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Sons of the American
Revolution**

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Our Solemn Pledge...

Throughout America's history, we can find prominent stories of great men who made, or took a pledge to do something. The keeping of their pledge would bring about a memorial of gratitude from generations. Today we remember Abraham Lincoln who pledged to preserve the Union; General Douglas MacArthur who pledged to return and liberate the Philippines. Martin Luther King pledged to not resort to violence in his quest to bring greater equality to black Americans. John F. Kennedy pledged to put a man on the moon.

In perhaps not so vast a consequence upon the world, yet infinitely important to those connected to their actions, married couples make a pledge to each other in their sacred vows; soldiers, police officers, and elected officials pledge faithful service; and every school boy and girl pledges their allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Our Founding Fathers concluded the Declaration of Independence with these powerful words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

As Sons of the American Revolution we too have a pledge, a promise, a vow we take upon ourselves:

Sons of the American Revolution Pledge

*We descendants of the heroes of the
American Revolution who, by their sacrifices,
established the United States of America,
reaffirm our faith in the principles
of liberty and our Constitutional Republic,
and solemnly pledge ourselves
to defend them against every foe.*

This pledge, created by the early founders of the National Society SAR, reminds us of our sacred duty as Americans. As a person who has made the effort to connect himself with an ancestor of the American Revolution, the significance



**Washington takes the Oath of President,
making a solemn pledge to the nation.**

of preserving what has been given to us, by those who went before us, takes on a deeper, more profound meaning.

Consider the words of Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and John Dickinson who recognized the struggle before them, and appealed to their fellow colonists, that the cause of liberty required good men to fight for what is true and right. Here is their pledge:

"With hearts fortified with these animating reflections, we most solemnly, before God and the world, declare, that, exerting the utmost energy of those powers, which our beneficent Creator hath graciously bestowed upon us, the arms we have compelled by our enemies to assume, we will, in defiance of every hazard, with unabating firmness and perseverance employ for the preservation of our liberties; being with one mind resolved to die freemen rather than to live as slaves." --Thomas Jefferson and John Dickinson, Declaration of the Cause and Necessity of Taking up Arms, July 6, 1775

Nearly a year later, after suffering tremendous violence, depravation, and atrocities from the King's soldiers and their allies, many citizens across the 13 colonies came to the conclusion that independence was the only course possible, for the attainment of freedom, and the preservation of their liberties. Knowing the Second Continental

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Congress would soon convene, the inhabitants of Malden, Massachusetts composed and voted unanimously on instructions that their representative Mr. Ezra Sargeant was pledged to deliver to the Congress in Philadelphia. Among the instructions delivered was this:

"[W]e are confirmed in the opinion, that the present age would be deficient in their duty to God, their posterity and themselves, if they do not establish an American republic. This is the only form of government we wish to see established; for we can never be willingly subject to any other King than He who, being possessed of infinite wisdom, goodness and rectitude, is alone fit to possess unlimited power." *Instructions of Malden, Massachusetts, for a Declaration of Independence, May 27, 1776*

As our patriot ancestors, in their pledges, brought about the free and independent nation of America, in our pledge, as their descendants, as their sons, we must never become complacent in our duty, never allow apathy to close our eyes to what is happening around us, never give in to those who would corrupt our heritage, limit our freedoms, and take away our liberty.

May the motto of the Sons of the American Revolution ever be ours to uphold, "*Libertas Et Patria*".

The Patriot Medal



This is the **SAR Patriot Medal**. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. The medal is silver color and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to _____ for Patriotic Service by the _____ Society SAR"

SAR Member Badge



The member badge may be worn by any member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Surrounding the bust of the great leader of the American Revolution, - George Washington, are the words *Libertas Et Patria* (Liberty and Patriotism).

1777 - 2017, 240 Years Ago

- January 2 – George Washington's army fights and wins the Second **Battle of Trenton**, New Jersey.
- January 3 – George Washington's army defeats British troops in the **Battle of Princeton**.
- January 15 – Vermont becomes the **Vermont Republic**, a sovereign state, declaring itself independent from New York.
- January 20 – **Battle of Millstone**. New Jersey militia defeat a British foraging patrol and take possession of much needed supplies and wagons.
- April 13 – British and Hessian troops, in a surprise attack send American forces led by Major General Benjamin Lincoln running for safety in the **Battle of Bound Brook**, New Jersey. Some Americans are taken prisoner - their fate is a British prison ship.
- April 26 – **Sybil Ludington**, a 16-year-old girl, rides throughout the night for 40 miles to warn the militia, led by her father Henry Ludington, that the British are coming to attack Danbury, Connecticut. When the British arrive, they destroy 5,000 barrels of pork, beef, and flour, 5,000 pairs of shoes, 2,000 bushels of grain, and 1,600 tents. Many military and medical supplies are confiscated. Tory houses with marks on their chimneys are spared the torch while 19 patriot houses, 22 stores and barns are destroyed.
- April 27 – British forces invade Ridgefield, Connecticut, engage Continental Army regulars and defeat them in the **Battle of Ridgefield**. 12 patriots are killed and 24 wounded.
- May 16 – **Button Gwinnett**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is mortally wounded in a duel with Lachlan McIntosh and dies on May 18.
- May 17 – A small force of Georgia militia cavalry are ambushed by a force of British regulars, Loyalist militia, and Creek Indians in Northern East Florida. The **Thomas Creek Massacre** saw 8 patriots killed in battle, 9 wounded, and 31 captured, of whom 15 were, as prisoners, brutally killed by the Indians.
- May 23 – Colonel Meigs leads Continental Army forces in a reprisal for the destruction done to Danbury. The **Battle of Sag Harbor**, New York results in 6 Loyalists killed and 90 taken prisoner. The Americans suffer no casualties.
- June 13 – The 19-year-old **Marquis de Lafayette** arrives in America from France. Convinced the American cause is just, he volunteers to help train the Continental Army.



Battle of Princeton



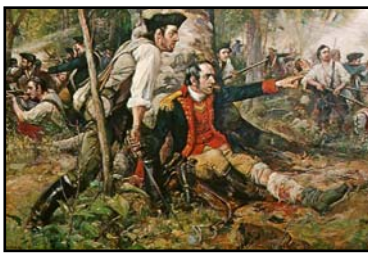
The Stars and Stripes

- June 14 – The **Stars and Stripes** is adopted as the flag of the United States by the Continental Congress. "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and



white; that the union be thirteen stars, white, on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

- June 26 – British and American troops engage in the **Battle of Short Hills** in New Jersey. Americans retreat to fight another day.
- July 6 – British forces bombard and effect a **Siege of Fort Ticonderoga**, New York. American forces abandon the fort to the British.
- July 8 – Delegates to **Vermont's Constitutional Convention** adopt the first constitution in the territory of the United States. The Vermont Constitution prohibits slavery, requires free public education, and grants suffrage to non-landowning males.



Herkimer at the Battle of Oriskany

- August 6 – 450 Loyalists, Mohawk and Seneca Indians ambush a party of 800 American militia and Oneida Indians led by General Nicholas Herkimer. In one of the bloodiest battles of the North American theatre, the patriots suffer 450 casualties while the loyalists and their allies have 150 dead or wounded in the **Battle of**

Oriskany.

- August 16 – A militia force led by General John Stark decisively defeats a detachment of General John Burgoyne's army, in the **Battle of Bennington**, the British army; is deprived of a 1,000 soldiers, supplies and wagons. This victory does much to galvanize the colonists' support for independence and influence the French to provide aid.
- September 3 – The **Stars and Stripes** flag of the United States is flown in battle for the first time at the **Battle of Cooch's Bridge**, New Castle County, Delaware.
- September 11 – The eleven-hour **Battle of Brandywine** in Pennsylvania is a significant victory for the British. General Washington and his troops retreat leaving the city of Philadelphia undefended. The Continental Congress begins to leave the city.
- September 16 – General Howe receives intelligence that the weakened American forces are less than ten miles from his encampment. Washington's spies tell him Howe and his army are on their way. Moments before the two armies can engage, a torrential rain pours down upon the armies. Realizing he is outnumbered and tens of thousands of ammunition cartridges are ruined, Washington decides to withdraw. Mud and rain became so prevalent, Howe decides to not pursue Washington and his army. Washington and the patriot's attribute the rain to Providence. The two armies not fighting due to the sudden and severe weather became known as the **Battle of the Clouds**.
- September 19 – General Burgoyne attacks at Saratoga, New York in the **Battle of Freeman's Farm**. Patriot forces repel the British, further weakening Burgoyne's military strength and food supplies.
- September 21 – British forces under Major General Charles Grey lead a surprise attack on General Anthony Wayne's encampment near Paoli Tavern. With 4 dead and 7 wounded, the British kill 53 Americans and take 71 prisoners. Forty of these are so badly wounded they are left with locals to be cared for. Some reports indicate these are murdered in their beds. Wayne reported, "272 killed, wounded or missing". Claims are made the British army "granted no quarter and took no prisoners". Patriot's soon call this the **Paoli Massacre**.
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- October 4 – Troops under General Washington become enveloped in a large thick fog. Fighting becomes difficult, battle lines are confusing. Although Sir William Howe's British troops in the **Battle of Germantown** claim victory, once again Providence is credited for preserving the American Army.
- October 6 – **Fort Clinton and Fort Montgomery** are captured by the British. The Hudson River Chain is removed.
- October 7 – British General Burgoyne and his army are soundly defeated in the **Battle of Bemis Heights**, New York.
- October 17 – Surrounded by the superior American army, with no reinforcements coming, retreating to Saratoga, **Burgoyne surrenders his entire army**. American General Horatio Gates treats Burgoyne and his weary beaten soldiers with honor and compassion. This American victory further serves the patriots in receiving foreign aid.
- November 15 – The Continental Congress approves the **Articles of Confederation** to govern the 13 United States of America
- November 25 – In the **Battle of Gloucester**, Lafayette leads his first command. A reconnaissance mission results in 1 American killed, 5 wounded and 60 British casualties. Building confidence with the Continental Congress, he will be awarded a commission as major general.
- December 5–8 – Howe hoped to crush Washington's army with one final decisive action before winter set in. Receiving intelligence, the British were going to attack; Washington has his troops dig in. Three days of skirmishes in the **Battle of White Marsh**, the British are not able to gain ground; inexplicably, Howe withdraws to Philadelphia and abandons his plans.
- December 18 – Colonists of The United States celebrate their first **Thanksgiving** as an independent nation. The American victory in October, defeating General Burgoyne is celebrated.
- December 19 – The Continental Army goes into winter quarters at **Valley Forge**, Pennsylvania. The Army of 12,000 is poorly



Battle of Paoli - A dreadful scene of havoc

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Gen. Burgoyne surrenders to the Americans



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fed; only about 25% have shoes. Bloody footprints are left on the trail from marching. Many have worn their clothes away to ragged threads, having nothing more than a thin tattered blanket to cover their nakedness. The work to make shelters and preserve the army through winter has begun.



Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge

127TH CONGRESS - KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

JULY 7TH - JULY 13TH 2017

For Information: <https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress>

Our Youth and America's Future Utah's Patriotic Organization for Children

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. Harriett M. Lothrop (1844–1924), NSDAR member and well-known author, founded the N.S.C.A.R. in 1895 to instill patriotic values in the youth of America. During the 1895 NSDAR Continental Congress, Mrs. Lothrop delivered a moving speech to its members urging them to join her in helping create a patriotic organization for their children. Mrs. Lothrop's vision was well received, and the Children of the American Revolution was founded on April 5, 1895. Here are excerpts of her speech to the Daughters:

"I think you will agree with me that the hope of this country is with her youth. All of us now convened, in a few years will pass from the scene; those to follow us will be the ones who are now in their formative state under our guidance. Into their hands will be laid the important trusts, the weighty responsibilities, the affairs of government, the whole executive and moral forces that make or mar the country. Tremendous questions of moral, civil, and religious nature are to arise in the not distant future. Already some of them are overwhelming us. Face to face we as a nation are to be brought to issues, vital not alone in this country, but the whole world."

"America as a nation is yet in her infancy. It doth not yet appear what she is to become among the nations of earth. Certainly no one who reads the signs of the times can doubt that God has designed a mighty work to be achieved by her. Into her vast territories have been and are now pouring millions who "seek the home of the free." Evangelizing America means evangelizing the world. American institutions and principles means evangelization. Civil and religious liberty, built on the eternal principles of truth, honesty, and tolerance, means a God-

fearing and God-loving nation."

"What a tremendous thought that some of our boys and girls may be growing up in our very midst with no adequate idea of what it is to be an American youth, claiming a heritage of these American principles. Can we... rest a moment while the impressible period is swiftly passing on with them?...."

"I would also advise most strongly the forming of historical societies, especially for young people, who should have their own society of this kind adapted to their age...."

"I would even say that the time is propitious for us convening here to form a young people's society to be called Children of the American Revolution...."

It is clear that Mrs. Lothrop's concerns of more than 100 years ago are just as relevant today, if not more so. In an earnest effort to help the children of SAR and DAR members to develop an appreciation and value for what it means to be an American, knowing their heritage, and the principles that support liberty and give us freedom, the Utah Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor and support three chapters of the Utah Society Children of the American Revolution: The Dominguez Y Escalante - Salt Lake City, Jeremiah Johnson - Ogden, and Wasatch Range - Provo. Chapters meet monthly throughout the year.

On March 4, 2017 the three chapters combined to hold their annual state meeting in Salt Lake City at the Salt Lake County Council



Top - Youth Reports Bottom L/R: Cindy Toone, CAR President Matthew Hacking, Continue Mission Donation Presentation to Joshua and Melissa Hansen

Chambers. Youth from St. George, Ogden and towns in-between gathered together to sing the C.A.R. Song and recite the C.A.R. Creed as they held their business meeting to hear reports from each chapter, elect new youth officers, bestow awards, make a donation to a veteran's organization, and hold a silent auction as a fund raiser. Youth and their guests enjoyed a luncheon followed by a tour of the Utah State

Capitol.

Mrs. Shirley W. Nelson is the Senior President of the Utah Society CAR. If you are a member of the SAR or DAR and are interested in getting your children, or grandchildren involved with the Utah CAR, you can contact President Nelson at: shirleydance4@gmail.com.



Four Youth Pages



Training Tomorrow's Leaders



The C.A.R. Song - by Martha Parkinson Mills (1928)

We're members of the C.A.R.
A great and mighty band
We pledge our might for the cause of right
for home and native land.

Chorus

We love thee, Old Glory.
And we ever strive to be most worthy descendants of worthy ances-
try;
We love thee, Old Glory,
And our hearts are staunch and true,
We love each stripe and ev'ry star of our flag, red, white, and blue.

Those great and noble patriots.
Offered up their blood,
To save a new born nation
From a cruel tyrant's rod.

Chorus

The blue calls out to us, "Be true,"
The white calls out, "Be pure,"
The red, "Be brave, their blood they gave,
That this land might endure."

Chorus

The C.A.R. Creed - by Ethel Vance Moser (October 11, 1923)

I believe in the Children of the American Revolution as an organiza-
tion for the training of young people in true patriotism and love of
country, in order that they shall be better fitted for American citizen-
ship.

As a descendant of the Founders of my Country, I believe that my
birthright brings a responsibility to carry on their work, and that as
the boys and girls of 1776 took an active part in the War for Inde-
pendence, so the boys and girls of today have a definite work to do
for their Country.

As a member of the Children of the American Revolution, I believe
it is my duty to use my influence to create a deeper love of country,
a loyal respect for its Constitution and reverence for its Flag among
the young People with whom I come in contact.

Motto

For God and My Country

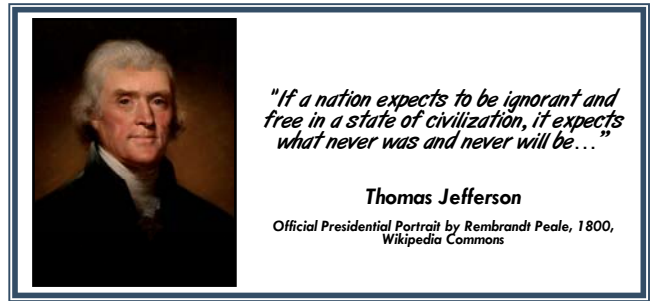
The Object of C.A.R.

The Object of this Society shall be:

- To acquire knowledge of American History.
- To preserve and restore places of Historical importance associ-
ated with men and women who forwarded American Independ-
ence.
- To ascertain the deeds and honor the memories of the men,
women and children who rendered service to the cause of the
American Revolution.
- To promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries.
- To honor and cherish the Flag of the United States of America
above every other flag.
- To love, uphold and extend the principles of American liberty
and patriotism.

—Adopted April 11, 1895

For more information about the C.A.R. go to: www.NSCAR.org



George Washington Banquet 2017

On February 25th members of the Utah SAR and DAR met at the West Valley Community Center to celebrate and commemorate George Washington's 285th birthday. Chaplain Wade Alexander gave the invocation, the Utah SAR color guard presented the colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Utah DAR Honorary Regent Shirley Nelson led the audience in singing "America the Beautiful," and Historian Bill Simpson led the audience in reciting The American's Creed. Utah DAR Regent Brenda Stewart Reeder gave greetings along with Utah SAR President Doug McGregor. Dinner Grace was offered by Utah DAR Vice Regent Vickie Fuller. A delicious dinner catered by Majestic Grill was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Pamela Romney Openshaw, author of the book, "Promises of the Constitution: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was the keynote speaker. Speaking without notes, she highlighted the life of Washington, reminding us of why he is considered America's Most Indispensable Man. He was a Colonel during the French and Indian War, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, Chairman of the 1787 Constitution Convention, and first President of the United States. Mrs. Openshaw shared with the audience several little known antidotes from Washington's life, making for an enlightening and memorable evening.

Did You Know . . .

George Washington firmly believed in religious liberty. Washington attended services of multiple Christian denominations throughout his life. As President, Washington wrote a letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island expressing his belief in religious freedom:

"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens...May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the goodwill of the other inhabitants." - August 18, 1790



George Washington
Portrait by Gilbert Stuart Williamstown
Wikimedia Commons



Veterans Day

Ogden City on the Saturday closest to Veteran's Day holds an annual Veteran's Day parade. On November 12th, many citizens gathered on the sidewalks along the parade route to honor and



Utah SAR Color Guard Members L/R: Gregg Hansen, Gary England, Trent Grandy, Max Eisinger, Inter-Mountain VPG Regan Grandy UMA Cadets: Sean Smith, Emma McGrath

show gratitude for the numerous participating entries. Among these were members of the Utah SAR color guard. Marching with them were cadets of the Utah Military Academy (UMA) American Revolution Patriots 4H Club. Together the Utah SAR color guardsmen and

cadets joined with other parade entries to give honor and show respect for our veterans and the men and women of the armed services.

Sea Cadet Receives Recognition

On December 3rd State Society President Douglas McGregor and Color Guard Compatriot Gary England provided a Bronze Good Citizenship medal ceremony for cadet Chief Emalee Hughes of the Utah Jake Garn Squadron Sea Cadets. Chief Hughes met Compatriot England at the back of the room and marched "in the footsteps" of the patriots of the American Revolution to the podium. President McGregor shared a story of the Battle of Trenton - the 240th anniversary on Christmas Day - telling of Washington's leadership and courage. LTJg Courtney Putnam,



L/R Chief Jeremy Hughes, Douglas McGregor, Sea Cadet Emalee Hughes, Gary England, LTJg Courtney Putnam

NSCC, gave the award citation praising Chief Hughes for her accomplishments. President McGregor offered his congratulations and pinned the medal on her. Compatriot England led Chief Hughes to the back of the room. The Utah SAR

supports two Sea Cadet Squadrons in Utah and provides the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to deserving cadets.

Patriots Parade for the Grizzlies

The Utah SAR Color Guard was invited to provide color guard service for the President's Day Utah Grizzlies Hockey Game. On



UT SAR Color Guard Members Trent Grandy, Gregg Hansen, Jesse Black, Sean Smith, and Doug McGregor at the Utah Grizzlies Hockey Game

February 20th, members of the color guard provided the first ever American Revolution color guard performance for the Grizzlies. The color guard received a standing ovation from the more than 7,000 cheering fans in attendance. For a mo-

ment the audience was reminded of their American Revolution heritage, reminded of independence, liberty and freedom.

Color guardsmen were given free tickets and family members were offered significantly discounted tickets to stay and watch the game. The Idaho Steelheads offered an exciting hockey contest with the Grizzlies. Members of the color guard who participated felt very rewarded!

American Revolution Patriots Club

The American Revolution Patriots Club was conceived and developed by Utah SAR Compatriots Lyle Gingery, Gregg Hansen, and Doug McGregor. They, along with others of the Utah SAR, desire to instill patriotism and a deep understanding of the principles of liberty and freedom within our youth. Currently there are thirteen dues paying cadets who are club members.

The club is sponsored by the Utah SAR and is affiliated with the 4H



Three cadets try on their new uniforms made over the Christmas break

Clubs of America. This affiliation provides club members with liability insurance, access to participate in 4H contests and win prizes, and free booth/display space for county fairs and the state fair.

The Utah Military Academy has been very supportive and expressed a desire to have a Revolutionary War color guard. In response, this has become the primary focus of the club. At each weekly

meeting club members recite the pledge of allegiance, the 4H pledge, and spend time discussing a patriotic educational lesson from American Revolution history, or the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Club members spend the remainder of the time learning Bar-



ron Von Steuben's commands and the proper use of flintlocks for marching in parades and performing in patriotic programs. The three Utah SAR adult club advisors have completed the BSA youth protection course.

Several of the Cadets who are members of the American Revolution Patriots club are also members of a BSA Scouting unit. Assistance is offered to working on their Eagle Scout Award.

It is rewarding to see club members grow in knowledge of America's founding, to understand unalienable rights and principles of liberty, to take pride in wearing the uniform of the Continental Army and participate in parades and programs. One of the cadets became a junior member of the SAR and another is in the process of making application.

Compatriots Remembered

Our thanks to families who have brought to our attention the passing of their SAR member loved one. Please take a moment to pay tribute to these three men. Our condolences to each of their families.



Robert A Madsen

February 1, 1935 - February 2, 2017
Member since 1985



Miles "Cap" Yeoman Ferry

September 22, 1932 - March 31, 2017
Member since 1984



Brian Lake Taylor

January 7, 1921 - May 7, 2017
Member since 2009

Annual DAR Meeting - Color Guard Service

On April 21st the Utah Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual State Conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Utah SAR provided color guard service with Douglas McGregor as Captain, Gary England as Flag Bearer, Gregg Hansen Man-at-Arms and Trent Grandy as Drummer.



UT SAR Color Guard Members (L/R) Doug McGregor, Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy and Gary England perform color guard service for the DAR

McGregor, in his capacity as Utah Society SAR President, provided greetings and brief remarks to the audience. The meeting was highlighted by guest speaker, National DAR President General Ann Dillion. PG Dillion's remarks were inspiring and notable. She spoke

of the decay of morality and virtue among significant numbers of our citizens and stated, "to tolerate what is wrong weakens what is right." She stressed the importance of honoring God. "God blesses America because America honors God." She reminded her DAR sisters and guests in attendance, "America stands at a cross roads. America's greatness is not in military might, or economic prosperity, it is its reliance on a benevolent, all powerful God."

Welcome to Our New Members

It's always a pleasure to welcome new compatriots to the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution. Here are the new members since our last newsletter:

Charles P. Adams

Charles W. Voliva

John F. Arnold

Tad R. Starr

Jake J. McGrath

Kent S. Willmeth

Colter N. Lee (JM)

David W. Lee

Michael M. Y. Lee

Alton M. Lee

Nathaniel H. Adams

Neal W. Pearson

Ryan D. Curtis

Wayne V. Scott

Dawson L. Willmeth

Richard B. Lee

David N. Lee

Jacob Z.A. Lee

Robert M. Lee

Bruce A Lee (JM)

WELCOME!



Ogden Ladies Literary Society Meets the Color Guard

On April 19th, in commemoration of "The Shot Heard Round the World", Utah SAR Color Guardsmen Lyle Gingery, Gregg Hansen and Doug McGregor were guests of the Ogden Ladies Literary Society. This organization, founded in 1895 - the same year as the Utah SAR's founding, gathers together with some frequency to meet, eat, and discuss literature of interest to the group.



Utah SAR Color Guard members (L/R) Lyle Gingery, Doug McGregor, and Gregg Hansen present patriotic history to the Ogden Literary Society

After a delicious catered lunch, the ladies congregated in a beautiful gathering room to hear Gingery, Hansen and McGregor tell the story of April 19, 1775 - Revere's and Dawson's ride to warn the country side, the escape of Hancock and Adams, the early morning when the minutemen of Lexington, Massachusetts met the British regulars on the village green. The ladies were shown an exact replica of the lantern used in the Old North Church, a replica flintlock was demonstrated, and militia, frontiersmen, and regulars uniform clothing were explained to the ladies. In gratitude, a donation was made to the Utah SAR color guard fund.

Utah SAR Membership Meeting Report

Participating members of the Utah SAR convened at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Building in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 3rd to conduct their annual State Society "business" meeting. Chaplain Wade Alexander gave the invocation, followed by color guardsmen Gary England as flag bearer, Trent Grandy on the drum, and Gregg Hansen as the man-at-arms, presenting our national colors. Past Utah SAR President Layton Patterson lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by greetings and remarks from Inter-Mountain District Vice President General Regan Grandy. President Douglas McGregor provided a report of Utah SAR activities and accomplish-



New 2017-18 Utah SAR Officers (L/R): Wade Alexander, Layton Patterson, Gary England, Douglas McGregor, Bill Simpson, Jason Henderson, Larry Florence, Bill Whittlesey, Trent Grandy

ments since the meeting in 2016.

The 2017-18 slate of State Officers was presented to the membership for election: **President** - William P.C. Simpson, **1st Vice President** - Douglas R. McGregor, **2nd Vice President** - Jason I. Henderson, **Secretary** -

Gary A. England, **Treasurer** - Larry D. Florence, **Genealogist** - E. Layton Patterson, **Registrar** - Willis S. Whittlesey III, **Historian** - Tren-

ton G. Grandy, **Chaplain** - Wade C. Alexander, with the nomination of **National Trustee** - Regan G. Grandy. and **Alternate Trustee** - Paul L. Child Sr. The proposed State officers received a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Years of Service Certificates were awarded: Fifty Five Years - **Ezekial R. Dumke Jr.**, Thirty Five Years - **Willis S. Whittlesey III**, Twenty Five Years - **Jack D. Duffy**, Twenty Years - **Jared D. Richhart**, Fifteen Years - **David H. Horne**, Five Years - **Wade C. Alexander**, **Jerry D. Barrett**, **Eric R. Fretwell**, **Duane E. Fuller**, **Peter D. Fuller**, **Gregg M. Hansen**, **Jason I. Henderson**, **Scott J. Henderson**, **Jonathan S. Hermance**, **Asael W. Horne**, **Joseph F. Horne**, **Jacob D. Rosvall**, **Ronald G. Stone**, and **Woodrow W. Violet Jr.**

Trenton G. Grandy was presented the State Distinguished Service Medal. The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to **David R. Berger**. Bronze Good Citizenship Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded to **Wade C. Alexander** and **Trenton G. Grandy**. Meritorious Service Medals were presented to: **Larry D. Florence** and **William P.C. Simpson**. Members of the color guard were recognized with 2016 participation certificates including **David R. Berger**, **Jesse W. Black**, **Gary A. England**, **Lyle C. Gingery**, **Regan G. Grandy**, **Trenton G. Grandy**, **Kaledon G. Grandy**, **Gregg M. Hansen** and **Douglas R. McGregor**. Special appreciation for "Notable Service Given to the Utah SAR" were awarded to **Paul L. Child Sr.**, **Gary A. England**, **Lyle C. Gingery**, **Regan G. Grandy** and **Gregg Hansen**. Special acknowledgement was given to **Eric D. Richhart** for receiving various recent National SAR Awards and for his many years of service to the Board of Managers. 2016-17 Members of the Board were given a certificate of appreciation for their service. The membership meeting adjourned and preparations were made for the banquet that followed at 6:00 p.m.



Utah SAR Color Guard Members recognized by UT SAR President Bill Simpson. L/R Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy, Regan Grandy, Gary England, Douglas McGregor

Utah Society Annual "Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet

Each year members, associates and guests of the Utah SAR gather together to "Celebrate America". This uplifting, patriotic program brings to mind the greatness of America's past and the hope we can have for America's future. This year on June 3rd the meeting was held at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. The banquet began with an invocation and dinner grace by Chaplain Wade Alexander. Afterwards, members of the Utah SAR Color Guard: Gary England - flag bearer, Trent Grandy - drummer, and Gregg Hansen - man-at-arms, presented the colors. President Bill Simpson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He



Utah DAR Regent Brenda Stewart Reeder receives the SAR-DAR Appreciation Medal from Past President Doug McGregor

was followed by pianist Shelia Simpson leading the audience in singing the National Anthem. Historian Trent Grandy led the audience in reciting The American's Creed; 1st Vice President Douglas McGregor offered a welcome and introduced distinguished guests. Utah DAR Regent Brenda Stewart Reeder and Inter-Mountain District Vice President General Regan Grandy gave greetings and brief remarks. The banquet participants enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Majestic Grill Catering.

Brenda Stewart Reeder, Utah DAR Regent was recognized with the SAR - Utah DAR Appreciation Medal for her patriotic service to the cause of liberty and support of the Utah SAR. She shared the good deeds being done by the DAR for our veterans and other worthy endeavors. Major Kit Workman (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) introduced Cadet Delia Cheney and shared her excellent qualities and accomplishments that earned Cadet Cheney the Utah SAR JROTC State Medal and 3rd place in the National JROTC contest. Eagle Scout Joseph Miller was introduced by 2nd Vice President Jason Henderson, who also serves as the Utah SAR Eagle Scout Co-Chairman along with Dr. Paul Child. Joseph, a scout residing within the National Parks Council was awarded the State Eagle Scout Award. Also honored was Deputy Mike Chatelain, who has served over 30 years in law enforcement. Nominated by the Weber County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Chatelain was recognized for his outstanding service and patriotic dedication to protecting and preserving our liberties and freedoms. Accepting the medal in his behalf was his son-in-law, Deputy Bodie Malian.



2nd VP Jason Henderson with Eagle Scout Joseph Miller and 1st VP President Douglas McGregor

Scout Executive Allen M. Endicott concluded the meeting with a delightful speech, telling stories of how he learned certain values, including commitment and honesty in his life. He shared research he had done to learn about his patriot ancestors - not just the genealogy,



Deputy Chatelain at Liberty Trek

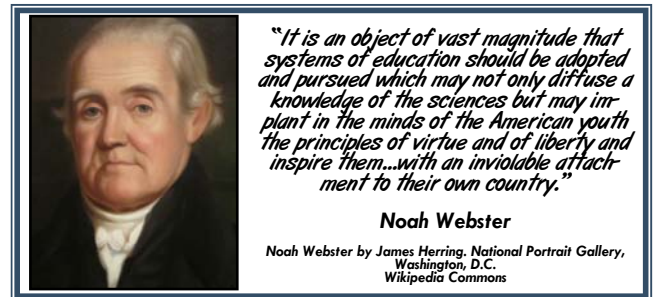
but the stories of their lives, who they were, what they valued, what contribution they might have made in the fight for independence. Allen reminded us of the importance of instilling in our youth, when they are young, the attributes of solid character, helping them to learn right from wrong, good from evil and to have the necessary strength to be strong and true. Allen was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his 20 years of faithful service to Scouting youth. Throughout his Scouting career he has diligently worked to teach youth the value of the Scout Oath and Law, and to build character.

Utah Society SAR President Bill Simpson offered concluding remarks and closed the meeting.

Several banquet attendees stayed after to help put away decorations and assist with clean up. You know who you are and we are truly grateful. Many hands make for lighter work. THANK YOU! A special thanks to Amy Regan, and Bill and Sheila Simpson for photography.



Scout Executive Allen Endicott



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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

It is a honor and privilege for me to serve as the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution President. The journey for me that culminated in this honor to be your president, started many years ago as I began searching out my ancestors. I immediately felt a sense of deep gratitude and pride for those who arrived to the shores of the "Colonies" in the first quarter of the 1700's, as well as those who arrived in the 1880's, drawn by the opportunities they sought for themselves and their families in a nation known for its freedom and its liberty...the United States of America.



Utah SAR President Bill Simpson

Having shared my research with my parents, I could feel their excitement as they learned of our rich heritage. My dad began examining our roots more closely, especially those who were long-term residents of America. I can't recall when he informed me that he had applied for membership in the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Georgia, but he was really excited to have made the connection to one of probably many other patriot ancestors. [As an aside, I really like the word "patriot" – defined as a person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors, and who is a defender of individual rights. It matters not how old or young you are, or what your gender may be in order to be classified as a "patriot."]

Jacob Stephens was the first patriot ancestor Dad was able to verify as a veteran of the American Revolutionary War. His family arrived in the Colonies in the early 1700's and settled in the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia. As it happens, both his mother and father-in-law were also recognized for their service during the war. Jacob's first tour of duty began in the Frederick County Virginia Militia in March of 1776. Among his duties, he was to engage in suppressing the Tories, as well as assisting in guarding the Tory prisoners at Winchester, Virginia, which is a town about 80 miles southwest of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. After liberty was won and a new nation was born, Jacob followed a brother into Central Kentucky, and ultimately settling in Madison County, Missouri in 1817.

As one of many war veterans with their families, and many others, Jacob became part of the movement west, ultimately pushing the new nation's boundaries westward from one sea to another. Discovering my ancestors gave new meaning to History, a subject that wasn't one of my favorites in school. But learning of my Revolutionary War heritage was like adding pecans and whipped cream to a hot fudge Sunday!

I lived in California when Dad joined the SAR in Georgia. At his suggestion, I did make contact with someone there about membership, but, my initial thought after talking with the California Compatriot was I didn't know if I'd have the time to devote to this activity...my teaching life was consuming and I didn't see how I could

add one more pea to my plate! However, Dad became involved in his local chapter and started editing their chapter newsletter. He'd send me copies of each issue...I was VERY impressed with his skills in using the computer and using software like Publisher without any formal training!! He did a great job for a number of years.

With Dad's death in 2011, I decided that it was time for his oldest son to take up his torch and join the SAR. I did my Google Search and discovered a point of contact for the Utah Society, and from there it was what you'd call a "done deal!" Dad's ground-breaking discoveries made joining much simpler than it might have been otherwise.

Like many of you, I could dig up other facts and details and tell you other things that might be nice to know, and I'm sure that many of you share similar experiences that brought you to join the Sons of the American Revolution. Each of you made a decision to become a member of the SAR. Your reasons are varied, just as the Revolutionary patriots we each have. Take a moment to think back to what the motivating factors were that prompted you to take action and join the SAR. Hopefully, you each feel a similar sense of pride in representing your patriot ancestors as I do. And I thank you for continued willingness to be numbered among the compatriots of the Utah SAR.

My goal as president is to continue the progress made by all past presidents. One of our BIG goals is to reactivate the chapters that were once available for our membership to participate in locally and more frequently than our several big state-wide activities. Your activity will help make this possible. Here are some activities that may ring a bell for you and help you as you consider what contribution you'd like to make as an SAR member.

Our color guard has been a very visible activity with the Utah SAR. Just reading through many of the articles in this newsletter you can see the kinds of events in which they are invited to participate. Our color guard upholds our founding heritage by inspiring and informing our fellow citizens about the principles on which our nation was founded. A couple of the larger events are which the color guard participates in are the Stadium of Fire 4th of July celebration in Provo, and the tremendous patriotic program for youth – Liberty Trek.

We have various activities that seek to recognize the youth in our communities through the Eagle Scout Recognition program, the Junior ROTC and Sea Cadet Programs, or even those in your neighborhood who proudly and consistently display our nation's flag.

I invite you to join us in building up the membership of our society through your participation in the various activities that occur throughout the year...at whatever level of activity that you believe matches your comfort level.

Yours in Liberty,

Bill Simpson
President

"...The cement of this union is in the heart blood of every American."

Extract from Thomas Jefferson to Lafayette, February 14, 1815



Message from Intermountain VPG Regan Grandy

It has been my great honor and privilege to have served this past year as the *Intermountain Vice President General*. I thank the Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming Societies' Sons of the American Revolution for making this possible. While serving in this capacity I learned what a sought-after position it really is. There is great competition among members of the various regions of the United States to be a *Vice President General*. So, I feel very fortunate to have been able to represent the Intermountain region and proud to say I come from the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution.



*Intermountain Vice President General
Regan G. Grandy*

As I leave my post as *I-VPG*, I want you to know what a great nation we live in. That we still have and maintain a Constitutional Republic is no little thing. The

fact that we—as Sons of the American Revolution—can still commemorate that glorious cause of the Revolution is phenomenal. This nation has withstood many challenges through wars, plagues, depressions, and disasters. Yet it remains strong today. Old Glory is still waving high in the sky, and that is a testament to the longevity of this Nation and to the Almighty Creator who has preserved it. You can bet that the “Divine Providence” George Washington spoke about has kept this Nation afloat today. It hasn’t sunk yet, and by the good grace of God, we remain strong as a nation and people—unified under one flag that represents us all.

May we work diligently to remember our Founding Fathers who “brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” This, too, is no little thing. They did this. They fought for it, and it is our responsibility to perpetuate it. We are those who remain to raise the red, white, and blue colors as a symbol and testament to their sacrifice. It is left to us to keep this country going *Esto perpetua* (Latin: Let it be everlasting). We raise those stars and stripes to the pinnacle of a large staff, to wave to the world and tell them: “we are all created equal,” and this is because “In God We Trust.”

May we not forget, each day, what our ancestors did for us—yours and mine. Our forbearers got us to this point. It is our duty and obligation to keep it going, and to share it with others; to share it far and wide; to commemorate what we have; and to preserve that history which started this great nation. We must not forget. And we must not allow future generations to forget. So, please tell your kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids how proud you are to be a Son of the American Revolution. Help them feel a part of that marvelous event that brought about our Constitutional Republic. Help them to understand what it means to you and to them. Once you have done that, then tell your friends and neighbors. Your patriotism to this nation, its creation and cause, should be known to all.

With our national Independence Day (July 4th) and state Pioneer Day (July 24th) upon us, may we remember, that it was the Revolutionary War that served as the catalyst for this nation. May we remember, that because of that event, we are now “one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” or we as a nation will forget and allow history to repeat itself. Being Sons of the American

Revolution, we have a duty and obligation to see that that doesn’t happen. So, spread the message of the Revolution far and wide, like the banner that represents this nation; that we might continue to exercise our unalienable rights, endowed by our Creator, among which are “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

I bid you farewell as *Intermountain Vice President General* of the Sons of the American Revolution (2016-17).

Libertas et patria!

Regan G. Grandy

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Liberty Trek



October 6-7, 2017

Fort Buenaventura, Ogden, Utah



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Liberty Trek is the tremendous patriotic program for youth. 27 actors and actresses portray Founding Fathers and Mothers teaching in a fun and interactive way principles of Liberty, Freedom, and Constitutional Republicanism. Volunteers are needed to help with the Continental Army camp, supporting the five event hostesses, serving food, SAR recruitment booth, and more! Go to: UtahSocietySAR.org to learn about Liberty Trek and sign-up!

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