



Utah Society
Sons of the American
Revolution

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Mark Your Calendars!

This year's Constitution Day, Wednesday, September 17th, promises to be extra special. Stay tuned for more information.

Utah Patriot

Spring 2014

UTSSAR Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet

The Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution gathered for its annual awards and recognition banquet on April 26, 2014 at the West Valley Centennial Park, West Valley City, UT. Those who attended enjoyed a great meal, fabulous entertainment, and were educated on the lives of several American Revolutionaries whose images survive today.

The evening was called to order by President E. Layton Patterson, and the invocation was offered by Chaplain Paul L. Child, Sr. The UTSSAR Color Guard presented the colors; Bill Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone joined in singing the first and fourth verses of our National Anthem. Trenton G. Grandy led the reciting of The American's Creed.

During the UTSSAR Membership meeting held before the banquet a new board of officers was elected, which includes: Regan Grandy, President; Douglas McGregor, 1st Vice President; Trenton G. Grandy, 2nd Vice President; Larry D. Florence, Secretary/Treasurer; Eric D. Richhart, Registrar/Genealogist; E. Layton Patterson, Chaplain; Bill Simpson, Historian; Dr. Paul L. Child, Sr., National Trustee; and Joe Harris, Alternate Trustee.



UTSSAR Officers: Bill Simpson, Paul Child, Larry Florence, Eric Richhart, Trent Grandy, Regan Grandy, Doug McGregor, Layton Patterson (Not Pictured).

Also during the membership meeting, the following patriots were honored for their years of service:

For 40 years: William G. Lapsley and Tracy D. Smith

For 30 years: Miles "Cap" Y. Ferry and Steven B. Watrous

For 25 years: Mark W. Cannon

For 20 years: Daniel M. Gwin

For 15 years: Harold M. Elliott and Charles W. Schaffer, III

For 10 years: Gene P. Butler and James L. Downing

For 5 years: Richard B. Anderson, Peter K. Bradish, Norman J. McGregor, Brian L. Taylor and David M. Wilkins

After eating a delicious dinner catered by Majestic Grill, award medals and certificates were presented to the following individuals:

Sharon Patterson, wife of outgoing UTSSAR President Layton Patterson, received the Martha Washington Medal for the immeasurable support she's provided to the UTSSAR Color Guard and Regiment 1776.



Sheriff James O. Tracy, Utah County, Utah, was awarded the Law Enforcement State Medal. Sheriff Tracy was unable to attend due to the duties of his office, but will be presented to him at an appropriate time.



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Landon Weeks, of Ogden, received several noteworthy honors which included: National Society Sons of the American Revolution Essay, 3rd place; and winner of the Ogden Chapter, SAR/Trapper Trails Council WSU Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Landon has also received numerous awards and recognition for his musical talents, which he shared with us as he played the piano and sang several musical numbers.



The JROTC State Medal was awarded to **Dakota Fiske**, who was unable to attend due to a conflict with a JROTC activity.

Our guest speaker this year, **Joseph M. Bauman, Jr.**, author of the e-book, Don't Tread on Me: Photographs and Life Stories of American Revolutionaries, he shared with us some of the stories from his book and the daguerreotype images he's collected of several veterans of our war for independence. Daguerreotype photography (daguerreotype) was introduced in 1839, 50 years after the end of the American Revolution, by which time, many of those who fought for independence were no longer living. So it was quite remarkable for Mr. Bauman to have in his possession six of these images to share with us.



As a part of our meeting a new member to the UTSSAR was sworn in and presented with their rosettes. Robert Gunderson is shown here with Layton Patterson, Doug McGregor, William Teter (VP General, Intermountain District), Lyle Gingery, and Gregg M. Hansen.



Meet Our New UTSSAR President - Regan G. Grandy

Regan G. Grandy was born in Teton Valley, Idaho but graduated from high school in Alaska after a family move. He's had the opportunity to complete two different internships for a U.S. Senator on Capitol Hill. His college studies began at Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho and were interrupted by a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in Oakland, California. At Ricks he completed an Associates' of Arts



and Science degree in Natural Science. After his marriage to his wife, Amy, they moved to Pocatello, Idaho where he completed three degrees: Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education; Masters of Natural Science in Geology; and Doctorate in Educational Leadership. During this time, he and his wife were blessed with two sons: Cameron and Kaledon.

With his education behind him, Regan began working for the Pocatello School District as a grant writer, but after three years he was enticed to move to Logan, Utah to work for a private company as a grant evaluator. In this position he has travelled the U.S. extensively in helping school districts implement grant-funded programs. He says his "job is in helping school districts

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collect, analyze, report on and improve educational programs."

Regan's interest in joining the Sons of the American Revolution began as a result of one of his trips to New York, where by "an absolute miracle, [he] located a branch of [his] maternal line, and was impressed to hear that one of them had been associated with the color guard of the Empire State Sons of the American Revolution." After doing some research, he discovered that there was a Sons of the American Revolution in Utah **AND** that the UTSSAR had a color guard, which sealed the deal for him to ultimately seek membership. He says that he is honored to be "considered amongst the ranks of fine patriots, such as yourselves."

Besides being an active member of the UTSSAR Color Guard, President Grandy has served as 2nd Vice President and is currently working with other members of the board to revise and update the state's website. We look forward to his leadership over this next year.



UTSSAR Reaches Out to Elementary Students in St. George

On April 7, 2014, Gail and Joe Harris represented the Utah Society at the Panorama Elementary School's annual re-enactors display day. Fourth and fifth grade students were schooled by the Harris couple on aspects of America's only war for independence. Period display items, accompanied by educational explanations about colonial life, were well received by the students and members of the school's teaching staff.



Gail Harris talks with students from the Panorama Elementary School in St. George about life during colonial times.



UTSSAR Color Guard, Regiment 1776, & UT Long Rifle Association at Fort Buenaventura

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Concord Hymn" (1837)

On April 19, 2014 the UTSSAR Color Guard, Regiment 1776, and the Utah Long Rifle Association were at Fort Buenaventura, located west of downtown Ogden, UT, for an event to commemorate the "Shot Heard Around the World", where they also



participated in the presentation of the colors and a flag ceremony. The column of soldiers with the color guard paused as they marched around the

lake, they fired one volley from their muskets and continued on over a scenic bridge on their journey to the old fort. Along the way another volley was fired by the Utah Long Rifle Association as they drew near the fort. The picture above includes (L/R): Lyle Gingery, Asael Horne, Benjamin Horne, Corbin LeBaron, DJ Bissell, Conrad Anderson, Jake Eisenminger, Layton Patterson, Preston Jensen, Dr. Regan Grandy, Trent Grandy, Dave Berger, and Doug McGregor.



Color guard member and 1st VP,

Douglas McGregor, spoke to those who had gathered for the event to explain the significance of April 19th with these words.

"Paul Revere and others rode through the night calling out The British are coming! the British are coming!" to warn the people to prepare. On this day on April 19, 1775 the farmers and settlers of Lexington faced the British army on the village green. The odds were 10 to 1, but the brave farmers stood



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their ground. The British major ordered the patriots to disburse. After a moment's hesitation, a shot was fired. A cloud of musket smoke soon covered the field. When the brief battle was over, eight Americans were dead and ten were wounded. The British then marched on to Concord, but this time hundreds of armed patriots were waiting, and the British were driven back to Boston. The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first battles of the American



Revolution. After eight years of bloodshed, the Revolutionary War gave birth to a land of liberty...the independent and free United States of America. Americans throughout the years have remembered and honored these brave patriots who faced a mighty army and stood firm for liberty and freedom. Today we commemorate this remarkable event in the history of our nation.

Thank God for the Patriots of the American Revolution...thank God for Liberty!"

Call for Volunteers for Liberty Trek! Patriots of Liberty Take Notice!

The UTSSAR, partnering with The Constitution Day Committee of Utah, and the Trapper Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America have united to create a weekend event that teaches scouts about the meaning of liberty. Scouts who attend will dis-

cover the significance of liberty and freedom through reenactments of prominent Founding Fathers. They'll meet Pilgrim Forefather Wil-

liam Bradford and family; Reverend Muhlenberg, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and the Father of our Country, George Washington. They'll also participate in fun and inspiring activities, stretching over two days, that teach the values of Private Virtue, Public Virtue, and the Founders' Controls to Preserve Liberty.

An exciting evening is planned with special guest speakers, including a WWII Veteran, and musical entertainment. On Saturday morning, the UTSSAR and Venturing Crew—Regiment 1776—are scheduled to present a flag ceremony wearing exact replica Continental Hunting Frock and Regulars' uniforms, with drums and fife, cannon, and flintlock muskets from the American Revolutionary War.

Members of the Trapper Trails Council are very excited to be the first BSA council in Utah to have their scouts experience the Liberty Trek. Organizers of Liberty Trek are very hopeful that, with success, other BSA councils in Utah will want to have their scouts experience the Liberty Trek. Liberty Trek for the Trapper Trails Council will be held September 5-6 at Fort Buenaventura in Ogden, Utah. As many as 3,000 scouts are expected to attend. The Utah Society Board of Managers is asking for volunteers to help do the preparation work for the activities the scouts will participate: help support the UTSSAR recruitment booth; to help with the food serving and cleaning, help with care and comfort of the actors portraying the Founding Fathers and many other service opportunities. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer and assist with making Liberty Trek a success. If you are willing and able to help, please give your name and contact information to our Utah Society Secretary/Treasurer Larry Florence at lfloresancesar@gmail.com or 801 968-6136.



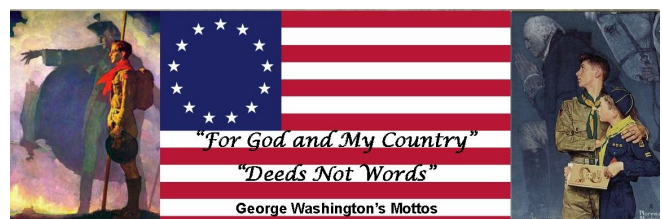
There was no sacrifice too great for liberty

Liberty Trek - September 5-6
"For God and My Country"
"Deeds Not Words"
 — Mottos of George Washington
UNITE WITH YOUR FELLOW SCOUTS FOR LIBERTY!

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UTSSAR's New Members

Eric Richhart (UTSSAR Registrar/Genealogist) reports that since the fall newsletter the following individuals have become members of the UTSSAR. In addition he reported at the May board of officers meeting that there are approximately 13 new member applications pending with National and he is currently working on another 16 applications. If you know someone who shows interest in becoming a member, please contact him at refoals1@msn.com.



Name

Ancestor

Karl Lawrence Greenwood	Willard Bell
Roy Allen Purkiss	Josph McCluskey
Stephen Ray Petty	Ebenezer Petty
Warren Kirkland Graham	Richard Allison
Edmund George Fischer	Charles Blandford Sr.
Harvey Joe Longhurst	Joseph Wallace
Charles Augustus Davis	Oliver Davis Sr.
Robert James Gunderson	Gabriel Williams
Michael Lynn Deamer	Asa Adams
Andrew Park Borrowman	John Dillard
Johnathan David Borrowman	John Dillard
Keith Lorus Borrowman, II	John Dillard
Matthew Dillard Borrowman	John Dillard
Jeremiah Christian Borrowman	John Dillard
Douglas Evans DeVore, II	John Nebeker
David Matthew Wilkins (transferred in)	Thomas Wilkins

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Use the contact information included above if you have questions for our Secretary/Treasurer or Registrar/Genealogist (membership questions). If you have something to add to our newsletter, contact our Historian.

President's Message

My Fellow Compatriots,

First I would like to welcome all the new members listed on the left-column of this page. I hope that you feel welcome to participate in the many annual activities and opportunities in which to be involved. And to returning members, a big thank you for years of commitment and service. You are so appreciated.



It is truly humbling to be serving as the president of your Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution. At the same time, it excites me to think of all the good the UTSSAR has done and all the potential it yet has. Truly it is a diamond in the making and a golden nugget of opportunity.

While much has been done through UTSSAR over the years, there is still much to be done in the perpetuation of the ideals of the war for independence that brought about the American Revolution. There are current generations, and those yet unborn, who depend on us—as Sons of the American Revolution—to help them not forget the origins of America's liberty.

Whatever your interests are—revolutionary history; freedom and liberty; founding documents; Founding Fathers and mothers; scouting; genealogy or family history; or military service—there are many ways for you to be involved with the UTSSAR. I welcome your hand of support in growing and sustaining this worthwhile organization through historical, educational, or patriotic means.

Whether young or old; attending school or graduated, working or retired; living in northern or southern Utah; I call on each of you to help nourish and breath vitality into each of the chapters. It is my hope that by the end of my presidency we will have active and vibrant chapters in every major area of Utah. This can be done with your help and support.

So, please, get out and support your local chapters and offer your interests and talents. Make every meeting fun, interesting, and worthwhile. And be on the constant lookout for ways to share the SAR ideals in your community or area. Together we can do our part to keep the cause of liberty and the American Revolution alive.

Regan G. Grandy, UTSSAR President



Picture Montage

