Snowbird is honored to welcome and commemorate

Captain Christopher R. Lindsay (Retired)

A native of Scituate, Massachusetts, Captain (Ret) Lindsay graduated from the Duke University NROTC program and was commissioned in May 1980, completing Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training with Class 110.

His initial assignment was SEAL Team ONE in Coronado California where he received his SEAL designator and deployed to the Western Pacific and Middle East. In 1983, Lindsay reported to Underwater Demolition Team ELEVEN, soon redesignated SEAL Team FIVE, where he served as Assistant Operations Officer and as Team Commander, Navy Parachute Team.

Subsequent assignments included duty as the Naval Special Warfare Officer for COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLEET in Bahrain and as Naval Special Warfare Task Unit Commander, USS KITTY HAWK. In 1990, he graduated from the Anderson School of Management at University of California, Los Angeles, with an MBA.

While assigned to Naval Special Warfare Group ONE in Coronado, Captain (Ret) Lindsay served as Operations Officer and Chief of Staff. In July 1998, he assumed command of Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE in Guam. After his command tour, Lindsay reported to Naval Special Warfare Command as Operations Officer.

In 2002, Captain (Ret) Lindsay was assigned to Joint Duty at Special Operations Command, Europe in Stuttgart, Germany, followed by his Major Command tour as Naval Special Warfare Center (2004-2006). He subsequently served as Chief of Staff, Naval Special Warfare Command, Chief of Staff, Combined Special Operations Forces, Afghanistan and Commanding Officer, Center for SEAL and SWCC.

Since retiring in 2012, Captain (Ret) Lindsay has worked in both public and private sectors, he currently works as a year-round instructor for Wasatch Adaptive Sports.

His decorations included the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and several unit commendations.

Richard D. Bass (Deceased) U.S. Navy, 1951-1953

Richard D. Bass served in the U.S. Navy as an officer from 1951-53 on the USS Essex. In 1951, at age 21, he was assigned to the USS Essex, a WWII era aircraft carrier that was stationed in the Sea of Japan during the Korean War. Mr. Bass started as a gunnery officer, standing underway bridge watches. He qualified as Officer of the Deck and was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade). He served as an escort for war correspondent James Michener, who later used his experiences on board the Essex as the central theme for a book ‘The Bridges of Toko-Ri’, which was made into a movie a couple years later.
Prelude ................................  Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts
Welcome ........................................................ Nancy Searle
Presentation of Colors  .........................  Utah National Guard Color Guard
Star Spangled Banner (Francis Scott Key, 1814) ..................  Alta High School Band
Medley of Armed Forces Anthems
The Caisson Song * Anchors Aweigh * Semper Paratus
The Marines’ Hymn * The U.S. Air Force
Tribute to Dick Bass, U.S. Navy    Presentation by Snowbird Ski Patrol and introduction of Chris Lindsay ....................................  Bob Bonar
Wasatch Adaptive Sports .................... Capt. (Ret.) Chris Lindsay, U.S. Navy
Lighting of Candles
We are America .................................................... Jessie Funk
Tree Lighting
America the Beautiful .......................... Jessie Funk and Audience
Closing Remarks..................................................  Nancy Searle
Holiday Songs ...........................  Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good
with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their
country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

The Wasatch Adaptive Sports Veterans Program provides recreational activities to veterans with physical, mental and emotional needs that encourage active living, independence and reintegration back into society. To support this program, donations can be made in the Activity Center on level 3 of the Snowbird Center.