



Utah Society  
Sons of the American  
Revolution

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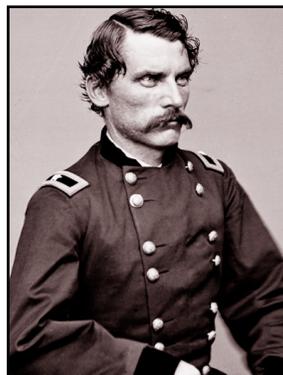
# Utah Patriot

Spring 2016

## Remembering A Great Legacy

Our Founding Fathers, having lived under a monarchy and knowing the world's history of governments, dared to dream of independence, of creating a country where all men would have liberty, a land where all people would have freedom. They risked their very lives, being branded traitors by the crown, to separate themselves from tyranny. After eight long years of severe conflict and war, the United States of America was born. As the nation added states, endured a four year Civil War, and the population of America grew, a group of men who revered the Founding Fathers, the America Revolution, The Declaration of Independence, and our Constitutional Republic determined to form an organization that would venerate those patriots who lived and died to establish liberty. This honoring of the patriots would come through a genealogical bond that would perpetuate the remembrance of who they were and what they did. The organization would value liberty and patriotism. This organization is The Sons of the American Revolution.

Patriotic men living in the Territory of Utah learned about this organization that was formed in 1889. So it was that, in 1895, an application was made and Utah was granted a charter to become a Society within the Sons of the American Revolution. Our first Utah Society President was Civil War veteran General William Henry Penrose. He died of typhoid fever at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 29, 1903 and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife, Harriet Elizabeth Penrose (1836-1920) is buried with him.



General William Henry Penrose  
March 10, 1832 - August 29, 1903  
([www.arlingtoncemetery.net](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net))

Ten years had not passed and the Utah SAR had

grown to many members. In 1914 a bronze plaque was commissioned by the Utah SAR membership to commemorate the construction of Utah's new State Capitol Building. The plaque was inscribed, "A Tribute To The Heroes of the American Revolution who by their loyalty to principle and devotion to the cause of human rights founded the United States of America which in the year eighteen hundred and forty eight acquired that great territory of which the State of Utah is now a part. This tablet is erected by the Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." This plaque can still be seen on the first floor of the Capitol building, hanging next to a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Many prominent Utahans associated with the Utah SAR in the early years. Mormon President George Albert Smith, who was proud of his Revolutionary War ancestry, was active in the Utah Society and was elected national vice president of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1922. (Wikipedia.com)

Throughout the years Utah men of many faiths, occupations, and socioeconomic classes united together in local chapters to promote the common cause of liberty, to bring support and service to the principles and values of the American Revolution.

### But Where Are Utah's SAR Chapters today?

In the not too distant past three chapters operated within the Utah Society. They were Ogden, Provo and Salt Lake. Provisions had been made for chapters in Logan and St. George. As dedicated chapter members grew older or moved away the chapters became inactive. We believe that chapters are the best means to keep and preserve the ideals of the Sons of the American Revolution. If our efforts to maintain a Sons of the American Revolution, Utah Society succeed it will be due to the success of having fully functioning chapters. The life of the chapter is dependent on chapter leaders who have passion for patriotism and liberty. For over a year, the Board of Managers has worked to develop a "Chapter Guidebook" to offer instructions and

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guidance in forming and operating a chapter. This comprehensive manual provides the essential "how to" information for leading a Utah SAR chapter.

Where there is an active Utah SAR chapter, there is a distinctive group of men admired by their community and appreciated by their civic leaders for their efforts to help others remember the great heritage and legacy of the American Revolution. Utah SAR compatriots who spend just a couple of hours a month, many times aided by their families, can help make a difference in preserving those things which are most precious to us who are Americans.



General George Washington at Trenton  
by John Trumbull  
Yale University Art Gallery (1792)

George Washington had two personal mottos he lived by. One was "For God and My Country" the other "Deeds Not Words". Let each of us think it no sacrifice to dedicate a few hours a month in the defense and preservation of liberty. May we be men of deeds and not just men of words. God bless and help those who will choose to hold up the ideals of the Sons of the American Revolution by becoming a leader or participating member of a Utah SAR Chapter.

Do you feel a desire to serve? Please contact the Utah SAR Secretary/Treasurer and let him know.

## Utah Society Annual "Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet

Members, associates and guests of the Utah SAR gathered together to "Celebrate America" for their annual awards and recognition banquet on June 4th. Meeting at the old Pioneer Hall in West Jordan, Utah the audience enjoyed an inspiring patriotic evening. An invocation and dinner grace was offered by Chaplain Wade Alexander. After, members of the Utah SAR Color Guard: Gregg Hansen - flag bearer, Trent Grandy - drummer and Dave Berger - fifer, presented the colors, Historian Bill Simpson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He was followed by Lyn Downing who was the chorister for the National Anthem, accompanied by Landon Weeks. Vice President Trent Grandy led the audience in reciting The American's Creed; President McGregor offered a welcome and introduced distinguished guests. The banquet participants enjoyed a



Left to Right: Paula C. Hansen, Shirley J. Florence, and Lyn Downing

delicious dinner prepared by Majestic Grill Catering.

**Shirley J. Florence** and **Paula C. Hansen** were both recognized with the Martha Washington Medal for their outstanding service to the Utah SAR. **Lyn Downing** became the Utah Society's first recipient of the **Lydia Darragh** Medal for her many years of outstanding service to the Utah SAR. The audience felt a surge of pride as Major Kit Workman (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) introduced **Cadet Emily Miner** and shared her excellent qualities and accomplishments that earned Cadet



Cadet Emily Miner with parents



Addison K. Weeks with Dr. Paul Child

Miner the Utah SAR JROTC State Medal. Eagle Scout **Addison K. Weeks** --who earned every BSA merit badge possible, was introduced by National Trustee Dr. Paul Child, Sr., who also serves as the Utah SAR Eagle Scout coordinator. Addison was awarded the State Eagle Scout Award. Also honored was **Sergeant Joseph**

**Porter**, who has served 25 years as a corrections law enforcement officer. Sergeant Porter was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal for his outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the performance of his duties in the face of constant danger. Sergeant Porter received a standing ovation from the audience.



Sergeant Joseph Porter

Honorees and the audience were entertained by brothers **Landon and Addison Weeks** who played the piano and sang music from Broadway. **Mrs. Lydia Wallace**



Addison Weeks, with brother, Landon, performing a song from a new Broadway musical.

**Nuttall** concluded the meeting with her heartfelt message of why she wrote her book, "Forgotten American Stories: Celebrating America's Constitution." The audience learned that Lydia is a home schooler mom who learned about America's founding era while studying with her son. Her favorite stories became those that told of divine Providence in the lives of men and women who sacrificed to establish and preserve liberty for us to enjoy in our day. Wanting to know if children in the public schools were learning these same empowering stories, Lydia checked out every social studies textbook (K-12) in her son's school district and read them. What did Lydia discover? That little to nothing of the exciting stories of the men and women who founded America are taught in these texts. Through her personal sacrifice and effort, in 2013 the Utah State Board of Education Curriculum and Standards Committee unanimously supported her attempt to



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index the stories from her book with Utah's social studies standards so that teachers in Utah could easily use her stories for teaching required key social studies concepts to their students. Can one person make a difference? The audience learned that here is a mom from a small rural community who showed us it can be done!



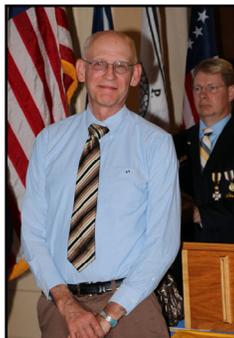
Mrs. Lydia Wallace Nuttall

What are the primary messages of Lydia's book? They are principles of freedom and liberty. If we are to preserve freedom and liberty we must with unwavering diligence apply these principles. Her book, written to school children, provides fun and interesting lessons easy to learn, but essential to know. Lydia was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her support for the cause of liberty. Lydia Nuttall received a standing ovation from the audience.

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

## Utah SAR Membership Meeting Report

Participating members of the Utah SAR convened at the Old Pioneer



Steven B. Watrous

Hall in West Jordan, Utah on Saturday, June 4th to conduct their annual State Society "business" meeting. Chaplin Wade Alexander gave the invocation, followed by Gregg Hansen as flag bearer, Trent Grandy on the drum, and Dave Berger on the fife, presenting our national colors. After the opening ceremonies, with Secretary/Treasurer Larry Florence leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Steven B. Watrous** was escorted to the podium by color guard members wearing

their Continental Army uniforms, where he took the oath of membership administered by President Douglas McGregor and, he was officially installed as a member of the Utah SAR. All members of the Board of Managers came forward to welcome Compatriot Watrous into the SAR.

Attending members were given a special "voting packet" prepared by Secretary/Treasurer Larry Florence. This included a "credential" that members could hold up to signify their yea or nay vote. Several changes to the Utah SAR Constitution were presented and unanimously adopted by the members in attendance.

The 2016-17 slate of State Officers was presented to the membership for approval. President - Douglas R. McGregor, Vice President - Trenton G. Grandy, Secretary/Treasurer - Larry D. Florence, Histori-

an - William P. C. Simpson, Registrar/ Genealogist - Eric D. Richhart, and Chaplain - Wade C. Alexander, with the retention of National Trustee - Paul L. Child Sr., and Alternate Trustee - Joe E. Harris. The proposed State officers received a unanimous vote of approval.



2016-17 Officers L/R: Larry Florence, Doug McGregor, Bill Simpson, Wade Anderson, Trent Grandy, and Dr. Paul Child, Sr.

Years of Service Certificates were awarded: Thirty Years - Edwin



Frank Gagliardi Jr.—30 Years of Service— with President Doug McGregor

H. Burgoyne, Frank A. Gagliardi Jr., and Nathan E. White. Twenty Five Years - Bernard L. Allen and David S. Child. Twenty Years - Eric D. Richhart. Fifteen Years - David N. Fairbanks, Paul A. Runyon, and Jonathon R. Schuller. Ten Years - Douglas R. McGregor. Five Years - Kurtis K. Cook,

Allen L. Peterson, Leon A. Peterson, Graham H. Phelps, William P.C. Simpson, and Scott P. Swain.

**Gregg M. Hansen** was awarded the State Distinguished Service Medal. Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were presented to **James L. Downing** and **Wade C. Alexander**. Roger Sherman Medals were awarded to **David R. Berger**, **Trenton G. Grandy**, **Douglas R. McGregor**, and **William P.C. Simpson**. Roger Sherman Medal Bronze Oak Clusters went to: **Paul L. Child Sr.** **Larry D. Florence**, **Lyle C. Gingery**, **Gregg M. Hansen**, **Jason I. Henderson**, and **Eric D. Richhart**. **Regan Grandy** and **Trenton Grandy** both fulfilled National SAR requirements and were



Gregg M. Hansen

awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal. Members of the color guard were recognized with 2015 participation certificates, including **David R. Berger**, **Lyle C. Gingery**, **Regan G. Grandy**, **Trenton G. Grandy**, **Kaledon G. Grandy**, **Gregg M. Hansen** and **Douglas R. McGregor**. Special appreciation was given to **Asael W. Horne**, **Benjamin D. Horne** and **Gary L. VanDolzer** for their support and participation with the color guard. Former Utah Society President, **Layton E. Patterson**, was acknowledge for his past service to the color guard. Members of the Board for 2015-16 were given a certificate of appreciation for their service. The membership meeting adjourned and preparations were made for the banquet that followed at 6:00 p.m.



## ~ REMEMBER 1776 ~

### 1776 - 2016 Two Hundred Forty Years Ago - A Remarkable Year in American History

**January 9** - Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" is published in Philadelphia. The 50-page booklet presents a compelling argument for Independence from Great Britain. Paine finds fault with King George III and declares America's only King is God.

**March 4-17** - Under General Washington's command, the patriot forces secure Dorchester Heights, a hill that commands the Boston Harbor. Henry Knox has miraculously arrived with the captured British artillery from Fort Ticonderoga.

The cannon is strategically placed to lay siege to occupied Boston. Without firing a single shot and no loss of life, British General Howe evacuates Boston. Washington now turns his attention to the defense of New York City.



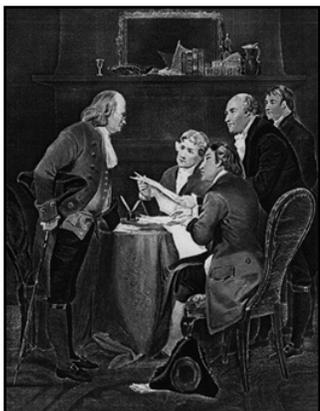
**May 2** - The Continental Congress believes their prayers have been answered when France promises arms and munitions in support of the Revolution. Spain soon follows in promising support.

**May 10** - The Continental Congress determines the King's appointed governors are to be ignored and authorizes each colony to create their own provincial government.

**June 28** - Patriot soldiers at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina turn back the British Navy and prevent them from taking Charleston.

**June 7** - "The Lee Resolution" is presented to the Continental Congress. Serving as a Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress, Richard Henry Lee calls for the congress to formally declare independence from Great Britain. Voting on this resolution is postponed.

**June 11** - Congress decides to form a committee charged with drafting a declaration of independence. John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Livingston, and Roger Sherman are chosen as the committee members. They ask Jefferson to write the first draft, which he does in one day.



The independence draft is presented to the Continental Congress for discussion and debate.

**June 28** - After seventeen days of careful deliberation, and some changes made by Franklin and Adams, the Declaration of Independence

**July 2** - "The Lee Resolution" is brought up for a vote. The Continental Congress votes in favor of independence with twelve of thirteen colonial delegations voting "yea". New York abstains.

**July 3** - General William Howe and his brother, Admiral Lord Richard Howe, sail into New York Harbor and begin an unopposed landing on Staten Island. Within days 30 war ships and 300 supply ships manned by 10,000 sailors arrive. They bring with them 1,200 cannon and 30,000 trained soldiers, including Hessian mercenaries.

**July 4** - The modified, final version of the **Declaration of Independence** is formally approved, with instructions that copies be sent to major cities in all thirteen colonies, to be read aloud. John Hancock and a few others begin to sign the proofed document.



**August 2** - The signing of the Declaration of Independence is nearly completed. Members of the Continental Congress know, in the eyes of the monarchy, they have all committed treason and are condemned men.

**July 12** - To demonstrate their resolve, two British frigates fire their guns while sailing up the Hudson River. General Howe invites General Washington to meet with his representative. Washington is offered clemency for himself and all "rebels". The offer is politely rejected.

**August 27-29** - The Battle of Long Island occurs between General Howe's 15,000 soldiers and Washington's 7,000. The patriots are defeated soundly and retreat to Brooklyn Heights. Surrounded on all sides, capture seems imminent if the patriots do not surrender first. That night an incredibly strong wind keeps the British war ships from occupying the East River. Washington calls for every available boat and begins to ferry his troops and supplies to Manhattan. As morning breaks, there are still many remaining to get across the river. A fog settles over the patriots, obstructing the view of General Howe and the British navy ships. Washington is the last person to enter a boat and be brought safely across the river. The fog lifts and the British are astonished to find the rebel troops are gone. Washington and his troops have escaped to fight another day; they give thanks to Providence for the miracle of wind and fog.





## Color Guard Gives Service to the DAR

February 20th representatives from the Utah SAR Color Guard (Gregg Hansen, Trenton Grandy, Regan Grandy, and Doug McGregor) gathered at the Presbyterian church in Salt Lake City to provide service for the Utah State Society DAR youth recognition celebration and the February 27th Vietnam Veterans Fiftieth Anniversary Commemoration. Expressing gratitude to students and veterans for both occasions, the Color Guard provided a memorial message recognizing the 284th birthday of George Washington and the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



**Vietnam Memorial Statue**  
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**Declaration of Independence Message:** *“For Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness, America’s Founding Fathers pledged their Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor. ‘That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States.’ The American Revolution exalted self-evident truths and enshrined the Creator’s endowed unalienable rights for humankind.”*



**George Washington (The Constable-Hamilton Portrait)**  
Gilbert Stuart, 1797  
{<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stuart-george-washington-constable-1797.jpg>}

**Washington Birthday Message:** *John Frost, author of the 1847 book Pictorial Life of George Washington wrote, “When in the progress of the world’s affairs, a great work is to be accomplished, the reformation of religion, the discovery of a new world . . . or the founding of a great republic, it appears to be the order of Divine Providence to raise up and prepare a great man for effecting the object. Such a man was George Washington. He was the chosen instrument for laying the foundations of the republic on whose prosperity and perpetuity the hope of human freedom rest” (p.13) Washington was the dominant personality, the indispensable man in the three most critical events of the Founding: the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention, and first national administration. There can be no doubt his life was Providentially guided and preserved for the great purpose of establishing liberty.*

## Color Guard Visits the Utah Senate

(See the video at: [UtahSocietySAR.org](http://UtahSocietySAR.org) and click [Color Guard](#) on the Menu)

The morning of February 23rd the Color Guard, joined by Utah Military Academy cadets from the American Revolution Patriots Club, presented the colors at the Utah State Capitol to the Utah Senate. Utah’s Senators and guests in the gallery were taken back in time to late July 1776 and were addressed by General George Washington (Gary VanDolzer), who shared events leading to the Declaration of Independence, and excerpts from the Declaration. The speech concluded with, “The General hopes this important event will serve as a fresh incentive to every citizen to act with Fidelity and Courage, as knowing that now the peace and safety of our Country depends (under God) solely on the success of our adherence to those principles that give life to liberty and our cherished freedoms. God bless

you, the representatives of the people, and this State. God save the United States of America.” **(Be sure to watch the video!)**



Back Row: Cadets from the Utah Military Academy stand with George Washington (aka Gary VanDolzer) Front Row Utah SAR Color Guard Members L to R: Lyle Gingery, Doug McGregor, Trent Grandy, Kaledon Grandy, Regan Grandy, Gregg Hansen (missing from photo Dave Berger, lifer)

## George Washington Banquet

The evening of February 27th the State Society held their annual



Induction of nine new members

George Washington Birthday Banquet. Nine new members were ceremoniously installed prior to the start of the banquet. Utah SAR Chaplain Wade Alexander provided the invocation and the color guard led the Pledge of Allegiance. With Regent Barking at the Piano and Mrs. Lyn Downing conduct-

ing, the audience sang four verses of *My Country Tis of Thee*, followed by Utah SAR Vice President Trenton Grandy leading the audience in reciting The American’s Creed.

The Audience was greeted by Utah State Society DAR Regent Judy Barking and Utah SAR President Douglas McGregor. Utah DAR Organizing Secretary, Vickie Fuller, gave dinner grace. The meal provided by Majestic Grill Catering was enjoyed by all. Colonel Gary Stephens U.S. Army (Ret.) gave an outstanding speech that received a standing ovation. His remarks focused on the principles of liberty and the character of George Washington. Colonel Stephens was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his service to Liberty Trek, the Utah SAR, and exceptional devotion to patriotism.



Colonel Gary Stephens U.S. Army (Ret.)

(Special thanks to Jim and Lyn Downing who graciously provided yellow and blue table cloths and beautiful new center pieces for



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table decorations, Larry and Shirley Florence, who organized the seating and arranged the speaker's podium decor, Trent Grandy for finding and reserving the Pioneer Hall in West Jordan, Bill and Sheila Simpson for their talented photography, and all those who were interested and kind to stay after the meeting and helped take down tables and chairs and clean the building. THANK YOU!



DAR Officers, Colonel Stephens, and SAR Officers

## Utah Association of Youth Councils Meet Founding Fathers

On March 12th the Utah SAR provided an original 90 minute program that featured the Utah SAR Color Guard and actors portraying Reverend Peter Muhlenberg (Mark McConkie), General George Washington (Gary VanDolzer), Dr. Benjamin Franklin (Farley Anderson), and Mr. James Madison (Scott Hill). Nearly 400 Utah Association of Youth Councils--Young people ages 14 to 18 who shadow their city mayor and council members and are community service focused--enjoyed this inspiring patriotic program as part of their annual Leadership Institute Conference held at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. The program told the story of liberty in America.

Reverend Muhlenberg reminded the youth of the Pilgrim's plight, their sacrifices, and the liberty they achieved in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Reverend quoted from several Founding Fathers and offered this summary, "So remember this great truth, my young friends: Without virtue in the people, there can be no liberty."

All stood as his Excellency General Washington came to the podium. The venerated General shared events leading to the Declaration of Independence and quoted key excerpts from this great document including: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." General Washington helped the youth to understand that the Revolutionary War was fought to preserve liberty "the Almighty has given to man unalienable rights. And it is for these rights, the defense of these rights, we have taken up arms."

Dr. Benjamin Franklin, the renowned scientist, inventor, diplomat and statesman brought nine paintings depicting events relevant to the

Revolutionary War. Two youth dressed in hunting-frock uniforms held up the pictures as Dr. Franklin spoke to their significance and meaning. He concluded by stating, "You, my young friends, are America's future. Tyrants do not want you to discover the truth of liberty. A tyrant, if you allow him, will do your thinking for you. If we had been content to let others think for us, to simply do what others told us to do, we would not have thought about freedom, we would not have believed liberty to be essential to life and happiness. But because we sought for the truth, we learned of the greatness of freedom and the blessings that can only come from liberty.

God Bless you, my young friends, in standing for liberty!"

James Madison was the concluding speaker.

Mr. Madison provided a brief overview of the main points of Reverend Muhlenberg, General Washington, and Dr. Franklin's remarks. He spoke of the importance of the Constitution and reminded the youth that the founding of America's constitutional republic was to secure the blessings of liberty. Mr. Madison said, "If there is one thing I want you to remember from your Founding Fathers, it is that America's form of government, self-governance within a republic, requires virtue in the people. The journey to virtue, in choosing and doing what's right, has never been easy nor was it meant to be. It takes constant work to be a good, virtuous person."

The entire company of the Color Guard and actors remained to accommodate the many requests for pictures from the youth in attendance. One of the youth mother's said, "my daughter told me that she wished the program would not have ended, she enjoyed it that much. Thankyou!"



L to R: Farelly Anderson, Mark McConkie, Scott Hill, Gary VanDolzer, Emma McGrath, Kaledon Grandy, Doug McGregor, Regan Grandy, Trent Grandy, Gregg Hansen, (missing Dave Berger and Lyle Gingery)

## In Memory Of...

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of the following Utah Society SAR Compatriots:

**Arthur Wesley McLaren**—October 26, 2015

**Albert Newell (Bert) Smith**—March 31, 2016

**Robert (Bob) F. Bennett** (Former US Senator from UT)—May 4, 2016

Our condolences go out to the families of these Utah Compatriots.



## Our American Revolution Heritage -- Inspiring Others!

One of the most impactful things we can do to inspire others to remember their American Revolutionary War heritage with pride and gratitude is to put on the uniform of a soldier in the Continental Army and participate in a Utah SAR Color Guard activity. It's true there are others who have acquired replica period clothing and dress up to perform, but none of them are Sons of the American Revolution. We do not say this in arrogance or to boast, it is merely a statement of fact. We of the SAR have taken the time and made the effort to link ourselves to our patriot ancestors, we have taken a membership oath and made a solemn promise "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America . . . and . . .will, at all times, conduct [ourselves] in a manner worthy of our Society. . ." We have chosen to follow in the footsteps of our patriot ancestors and, as their descendants, we uphold the principles of liberty and freedom.

The Utah SAR Color Guard began to form in 2011--the first Utah SAR Color Guard to exist. As a color guard, participating members had the distinction of presenting our nation's colors to the Utah House of Representatives, the Utah Senate and in various other capacities including Veterans Day parades, 4th of July activities, Liberty Trek, youth Patriot Camps, presentations in public schools and more. Patriotic Audiences thrill as they see the iconic uniform of the American Revolution, and witness the flag bearers, men at arms carrying flintlocks, and hear the musicians play Yankee Doodle with fife and



Utah Color Guard lead the way in the July 4, 2015 Stadium of Fire held in Provo, UT  
Photo by Jeffrey D. Allred, Deseret News

drum. We need and must have--if it is to continue--more Color Guard members. We need you to join the Color Guard! Whether you are a member of the SAR or someone who chooses to be an associate of the Utah SAR, we need your participation.

Being a member of the Color Guard is not without some benefit. For the second consecutive year the Color Guard has been invited back to the Stadium of Fire patriotic program. Those who participate receive free tickets for themselves and their immediate family. We have been invited to present the colors at a sporting event early next year. Again, free game tickets for those who are participating members of the color guard. Our Color Guard recruiter is anxious to meet you. He will help you to get into a uniform and help you learn

the simple things you will need to do to become an effective color guard member.

**DO YOU FEEL ANY DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COLOR GUARD? Please Contact Compatriot Lyle Ginery and let him know. Use the link in the Color Guard section of the [UtahSocietySAR.org](http://UtahSocietySAR.org) website or give Lyle a phone call at 801-910-8201.**

### Photo Montage



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## Sea Cadet Receives Recognition

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps - Jake Garn Squadron was commissioned in April 2014. Brigadier General and former Utah Senator



Jake Garn attended the ceremony.

The Sea Cadet organization exists to give a head start on joining the military or going to college. Depending on the rank a Sea Cadet earns, they can enter the military at an advanced paygrade and/or obtain a college scholarship for those who qualify.

Sea Cadets, ages 14-18 can

complete official U.S. Navy correspondence courses for each rank, potentially advancing every 6 months. League Cadets, ages 11-13 complete NLCC lessons in the NLCC Syllabus for each, potentially advancing every 4 months. Cadets meet monthly, currently at Hill Air Force Base.

On December 5, 2015 the NSCC Jake Garn Squadron held their annual awards and recognition banquet in Hooper, Utah. LTjg Courtney Putnam, NSCC officiated at the dinner and ceremonies. The awards ceremony began with Utah SAR President Douglas McGregor presenting the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Commander Putnam explained that this medal was the highest honor a cadet could earn within the Jake Garn Squadron. Sea Cadet Petty Officer 2 Keithlan Rojas was brought to the front of the room where he was presented with the medal certificate and had the medal pinned to his uniform.

In addition to recognizing Cadet Rojas for his attaining the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, all the cadets at the banquet were acknowledged for their patriotism and desire to be numbered among those who will stand-up in the defense of liberty and preservation of our freedoms.

## ROTC Medal Presented to Ute Cadet

SAR Registrar/Genealogist Eric Richhart represented the Utah

SAR for the presentation of the SAR Silver ROTC Medal to Cadet Mitchell D. Brandon, MSIII. Cadet Brandon received a 4-year nursing scholarship at Westminster College. He serves as a member of the Ute ROTC Army Color Guard and Ranger Challenge and has maintained a GPA above

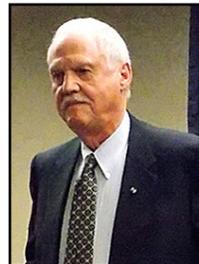


Cadet Mitchell D. Brandon, MSIII receives medal and certificate from Compatriot Eric Richhart

3.5 in his academic and ROTC studies. Compatriot Richhart made this presentation at the April 15th Awards Ceremony Dinner held at the Rice Eccles Stadium.

## Utah Society SAR Greetings from Inter-Mountain VPG John Robinson

Compatriots, as I am not able to attend your function on 4 June 2016, I do want to send greetings as Vice President General of the Intermountain District. I hope all were able to observe Memorial



John Robinson, VP General, Inter-Mountain District

Day and gave time to reflect upon the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriots who struggled to create our great nation, and to perpetuate the memory of all who have served in the United States Military since the Revolutionary War, defending our freedoms and the freedoms of those in other countries.

I am pleased to see the Utah Society SAR so involved in the activities that your excellent web site shows. Utah is a very active society. And I congratulate each and every one of you.

It takes many members to achieve what you are doing. As the next Vice President General is from Utah for 2016-2017 and past Utah Society SAR President Dr. Regan Grandy has been chosen for this position, I invite you to support him as he serves his term.

It has been a great honor to serve the Inter-Mountain District for my term. I have been able to travel to each state: my home state Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming with the exception of Utah. You should know that the Wyoming Society, I was able to visit twice and, after 108 years with no chapters, Wyoming has started four. History is in the making!

I wish the Utah Society well as they work to reactivate their chapters.

I trust all who attended enjoyed a super awards dinner and ceremony, and hopefully there will be a day when I can come to Utah and join you. In closing, I wish all a great year with the Sons of the American Revolution.

In Patriot Service,

John Robinson  
Intermountain VPG

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## President's Message

**M**embers and Associates of the Utah SAR,

It was a pleasure meeting many of you at the annual "Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet. Some new and some familiar faces, those who had a short drive and those who traveled far to attend. It was inspiring to meet Cadet Emily Miner, recipient of the SAR State JROTC Medal and listen to her school leader Major Kit Workman (U.S. Air Force Ret.) tell us of her accomplishments. A role model, a strong patriotic American, a young person who chooses to live her life with integrity and strive for scholarship in all she does. It was also a treat to meet her parents whom she praised for being the type of mom and dad who influenced her to desire to walk the high road of life.



National Trustee Paul Child Sr. introduced Addison Weeks, the winner of our SAR State Eagle Scout Contest. This young man earned ALL 136 available merit badges and took fifth place in the National SAR Eagle Scout contest. We learned "whatever Addison puts his mind too, he achieves." His teachers describe him as an excellent student, his Scout leaders as an outstanding citizen. Many examples of leadership, acts of charity and service toward others were shared. What a joy to meet this remarkable young man and members of his family who came to support him! Mom shared with us that Dad wanted to be there but was home with a debilitating illness--our prayers that all went well with his operation.

Also in attendance was Sergeant Joseph Porter, the remarkable Weber County Sheriff's corrections officer. Nominated by his Bureau Commanders and County Sheriff, Sergeant Porter was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal. For many of us, when we think of heroes, we think of a person jumping into a raging river, or repelling from a dangerous cliff, or standing in a blaze of gun fire to save another person's life. One of the unsung heroes of our community, however, is the dedicated corrections officer who literally risks his life every day to maintain safety and order within the jail. Every day there is uncertainty of who will come through the door. Perhaps a person who is mentally unstable or criminally insane, a person filled with anger and uncontrolled rage, or someone with a deadly disease arriving bleeding with open wounds. Adversarial gang members looking for a fight, looking to prove themselves. Those who make threats, use profanity, or behave in perverse, disgusting ways. And those who pose a danger to others or themselves. All those in attendance gave Sergeant Porter a standing ovation, to recognize him for his 25 years of service, facing daily the constant threat of personal injury in the performance of his duties.

The meeting concluded with Lydia Wallace Nuttall, the amazing mom who home schooled her children and, because of her love for

the Pilgrims, the Founding Fathers and others who lived their lives in the pursuit of liberty and freedom, wrote a book. A book that is changing the way Utah's young people learn about the heritage of the founding era. Lydia told us of the Integrity of William Bradford; the Vision of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin; The Leadership of George Washington, the Commitment of James Madison and the Courage of Francis Scott Key. Can one person make a difference? Absolutely! Lydia ended with a plea: "For liberty and freedom to endure each of us must do our part to uphold what those who have gone before us have given us."

Lydia praised the Utah SAR "for what you stand for, connecting yourselves to your patriot ancestors who believed death was to be preferred to the absence of liberty and the chains of slavery. Liberty or Death were not mere words to them, your patriot fathers faced death in battles, or within the enemy's prisons. For those more prominently known, a constant vigilance to stay one step ahead of those seeking to arrest them for treason. Courageously they risked all for liberty." Mother, Educator and Author Lydia Nuttall was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her support and devotion to the cause of Liberty. Many stayed after the meeting to greet Lydia and purchase a discounted copy of her book.

**Our Challenge Today**—My fellow Utah SAR Members and Associates, one of our most important responsibilities is to reinforce and value the good in our communities. We ourselves must stand for what is good, for those who are doing what is right. We must let those who are striving to choose and do what is right for American ideals know they are not alone, but there is an organization whose roots are firmly planted in the ideals of the Founding Fathers, in the significance of liberty and freedom. We as Sons of the American Revolution must always strive to value patriotism, honor patriotism and exemplify patriotism through our deeds and actions.

As our Forefathers and Founding Fathers did, we must have courage, bravery, perseverance, commitment, decency, allegiance, and responsibility in the performance of our patriotic duty. Each of these is an essential attribute of patriotism Lady Liberty requires of her admirers.

We are looking for a few good "Sons", who are passionate about liberty, believers in the ideals of the American Revolution who will take up the torch and serve as leaders in a Utah SAR Chapter. The Sons of the American Revolution need you to participate in helping the society fulfill its noble purpose and goals. Be a volunteer and "enlist" in the service of patriotism. God bless you and your family!

Yours in Liberty,

Douglas R. McGregor  
President, Utah SAR

*"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."*

James 1:25 KJV