



Utah Society  
Sons of the American  
Revolution

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### Annual Dues Notice

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# Utah Patriot

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## Celebrating America's Past and Future



*UTSSAR Color Guard present the colors during the Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet.*

**C**elebrating America's Past and Future! was the theme for the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution America at the Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 20, 2013 at the Sons of Utah Pioneers Building in Salt Lake City. The nearly 100 people in attendance enjoyed this beautiful sunny evening with a great meal, fabulous entertainment, and soaked up inspirational messages from honored guests.

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; Asael Home led the Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone joined in singing the first and fourth verses of our National Anthem. Ralph L. Erickson led the reciting of The American's Creed.

At the UTSSAR Membership meeting held prior to the banquet the following patriots were honored for their years of service:

**Ross Beason, III** for 50 years  
**Paul Child, Sr.** for 30 years  
**Kenneth Heath** for 25 years  
**Benjamin Home** for 15 years  
**Keele Livingston** for 10 years.

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

**Cindy Toone**, National Vice President, Daughters of the American Revolution received a Medal of Appreciation from UTSSAR President Layton Patterson.



**Sheriff David A. Edmunds**, Summit County, Utah, was presented the Law Enforcement State Medal, in part for his letter of strong support for the constitutional rights for citizens to bear arms. Sheriff Edmunds in his remarks commented on the importance of his oath of office and defending the Constitution of the United States.





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**Conrard Smith**, of Orem, was presented the 1st Place Eagle Scout State Award.

**Christian Smith**, was presented the 2nd Place Eagle Scout State Award.

**Landon Weeks**, of Ogden, was the winner of the Ogden Chapter, SAR/Trapper Trails Council WSU Eagle Scout Scholarship.



**Landon Weeks** with **Paul Childs**

Landon demonstrated his musical talents as he played the piano and sang "You Raised Me Up" and with **Ashlee Laramie** he sang "My Prayer".

Guest speaker, **Stan Ellsworth**, educator, historian, patriot, AND star of the television show **AMERICAN Ride**, which is shown on BYU TV on

Monday nights, was presented the **Silver Good Citizen Medal**. Stan's message was very uplifting, demonstrating his love for the



Cause of Liberty and the freedoms we enjoy today as result of the sacrifices made by the men and women who fought in and supported the struggle that began in 1775. In closing his remarks to the attendees he recited with much emotion the fourth verse of "The Star Spangled Banner", which states:

"Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand

Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!

Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it be just,

And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!" (Francis Scott Key, 1814)

As a final official action of the night Patriot Bert Smith (age 93), of Ogden, was inducted as a member into the Utah Society.



## Constitution Day Celebration

This year the Utah Society SAR partnered with the Golden Spike Chapter of the Utah Daughters of the American Revolution and The Constitution Day Committee of Utah to provide a Constitution Day Commemoration Banquet. The Banquet was held in conjunction with The Constitution Day Committee of Utah's annual Constitution Day Program. Both events were held at the Layton Christian Academy in Layton, Utah on September 17th, the 226th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

The 85 people who attended the banquet enjoyed more than a delicious meal of pot roast smoked for 15 hours in a scrumptious seasoning or grilled tender moist herb chicken breasts prepared

by Majestic Grill. The audience benefited from brief patriotic messages from Utah DAR Regent Shirley Nelson who told the story behind the 1787 Constitution Day flag and provided everyone in the attendance a keepsake card having a picture of the flag and story.



**Shirley Nelson**, Utah DAR Regent.

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Douglas McGregor UTSSAR 1st VP spoke of liberty and specifically addressed the youth in attendance telling them the stirring story of General Francis Marion--the Swamp Fox who endured along with his men incredible hardships and tribulations in the fight for liberty. Compatriot McGregor reminded the audience that the only thing that stood between liberty and tyranny was the Constitution.

Kathy Smith, Chairperson for The Constitution Day Committee of Utah spoke, sharing her gratitude for the Constitution and her



*Kathy Smith presents Stan Ellsworth with a "Cowboy" pocket knife symbolizing friendship and gratitude.*

love for liberty and freedom. She introduced Stan Ellsworth and Audrey Taylor who each took a few minutes to share their personal feelings about liberty

and America. With the completion of the dessert--fresh apple and cherry pies, the banquet guests adjourned to enjoy front row seats in the auditorium.

At 7:00 p.m. the audience was pleased to listen to the Clearfield High School Choir who sang a melody of beautiful patriotic songs. The Clearfield High School



*Clearfield High School Choir perform before the gathering.*

Air Force JROTC color guard presented our nation's flag and the choir gave an uplifting rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. We heard from Audrea Taylor an inspiring young leader with a mission and a passion that is rarely seen, and even more rarely seen in someone her age. Audrea is a student at San Diego Christian College, studying History and Communications – a recipient of the Dr. Henry Morris Leadership Scholarship. She's an award-winning speaker, including American Legion State

Champion. She shared with the audience her love for her country and interest in liberty which began in 2007 when she performed with her patriotic choir in



*Audrea Taylor, cofounder of im2moro.*

Washington, D.C. She told us the story of how in 2010, she co-founded im2moro with a small group of young Americans to promote the values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to her generation. Audrea shared the results of the im2moro organization having spoken to tens of thousands of people at

numerous events, published on-line blogs and produced videos reaching over 1.4million views. And last fall a national get out and vote campaign was



*Stan Ellsworth, host of KBUY's American Ride.*

launched on over 20 college campuses across the US. Watching and listening to this young lady gave us hope as we contemplated the possibilities that more young people such as her are striving for the cause of liberty.

We then heard from Stan Ellsworth the popular and charismatic, brawny intellectual who hosts KBUY's AMERICAN RIDE television series that highlights the best stories you may have missed in high school history classes. For those of us who attended the UTSSAR banquet last April this was not a repeat performance. On this night Stan took us on a "ride" to the Philadelphia State House where he vividly shared the story of the Constitutional convention. He brought us to the here and now and shared the State of Utah's program to have a contest in our schools in relation with the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg address. He gave us a heartfelt recitation of Lincoln's famous remarks and reminded us what it means to be an American. A gifted speak-

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er, Stan gave an uplifting message making all of us proud to be Americans.

Those who brought their families, especially teenagers were richly rewarded for being there. It was a remarkable evening. A special thanks to The Constitution Day Committee of Utah for their partnership; the Utah DAR for their support, and the Layton Christian Academy for their efforts in arranging the meeting facilities.



L to R Paul Child - Chaplain, Douglas McGregor-1st VP Stan Ellsworth, Layton Patterson - President, Regan Grandy - 2nd VP

## UTSSAR Color Guard Supports Utah Patriot Camps

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing... than ... communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

— George Washington —

**T**he Utah Patriot Camps is an organization that formed not too long ago with the purpose of educating, enlightening, and exciting youth from kindergarten through sixth grade about our great nation and the principles and beliefs upon which it was founded. Children meet famous patriots such as "George Washington," "Benjamin Franklin," "John Hancock," "Patrick Henry," "Samuel Adams" and others who lead them in Lessons, making Crafts, playing Games, eating Snacks and singing patriotic Music. The kids have fun while learning about liberty, patriotism

and America's founding. This year color guardsmen supported Patriot Camps in Logan, Kaysville and Midway.



L/R: Layton Patterson, Gregg Hansen, Lyle Gingery, Doug McGregor, Trent Grandy, Asael and Ben Horne and Ralph Erickson attended one or more of the Patriot Camps. Services provided by the color guard members ranged from reenacting a patriot of the American Revolution, performing a flag ceremony, or giving a brief patriotic speech. In each case the camp organizers and the attending participants expressed feelings of gratitude and told us how uplifting and inspiring our presentations were. Compliments and expressions of appreciation were many. This is now becoming a regular summer activity for the UTSSAR. If you would like to be a part of instilling patriotism into Utah's children and help us provide this community service next year please let us know.



## Mayor Winder Inducted Into UTSSAR

**M**ichael Kent Winder is a businessman, author of ten books, and politician. He was elected in 2009 to be the seventh mayor of Utah's second-largest city, West Valley City. He is the youngest mayor in the city's history.

On August 13th at 4:00 p.m. representatives of the UTSSAR Board of Managers along with other guests including Vicki Fuller representing the Utah DAR, met at West Valley City Hall to induct Mayor Winder into the Sons of the American Revolution. Utah Society President Layton Patterson conducted the swearing-in ceremony, Registrar Eric Richhart pinned on the member Rosette, 1st Vice President Douglas McGregor provided the explanation of the membership medal and Historian Bill Simpson took

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photos and documented the event.

The Mayor shared with everyone in attendance his love of country including the fact he was born in 1976.

"My mother was born on September 17th and died two years ago on September 11th. I owe my patriotic foundation to my mother who was a great patriot in her own right." The mayor told us of his love for the Founding Fathers and his gratitude for liberty and freedom.



*President E. Layton Patterson swears in Mayor Winder.*



*1st Vice President McGregor explains the symbolism of the rosette to the Mayor.*

## ARROWHEAD DISTRICT/Trapper Trails Council - Fall Camporee

The Arrowhead District, Trapper Trails Council of the Boys Scouts held their Fall Camporee on September 20 thru 21, 2013 at Cutler Flatts, Utah.

The Friday night campfire began with an American Revolution Patriot bringing the "flame of liberty" to light the campfire. Scouts provided skits and sang songs – there were some good laughs – everyone enjoyed the troops presentations. The even-

ing concluded with Regiment 1776 re-enacting the story of the Shot Heard Round the World, The Declaration of Independence, and a story about General Francis Marion.



Scouts watched and learned that in December of 1780 Marion met with a British officer to exchange prisoners.

The officer was astonished to discover that Marion's men without pay, with little food, with rags for clothes were willing to fight for liberty.

The moon was splendid that night and the sky was filled with stars. The weather was perfect for astronomy and camping.



The morning began with a flag ceremony given by the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution and the young men of Venturing Crew Regiment 1776

The men of the UTSSAR color guard wore regular uniforms and the young men hunting frock uniforms of the American Revolution Continental Army.

The fife and drum were played and the men at arms fired their flint lock muskets. Both the 50 star and Betsy Ross flags were presented.

After the presentation of the colors, the troops asked questions and learned about the uniforms and muskets of the color guard.

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## July 4th National Bell Ringing Ceremony

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The Saturday events started at 9:00 a.m. Each event began with a one to two minute history lesson from the American Revolution. The event objective was reviewed, instructions were given, and the scouts worked together to meet the challenge.

Sample Camporee Events:

- Caring for the wounded.
- Deciphering a secret British message.
- Building a raft to escape the British.
- Sending and receiving a long distance patriot message.
- Building a shelter to stay warm and dry.
- Making a fire using flint and steel.
- Making Clothes out of Rags Event
- Continental Army Camp Life Event



Scouts learned about living conditions, food, the soldier's flint lock musket, and the reasons the citizen soldier was willing to endure hardships and literally sacrifice everything they had. What was the reason? LIBERTY!

After their visit with the continental "soldiers", the scouts took a short quiz. Some wanted to have their picture taken with an American Revolutionary War patriot.

The Scouts said, "it was fun," "we learned a lot," "we are glad we came," "I am proud to be an American."

A big thanks to Parry Bartle, Paul Bissell, Regiment 1776, and the Sons of the American Revolution for all they did to make the camporee possible.



HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah -- **A** large turnout of patriotic people highlighted the *Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing* held at the Hill Aerospace Museum's Nate Mazer Memorial Chapel at 11:30 a.m. July 4. with Col. Kathryn Kolbe, 75th Air Base Wing commander, as the keynote speaker.

The Let Freedom Ring ceremony is part of a congressionally decreed event instituted in 1963. The Utah Air Force Association and the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution joined together to help celebrate the heritage of the United States and the Declaration of Independence at this event. In addition to Colonel Kolbe, Compatriot Ralph Erickson, UTSSAR National Trustee also addressed the audience in attendance speaking of the heritage of freedom and the independence won as a result of the American Revolutionary war.

This event is held annually and has been supported each year by the UTSSAR. You are always welcome to join us each July 4th at the Hill Aerospace Museum Chapel at 11:30 a.m.



Col. Kathryn Kolbe, 75th Air Base Wing commander, speaks at the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony held at the Mazer Memorial Chapel at the Hill Aerospace Museum July 4. At 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time bells were rung simultaneously across the United States. (U.S Air Force photo by Alex R. Lloyd/Released)



Image from <http://let-freedom-ring.org>





## UTSSAR Color Guard Remembers America's Veterans

**E**ight Years ago Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1481 began an annual tradition of having a parade in Ogden, Utah on the Saturday closest to Veteran's Day. This year the parade was held on November 9th.

The parade began at 11:11 a.m. to commemorate the 11th day of the 11th

month at the 11th hour when World War One officially ended in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, we now call it Veteran's Day to honor all of America's military veterans who have served our country in the defense of freedom.

The Ogden Veteran's Day parade is one of the largest in Utah. The weather was beautiful and the streets were lined with flag waving well wishers who had come to pay their respects and honor the veterans and active armed forces of the United States.

The parade's Grand Marshal this year was Governor Gary Herbert; ROTC units and full time military units marched in the



parade. Vehicles from World War 1 and WW2 were on display as well as modern military vehicles. Actors posing as General MacArthur, Patton and other notable figures

in military history were in the parade. Several fraternal organizations were represented including the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Men dressed as 1870's United States Cavalry proudly rode their horses.

The Utah Society Color Guard enjoyed the applause and cheers of the



parade spectators as they marched to honor our revered veterans. Dressed as soldiers of the Continental Army, Dave Burger--fifer, Regan Grandy--drummer, Lyle Gingery, Aasel and Ben Horne--men at arms, Layton Patterson--flag bearer, Doug McGregor--captain, Jeff and Jeremiah Woodall--banner bearers.



Channel 4 News in their Saturday night coverage of the event showed scenes of the UTSSAR color guard. it was fitting that a remembrance of the American Revolutionary War veterans was provided along with other veterans who served throughout the decades in the defense of liberty. Thank you UTSSAR Color Guard!



### Additional Pics



*Christian Smith being presented the 2nd Place Eagle Scout State Award.*



*Landon Weeks sings with Ashlee Laramie.*





## President's Message



My Fellow Compatriots,

I hope you enjoyed the newsletter, I want to thank all those who contributed articles and photos to make the newsletter possible. I want to also thank those who have given of their time and talents to support the several events that occurred this year. As you can see, many

of us are working hard to put our best foot forward in promoting the purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This is an exciting and wonderful time to be active in the UTSSAR. Your participation in our patriotic organization by simply being a dues paying member is greatly appreciated. We could not do many of the things we do without your membership dues contribution.

I want to encourage all to renew their membership. Your dues help us in our efforts to share the message of liberty and the

importance of patriotism. You should have already received a renewal notice, if you have not yet responded, we invite you to please do so. For those that have, please accept my heartfelt thanks. For those whose circumstances permit, we invite you to get involved with the many opportunities available for service and fellowship.

Yours in Liberty,

E. Layton Patterson  
UTSSAR President



## 2014 Annual UTSSAR Dues Notice

Now is the time, if you haven't already done so, to pay your UTSSAR dues. Your dues pay for the **January 1 to December 31, 2014** time period. Below is the breakdown for dues payments. Both National and State dues are required for membership renewal.

NSSAR Adult Dues (18+ years)	\$30.00
UTSSAR Adult Dues	\$15.00
Youth Dues	\$20.00

You may also include with your dues payment Additional Voluntary Contributions for the: National Society, Utah Society, or Utah WH Penrose Fund. Please indicate with your payment what any voluntary contributions are for.

Please make your check payable to UTSSAR and send them to:

**Larry Florence, UTSSAR**  
**4185 West 4495 South**  
**West Valley City, Utah 84120**

If you have had a change in phone numbers, email address, or have additional contact information to add to the Utah Society Membership Roster, please include this new information on a note with your dues payment.

**Please Note:** Utah Society dues are amongst the lowest in the country. Member's Society dues are used to pay for mailings, supplies, and expenses of the state and local chapters such as awards and notifications for events. In addition to our dues, the State Society has an interest bearing fund named the "William Henry Penrose Fund" to which members may contribute.

By paying your dues, your continuous years of service will qualify you for "Years of Service" awards (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, etc.). Only dues paying members receive invitations to banquets and other UTSSAR events. Please be "The Living Legacy of Your Patriot Ancestor," renew your membership now.

Thank you!

