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 RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE
 

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# ON THE RADAR

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## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Please call 801.777.5735 to register for classes and activities. Space is limited:](tel:801.777.5735)

### VA Face to Face Benefits Briefing - April 3, Friday, 1100

Offered by Veterans Service Officer, Audie Valdez

### Build a Binder Class - April 10, Friday, 1100

Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday/month. Make things easier for your loved ones by keeping all your important info in one place. Join us at the Retiree Activities Office, Bldg. 430, room 134.

### Social Security 101 - April 17, Friday, 1100

Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday/month. *Call above number to reserve a seat to watch in our conference room, or via link to your device.*

### Medicare 101 - April 24, Friday 1100

Learn how the program works & for military veterans and spouses the link between Medicare and TRICARE for Life. Watch in our conference room or via link to your device.

 Follow 75<sup>th</sup> Marketing on Facebook for more base events: <https://www.facebook.com/HillFSS>  
(page name: Hill FSS)

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## Dancing Anyone?



The RAO office has had some inquiries about establishing a Retirees Dance Group - now it's your turn! Interested in a fun, social weekly or monthly gathering with a 30-minute lesson followed by open dancing? We're planning to coordinate with The Landing and are seeking dancers, instructors, and live entertainment. Ready to get this (and you!) moving? Call us at 801.777.5735 to let us know if we should start the music!



## Community Wellness Resources for Veterans

Stop by our office for a VA-provided list of free or reduced-fee fitness programs for veterans including Yoga, Tai Chi/Qigong, breathwork, etc. (Bldg. 430, room 134, Monday - Friday, 1000-1400).

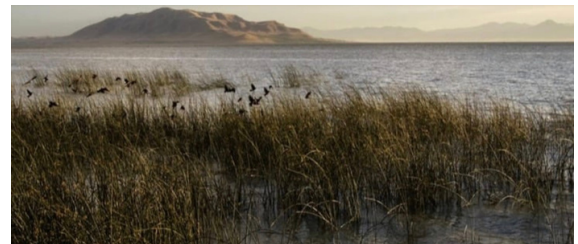


## National Park Service Entrance Passes

Utah has five national parks, a.k.a. "The Mighty Five": Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Zion.

U.S. military veterans and **Gold Star** families are eligible for a free *Lifetime National Park Pass*, granting free day-use access to over 2,000 recreation sites! Gold Star families are defined as next of kin of service members who died in qualifying situations, such as war, international terrorist attacks, or military operations outside the U.S. while serving.

Check out the various passes and requirements at <https://www.nps.gov>. You may qualify for free day access and camping sites in some cases.



## Get Out Get Going - Experience Utah State Parks

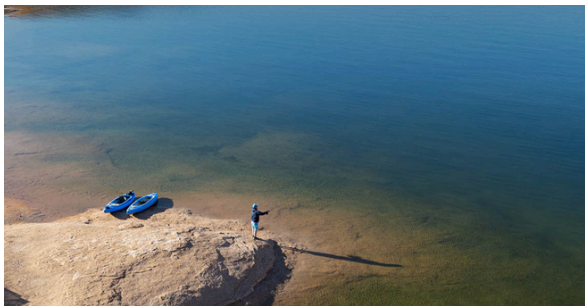
There are 46 state parks in Utah, encompassing over 95,000 acres of land providing various recreational opportunities. U.S. military veterans can check out various State Park passes offered to Utah residents at <https://stateparks.utah.gov>. Additionally, Utah also offers passes to veterans with disabilities. Requirements for that pass are listed at: <https://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/military/veterans-with-disabilities-honor-pass/>

*For information on State reservoirs keep reading!*

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## BENEFITS (CONT.)

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### State Reservoirs for Recreation

According to [visitutah.com](http://visitutah.com), "Utah has plenty of great bodies of water. Our whitewater rivers are world-class; our reservoirs and lakes are some of the biggest in the country; and our blue-ribbon fishing streams attract anglers from all over the world."

Following are resources for recreation opportunities at state reservoirs :

**Utah State Parks** - from Anasazi, Antelope Island to Bear Lake and more: <https://stateparks.utah.gov>

**Visit Utah** - discover lakes and reservoirs like Jordanelle and Red Fleet, providing stand-up paddle boarding hiking and fishing: <https://www.visitutah.com/places-to-go/parks-outdoors/utah-lakes-reservoirs>

**Recreation.gov** - access a comprehensive data base of nationwide recreational opportunities, including state parks, historic sites and museums: <https://ridb.recreation.gov/landing>

**National Association of State Park Directors** - learn about America's state parks and their collective strength and importance in enhancing the quality of life: <https://www.stateparks.org/locate-a-park/>

**ReserveAmerica** - find campgrounds, parks and activities nearby or in a specific area, and make reservations:

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/search-results>

### Warriors over the Wasatch Air Show Coming June 27-28, 2026

The Thunderbirds will be performing! Contact the Utah Air Show Foundation for VIP tickets at <https://theutahairshow.com>. The Patriot Club has tickets for bleachers, as well.



## CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Two volunteers needed in the RAO for a four-hour shift. Or if you can help Fridays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm that works as well! Training will be provided. Call 801.777.5735 today!

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## HISTORICAL CORNER

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### The P-38 Can Opener

"One of the best Army inventions ever"

by Sam Stubbs

If you served in the military between 1942 and 1985, you likely ate a K- or C-Ration, those canned meals that needed a can opener. Unlike today's MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), these kits relied on the compact steel folding P-38 opener included with the rations.

Army lore says the P-38 was designed in 30 days by the U.S. Army Subsistence Lab in Chicago in 1941, but the earliest patent traces to a French design from Dec. 30, 1913.

Millions of P-38s were produced during World War II; manufacturers like Shelby still make them today.

Beyond military use, P-38s serve in disaster relief worldwide and are routinely distributed with canned food by rescue organizations. *If you're nostalgic, word is the Hill AFB Retiree Activities Office keeps a small stash and will hand one out while supplies last.*

**Material:** Carbon steel

**Speed:** 38 cuts to a can of Chef Boyardee/Friskies

**Crew:** all U.S. GIs, distributed worldwide

**Alternate uses:** cleaning boots, fingernails, field strip and clean M-1, M-14 and M-16 rifles. Adjust carburetors. Open a can of worms!

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