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More Precious Than Gold

**"From our Ancestors come our Names,
from our Virtues, our Honor." --Old Proverb**

John has had a great blessing come into his life, a little baby grandson. This little baby has loving parents who are continually concerned for his happiness, comfort, and health. The grandson's name is Andrew, he is such a cute, happy baby! As time goes by, John is astonished at how fast Andrew is growing – from a bassinet to a crib, to a mattress set to its lowest setting so Andrew cannot climb out! His vocabulary has increased dramatically from dada and mama, to saying grandpa and grandma. Andrew talks about the trees, and birds, the sky and the lights in the house. He can tell you what foods he likes and what foods he doesn't. His little mind is absorbing all that he sees, hears, touches, smells, tastes, and experiences. His character is developing, values are being formed, and he is starting to understand who he is. But the real meaning of life's purpose will take some time.

Grandpa John worries about his grandson. Dad and mom have become very busy, both work, and Andrew is now in daycare. He has learned behavior and words from other children that are contrary to his family's values. What is to become of Andrew? What can be done to counter the influence of the other children? He continues to grow and to be curious about the world. How can he be taught right from wrong, good from evil, truth from falsehoods – to have love for God and love of family; the importance of living life as a decent, civil human being? Only now is the magnitude of Andrew's bad habits, undesirable language, and attitudes sinking in, and beginning to concern dad and mom, grandpa and grandma.

Grandpa John contemplates about his own upbringing and the anchor he has had throughout his life to keep him steady in a stormy sea. At first, he only understood certain principles, principles that made sense, principles that, when lived, brought satisfaction and happiness. As he grew out of childhood, he began to understand that these principles did make for an anchor, a mighty anchor of strength. He learned as an American to value and cherish something far more important than popularity, or inclusion, more important than riches or fame. It was something unique to Americans, yet it belongs to all mankind – Liberty.



"It is an object of vast magnitude that systems of education [at home] should be adopted and pursued which may not only diffuse a knowledge of the sciences but may implant in the minds of the American youth the principles of virtue and of liberty and inspire them with just and liberal ideas of government and with an inviolable attachment to their own country."

--Noah Webster, On the Education of Youth in America, 1788

[The word "liberal" is defined by Webster in 1828 as,
"Free; open; candid; as a liberal communication of thoughts."]

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Virtue is the key to Andrew's upbringing. Dad and mom, grandpa and grandma, all of the family must strive to exemplify and teach Andrew to value and embrace virtue within his life. For without virtue, there can be no Liberty, and Liberty is the lifeblood, the great anchor of every American who would have Freedom. The Founding Fathers had much to say about virtue, but what did virtue mean to them? In the 1700s and 1800s people understood virtue to mean:

"Moral goodness; the practice of moral duties and the abstaining from vice, or a conformity of life and conversation to the moral law. In this sense, virtue may be, and in many instances must be, distinguished from religion. The practice of moral duties merely from motives of convenience, or from compulsion, or from regard to reputation, is virtue as distinct from religion. The practice of moral duties from sincere love to God and his laws, is virtue and religion. In this sense it is true, that virtue only makes our bliss [happiness] below. VIRTUE is nothing but voluntary obedience to truth. A particular moral excellence; as the virtue of temperance, of chastity, of charity. Remember all his virtues."

--Noah Webster; American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828

Principle One – Private Virtue: When a person learns to sincerely be "God-fearing" (having respect, a reverent feeling toward God); to have complete fidelity to God, faithful in keeping God's commandments, he has Private Virtue. When a person lives his life with integrity, demonstrates manners and civility, is faithful in his duties to his family, he has Private Virtue. When a person is faithful in exercising his religious beliefs and obligations, he has Private Virtue. When a person exercises self-restraint and controls his appetites and passions, when he is practicing self-governance, self-control and accepts and takes responsibility for doing what's right, he has Private Virtue. When he is honest in all his dealings and has embraced God's laws of chastity, and is true to God's requirements for morality, he has Private Virtue.

"Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe. And if a member of Civil Society, do it with a saving of his allegiance to the Universal Sovereign."

--Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments, 1785
by James Madison, co-author Federalist Papers, Father U.S. Constitution, 4th U.S. President

"Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time, they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure . . . are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments."

--To James McHenry on November 4, 1880
by Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

" . . . it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free Constitution is pure virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our People in a greater Measure than they have it now, they may change their rulers and the forms of government, but they will not obtain a lasting liberty."

--To Zebdiel Adams on June 21, 1776
by John Adams, 2nd U.S. President, Signer of The Declaration of Independence

Principle Two – Public Virtue: This virtue encompasses love for country and our fellowman, a love greater than love for self. It is the virtue of sacrificing personal interests and gains for the good of society. Public Virtue is demonstrative, others see our actions and are aware of our choices. Look to the life of George Washington as an example. He accepted the responsibility of commanding the Continental Army. He accepted the responsibility of chairing the 1787 Constitutional Convention. He allowed himself to be nominated and elected President of the United States and responsibly served for two terms. Yet, what he wanted most was to be with his family, living at Mount Vernon. We as Americans are grateful for his Public Virtue for, he was indispensable in leading his fellow Americans to preserve liberty and establish a free and independent nation. Where did Washington acquire such a depth of Public Virtue? He was taught as a boy by his father and mother, he received a parochial religious education. When a person has love for God and Country, and is willing to sincerely pledge his Life, his Fortune, and his sacred Honor for the preservation of Liberty and Freedom, that person has Public Virtue.

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

--George Washington, Father of our Country.
(Washington's father died when he was 11 years old)

"I go on this great republican principle, that the people will have virtue and intelligence to select men of virtue and wisdom. Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks—no form of government can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea . . ."

— Papers 11:163, June 20, 1788 by James Madison

"The truth is, all might be free if they valued freedom, and defended it as they ought."

--1771 Essay in the Boston Gazette by Samuel Adams,
Father of the American Revolution, Signer of The Declaration of Independence



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"Shame on the men who can court exemption from present trouble and expense at the price of their own posterity's liberty!"

--Writing as "Candidus" February 3, 1776 by Samuel Adams,
Father of the American Revolution, Signer of The Declaration of Independence

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

--Written in "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, Author of Common Sense.

Principle Three – Virtuous Education: Understanding and valuing the importance of both private and public virtue is essential to providing virtuous education. In addition, learning the stories of the Revolutionary War is essential to teaching our youth the principles that influence virtue. It was virtue and wisdom that brought about the Declaration of Independence. Virtue and wisdom that gave America the United States Constitution. Virtue and Wisdom that established the Bill of Rights. Lessons of virtue and wisdom can be found with stories from the Plymouth Pilgrims and the life of the Father of our Country – George Washington and his wife Martha. Another source are the stories of the "Black Robed Regiment", the name the British gave to the ministers and preachers who stood for independence. Our youth should understand what Liberty is and why Liberty matters. Our youth should value freedom and have the ability to explain what freedom is and the importance of freedom to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . ."

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

--Letter to James Warren, 1779 by Samuel Adams

"But neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt. He therefore is the truest friend to the liberty of his country who tries most to promote its virtue, who, so far as his power and influence extend, will not suffer a man to be chosen into any office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man."

The Life of Samuel Adams, 1:22 by Samuel Adams

"The best means of forming a manly, virtuous, and happy people will be found in the right education of youth. Without this foundation, every other means, in my opinion, must fail."

--To George Chapman, December 15, 1784 by George Washington, Father of our Country,
1st Commander in Chief, Chairman of 1787 Constitutional Convention, 1st U.S. President.

"What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of liberty and learning, each leaning on each other for their mutual and surest support?"

Letters of delegates to Congress, 1774-1789 by James Madison,
Father of the Constitution, Father of the Bill of Rights, 4th U.S. President

"It should be your care, therefore, and mine, to elevate the minds of our children and exalt their courage; to accelerate and animate their industry and activity; to excite in them an habitual contempt of meanness, abhorrence of injustice and inhumanity, and an ambition to excel in every capacity, faculty, and virtue. If we suffer their minds to grovel and creep in infancy, they will grovel all their lives."

--John Adams, Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law, 1765

"In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed . . . No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

--Preface to the 1828 edition of Webster's American Dictionary of the English Language by Noah Webster

What can you do? You can begin with yourself. Members of the Black Robed Regiment would invite you to assess your own life. They would say, if you need to, repent and forsake any obstacle in your life to being virtuous. Founding Fathers would invite you to look out into your community. Is there something you and your family can do to help your country, to support the cause of Liberty? Noah Webster and other prominent educators would ask you; how well do you and your posterity know the stories of virtue found in Revolutionary War history? How well do you and your posterity understand and are conversant with The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, your Unalienable Rights?

Freedom and Liberty are indispensable supports of true religion. They are essential for Unalienable Rights to exist unimpeded. They are the means by which tyranny is checked and slavery prevented. Freedom and Liberty allow creativity, inventiveness, and the spirit of entrepreneurialism to flourish within a country.



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The foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality; ...the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained..."

--First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789 by George Washington

Jefferson's Quest For True Religion

Without the right morals from true religion a republic cannot subsist

"It [the Jefferson Bible] is a document in proof that I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus, very different from the Platonists, who call me infidel, and themselves Christians and preachers of the gospel, while they draw all their characteristic dogmas from what it's Author never said nor saw. They have compounded from the heathen mysteries a system beyond the comprehension of man, of which the great reformer of the vicious ethics and deism of the [ancient] Jews, were he to return on earth, would not recognise one feature."

--To C. Thompson, 1816 by Thomas Jefferson, in a letter speaking about the Jefferson Bible

Recommended Books to Read

Many modern authors have taken it upon themselves to revise history and spin their writing to fit a political agenda. It is recommended you read books such as those written by Charles Carelton Coffin:

- *The Boys of 76*—A History of the Battles of the Revolution, Forgotten Books, 2012. Originally Published 1879.
- *The Story of Liberty*—So you will know what liberty has cost...and what it's worth, Maranatha Publications, 1987. Originally published 1879.
- *Sweet Land of Liberty*—To Inspire Americans to Return to, ..."One Nation, Under God, with Liberty and Justice for All", Maranatha Publications, 1993, Originally published 1891.

The book by John Frost:

- *The Pictorial Life of George Washington*—Embracing a Complete History of the Seven Years War, The Revolutionary War, The Formation of the Federal Constitution, and the Administration of Washington. Charles J. Gillis, 46 1/2 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, published 1847. (Available at: www.openlibrary.org)

And the book by Frederic Bastiat:

- *The Law*, Martino Fine Books, 2011. Originally published in 1850.

Many of these books, with expired copyrights, are available on the world wide web as PDFs. Type the titles in your browser and see if they are available.



Inspiring stories from the past
can help us
find strength for the future



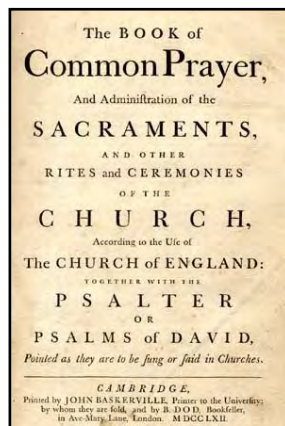


The Road to Independence

1771 – 250 Years Ago

The year 1771 was for the most part a time of calmness in the colonies. With the exception of the uprising in North Carolina, the other colonies enjoyed a time of relative peace. Starting in 1771 and lasting until 1773 there was a large immigration of Scotch-Irish to the American colonies due to crop failures and the depression in the Ulster linen trade. The Crown collected £8,921 in customs duties from Boston merchants; in today's American money that would be \$1,619,086.22. The Boston colonists were definitely tea totalers with 500,000 lbs. of tea imported from 1771 to 1773. Over two hundred miles of roads had been created in New Hampshire alone. The colonies were growing from immigration and the colonist's having large families. Other significant events in 1771 colonial America include:

- Saint Tamina Society of America is established. Tamina was a chief of the Delaware Tribe and was one of the signers of the original Penn Treaty. Like the Sons of Liberty, the St. Tamina Society was established to be a benevolent, protective society, but was primarily a political organization. It had as its motto "Freedom, Friendship and Charity".
- A Philadelphia theatrical group produced a play titled *The Rising Glory of America*.
- Philadelphians ridiculed the use of a new device - the umbrella - to ward off sunburn. Effeminate said the newspapers. The doctors were all for it, however. Good for preventing vertigo, epilepsy, sore eyes, fevers, and other ailments.
- The State of Virginia jailed 50 Baptist worshipers for preaching the Gospel contrary to the Anglican Book of Common Prayer.
- Genealogy in America began. Ebenezer Watson published a 24-page pamphlet on the Stebbins family of Hartford, Conn. It gave births, marriages, and deaths from 1707 to 1771 for the Samuel and Hannah Stebbins ancestors.
- Harvard graduates the largest graduating class before the American Revolution.
- Benjamin Franklin started to write his Autobiography. His purpose was to acquaint his son, William, now the New Jersey governor, with his family background. Franklin's famous work combined remarks on literary affairs, religion, and utilitarian philosophy, with colorful comments on his life in Boston, Philadelphia, and London.



Benjamin Franklin

Jan: North Carolina Assembly passes the Johnson Bill, better known as the "Bloody Act" to counter the Regulators

on the western frontier and make rioting treason.

Jan 22: On this day Spain cedes the Falkland Islands to Britain. Spain, Britain's enemy will in the years to come join the patriots and assist them in gaining independence.



1760 Spanish Naval Flag

Mar 14: Thomas Hutchinson is officially confirmed as the governor of Massachusetts.



Thomas Hutchinson

Mar 15: The Virginia Gazette recorded the marriage of William Carter, 23, and Mrs. Sarah Ellyson, widow of Gerald, aged 85. The former Mrs. Ellyson, it said, was "a sprightly old Tit, [small bird] with three Thousand Pounds Fortune." Recording a bride's worth was common practice in the Colonies.

Apr: First song to appear in a periodical: "The Hill Tops: A Hunting Song." Published in *Royal American Magazine*,

Volume I, April 1771, Boston, Massachusetts.

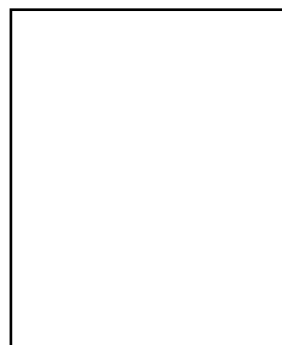
May: History Preservation. In Connecticut, the General Assembly directs the governor, Jonathan Trumbull Sr., to "collect all publick letters and papers which hereafter in any way affect the interest of this Colony and have the same bound together, that they may be preserved."

May 16: Some North Carolinians calling themselves the "Regulators" protested to the royal governor, William Tryon, about discrimination in new laws and lack of representation for western counties. A battle at Alamance Creek followed, between Tryon's 1,200 soldiers and 2,000 Regulators, the latter mostly without weapons. Tryon's forces won and tried 13 men for treason. Seven were executed.



Governor Johnathan Trumbull Sr

Aug 7: Twenty-six-year-old Francis Asbury attended a Methodist conference held in Bristol, England.



Francis Asbury

When he heard John Wesley say, "Our brethren in America call aloud for help. Who are willing to go over and help them?" Asbury felt "called" and volunteered and was sent by Wesley. Asbury came to small, widely scattered congregations. To meet their needs, he rode incessantly--5,000 miles a year. He preached 17,000 sermons, ordained 3,000 preachers, founded five schools and distributed thousands of pieces of literature. His organizational skills divided America into circuits and



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his circuit riders learned the hard life from him.

Aug 22: The Widow Bignall placed an advertisement in the Massachusetts Spy. The notice informed "seekers of the bizarre" that a 22"-high dwarf could be seen at her Boston home near Hancock's wharf. Admission: 1 shilling. The exhibition of this 53-year-old man was the 1st such event in the Colonies.

Sep 8: In San Gabriel, California, the Mission San Gabriel is founded. Due to its large production of crops and wines, the mission later became known as the "Pride of the Missions."

Nov 25: The colony of New York gains another member of the press corps when the Albany Gazette becomes that city's first newspaper into publication. It would publish until 1845.

Dec 31: Imports to America from England totaled 4,200,000 lbs. for the year.



British 18th Century Merchant Ship

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"A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the high duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of a higher obligation. ... To lose our country by a scrupulous adherence to written law would be to lose the law itself, with life, liberty, property and all those who are enjoying them with us; thus absurdly sacrificing the ends to the means."

—Thomas Jefferson, to John B. Colvin, September 20, 1810



Annual Member Meeting Elections and Awards

Once a year the membership gathers to elect new officers and recognize those deserving individuals for the service and deeds they have accomplished toward the noble principles and values of the SAR. The meeting was held at the Sons of Utah Pioneer building in Salt Lake City prior to the Annual "Celebrate America" Banquet. The meeting began with an invocation by Chaplain Alexander and the Color Guard leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Registrar/ Genealogist Paul Nichols led the audience in reciting the SAR Member Pledge.

A New Member Installation Ceremony was then held. Royce H. Veater was brought to the front of the room by the Color Guard. He was officially sworn in by President Bill Simpson and had his membership pin placed on his shirt collar by 2nd VP Doug McGregor. The Utah SAR Board of Managers welcomes Compatriot Veater to the SAR!



1st VP Doug McGregor presents new Compatriot Royce H. Veater with his SAR Rosette

The service year 2021-2022 brings to the Utah SAR a new society President, Trenton G. Grandy. Appreciation was given to former President Bill Simpson who has faithfully served for four years and will now advance to becoming the Intermountain District (Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming) Vice President General after the Annual Congress in Renton, WA.

Other Utah SAR State Society officers for 2021-2022 will include



Utah SAR's new officers for 2021-2022 L/R Regan Grandy, Larry Florence, Douglas McGregor, Trenton Grandy, Paul Nichols, Wade Alexander

Doug McGregor, 1st VP; Larry Florence, Secretary/ Treasurer; Gary England, Recording Secretary; Dr. Regan Grandy, PhD., Historian; Paul Nichols, Genealogist/ Registrar; and Wade Alexander, Chaplain.

Our nominations for National Trustee, Dr. Paul Child, and Alternate Trustee, Bill Simpson, will be confirmed at Congress in July. After the officer elections, Years of Service Certificates were awarded. Due to the pandemic, 2019 honorees were included with the 2020 honorees:

30 Years — David S. Child; **25 Years** — Eric D. Richhart; **20 Years** — Paul A. Runyon, David N.F. Fairbanks; **15 Years** — Douglas R. McGregor; **10 Years** — Richard B. Anderson, David R. Berger, Peter K. Bradish, James B. Fairbourn Sr., Earon A. Fairbourn, Larry D. Florence, Lyle C. Gingery, Raymond H. Jeffers Jr., Matthew R. Jeffers, E. Layton Patterson, Dakota L.M. Richhart, Thomas J. Wells, Leon A. Peterson, William P.C. Simpson, Scott P. Swain, David M. Wilkins;



Compatriot Eric D. Richhart receives his 25 Yr service certificate and pin



5 Years— Jesse W. Black, Captain Glen A. Cook, William T. Dark, Gary A. England, Timothy G. Heward, Andrew L. Howard, Michael A. Kennedy, Brennon A. McCormick, Stuart C. Otterness, Travis R. Christensen, Eric L. Iverson.

Wade C. Alexander was awarded the SAR State Meritorious Service



Compatriot Wade Alexander receives the State Meritorious Service Medal

Medal for his many years of portraying Benjamin Franklin, teaching youth patriotism at schools and Patriot Camps; his many years of service to the Freedom Festival in Utah County, Freedom's Light in Bountiful, and support of the Utah SAR color guard. Larry D. Florence and William P.C. Simpson both received Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for their "Above and Beyond" service to the Utah SAR. For Bill this service includes recognition for maintenance and management of the website, photography, and serving as editor of the Utah Patriot. For Larry this service includes Utah

Patriot printing and distribution, banquet arrangements and management, annual dues drive, medals and awards coordination and management.

Jesse W. Black and Gregg M. Hansen completed three years of Color Guard service with 50% or higher annual participation to qualify and were awarded the National SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal; they along with Noah Black, Joshua Elliott, Trenton G. Grandy, and Douglas R. McGregor were awarded Color Guard Participation Certificates for the years 2019 and 2020. Matthew R. Marchant was awarded a Color Guard Participation Certificate for 2019.



Compatriots Jesse Black and Gregg Hansen received the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal

Notable Service Appreciation Certificates were given to recognize Paul L. Child Sr., Larry D. Florence, Raymond H. Jeffers Jr. and William P. C. Simpson. Simpson also received Bronze, Silver, and Gold Oak Leaf Clusters for his National SAR Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal in recognition of his significant SAR genealogical contributions. Board of Managers serving in 2019 and 2020 received Certificates of Appreciation for their individual service to the Utah SAR. Outgoing State Society President William P.C. Simpson was recognized by incoming President Trenton G. Grandy for his service and contributions to the Utah SAR. He was



Incoming President Grandy recognizes outgoing President Simpson. "Thank you Bill!"

awarded the National SAR Past State Society President Service Certificate and Pin.

Douglas R. McGregor Silver Good Citizenship Honoree

One of the highlights of the Annual Membership Meeting was the presentation of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot



Compatriot Douglas McGregor is presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by Past President Bill Simpson

Douglas R. McGregor. This medal is the highest honor a State Society can bestow upon an SAR member or citizen. McGregor joined the SAR in 2006 with his father Norman D. McGregor Jr. He served as State Society President from May 2009 to May 2011 and again from May 2013 to May 2015. When not serving as President,

McGregor has served continuously as a Vice President for the Utah SAR Board of Managers. Currently that represents 12 years of dedicated volunteer service. Some of his notable community patriotic accomplishments include:

Creating, developing and managing a patriotic day long program called, "Our Noble Youth". Seventy-seven young people attended this program held at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City (15 September 2012). Youth met Congressman Rob Bishop and learned about the Declaration of Independence. They learned about the Constitution from Roots of Freedom, interacted with the Utah SAR Color Guard, meeting soldiers and re-enactors--learning about the Revolutionary War. They met in the Fort Douglas Museum with war veterans, and at the chapel with ministers to learn about Providence during the American Revolution.

McGregor wrote all the scripts, games and activities, as well as directed and coordinated the Liberty Trek program (2014, 2015, & 2017). With over 25 actors and actresses, musicians, and guest speakers, this patriotic event supported by the Constitution Day Committee of Utah educated and fed over 4,000 Scouts and their leaders during four offerings of the weekend program. <https://utahsocietyofsar.org/past-events/liberty-trek>. McGregor designed, wrote, and directed a 90-minute patriotic program (12 March 2016) for the Utah Association of Youth City Councils. Youth heard from George Washington, Reverend Muhlenberg, Benjamin Franklin, and James Madison.

He was a co-founder of Regiment 1776, a patriotic BSA Venture Crew which evolved into the American Revolution Patriots 4-H Club (2012 – 2019). Serving as a co-adviser, this "history" club, met weekly with interested cadets of the Utah Military Academy and included a youth Revolutionary War Color Guard that interacted with the Utah SAR Color Guard.

He has given support for Utah Patriots Camps and served as a member of the Constitution Day Committee of Utah (2012-19). There are many other events and programs that could be mentioned correlating with Memorial Day, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and April 19th that McGregor has created and coordinated over the years as a member of the Utah SAR.

"Let us contemplate our forefathers and posterity; and resolve to maintain the rights bequeath'd to us from the former, for the sake of the latter."

— Samuel Adams, Essay, written under the pseudonym "Candidus," in *The Boston Gazette* (14 October 1771), later published in *The Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams* (1865) by William Vincent Wells, p. 425



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When asked about his patriotic feelings he said, "I love this country, I love the Founding Patriots for what they lived and died for, for what they gave us. There is nothing more important for America than the patriotic education of our youth. The future of America depends on our youth understanding the American Revolution, having a deep appreciation for our unalienable rights, for the Constitution, the importance and value of liberty and freedom. I am so very grateful for the Sons of the American Revolution, for being a marvelous vehicle by which patriotism can be inspired within our fellow citizens."



Past President Bill Simpson with Douglas McGregor, his wife Carrie, son Amos, daughter-in-law Londyn, granddaughter Evie and longtime college "chum" David Campbell

McGregor was joined by his wife Carrie, son Amos, daughter-in-law Londyn, granddaughter Evie and longtime college "chum" David Campbell, Chairman of the Board for the San Francisco Saint Andrews Society. Congratulations Doug for this well-deserved honor!

"A diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."

— James Madison to George Thompson, 1825

Celebrate America – 2021 Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet

On May 22nd, the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution held their annual "Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet. Over 80 people came to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Building in Salt Lake City. By this time Covid-19 restrictions had been lessened and the wearing of masks was optional. The meeting room was decorated with flags from the American Revolution as well as Revolutionary War era paintings on easels. The tables were decorated with yellow, white or blue tablecloths – the colors of the SAR flag, with decorated American Flag center pieces. The podium proudly bore an SAR banner with the awards table set up to the side of the podium having yellow, white, and blue tablecloths to decorate the table.

President Bill Simpson welcomed the Utah SAR Members, Associates, DAR, and guests. Chaplain Alexander offered a heartfelt invocation which was followed by the Utah SAR Color Guard, under the command of Jesse Black presenting the colors and leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Utah DAR Meli Calkins played the Star-Spangled Banner on the piano while Utah DAR Katie Madsen



Utah DAR Regent Kathryn Asay

conducted.

National Trustee Dr. Regan Grandy, Ph.D., lead the audience in reciting The American's Creed. Afterwards President Bill Simpson and Utah DAR Regent Kathryn Asay gave greetings and welcomed the VIP guests. Dinner was then served. Majestic Grill had serving tables set up at the back of the room. Tables of guests were excused to the meal, and they were dished up a delicious dinner, followed by a moist scrumptious cake and ice cream for dessert! Majestic Grill did not disappoint, once again the meal was very well prepared and enjoyed by all.

The Awards and Recognition portion of the meeting began with President Simpson introducing the 2021-2022 Utah SAR officers. He then recognized those who had faithfully supported the Utah SAR through their active membership and had achieved Years of Service:

30, 25, 20, 15, 10, & 5 years. 2nd VP Doug McGregor was then called to the podium to recognize Corporal Stephen R. Larson who is a sworn deputy for the Weber County Sheriff's Department.

Corporal Larson was awarded the SAR Medal of Heroism for his long service as a Corrections Officer in the Weber County Jail. Here he shares in the responsibility for the safety and welfare of hardened criminals--murderers, rapists, vicious gang members, and the officers under his command. Many of these people were ex-



Cadet Mikayla Cheyenne Erickson receives the SAR State JROTC Medal by Past President Bill Simpson

posed to the life threatening Covid virus. Most of us do not realize that Corporal Larson puts his life at risk every day he works in the jail. Not only does he deal with the inmates themselves, but in 2020 he dealt with an invisible deadly disease that invaded the jail facility.

my's Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. An outstanding student and leader, Cadet Erickson has shown herself to be an ideal contestant for the deserving honor she has won for herself due to her achievements accomplished through her diligence, dedication, and hard work.



Corporal Stephen R. Larson presented with the SAR Medal for Heroism by Past President Bill Simpson

Cadet Mikayla Cheyenne Erickson was awarded the SAR State JROTC Medal. Her application was sent to National SAR where she was the Third Place Winner. Cadet Erickson serves as Lt Colonel for the Utah Military Academy.



Compatriot Dr. Paul Child presents awards to Eagle Scout SAR State Winner Neal Smalley, shown with his parents.

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Eagle Scout SAR State Winner was Neal Smalley. Neal was praised by Compatriot Dr. Paul Child for earning every merit badge, his leadership, community service, and scholastic achievements. Neal had the distinction of being both the 2020 and 2021 winner.

Mrs. Shirley Florence was recognized with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her generous service to the Utah SAR by assisting with proof reading of the Utah Patriot, and her faithful assistance to her husband Larry with his Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities.

The audience was then privileged to hear from Congressman Rob Bishop (ret.). Bishop who retired January 2, 2021, served 18 years as a U.S. Congressman. Prior to this he was a high school teacher for 28 years, teaching history and government and a part-time member of the Utah House of Representatives for 25 years.

Bishop's address to the audience centered on the question "Why the American Revolution?". He talked about how the revolution was unique in that other revolutions in Europe and Russia were about the poor rebelling to take down the rich. But in America the leaders of the revolution were the gentry, the people who were well off. They were fighting to keep what they already had.

Bishop talked about the Declaration of Independence and "life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and the right to own property. These are the things the Founding Fathers were fighting for." The difference between unalienable rights and the divine right of kings. He elaborated on the meaning of self-government, to be a self-reliant person, a self-controlling person; and what it means to be responsible. Virtue was a critical element in the American Revolution and the country's founding. The fact the Founding Fathers believed that only a religious and virtuous people could have freedom and that the virtue needed was to be found in religion. Bishop commented on how fortunate America was to have the leaders it did at the time of the American Revolution, men of integrity and honor who were not seeking for personal gain but were seeking to secure liberty for themselves and their posterity.

He talked about the purpose of the Constitution, which is to protect and secure the unalienable rights of the people, resulted in the brilliant system of checks and balances, and the meaning of Constitutional Republic. The Founding Fathers understood these concepts and were opposed to a democracy.

The audience was richly taught and "school" by Bishop. Without a written script, he gave a marvelous extemporaneous message pertaining to the founding of the United States.

After speaking, Congressman Bishop was recognized for his decades of caring for America's future, decades of giving of his time and talents to the patriotic education of our youth and adults. "Throughout your teaching career, your service as a Representative to the State of Utah, and your service in Washington D. C. as a



Congressman Rob Bishop (ret.) asks the question: Why the American Revolution?

Utah Congressman, you have always made time for our youth. Teaching them, inspiring them, helping them to understand the importance of Constitutional Republicanism, Unalienable Rights, and Freedom." Rob Bishop was awarded with the highest honor a State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution can bestow upon a fellow American – The Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Bishop was very gracious in his acceptance of the award and complemented the SAR and DAR for being "authentic" patriotic organizations. "There is nothing pretentious about your organizations or purpose, you are focused on the real things that matter most."

President Simpson offered a few concluding remarks, and the banquet was adjourned.



Congressman Rob Bishop (ret.) with 1st VP Douglas McGregor and Past President Bill Simpson received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal

"The liberties of our Country, the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have receiv'd them as a fair inheritance from our worthy Ancestors: They purchas'd them for us with toil and danger and expence of treasure and blood; and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle; or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men."

— Samuel Adams, Essay, written under the pseudonym "Candidus," in The Boston Gazette (14 October 1771), later published in The Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams (1865) by William Vincent Wells, p. 425

New Member Installation Ceremony Announcement and Invitation

Our next New Member Installation Ceremony is scheduled for February 19, 2022. If you have not had this experience and would like to be officially sworn-in as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution – save this date! You will need to be current in your dues. You will be duly sworn-in, officially "pinned", have your picture taken with the Color Guard, and have your picture and name listed in the Utah Patriot semi-annual color newsletter. The ceremony will take place prior to the George Washington Birthday Commemoration / Celebration Banquet. (Inductees are not obligated to participate with the banquet but are more than welcome to do so!)

Utah SAR Says Farewell to Compatriots

The Utah SAR says farewell to the following compatriots and offer our condolences to their families:

Captain Eugene Kirtley Walling, USN-Ret - 7/16/2020
 Harvey J. Longhurst - 10/11/2020
 Steven William Marquardt - 11/20/2020
 James Leon Downing - 1/26/2021
 William Ray Ward - 3/23/2021



Easter Rendezvous

The Easter 2021 Rendezvous returned to Ogden's Fort Buenaventura. The three-day event brings Mountain Men, Pioneers, Trappers



Ogden's Fort Buenaventura

and Sutlers to re-enact the times of the great American rendezvous that occurred in the early 1800s. Flintlock shooting contests, tomahawk and knife throwing contests, trading for goods and equipment, sharing stories be-

side the warmth of a campfire. The Fort Buenaventura Rendezvous is open to the public. If you come in period dress, you get in free, if you're in modern cloths there is a nominal fee to enter the camp and traders row areas.

For several years now the Utah SAR Color Guard has been invited to provide a Saturday morning Flag Ceremony. Partnering with the Utah American Long Rifle Association, the joint Color Guard begins their march at 8:00 a.m. along the east side of the pond, stopping at the center to fire a volley. The march continues over a bridge to the West side of the pond where another volley is fired. The Color Guard then marches to the fort and enters. Here the flag is raised, another volley is fired and those in attendance say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Color Guard marches out of the fort and returns to the Park Visitor's Center.

Most years there is a bagpiper playing the National Anthem; the entire presentation of the flag is very patriotic and appreciated by those who come to forget, for a few days, the conveniences we all take for granted. Our thanks to Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy and Josh Elliott for representing the Utah SAR Color Guard.

"The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records. They are written, as with a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself, and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power."

— Alexander Hamilton, "The Farmer Refuted", February 5, 1775

Cedar Hills Parade

The first Saturday in June, the town of Cedar Hills, Utah holds what they call a "Family Festival". There is a parade and a park filled with food booths, craft booths, merchandise specials, and fun activities. Using the infor-



Color Guard Commander Jesse Black, Noah Black, Josh Elliott, Gregg Hansen, and Trent Grandy (Utah SAR President)

mation on the Utah SAR website, we were contacted by the parade chair and invited to have the Color Guard in the parade. The color guard accepted the invitation. Number nine in the lineup, Commander Jesse Black, serving as the captain; Gregg Hansen, man-at-arms; Trent Grandy, drummer; Noah Black, man-at-arms; and Josh Elliott, flag bearer; formed the Color Guard for the one-mile parade (Doug McGregor served as after-parade shuttle driver). People stood and cheered as the American Revolution Color Guard, dressed in Continental Army uniforms, proudly displayed the thirteen-star Betsy Ross flag. For a moment the parade audience remembered the brave men who gave their all for America's Independence and the preservation of Liberty.

"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom."

— John Adams, Defense of the Constitutions, 1787

The National War College

Years ago, the Salt Lake Chapter of the Utah SAR would meet once a month downtown at Lambs Grill for a luncheon meeting. Chapter members and guests would have a delicious lunch followed by a guest speaker. Those were the days! It seems today, most everyone is living a hectic life with a full agenda.

President Bill Simpson, who is a dual member of the Utah SAR and the Georgia SAR, made arrangements for the Utah SAR to host the same guest speaker Georgia recently had. Utah, as well as Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming members were all invited to attend the Zoom meeting.

The meeting took place at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Day Light Savings Time on Saturday, April 10th. Members were emailed an invitation with the Meeting ID and Passcode numbers necessary for attendance. Attendees were welcomed by President Simpson. Utah SAR Chaplain Wade Alexander gave the invocation; he was followed by Color Guard Commander Jesse Black who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Member Pledge.

President Simpson then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Sonya Finley, professor of strategy at the National War College, and adjunct assistant professor for George Town University graduate Security Studies Program. She has taught at the graduate and undergraduate levels, including the Eisenhower School for National Security, and Resource Strategy at the National Defense University, Washington, DC, and the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. She served over 26 years in the US Army and retired as a colonel. Sonya is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ohio – Anna Ashbury Stone Chapter.

Sonya's presentation began with a historical overview of the history of the National War College, located at Fort McNair in Washington DC. The school offers a senior level course of study in National Security resulting in a master's degree. The degree can be achieved in



Dr Sonya Finley (COL, USA Ret)
Daughter of the American Revolution



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one year by following a very rigorous program every day. The school exists to educate future leaders of the Armed Forces, Department of State, and other civilian agencies with high level policy, and command of staff responsibilities.

The student body consists of 60% military and 40% civilian. For the 60% military it is mainly Lt. Colonels and Colonels who are attending. Civilians include the CIA, Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service, NOAA, the Treasury Department, and Justice Department. Every career Ambassador has gone to the War College.

In addition to the National War College, every military department has its own war college. The United States is now looking at the creation of a war college for the newly established Space Force.

One of the key learnings at the National War College is critical thinking skills and developing the ability to think strategically. Course work begins with highlighting the critical thinking of the Founding Fathers, "We dive into the Federalist Papers and the writings of the Anti-Federalists to understand the debate, what compromises were made and how those compromises were arrived at." A primary goal is for the graduates to have the ability to think critically about what they are serving. To think critically about their oath to the U.S. Constitution. The college has a strong operational focus.

After the presentation, there was a question-and-answer session. Sonya was "virtually" presented with a certificate of appreciation and an SAR Challenge Coin in gratitude for her being the guest speaker of the Utah SAR.

Memorial Day Remembered

Closed last year due to the pandemic, This Is The Place Heritage Park was once again the place where the Utah SAR Color Guard met to commemorate Memorial Day. The park is a reconstruction of an 1870's Territory of Utah town with "interpreters" in period clothing stationed in various buildings to explain and demonstrate what it was like to operate a barbershop, mill, furniture making shop, a leather shop, hotel, mercantile store, a livery stable, homes, a church, and so much more. In some ways a western version of Williamsburg.

The Color Guard was housed in the Heber Valley School House located on the North end of Main Street. In the schoolhouse, a display of several large color posters with the theme, "American Revolution Heroes" was available for the public to view. Little known heroes featured were Lemuel Haynes, James Arimistead Lafayette, Crispus Attucks, Margaret Cochran Corbin, Sybil Ludington, Bernardo de Gálvez, Johann de Kalb, Mammy Kate, Phillis Wheatley, Nancy Morgan Hart, Potawami Chiefs Siggenauk and Naakewoin, and Polly Copper of the Oneida. Also featured was America's most indispensable man George Washington.



American Revolution Heroes posters and Memorial wreath in the Heber Valley School House

An information table was manned to answer questions and inform the public about the Sons of the American Revolution. Prominently featured was Compatriot Wade Alexander who portrayed Benjamin Franklin. He was joined in the schoolhouse by Utah Society President Trent Grandy, and compatriots Bill Simpson and Doug McGregor.

Outside the schoolhouse, Compatriot Gregg Hansen provided "Life as a Revolutionary War Soldier" displays which included replica infantry tent, flintlocks, personal hygiene items, playing cards, equipment for making bullets, continental money, a mess cooking pot, soldier food display and several other camp items. Gregg provided flintlock firing demonstrations for the public as well as talking about a soldier's life. He was assisted by Color Guardsman Josh Elliott.

A beautiful memorial wreath was made by Mrs. Amy Grandy and Mrs. Amelia Hurst. They chose to use the same colors as the SAR flag.



Utah SAR Color Guardsmen Doug McGregor, Josh Elliott, Gregg Hansen, and Trent Grandy (UTSAR President) at morning flag raising ceremony

The wreath brought many compliments from the park guests and served as a conversation piece to explain that many of the settlers and pioneers to Utah were descendants of Revolutionary War patriots whom they remembered with respect and gratitude.

The color guard provided the morning flag raising ceremony, as well as the late afternoon retrieval of the flag. They paraded up and down Main Street and led the park in a moment of silence for the men and women who gave their all for the preservation of freedom. The park graciously provided lunch to Utah SAR participants and free park passes to their family members.

Welcome New Member!

We are happy to welcome the following new compatriots of the Utah Society SAR:

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| • Jeffery James McKenna | Santa Clara, UT |
| • Royce H. Veater | Alpine, UT |
| • Jaron David Halford | West Valley City, UT |
| • Layne Allen Keli'i Hill | Bountiful, UT |

WELCOME!



Utah SAR President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots and Associates,

Well first, please allow me to introduce myself as your newly elected Society President. I was born in American Fork, Utah. Shortly thereafter my family moved to Idaho, where I was reared on a small ranch in the Teton Valley area. Soon after my wife and I were married, we moved to Utah to complete our educations. I graduated from Weber State with a criminal justice degree and took a job as a guard at the Utah State Prison. I then went on to be a crime scene specialist for Salt Lake City Police Dept., and finally as a Forensic Scientist at the Utah State Crime Lab. I recently retired from there with a total of 29 years of public service to the state of Utah.



Utah SAR President Trent Grandy

While growing up in Teton Valley, we lived near my maternal grandfather, who was a very proud patriot of our country. This patriotism carried over to my brother Regan and me in our formative years. So much so that only a few years ago he and I, along with our mother, took a trip back east to find the origins of our ancestors who came from the New England area. During this trip, not only did we see many wonderful sites where our maternal ancestors came from, but we also got to see many of the sites from our country's revolutionary history. We also met some of our family members whose ancestors had remained in the east, while our part of the family immigrated west. In talking with them we learned that they were part of a "revolutionary son's society", and we desired to join as well. Thus we were able to make the connection to this wonderful society.

It has been an amazing ride so far and we have had the privilege of participating in some wonderful events and engaging with some great compatriots and friends. I would particularly wish to thank our immediate past President Bill Simpson, and all those with whom I've been privileged to serve during the past few years, for their dedication to the cause. We have some amazing individuals in our midst, and I would like to encourage those of you who can see your way clear, to get involved. We have need of many helping hands in our society, and we would love to have you be a part of it.

Utah Society SAR Officers

Trenton G. Grandy, President
Douglas R. McGregor, 1st Vice President
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Gary A. England, Recording Secretary
Paul D. Nichols, Registrar / Genealogist
Wade C. Alexander, Chaplain
Regan G. Grandy, EdD., Historian
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For Utah Patriot Newsletter contributions please contact our Utah Patriot Editor.

To join our Facebook group go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/utahsocietysar>

One additional thing that I wish to mention is the upcoming National Congress. It is being held in Washington state this year, and this will be my first time attending. I am so excited, and wish to invite any who can, to attend with me. Usually they are held back east, but this is a chance to go to one a little closer to home. It should be a great time!

Now, for some final thoughts. I am currently very concerned for our nation. In the past few years, our country has seen much turmoil. Removing statues of historical figures, attempting to rewrite historical facts to fit agendas, the denigration of law enforcement, burning and looting. I don't need to recount all the upset that has happened in our country over the last while, but suffice it to say that our nation has been under attack. Obviously our nation is not perfect, but it was our Founding Fathers that had the novel idea to return to us our freedoms, so that we could grow as a nation, and build on what they had started. In particular my concern is for our youth, who are receiving a slanted view of our nation and its origins. I believe one of our main goals should be to remind the public, particularly the youth, of our past and its significance as it pertains to our freedoms. It's troubling to me that those freedoms of which our ancestors fought so hard to secure, are being eroded away, and if allowed to, will be erased forever. We must do all we can, to see that this does not happen! I am committed to reversing this trend to the best of my ability, and hope that I can rely on your help as well.

In closing, I thank you all for your involvement in such a noble organization. I hope you will be patient with me as I attempt to fill the large shoes that have gone before me. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the wonderful members of our board, and getting to know those of you that I currently haven't had the pleasure of meeting. Until then, may the Lord bless and keep you and our nation!

Yours in Liberty,

Trent Grandy
 President, Utah SAR



Events Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Utah SAR events, subject to current pandemic restrictions

7/2 - Naturalization Ceremony at SCERA Park Theater, Orem @ 2:30 p.m.

7/4 - Independence Day

7/5 - Independence Day Observed - Color Guard at This is the Place Heritage Park - Flag Raising 10:30 a.m., and Declaration of Independence reading at Utah State Capitol 12:00 noon

7/10-15 - 131st Annual Congress - Renton, WA

9/17 - Constitution Day

9/18 - Freedom's Light - Bountiful Park, Bountiful, UT, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

11/11 - Veterans Day

Look for various announcements, emails regarding these events and don't forget to check the Utah SAR website for details.

Annual SAR Congress:

2022 - Savannah, GA

2023 - Florida

2024 - Pennsylvania

HOW TO CONTACT US:

Do you have an interest, a request or need? Please go to the website: www.UtahSocietySAR.org; In the menu bar click "Contact Us". You can copy and paste the Secretary's email address in your email "To", and send your message. If you have a Yahoo or Gmail email you can click the email address in blue to send an email.