

# Utah State Veteran's Benefits



The state of Utah provides veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Veteran Housing
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## Veteran Housing

### **Veterans Homes**

Quality nursing and health care services are provided for Utah veterans with U.S. military service during peacetime or wartime. While wartime service is not a requirement for admission to the nursing home, wartime veterans with one day or more of wartime service, as recognized by state and federal laws, have top priority. A veteran's spouse or surviving spouse may also qualify for admittance to the Utah State Veterans Nursing Home, providing the marriage to the veteran occurred at least one year before the application.

In state-owned veterans homes, the VA pays for nearly one half the cost of care for the resident. In certain instances of service connected disabilities, 100% of the cost of care is paid. Care is available to all veterans and eligible dependents.

Utah has four State Veterans Homes located in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Payson and Ivins. The state oversight agency is the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (UDVMA). The operations and management of the facilities is contracted to a private health Care provider (Avalon Health Care). All four facilities carry a 5-star CMS rating.

If you have any questions, would like to contribute to these facilities, or to sponsor a patient room, please contact the Utah Department of Veteran's Affairs at either (801) 326-2372 or 1-800-894-9497.



**Central Utah Veterans Home**

1551 North Main Street, Payson, UT 84651  
Phone: 801-465-5400 Fax: 801-465-4872



**George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home**

1102 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT 84404  
Phone: 801-334-4300 Fax 801-334-4309



**William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home**

700 S. Foothill Drive Salt Lake City, UT, 84113-1104  
Phone: 801-584-1900 Fax: 801-584-1960



**Southern Utah Veterans Home**

160 N. 200 E. Street, Ivins, UT 84738  
Phone: 435-634-5220 Fax: 435-673-5839

The William E. Christoffersen Veterans Home opened in 1998 as an 81-bed skilled nursing facility that focuses on the residents’ quality of life. Currently, the facility has 81 beds, 39 double occupancy rooms, and 3 private rooms. There are two wings on the upper floor and a memory care unit downstairs. A vibrant recreation department involves residents in many activities, games, and programs. Residents grow tomatoes in raised garden plots in the summer, go on fishing trips, visit museums, enjoy concerts and nearby sporting events.

A professionally staffed rehabilitation department provides physical, occupational and speech therapy to improve and restore maximum function and strength. We offer full therapy and rehabilitative services, convenient access to VA medical providers, and exciting nearby activities of downtown Salt Lake and the University of Utah. We have a unique pet therapy program that includes a giant tortoise and friendly Kangaroos.

A caring and dedicated nursing staff and dietary department all add to the outstanding care that has earned the Veterans Nursing Home a prestigious 5-Star rating for overall quality by the government’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Points of Excellence

- Short-term rehabilitation
- Physical therapy
- Speech therapy
- Wound care
- Orthopedic care
- Memory Care
- Long-term care
- Respite care
- Post-stroke rehabilitation

- Medication management
- Diabetes management
- Complex medical care
- IV services
- COPD care
- Pain management

## **Veteran Financial Assistance**

### **Disabled Veteran Property Tax Abatement**

A Utah permanent place-of-residence property tax abatement that uses the VA's percentage-rating for a service-connected disability is available for disabled Veterans or for their un-remarried widows or minor orphans. The Veteran's disability rating must be at least 10% in order to qualify for this abatement. The percentage cap is subject to change, but here is the formula:

- The maximum property tax abatement is \$253,264 (rated at 100% service connected disability),
- Multiply your percentage of disability by 253,024
- Example: a 10% disability X 253,264 = \$25,326.40 tax abatement
- This amount is then subtracted from the taxable value of the property and taxes are paid on the remaining amount.

To apply for this Property Tax Abatement, request a Summary of Benefits Letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Submit the letter and complete a Property Tax Abatement application at the applicable county treasurer, tax assessor, or clerk/ recorder located in the county government building of the county in which the property is located on or before 1 SEP. All property must be on record as of 1 JAN of the year you file. However, a recent change allows an exemption to that rule to qualified widows and orphans. Disabled Veterans only have to file for the abatement one time; after which it will automatically renew each year. (Utah Code 59-2- 1104 & 1105)

### **Armed forces Property Tax Exemption**

The state provides a property tax exemption for members of active or reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces who perform qualifying active-duty military service. For the purposes of this tax exemption, "Qualifying Active Duty Service" is defined as a minimum of 200 days in a calendar year, regardless of whether they were performed consecutively, or 200 consecutive days of active service that may cross over into a second calendar year but has not been applied toward the count for the previous year's taxes. The amount of the tax exemption is equal to the total taxable value of the claimant's real property. This tax exemption can be claimed up to a year following the year the service was completed. The exemption may not be claimed by the military person's spouse, and the military person may not claim the tax exemption for property owned exclusively by the military person's spouse. (Utah Code 59-2-1104 & 1105)

## **Veteran Employment**

## **Veterans Job Preference**

Eligible veterans or un-remarried spouses are granted either 5 or 10 points, as applicable, for employment preference, added to the results of any written &/or oral exam or other related qualifying technique, by any Utah government entity (state, county, municipality, special district or other political subdivision or administration). The U.S. Dept. of Labor will protect the veteran's rights to the Veterans Job Preference. Any officers, agents or representatives of the state, or any contractor performing work for Utah state government, who willfully fails to hire a military veteran shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

## **Veterans Job Representatives**

Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Person (DVOP) are located statewide in the larger employment offices of the Utah Dept. of Workforce Services. They provide intensive employment related services for targeted veterans: referral to job opportunities, resume writing, referral letters, veteran's preference, employment counseling, etc.

## **Finding a Job**

The State of Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs is committed to easing your transition from the service into the civilian world. They have great resources within the state to assist you find a job working for the government or in the private sector. In addition, you will want to check out State of Utah Patriot Partnership program which recognizes organizations that pledge their support for veterans and commit to military veteran employment. This can help you identify organizations where you might want to work. Combined with the tips and tools on preparing to apply for jobs, access to these job resources can help you establish great career here in Utah.

- **Private Sector Jobs** -- If you are seeking employment in the private sector, Utah Department of Workforce Services website <http://jobs.utah.gov> is a great place to start. This site brings together job seekers and potential employers from across Utah in one spot. You can create a profile, access job postings and learn about upcoming hiring events in your area. If you self-identify as a veteran in your online profile, organizations looking to hire veterans can connect with you. As a veteran, you also receive a “veteran preference” on the website, giving you an identifier next to your name for employers to easily identify.
- **State of Utah Jobs** -- Invest your knowledge, skills, and abilities with the State of Utah! The rewards are enormous. Explore the State of Utah jobs website <http://statejobs.utah.gov/jobseeker/> to learn more about opportunities.
- **Federal Jobs** -- The federal government has a long and outstanding record of employing veterans. Veterans have technical skills in areas of critical importance, and many also already have security clearances that are required for some federal positions. Federal service provides a means for veterans to continue their noble service to this country. All federal hiring is done through the USAJobs website at <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/veterans>.
- **eBenefits** -- If you are looking for a new job or career, don't miss the opportunity to post a verified Veteran profile and connect with employers who are actively looking to hire Veterans. There are more than 1.5 million active job listings currently posted through Veterans

Employment Center (VEC). It's easy to post your online profile, ensuring employers can connect with you today. eBenefits website <https://www.vets.gov/employment>.

### **Veteran-Friendly Employers**

May 2011 Governor Gary R Herbert along with The Department of Workforce Services created at <http://www.jobs.utah.gov/employer/business/patriotpledge.htm> a Veteran-Friendly Employer program called Utah Patriot Partnership program to recognize the efforts of certain organizations that hire and retain veterans in their workforce. All across Utah, Veterans of our armed services have returned home after serving courageously on the world's battlefields. Utah businesses can give there veterans the ultimate "thank you" by allowing them the opportunity for employment. These employers recognize the value of hiring veterans and meet specified criteria distinguishing them as a Utah Patriot Partner.

## **Veteran Education Assistance Programs**

### **State Approving Agency (SAA)**

The SSA's whose mission is to ensure that every eligible veteran, reservist/National Guard member, and other eligible persons are afforded the opportunity to pursue their educational or vocational program goals to their full potential. The Utah SAA will work to protect the eligible person's right to a quality education or a quality training program. The SAA performs all duties necessary for the inspection, approval and supervision of those programs offered by qualified educational institutions, training establishments, and tests for licensing and certification in accordance with the standards and provisions of Title 38, U.S.C. This includes providing in-depth technical assistance and outreach liaison with all related organizations, agencies, individuals and activities to help veterans and other eligible persons achieve their educational and vocational goals.

At <https://veterans.utah.gov/academic-institutions> the following applications can be downloaded:

- [OJT and Apprenticeship Approval Application](#)
- [Test Approval Application](#)
- [First Time Approval Non Accredited Program](#)
- [First Time Approval Accredited Program](#)
- [First Time Approval Accredited NCD app](#)
- [Continued Approval Non Accredited Programs](#)
- [Continued Approval for Public or Non Profit IHL w NCDs](#)
- [Continued Approval for Public NP IHL](#)
- [Continued Approval Accredited Private IHL](#)
- [Continued Approval Accredited NCD](#)

### **FAQ for Currently Approved Schools**

- **What if there has been a change in ownership or my school has moved?** You must submit an SAA form 4251 to the SAA for approval. Failure to do so timely can result in a delay of payment to the Veterans or Institution
- **What do I need to do to add a new program to my list?** If your institution has made changes to programs or policies (new tuition, added a new program) outside of catalog publication, we can

review it as a program modification. All you need to submit to the SAA is a letter requesting approval of the new program or policy, submit supporting documentation to that letter and list the effective date of the change. These actions are generally reviewed quickly by the SAA.

- **What do I need to do with the new catalog and can you just review our website?** Whenever an institution publishes a new catalog, we consider the previous catalog as being no longer valid; meaning your programs, as approved, are no longer in effect. You must submit two certified true and correct copies of this catalog to the SAA with a completed and signed application. Due to the requirement that catalogs must be certified and maintained on file for reference during VA compliance surveys, we CANNOT accept websites as they change and cannot be certified. We accept hard copies or PDF files on a disk. Keep in mind that the students are being paid for attending an approved program and if that program changes and is not re-approved by the SAA, the student cannot be paid for that non-approved program. Worse case scenario, VA may recoup all monies paid during that time. Keeping your approval up to date is the schools responsibility and is very important to avoid lost/delayed payments for students.
- **Do I need to complete a compliance survey?** If you are preparing for a compliance survey, the following presentation contains the latest guidance for the completion of these surveys. Please review prior to the scheduled compliance survey visit. [Compliance Survey Presentation](#)

For Further information Contact the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education Director David Salgado Office: (801) 584-1973 Fax: (801) 584-1964 or Email [dsalgado@utah.gov](mailto:dsalgado@utah.gov). For Assistance with Benefits & Claims [Click Here](#).

### **In-state Tuition**

Active duty military and veterans that have been release from active service within the 12 months of attending school will receive tuition at the rate of in-state tuition at public degree granting and certificate granting schools. See school admissions office <https://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/static/HB0124.html> to apply.

### **Purple Heart Tuition Waiver**

Purple Heart recipients are eligible for a tuition waiver at all public institution of higher learning in Utah. This benefit can be used toward a degree up to and including a Masters Degree. To receive this benefit the Veteran must submit proof that they are a Purple Heart recipient to the State Institution they are attending.

### **Scott Lundell Military Survivors Tuition Waiver**

Surviving dependants of service members killed in action on or after September 11, 2001 are eligible for a tuition waiver at state schools. <http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53B/Chapter8/53B-8-S107.html>. Dependent children may also be eligible for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship. [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/fry\\_scholarship.pdf](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/fry_scholarship.pdf).

### **Veterans Tuition Gap Program**

Effective 1 July 2014 the Veterans Tuition Gap Program came into effect. This “funding” gap enables qualifying military Veterans to receive tuition assistance for the last school year at State institutions of higher education. It is for tuition only and does not include housing, books, etc.

### **Veterans Upward Bound**

VUB is funded by the Department of Education and sponsored by Weber State University. VUB provides a valuable service by assisting veterans in obtaining admission to post- secondary schools. Instruction and tutoring are provided free of charge to veterans in math, English and basic computer applications. The services are provided to veterans in Salt Lake, Davis and Weber Counties.

### **Honorary High School Diplomas**

Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam who left High School for military service are eligible to receive Honorary High School Diplomas from the school they left. Contact the local school district for information on how to receive the diploma.

For more information go to: <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r765/r765-611.htm>. For info on financial aid educational resources refer to <https://veterans.utah.gov/resources>.

## **Veterans Recreation**

### **Fishing License Privileges**

Utah Disabled Veteran Fishing Licenses are available for Veterans, free of charge, from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. To qualify a Veteran must have obvious physical handicaps, such as, permanently confined to a wheelchair, paraplegic, minus at least one limb, permanently requiring crutches or blind.

### **Special Fun Tags.**

Special fun tags provide admission to most of the 41 state-controlled parks, campgrounds and other recreation areas throughout Utah. Effective July 1, 2009, the new policy now allows Utah veterans to receive a special Fun Tag, free of charge, if they are:

- Legally Blind, which is defined as vision of 20/200 or less in the better eye with best correction, or a field restriction of 20 degrees of less in both eyes; or
- Non-Ambulatory, which is defined as being permanently confined to a wheelchair or the use of a cane, crutches or mobility device, or who has lost either or both lower extremities.

Special Fun Tag allows day use access to most Utah state parks, but does not include This Is the Place Heritage Park and does not cover the \$2 Davis County Causeway Fee at Antelope Island State Park. The Special Fun Tag does not apply to camping or other special fees. Please call the State Parks and Recreation office at (801) 538-7220 or toll free at 1-877-UTPARKS to have an application mailed to you or log on to [https://www.pdfFiller.com/18292064-sft\\_apppdf-Special-Fun-Tag-Utahgov-secure-utah-Various-Fillable-Forms](https://www.pdfFiller.com/18292064-sft_apppdf-Special-Fun-Tag-Utahgov-secure-utah-Various-Fillable-Forms) to download. Applications can be mailed to Utah Division of State Parks & Recreation, 1594 West North Temple, P.O. Box 146001, Salt Lake City, UT or faxed to (801) 538-7378.

## **Other State Veterans Benefits**

### **Outreach**

The Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs outreach program has two main areas:

1) Outreach to local communities and special events. The community outreach program involves Service Officers and Outreach Representatives on a consistent schedule traveling across the state to assist Veterans and their dependents with filing VA claims. Because the claims process can be so intimidating and because not everyone can get to a service officer in Salt Lake, VMA sends them to you.

2) VMA's special events outreach consists of Benefit and Information Fairs, workshops and a variety of other events that are ways of bringing the many available services and resources to communities throughout the state.

To see the schedule of events go to <https://veterans.utah.gov/outreach> and click on the region of the map that relates to you.

### **Drivers License Privileges**

Driver licenses possessed by persons on U.S. military active duty shall be valid 90 days after active duty discharge, unless driver licenses are suspended or revoked for cause by a police department or other judicial entity.

### **Veterans License Plates**

Utah veterans license plates may be purchased for an initial \$25.00 contribution to the Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs plus a \$10.00 plate transfer fee, in addition to normal vehicle registration and property tax fees. Plates can be purchased at any Utah Department of Motor Vehicle office. There will also be a yearly \$10.00 renewal fee. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of these plates help fund veteran programs within the state. Utah veteran's license plates display colored decal emblems of the U.S. military branch in which served (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines as well as the American Legion) and are further inscribed "UTAH HONORS VETERANS". Utah special group license plates for Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor Survivors or former POW's are exempt of application and renewal fees: however, regular registration and property tax fees still must be paid. Proper evidence to present for special group plates includes Military Order of the Purple Heart or Pearl Harbor Survivors Association membership cards, or DD-214 (& equivalent WD AGO 5355) military discharge certificates. You need not wait until renewal time to purchase the license plates. Form TC 817 required for application for a personalized plate with up to 5 alpha-numeric characters. To access the form go to its website at <http://tax.utah.gov/forms/current/tc-817.pdf>

#### **Disabled Veteran**



This license plate recognizes Utah resident disabled veterans for their military service. As Utah Tax Code Section 41-1a-414 does not provide handicapped parking space privileges for the Disabled Veteran license plate, a disabled windshield placard must be obtained separately. This plate may be transferred to the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran so long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

### **Requirements:**

- Letter from Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs or other United States military entity certifying the disabled status of the veteran
- \$17 Special Plate Fee
- No Annual Contribution
- If a disabled windshield placard is desired, Form TC-842 available at <http://tax.utah.gov/forms/current/tc-842.pdf> is required and must be signed by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner

### Former Prisoner of War



This plate recognizes Utah resident military veterans held as a prisoner of war. This plate may be transferred to the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war so long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

#### Requirements:

Form DD214 or Statement of Service from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$15 Special Plate Fee, and No Annual Contribution

### Gold Star



This plate honors the family of a member of the military who is killed while serving in the United States armed forces. The applicant must be a recipient of the Gold Star award, issued by the U.S. Secretary of Defense. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

This is a centrally distributed license plate. It may be ordered at any DMV office and will be mailed from the Utah State Tax Commission.

#### Requirements:

- One of the following documents: Document showing classification of death as listed by the U.S. Secretary of Defense, or a Casualty report, or a Telegram from the U.S. Secretary of Defense, or any other document that verifies the applicant is a recipient of the Gold Star award
- \$17 Special Plate Fee, No Annual Contribution, \$4 Postage and Handling

### National Guard



This plate recognizes current members of the Utah National Guard. Once separated from the Utah National Guard, the plate must be replaced with a new license plate. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** Military photo ID verifying membership in Utah National Guard, \$17 Special Plate Fee, and no Annual Contribution

#### Pearl Harbor Survivor



This plate recognizes those on duty and surviving the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** Membership card issued by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, \$15 Special Plate Fee, and No Annual Contribution

#### Purple Heart/Combat Wounded



The Purple Heart decoration is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded in combat. This plate recognizes recipients of the award. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** A membership card in the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association or military discharge form DD-214 issued by the National Personnel Records Center. There is no Special Plate Fee or Annual Contribution.

#### Veterans – Air Force



This plate benefits the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs as it strives to protect the rights of and provide for the needs of Utah's veterans. This plate generates funds to be used in support of these efforts and is available to any person who desires to make the required contribution. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

#### Veterans – American Legion



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**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

#### Veterans – Army



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**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

#### Veterans – Coast Guard



This plate benefits the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs as it strives to protect the rights of and provide for the needs of Utah's veterans. This plate generates funds to be used in support of these efforts and is available to any person who desires to make the required contribution. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

#### Veterans – Marines



This plate benefits the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs as it strives to protect the rights of and provide for the needs of Utah's veterans. This plate generates funds to be used in support of these efforts and is available to any person who desires to make the required contribution. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

#### Veterans – Navy



This plate benefits the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs as it strives to protect the rights of and provide for the needs of Utah's veterans. This plate generates funds to be used in support of these efforts and is available to any person who desires to make the required contribution. This plate may be personalized by submitting Form TC-817 with the required personalization fee.

**Requirements:** \$17 Special Plate Fee, \$25 Initial Contribution, and \$10 Annual Contribution

### **Purple Heart License/Registration Fee Exemption**

Recipients of a Purple Heart is exempt from paying the following motor vehicle license and registration fees: automobile driver education fee; motor vehicle registration fee; license plate issuance fees; uninsured motorist identification fee; and local option transportation corridor preservation fee. The only fee due is property tax or age-based fee.

### **Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs**

The *Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs* is located at 550 Foothill Dr. Suite #202, Salt Lake City, Utah 84113 (the corner of Wasatch & Foothill) on the VA Medical Center Campus. The mission of the office is to provide counsel, assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims processing, establish veterans' rights to state and federal benefits and to provide information and advisory services. Veteran service officers under contract provide an outreach assistance program to rural Utah veterans, in conjunction with the Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs. U.S. active duty military service discharge certificates (DD-214's) are on file in the office for veterans discharged after 1980. DD-214's are only on file for veterans with Utah residency or with a Utah forwarding address at the time of release from active duty.

### **Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park**

Located at 17111 Camp Williams Road in Bluffdale. This states veteran's cemetery generally follows the eligibility requirements of VA National Cemetery System, including: any U.S. Armed Forces active personnel dying while performing duty or after having served during wartime. Reservist and National Guard retired personnel with 20 years of service are eligible for burial also. Surviving spouses and dependent children also are eligible to be buried in the Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park, under rules established by the state of Utah. Authorized in 1988 by act of the Utah State Legislature, dedication occurred on Memorial Day, 1990. Veterans are not to be buried in any portion of any cemetery or burial ground used for paupers; cities, towns, counties or other political subdivisions of the state of Utah may provide proper sites for burial of veterans. [Click Here for the Cemetery Brochure](#)



The Utah Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Memorial Park is a state operated cemetery that was dedicated on Memorial Day 1990 and is located just north of Camp Williams in Bluffdale, Utah. It offers a beautiful panoramic view of the Wasatch Mountains and pays tribute as an honored burial ground to

Veterans, their spouses and dependent children. It also provides an appropriate venue for memorial services, funerals, meditation and other Veteran memorial related events. The cemetery has added two new options in addition to the previously offered in-ground urn burials. Veterans and families that prefer cremation now have the opportunity to use the newly built granite columbarium for niche interments or the beautifully landscaped Memorial Garden to scatter the cremation ashes of their loved one in a private setting.

You or your family can choose any funeral home or mortuary to help plan your services. Bring the veteran's DD-214 or military discharge paperwork to the mortuary. The mortuary will fax the DD-214 to the cemetery. The mortuary will also contact the cemetery to reserve a day and a time for the graveside service and burial. Mortuaries can submit a burial request by clicking on the link below. There are no fees for veterans burial. However, there is a small fee of \$762.00 for the burial of an eligible veteran's spouse or dependent child. Contact the cemetery office for specific details.

- Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM
- Office: (801) 254-9036
- Fax: (801) 254-5756

Our Chapel is the centerpiece of the cemetery and a vaulted ceiling that is nearly five stories high. It accommodates 150 seats and has a spectacular view of the majestic Wasatch Mountains. The chapel is available for memorial services and other appropriate functions. The fee to reserve the chapel is \$150 and the vases are \$65 and \$25 (on ground and columbarium) respectively. Contact the cemetery directly for additional details.



The grounds house a Special Forces Monument, and a World War II submarine Service Monument. The administrative building houses military artifacts and other patriotic materials. A Freedom Shrine contains copies of the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and other significant historical documents that relate to the founding of our great nation. A *Wall of Honor* is located in the outside courtyard between the chapel and administration building. The wall lists names of individuals and organizations who have donated \$100 or more to the cemetery's perpetual *Wall of Honor* project.



### **Military Discharge Records**

Utah State Archives has military discharge records for Utah (ACTIVE DUTY) veterans from the territorial times, World War II and the Korean War. Utah State Archives will provide a copy of U.S.

military discharge records on file free of charge. The Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs has active duty only U.S. military service DD-214's for Utah Veterans from 1980 to the current year. DD-214 certified copies are provided free of charge; toll free 1-800-894-9497. The Utah National Guard Headquarters in Draper Utah maintains file copies of National Guard Bureau record of separation certificates (NGB 22's) for completed service in the Utah Army National Guard & Utah Air National Guard (1950-present). NGB 22 certified copies are free of charge. NOTE: For many years, veterans were encouraged to place their DD-214 on file with their local county recorder's office. We no longer recommend this practice because of issues with identity theft.

### **Free Use of Armories**

Organizations of war veterans are entitled to have free use of state of Utah armories as meeting places, provided such use shall not interfere with the use of armories by the National Guard or organized militia of Utah.

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Go to <https://veterans.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Utah-Veterans-Resource-Directory.pdf> to access the Utah Veterans Resource contact Directory. To learn more about Utah Veteran Benefits go to <https://veterans.utah.gov>

[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/utah-state-veterans-benefits.html> | May 2018++]