

THE BEST YEARS TO BE ALIVE IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD
Russell Rulon Bateman History

Forward

In 1980, Dr. Don Norton BYU Professor interview 40 veterans in the St. George Area. Two those veterans were my Brother and I. My Brother was in the Battle of the Bulge and was given a “Silver Star”.



Professor Norton chatted with me for about two hours about my history. He encouraged me to write my history but cautioned me that my history was very unusual and I needed to document it so that it would be believable. I have been storing letters, pictures, newspaper clipping.



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Many of my images were taken with a 35 mm camera and had to be converted. Newspaper clipping and letters are hard to read and I have copied them into a readable font but also included a small image of the item.

I am not a writer. Please excuse the many format mistakes. I write this history at age 88 years old and have lost a lot of my capabilities. The fact are true taken from my files.

Following some of the suggestions, I am listing my accomplishments and history events in this forwarded.

Experiences of Russell R. Bateman

I am told that you first write down things you can remember that you have done in your life time. Then work to document each of these experiences.

4th of July celebration Washington D. C. Mall - Went to the (1993)

Acropolis Athens, Greece (include the Parthenon) Visited (1952)

Air Scout- 1943

Associated Public Communications Officers - A members of a National Committee -(1968-1965)

Lived on the sea-- (Destroyers- Henley DD762, Meredith DD890 and Ellison DD864) (1951-1952)

American Radio Relay League - (ARRL) long time member

Attacked by gang of about 15 young boys (around 12 -17 years of age)- Palermo, Sicily (Sicilia,) Italy (1952)

Arctic Circle - Visited Arctic Circle in Alaska and Norway (Member of the Royal Order OF Blue Noses)

Bob Hope/ Marylyn Monroe show, Piccadilly Circus - London England Sat on the front row at a USO type show. (1952)

Boy Scout Tenderfoot, second class, First Class (1942)

Bountiful, Utah - lived there 13 years. (1966 - 1972)

CAP repeater first in the United States - First one to be licensed, installed and operated the US. (1974?)

Cape Kennedy Space Center Florida - Senior Escort for Civil Air Patrol Cadets to the(1975)

Cedar City, Utah lived there 3 years (1941-1945)

Chinese Code - intercept operator. U. S. Navy Security Group (1953)

Citizen Band SIAC (State industrial Advisory Committee) national committee member (FCC Sponsored), setting up the guidelines for the 27 MHz band. (1960?)

Motorola President-flew company airplane from Schaumburg, Illinois to meet with see me in Salt Lake City Utah

Coast Guard National Search and Rescue School, Governor Island, N. Y. Graduated from- 11 July 1970

Colorado River run - River running through the Grand Canyon. (1989)

Coliseum, Roma, Italy Visited (1952)

Convair Consulted Voltee Air Craft - Employee (F-102, F-106, R3Y, T-29, Sea Dart, Pogo Stick, etc) (1954)

Cyrillic Code (Russian) trained intercept operator. U. S. Navy Security Group(1953)

Dixie State university -alumni over 72 years attended. Taking three class at age of 86

Bighand Café- St. George Utah-Employee -washed Dishes (abut 1946)

Del Mar Mesa Ranch, California -Owned 10-acre ranch (1955)

Eiffel Tower, Paris France - Visited (1951)

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) # 33420 Certification 29 June 1974

Emergency Landing on Umnack Island, Alaska due to loss of Hydraulics' on four Engine Aircraft (Navy R5D) (1949) serous life threating

Tirpitz Battleship - (sister ship to the Bismarck) German. Saw it while capsized in Norwegian Cove (1951) West of Tromso Norway at Bay of Hakobyen 69° 35'50" N, 18°48'26E

Farmer - Idaho Farmer Lived on Farm north of Idaho Falls, Idaho (1930 - 1938)

Fire Arms Dealer License number 87-699

Found lost mail Airplane from the air-Find Ribbon - Earned for locating (from the air) a Mail Plane that had been lost for three months (1973?)

FM Broadcast Translator 94.3 MHz Owner & Licensee (1996) St. George Utah

Garland, Utah - Lived there 1 year (1938)

General Dynamics - San Diego - Design Engineer - Supervisor - Atlas Missile Systems (1956?)

High School - Graduated Twice (Woodward High & Dixie High

High Altitude Chamber Test -Completed Training - Phoenix Az (1973)

Japan (28 days) Senior Escort for Civil Air Patrol Cadets (1972)

KSUB Radio Station - worked for - Was Engineer for first broadcast out of St. George (1944)

KSL - TV Station -Senior Broadcast Engineer (Bonneville International) worked for 15 years (1989)

Littleton, Colorado - (Denver) lived in (1962)

LDS Service Missionary - Service missionary - St. George Temple Visitors Center 14 years

LDS Service Missionary - St. George Regional Family History Training Center

LDS Mission - St. George Temple Visitors Center and Historic Sites - Assistant to director

LDS Service Missionary - Cove Fort Historic Site

LDS Morningside 7th Ward Clerk at age of 80 (2010)

London, England - (Navy Department) Stationed out of (1952)

Lost at Sea - feeling when my ship was blown away while I swimming in the Mediterranean Ocean. For a period of time I could not see the ship or any other people,

Married a beautiful "Red Head" 1954 - Myrna Gaye Barton

Master M-men - Completed requirements 1953

Master M-men-Gleaner - Elected President - San Diego Area 1953

Maxwell I Air Force Base -Staff College, Alabama - Graduated

Mobile Communication Center for the State of Utah Designed and built a 29 passengers type bus into a portable communications center

Meritorious Service Award - U. S. Air Force USAF Aux

Exceptional Service Award - U. S. Air Force USAF Aux

Mission Coordinators School - Hamilton Air force Base, California - Graduated -Federal Certification

Work in a Ladies Dress shop custodian -1945 Modern Style Store

Morgan, Utah - Lived in (1938)

Mountain State Telephone - Engineering - Worked for 5 years) Salt Lake City

Mountain State Telephone - custodian St. George

Movie Theater Asst Manager - Gaiety Theater St. George, Utah 1948- now called the Electric Theatre

*Movie Theater Projectionist Utah, Parks, Gaiety, Wadsworth (St. George) Parks and Utah (Cedar City) and...
Radio City, Adak, Alaska*

National City, California - Lived in

NASA Space Center, Houston Texas - Senior Escort for Civil Air Patrol Cadets

*NASAR-National Search and Rescue Organization Served as First Secretary (Hal Foss - Washington was president,
Blair Nelson as Vice President.)*

National Search and Rescue Conference- First in US. - Served as chairman for Conference - Salt Lake City, Utah

NEC Broadcast Transmitter School. Tokyo, Japan Graduated from 26 June 1987

Offered a beautiful young girl if I would take her to the United States - Salonika (Thessalonica) , Greece

Pistol shooting team -22 & 45 hand guns 1952 - was a member of a

President Mc Kay - Was alone with - for about 20 minutes - 16th Street Chapel - Washington D. C. (1943?)

Pope, Roma, Italy, was close enough that he offered me his "Ring to kiss" (a Catholic special honor) (1952)

Queen of Greece - met and talked with her at reception for our Ship at Athens Greece (1952)

Radio Society of Great Britain - member Similar to being a member of ARRL in the US

*Roddy Mc Dowell - Played and associated with- on Cedar Mountain while he was filming "My Friend Flicka"
(1944)*

Russian Boarder - Few along the Norwegian/Russian Boarder in a Norwegian PBV-5. 1951

Russian Cyrillic code intercept operator

State of Utah - Emergency Services (Civil Defense) - One of seven staff members- 15 years

San Diego State College - attended

San Diego Junior college - AA Degree

State of Utah - Search and Rescue Coordinator - Served as

State of Utah - Warning Plan - 1970 Wrote first plan, published 1970

State of Utah - Radio conversion from low band to high band. - Wrote the conversion plan - 1971

Time Square in New York City on New Year's Eve 1951

Tom Ex- Met with a popular Movie Star in Idaho Falls, Idaho (1935) (he was killed several weeks later.

Turkey Plant - Cedar City, picked feathers Cedar City Utah

U S Air Force MARS, Region 5 Staff Member (Five States - Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington.)

UCLA (at San Diego) - attended

University of Utah - attended

University of Denver, - attended

Weber State University of Utah - met requirements for Graduation

Washington, D. C. - Lived there twice - (while stationed at Cheltenham, MD and the Naval Security Headquarters)

Washington DC Monument - 1951 Claimed up the steps to the top

Water Boy - 1996 Wagon Train Cove Fort to Cedar City

www.stgeorgelive.org - webmaster five years- domain owner

www.sonsofusahpioneers.info webmaster 14 years -owner

www.covefort.com webmaster 15 years domain owner

www.stgeorgetemplevisitorscenter.org webmaster Domain owner

www.familyhistorycenter.org web master-owner 5 years - Domain owner

www.utahsdixie.info - webmaster domain owner

Worlds' Fair Vancouver, Canada - Visited

World Fair - London, England 1951 Visited

Commercial Air Liner- Exited using Evacuation Slides

Felt Guilty while in Europe of getting the appreciation while so many were killed and served without thanks

Member of the FCC NIAC (National industry advisory Committee _ creation of Citizens Band. -(Gene Gobble- Illinois (Motorola-former CEO) committee setup guide lies for 27 MHz operation

Attacked by gang of about 15 young boys (probably 12 to 16 yrs. of age) while in a horse drawn Taxi in Palermo Italy

Dugway proving ground Documentation of Solar Project. Skaggs Engineering

Worked for Skaggs Engineering on design of Solar at Doug way Proving Grounds

Repaired Bikes H. M Endsley Cedar ity

Paramount Radio Shop Worked-Cedar City

Set Bowling Pins Salt Lake Bowling Alley

NASAR Life member - Started by two LDS State Search and Rescue Coordinators