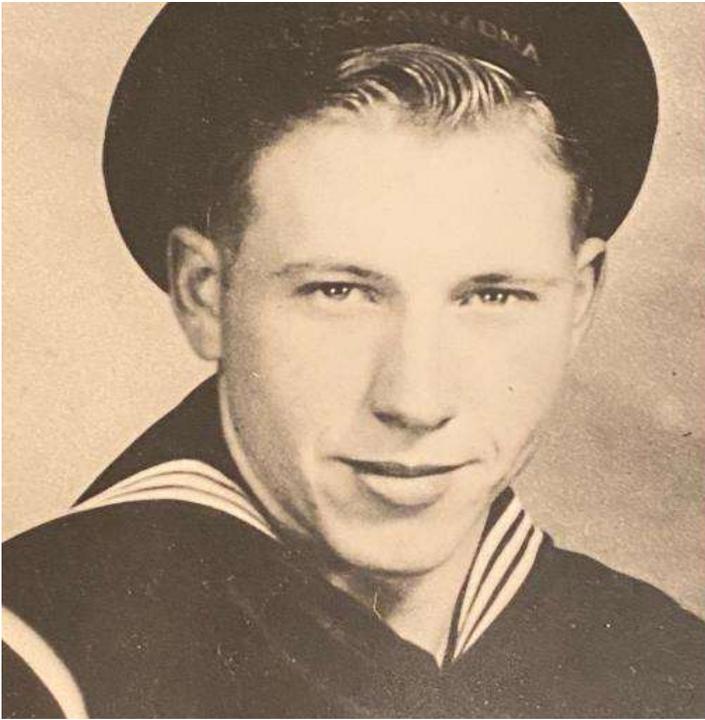
POST NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*Have updated computer with the format and credentials for the newsletter format. Renewal charges should be given to Financial Officer for recording and insure Payment.

BASEBALL TEAM LIAISON (volunteer appointed)

*Work with Baseball Coach and volunteers when needed to sponsor/work the games at the different fields

USS Arizona survivor recalls the “date which will live in infamy”



Ken Potts, serving in the Navy in 1941 (left) and 80 years later (right) is one of two living survivors of the USS Arizona.

By Jill Atwood, Director of Communications, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

December 2, 2021

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“All you could see was fire. It looked like the whole world was on fire,” Potts said.

The 100-year-old still tears up when he talks about the best friend that he lost and how he survived when 1,177 other sailors of the USS Arizona did not.

Potts, who served as a crane operator aboard the battleship, was on liberty in Honolulu on Dec. 6, 1941. He awoke to sirens and loudspeakers blaring, “All Navy personnel get back to their ships.”

He hailed a cab and got as close as he could before a small boat took him the rest of the way. When Potts arrived, The Arizona had been strafed, but was still intact. His memory fails from here as he recalls the carnage; the turmoil and each man doing what he had to do to stay alive and save others.

“The noise you can't imagine, the noise.”

The bombs that ensued would eventually detonate the ammunition in the ship, causing a cataclysmic explosion. Potts was on the stern when it happened, about as far away from the impact as he could be.

“Abandon Ship!” Potts recalls. “Some jumped in the water and swam, others got off how they could. I jumped in the same boat that brought me out there. It was a mess.”

That boat headed for Ford Island just a few hundred yards away. They picked up as many sailors in the water as they could along the way. Some were badly hurt, many were covered in oil, others were fine - physically. Once on the island Potts and other sailors checked in at the receiving station. News had traveled fast to the mainland and Potts’s mother had already been told he was MIA and presumed dead.

The next 24 hours were a blur as he returned to the Arizona that same day to help search for survivors. He spent the night on what was left of the doomed ship.

“We were looking for guns and ammo. No one slept that night.”

After the attack Potts drew the grim task of recovering bodies from the Arizona. He grows quiet after he talks about the most awful job anyone could ever have.

Today, he leads a quiet life and likes it that way. His garage has been transformed into a memorial of sorts from that fateful day. And while he doesn’t like to talk about it much, it is clear he will never forget the more than 900 men entombed in the sunken battleship. He says there were like family.

The Arizona’s death toll was nearly half of all Americans killed that day.

Editor’s Note: Ken Potts is one of two living survivors of the USS Arizona. He lives in Provo, Utah with his wife, Doris. He still receives fan mail and special invitations from all over the country. He attended the 75th anniversary commemoration at the Pearl Harbor Memorial in 2016. Potts will be 101 on April 15.

Utah Cold War veterans recognized for their service with victory medals

By Deborah Wilber - | Dec 30, 2021



Deborah Wilber, Standard-Examiner

Cold War veterans and members of the Golden Vets group salute during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. Ten veterans were awarded the Utah Cold War Victory Medal during the ceremony.

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Any veteran who served during the period of geographical tension between the United States and the Soviet Union, 1945-1991, is eligible to receive the Utah Cold War Victory Medal.

The city-run recreation center helped throw together an impromptu ceremony after the original event, scheduled for Dec. 3, was canceled. According to Golden Vets moderator Gene Earickson, veterans expressed concerns with driving to Syracuse City Hall in the dark.

The Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation held drive-thru ceremonies during the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak, presenting roughly 500 medals amid the pandemic.

“We hope this variant won’t slow us down too bad,” said Larry Kerr, vice chair of the foundation.



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WWII veteran John Cole stands next to the POW-MIA table during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Dec. 29, 2021. Ten veterans were awarded the Utah Cold War Victory Medal during the ceremony.

Medal recipients, friends and family, senior center staff and foundation reps ended the honorary ceremony with a moment of silence for the fallen while Marine Corps veteran John Cole and Army veteran Sgt. 1st Class Steven Ross stood beside a table commemorating prisoners of war and those missing in action, also known as a missing man table.

Cole did not serve during the Cold War, but he was present in his dress blues with all of his medals and ribbons received while serving in World War II and Korea.

The Golden Vets started their group with five WWII veterans in 2010, but it has since expanded. Cole is the last surviving original member.

Navy veteran Petty Officer 2nd Class James Hicks was also in his dress blues for the ceremony. He spoke of his time as a radioman in the Navy and how he used to be able to transcribe 80 words a minute, almost unheard of he said.

“No one knows how to do this anymore,” he said of transmitting and receiving radio signals while making tapping motions to mimic communicating in Morse code.



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A piece of the Berlin Wall is displayed during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. Ten veterans were awarded the Utah Cold War Victory Medal during the ceremony.

All of the Utah Cold War Victory Medals were provided by Brightpoint Creative in Salt Lake City and paid for through donations at \$15 per medal.

The medal pinning ceremony was a first for the senior center. “We feel privileged to be able to host this amazing pinning ceremony for our honorable veterans,” Ogden City’s Recreation Supervisor Ginger Meyers said in a news release.

Marine Corps veteran Craig Rollins and Navy veteran Mark Schultz recalled what it was like being in a military uniform from 1955 to 1975.

“It’s (better) to be recognized than to get spit on,” Schultz said of the Vietnam era, which occurred partly during the same period as the Cold War, although they were different conflicts with different causes in separate parts of the world.



Utah Cold War Victory Medal recipient Charles Rostkowski holds his certificate during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.



Marine Corp veteran Craig Rollins receives his Utah Cold War Victory Medal by Gene Earickson during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.



Wire fence from the Korean demilitarized zone is displayed during a pinning ceremony by the Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation at the Golden Hours Senior Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. Ten veterans were awarded the Utah Cold War Victory Medal during the ceremony.



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