



Utah Society
Sons of the American
Revolution

Utah Patriot

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Celebrate America - Awards and Recognition Program

Saturday May 16 brought together an extraordinary group of people to be recognized and honored for their devotion to liberty and love of country.

After a delicious meal catered by Majestic Grill, the audience was introduced to a few



very distinguished people: **Utah Regent Mrs. Judy D. Barking** received the **SAR Medal of Appreciation**

and shared an uplifting message concerning the DAR and liberty.

Mrs. Amy Grandy received the **Martha Washington Medal** for her consistent and significant support of the State society's programs.



Kaledon G. Grandy received the **Outstanding Citizenship Pin** for his consistently obtaining a 4.0 GPA, being on the honor role, and conceiving, directing, filming and creating the 2014 Shot Heard Round the World color guard promotional video.



Cadet Major Rosalyn Carlisi was recognized for being the winner of the **State JROTC Medal**; she also was chosen by National SAR as the first place winner of the National JROTC

contest.

Paul L. Child Sr., who has coordinated the Utah SAR Eagle Scout contest for many years, introduced



and awarded **Addison Weeks** the **State Eagle Scout** trophy and scholarship. Addison earned all of the BSA merit badges, and placed fifth in the National Eagle Scout Contest.

Weber County Sheriff Terry L. Thompson, who won his second term in office unopposed,



was awarded the **State Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**. He has twenty-five years in law enforcement, having served in virtually every position within the Sheriff's department and is a strong proponent of unalienable rights and liberty.

The audience listened as the Sheriff shared his inspiring remarks concerning the Constitution, duty and honor.

This year the Board of Managers determined that **Mrs. Kathryn Ann Smith** should receive the **Silver Good Citizenship Medal**. An impressive list of accomplishments was read to the audience, which demonstrated Mrs. Smith's many years of patriotic service to the State of Utah and her community. Her expressions of gratitude and remarks added to the patriotic feeling of the meeting.





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After the presentation of the awards, the audience stood and sang the first and fourth verses of My Country Tis of Thee.

Everyone was then favored with an incredible presentation from **Farley M. Anderson** who portrayed himself as Benjamin Franklin.



"Franklin" told the story of the miraculous creation of fifteen paintings, beautiful and impressive works of art that told the story of significant miracles that occurred during the Revolutionary War.

"Franklin's" message was God is the author of our liberty and freedom, God preserved and protected the Revolutionary War patriots and brought about America's independence. For liberty and freedom to live, each of us must do our part to protect and defend the great gift Providence has given us.

"Franklin" was filled with enthusiasm, spoke with passion, and conveyed convincingly his love of country, liberty and the freedom



that each of us enjoys. The original paintings were remarkable, and Mr. Anderson's presentation was inspiring, causing a deeper appreciation for the unalienable rights that belong to all mankind, but were established in America. Many commented how richly rewarded and blessed they felt for having attended.

Utah SAR Annual Officer Elections and Member Recognition - May 16

For the 2015-2016 year the following were elected to the Utah SAR Board of Managers:

President: Douglas R. McGregor

Vice President: Trent C. Grandy

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry D. Florence

Historian: William P.C. Simpson

Genealogist/Registrar: Eric D. Richhart

Our National Trustee is: Paul L. Child Sr., and Alternate Trustee is: Joe E. Harris



Board Of Managers for 2015-16 Swearing In from left to right: Eric Richhart, Bill Simpson, Larry Florence, Trenton Grandy, Douglas McGregor

This year several Utah SAR members were recognized for their service to our State society with the **Roger Sherman Medal**. This medal began in 2013 and may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered faithful significant service to their chapter, state society, or to the National Society over multiple years. This medal permits the awarding of oak leaf clusters for subsequent service, from when the medal was first awarded. This year's recipients were: **Paul L. Child Sr.**, **Larry D. Florence**, **Eric D. Richhart** for three or more years of service to the Board of Managers, and **Lyle C. Gingery**, **Gregg M. Hansen**, and **Jason I. Henderson** for two or more years service to the Utah SAR's Venturing Crew--Regiment 1776, and **Joe E. Harris** for two or more years service as an Alternative Trustee.



The **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** began in 1895 and recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. Recipient's were **Regan G. Grandy** for volunteer service to the Cub Scout program and Bear River Health Department, representing Cache and Rich Counties, to help them understand what a community can do to achieve drug free communities; **Bill Simpson** for twenty years of service as an outstanding teacher of Business Computer Technology for middle and high schools, adult education and junior colleges; and **Trenton C. Grandy** for 25 years of Scouting serving in various volunteer positions including Scout Master, assistant Scout Master and providing leadership to various committees and Scouting endeavors.

Douglas R. McGregor was awarded the **Patriot Medal** for his faithful service to the Utah Society since 2006, his significant contributions to the Liberty Trek program and various patriotic programs he has written and performed.

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The *State Distinguished Service Medal* was awarded to **E. Layton Patterson** for his many significant contributions to the Board of Managers, coordinating the color guard, being an assistant advisor to Regiment 1776, and many donations including 12 flag stands, a hat steam box, two replica period tables, and more.

Color guard service certificates for those who fulfilled the 50% requirement and certificates of appreciation were awarded.

Years of service certificates were awarded to the following Compatriots:

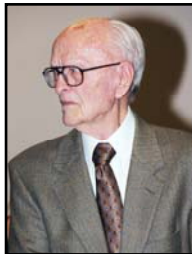
45 Years: E. K. Walling

40 Years: Michael R. Hale

35 Years: Rodney H. Brady, Paul T. Meyers Jr.

30 Years: William J. Tunks II

10 Years: Spencer W. Simons, Amos L. Wright



Spencer W. Simons

5 Years: David R. Berger, Earon A. Fairbourn, Larry D. Florence, Lyle C. Gingery, E. Layton Patterson, Dakota L. M. Richhart, Thomas J. Wells

Do you know of a deserving person? Someone that should be recognized by the Utah SAR? Submit your recommendation between February 1 and March 31 of 2016 to the Secretary/Treasurer for consideration by the Awards and Recognition committee



Washington Remembered!

On March 20, 2015 The Utah SAR, in partnership with the Utah DAR and the Constitution Day Committee of Utah' held a celebration of George Washington's Birthday and commemorated the 240th year since the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Gerald Hasty, CDC of UT Treasurer, offered the invocation, the Utah SAR color guard presented the colors and the audience sang My Country Tis of Thee, accompanied by Judy Barking, Utah DAR Regent. Bill Simpson, Utah SAR Historian, led the audience in saying the American's Creed.

Utah Society President Regan Grandy, Utah DAR Regent Judy Barking, and Gerald Hasty offered greetings and brief remarks. Vickie Fuller, representing the DAR, offered a beautiful prayer blessing the food. The delicious dinner, catered by Ma-

jestic Grill, featured hand-rubbed, seasoned' smoked pot roast and grilled chicken breasts marinated in Majestic Grill's secret sauce. Talk about finger lick'n good! The desert featured home-made cakes that were moist and scrumptious with ice cream!

After the dinner, the audience was treated to a foot stomping, hand clapping performance of music performed by the Utah Old Time Fiddlers: Doug Anderson, Darrell Rector, Ted and Sandy Shupe, Lexie Stoker, Mark and Helen Watts, A.J. Wright (13-yr old boy) and Becky Wright (A.J.'s aunt). The audience was delighted to hear the sounds of harmonica, fiddle, guitar, base, and other "old time" musical instruments playing tunes or the singing of ballads. A sample of their performance included: Redwing, Golden Slippers, Whoa Ha Buck and Jerry Boy, Wreck of the Old 97, Ashokan Farewell and Orange Blossom Special.

Following the Old Time Fiddlers, the audience stood and welcomed His Excellency General George Washington.

Washington was portrayed by Gary VanDolzer, an accomplished actor and performer. VanDolzer, with the exception of shoe size, is nearly identical to Washington in height, weight, and size. His uniform, a replica of Washington's uniform, on display at the Smithsonian, and his clear and distinctive voice caused many to think that the Father of our Country was actually speaking to them. Among his remarks, "Washington" said,

"Having liberty requires courage, it requires fortitude and vigilance in remembering and doing. Remember who you are---not hyphenated Americans, not members loyal to any political party nor to any man's whims, but to the principles and the ideals that have created and sustained this miracle we call America. Remember, as John Adams said, that: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." And Adams colleague when the Declaration of Independence was signed, Dr. Benjamin Rush, reminds us, "The only foundation for... a republic is to be laid in Religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments." The American people cannot compro-



Members of the Utah DAR with His Excellency



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mise on morality and virtue and expect long to be free, for men will be governed by God or by tyrants; there is no other choice! Remember that the gift of liberty comes with a price. It continues only so long as those blessed by liberty do the simple things liberty requires. And you can believe that God will not abandon those who uphold liberty! Liberty will live; believe in America and in yourself."



A hero was made of Washington by this young man at the banquet program.

VanDolzer received a standing ovation from all in attendance. After his performance, those in attendance were invited to have a picture taken with General Washington, standing in front of a back drop of Revolutionary War flags. One compatriot who has been coming to the UTSSAR's patriotic events for many years remarked, "Of all the years I have been a member, and all the programs I've attended, this one was clearly the best!"

Students Learn From The American Revolution

The night before, the school stage was decorated with twelve flags of the American Revolution. At 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 20th, over 800 Marriott-Slaterville, Utah, Venture Academy students from kindergarten to the eighth grade filled the auditorium. Drum and fife music greeted them as they took their seats.

Brett McAllister and Brett Cragun, the school's history and social studies teachers, welcomed the students and their teachers, and introduced, from the Utah SAR, Lyle Gingery and Doug McGregor dressed in Continental Army uniforms. The students said the Pledge of Allegiance and then participated in a dramatic presentation that explained events leading to the "Shot Heard Round the World." Students heard the stirring words of Patrick Henry, concluding with his immortal words, "Give me liberty or give me death!"



Eight students stood and faced the filled auditorium and were told, "Imagine you are the farmers on the village green at Lexington; you are outnumbered ten to one by the British Army. Would you be afraid? Would you have the courage to stand for liberty?" A distinctive "ahhh" filled the auditorium as the girls and boys realized the farmers' situation. Students learned about the Battle of Bunker Hill, Washington's commission as Commander-in-Chief, and were told of the meaning of the flags that stood proudly on the school stage.



The assembly ended with the students and their teachers singing a patriotic song. Afterwards, several of the students came on stage to thank the presenters and share their positive feelings about the program.

Update from Vice-President General Joe Harris (Utah SAR)

The Montana Society (Montana SAR) is responsible for the Intermountain District vice-president general (VPG) for 2015 – 2016. At its April annual meeting in Helena, the MTSSAR membership nominated John Robinson to replace me as Intermountain District VPG. John, a resident of Big Timber, Montana, is a seasoned SAR compatriot. He has had the privilege of serving in the Florida, North Carolina, and New Mexico Societies. John Robinson will be elected by the national trustees and installed during the 125th Congress.



John currently serves as the MTSSAR registrar.

In keeping with the district's rotation, the Utah Society is responsible for the VPG nomination for 2016 – 2017.

I wish to draw your attention to Compatriot Bill Stone's (ALSSAR) article beginning on Page 6 in the Winter Edition (Vol. 109, No. 3) of The SAR Magazine. Here he clearly articulates the intent of the SAR Education Center that – when fully developed – will assist state societies and chapters with their local educational goals.



President's Message

My Fellow Compatriots,

On May 16th I was given the honor of taking the oath of office to become your 2015-16 president. I am following Regan Grandy who has done an outstanding job as our most recent president. During the year that Regan served, he worked diligently with the internet committee to develop and inaugurate our new website:



www.UtahSocietySAR.org. This website has brought us into the modern age with a tool that greatly enhances our ability to inform, educate, and promote our values of liberty and patriotism. Regan ensured that the Board of Managers met monthly to efficiently conduct society business, represented the society with distinction at various meetings and events, and is a faithful member of the color guard.

In 2014 the Utah SAR formed a partnership with the Constitution Day Committee of Utah and the Trapper Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, to provide a Friday night, Saturday program called Liberty Trek. Over 1,200 Scouts attended to learn what liberty is and why liberty matters. If you will go to the UtahSocietySAR.org website, click the Scouting tab and then the Liberty Trek tab, and open the presentation link, you will see and understand why this is such a significant program for our youth.

I acknowledge and give thanks to Trent Grandy, Larry Florence, Bill Simpson, and Eric Richhart who have volunteered to continue service as members of the Board of Managers. I appreciate Paul Child for many years of service, his love of Scouting and willingness to serve another term as our National Trustee. We are blessed to have VPG Joe Harris living in the great state of Utah, and to have access to his wisdom and many years of experience as a compatriot of the SAR, serving as our Alternate Trustee.

I thank the active members of the Utah SAR color guard: Lyle, Layton, Dave, Gregg, Trent, Reagan, Ben and Ace. Many in Utah have been inspired to remember and consider what you represent by your patriotic performances. And a special thanks to Lyle, Gregg, Layton and Jason who have done double duty in leading and supporting our Venturing Crew--Regiment 1776, and to Kit Workman for his generous assistance in providing the Crew a meeting place.

As I recently celebrated my parents 80th birthdays, I found myself contemplating the precious gift of time. It occurred to me that it would do well for each of us to think of how we choose to spend our allotted time. It has been said that the Christian reli-

gion cannot exist without liberty. Liberty and Christianity go hand-in-hand; one cannot be without the other. As we witness, through television or the Internet, the persecution and slaughter of Christians in the Middle East, we realize that this is possible because the country in which they live is void of liberty. To Thomas Jefferson is attributed: "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." We rightly give our time to attend and support our church or synagogue, we give our time to the nurturing of our family; for many the greatest amount of time is spent in maintaining and building a career to provide necessities and enjoyments of life. There are hobbies we may take pleasure in, sports we live for, many, many things that take from our time to bring us the satisfaction and fulfillment we seek.

Of course, all of these things are possible because we in America have liberty, we have freedom. Our Founding Fathers, and the other patriots of the American Revolution valued the attainment of liberty and their freedom so strongly, that they fought a war for eight years to gain it. If we value what they won for us, should we not be engaged in some activity to preserve the blessings of liberty? Please consider dedicating some of your time to helping the Utah SAR to educate, to inspire, to persuade our fellow citizens of the importance of doing our part so that liberty and freedom will not perish, but shall remain an immutable force for good upon this land. My thanks and prayers to each of you.

Douglas McGregor
President, Utah SAR

Dixie Educational Outreach

On Friday, April 17, 2015, Gail and Joe Harris, representing



the Utah SAR, presented short classes at the Panorama Elementary School's annual Living History day. Students from Washington (Washington County), Utah were

schooled by the Harris couple on aspects of the Revolutionary War period (1775 – 1783). Period display items, accompanied by short history lessons, about early American life were taught to the fourth and fifth grade students.





Service for Utah DAR

April 24, Members of the Color Guard supported the annual Utah Daughters of the American Revolution Membership meeting by providing the presentation of the colors. Gregg Hansen, Regan Grandy, Trent Grandy and Doug McGregor were in attendance. Regan Grandy, in his role as President of the Utah Society SAR remained for dinner and offered remarks. This was a very special year for the Utah DAR, as they were celebrating the 125th anniversary of the DAR's founding. Attending as their special guest was DAR President General Lynn Young, who shared the many exciting developments occurring within the DAR. PG Young congratulated the Utah DAR for participating in an impressive 44 naturalization ceremonies last year.



One of the meetings highlights was the presentation of the DAR Americanism Award to Mr. James Poon. James was born in Vietnam. As the Vietnam war progressed and the family's situation grew more precarious, his family moved to Laos to escape the Communist takeover. He worked for a newspaper until the Communists invaded Laos. James told his family he could not live where there was no freedom. He left his home and lived three years in Thailand in a refugee camp. Eventually he was able to find a way to America, where he has spent many years helping refugees to assimilate and become Americans. After accepting his award, he told the audience what a privilege it is to have freedom, and how grateful he was to be living in America.

New Member Report

Eric Richhart (UTSSAR Registrar/Genealogist) reports that since January 1, 2015 the following individuals have become members of the Utah SAR. If you know someone who shows interest in becoming a member, please contact him at refoals1@msn.com.



Name

Cameron Earl Hatch
 Justus William Wright
 Michael Austin Berger
 Gary Allen England
 Kevin William Hoffmeier
 Isaac Joshua Robinson, JR Member
 Luke Shumway Robinson, JR Member
 Jasen Carl Sandberg, JR Member
 Eli Michael Robinson, JR Member

Name

Joshua Michael Robinson
 Michael Merlvin Robinson
 Kevan Quilter Bybee
 Gary Russell Robinson

Do You Know? - Fred Weeks Quiz

1. Name the designer of the American flag.
He is a SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.
2. Name the man who wrote our National Anthem.
3. Name the man who wrote our Pledge.
4. Name the man who wrote "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
5. Name the "Swamp Fox."
6. Now what does the name "Francis" mean?

Answers: 1. Francis Hopkinson, 2. Francis Scott Key, 3. Francis Bellamy, 4. Samuel el Francis Smith, 5. Francis Marion, 6. Francis means FREEDOM!

Photo Gallery

