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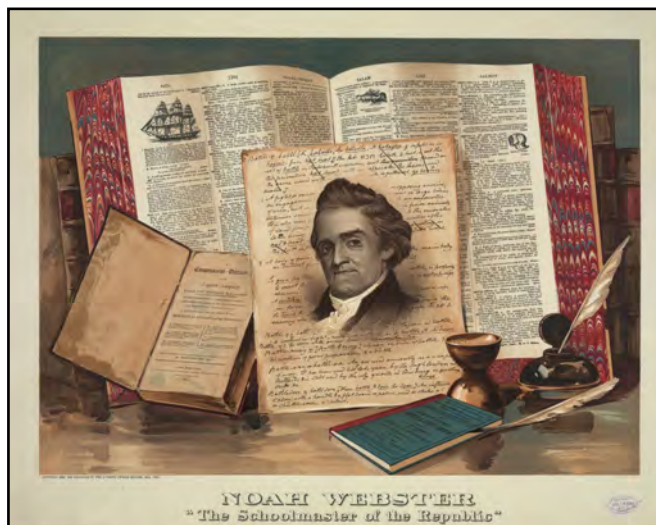
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What Is Liberty?

We hear this word often, but what does Liberty mean? How is it different from the word Freedom? Why are the words Liberty and Freedom so important to an American? We will travel back to the era of the Founding Fathers to review their understanding of these two words. To help us, we will rely on the works of Noah Webster. Webster is remembered as the "Father of American Scholarship and Education". He was born on October 16, 1758, in West Hartford, Connecticut. He was married to Rebecca Greenleaf. He graduated from Yale in 1778 and served in the Connecticut Militia during the Revolutionary War. Webster helped edit the Federalist Papers published in New York's first daily newspaper that he founded, the *American Minerva*. In 1806, Webster published his first dictionary, *A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*. He died May 28, 1843, in New Haven, Connecticut.



Noah Webster's 1828 publication, *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, is an important work for many modern readers because it is contemporary with the *American Constitution*. As a reference tool it is invaluable to anyone studying the national documents and literature of the period. It will help the reader understand the meaning of words that may have changed with the passage of time.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/>

The 1828 Webster's Dictionary defines Liberty as follows:

LIB'ERTY, noun [Latin *libertas*, from *liber*, free.]

1. Freedom from restraint, in a general sense, and applicable to the body, or to the will or mind. The body is at liberty when not confined; the will or mind is at liberty when not checked or controlled. A man enjoys liberty when no physical force operates to restrain his actions or volitions.
2. Natural liberty consists in the power of acting as one thinks fit, without any restraint or control, except from the laws of nature. It is a state of exemption from the control of others, and from positive laws and the institutions of social life. This liberty is abridged by the establishment of government.
3. Civil liberty is the liberty of men in a state of society, or natural liberty so far only abridged and restrained, as is necessary and expedient for the safety and interest of the society, state or nation. A restraint of natural liberty not necessary or expedient for the public, is tyranny or oppression. Civil liberty is an exemption from the arbitrary will of others, which exemption is secured by established laws, which restrain every man from injuring or controlling another. Hence the restraints of law are essential to civil liberty.
 - The liberty of one depends not so much on the removal of all restraint from him, as on the due

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restraint upon the liberty of others.

- In this sentence, the latter word liberty denotes natural liberty.
4. Political liberty is sometimes used as synonymous with civil liberty, but it more properly designates the liberty of a nation, the freedom of a nation or state from all unjust abridgment of its rights and independence by another nation. Hence, we often speak of the political liberties of Europe, or the nations of Europe.
 5. Religious liberty is the free right of adopting and enjoying opinions on religious subjects, and of worshiping the Supreme Being according to the dictates of conscience, without external control.
 6. Liberty in metaphysics, as opposed to necessity, is the power of an agent to do or forbear any particular action, according to the determination or thought of the mind, by which either is preferred to the other.
 - Freedom of the will; exemption from compulsion or restraint in willing or volition.
 7. Privilege; exemption; immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant; with a plural. Thus, we speak of the liberties of the commercial cities of Europe.
 8. Leave; permission granted. The witness obtained liberty to leave the court.
 9. A space in which one is permitted to pass without restraint, and beyond which he may not lawfully pass; with a plural; as the liberties of a prison.
 10. Freedom of action or speech beyond the ordinary bounds of civility or decorum. Females should repel all improper liberties.
 - To take the liberty to do or say anything, to use freedom not specially granted.
 - To set at liberty to deliver from confinement; to release from restraint.
 - To be at liberty, to be free from restraint.
 - Liberty of the press, is freedom from any restriction on the power to publish books; the free power of publishing what one pleases, subject only to punishment for abusing the privilege, or publishing what is mischievous to the public or injurious to individuals.
 - First occurrence in the **Bible (KJV)**: Leviticus 25:10 [underlining provided for emphasis]

Webster defines Freedom as follows:

FREE'DOM, noun

1. A state of exemption from the power or control of another; liberty; exemption from



Battle of Guilford Courthouse

slavery, servitude or confinement. freedom is personal, civil, political, and religious. [See Liberty.]

2. Particular privileges; franchise; immunity; as the freedom of a city.
3. Power of enjoying franchises.
4. Exemption from fate, necessity, or any constraint in consequence of predetermination or otherwise; as the freedom of the will.
5. Any exemption from constraint or control.
6. Ease or facility of doing anything. He speaks or acts with freedom.
7. Frankness; boldness. He addressed his audience with freedom.
8. License; improper familiarity; violation of the rules of decorum; with a plural. Beware of what are called innocent freedoms. [underlining provided for emphasis]


The first thing we notice is the difference in the length of definitions. Liberty's 1828 definition uses 559 words while Freedom's definition uses 116 words. We learn that, in one sense, liberty and freedom are synonymous with each other and, in other ways, they are different.

Freedom to choose, to have moral agency, is a freedom paramount to all Americans. It is the freedom the patriots of the American Revolution risked their lives for. The patriot's wanted the freedom to own property, the freedom to keep and bear arms, to live in a land free from fear, and to be free to exercise what they believed to be their other God given unalienable rights. Liberty was perhaps the most important of these natural rights. Patrick Henry's speech in March 1775, ended with the words, "**Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!**". These words became a powerful motto of the American Revolution.

Henry of course was referring to Natural, Civil, Political, and Religious Liberties; the type of liberty the patriots were literally willing to die for. Its vital that we as Americans have a deep understanding



Patrick Henry's Famous Speech

of what Freedom and Liberty are, why they are important and why they truly are worth fighting and dying for. 

"Without liberty, law loses its nature and its name, and becomes oppression. Without law, liberty also loses its nature and its name, and becomes licentiousness."

—James Wilson, *Of the Study of the Law in the United States*, 1790



The Road to Independence

1773 - 250 Years Ago

The year 1773 brought about some of the most significant events to flame rebellion against the British Crown. The colonists are moving ever closer to thoughts of independence!

January 6th: Felix, an African colonial slave, petitions the Massachusetts governor Thomas Hutchinson for the abolition or relaxation of slavery.

March: The Virginian assembly sets up its own 11-man Committee of Correspondence; four other colonies soon follow suit.

April 22nd: The *New-York Gazetteer* begins publication. The *Gazetteer* was published by James Rivington, one of the most accomplished printers in America at that time. Throughout the American Revolution, the loyalist *Gazetteer* contained the most foreign news of any newspaper in America, thus, becoming a major source of information for both patriot and loyalist.



James Rivington

May 10th: The *Tea Act* is passed (without colonist representation). This is an attempt by Parliament to undercut smugglers by reducing the price of tea to the colonies. The Act permits the British East India Company to sell surplus tea directly to American retailers. American colonists resented what they saw as an indirect tax subsidizing a British company.

July: Publication of Thomas Hutchinson letters. In these letters, Hutchinson, the Massachusetts governor, advocated a 'great restraint of natural liberty', convincing many colonists of a planned British clamp-down on their freedoms.



Governor Thomas Hutchinson

September: Opposition to the terms of the *Tea Act* grows in the colonies, particularly in Boston and New York City.

November: Three tea-laden British ships arrive in Boston Harbor but are prevented from offloading their cargo by locals.

December 15th: [Five] Resolves of the New York Sons of Liberty – "The following association is signed by a great number of the principal gentlemen of the city, merchants, lawyers, and other inhabitants of all ranks, and it is still carried about the city, to give an opportunity to those who have not yet signed to unite with their fellow-citizens, to testify their abhorrence to the diabolical project of enslaving America." The Resolves are published on this day by the Association of the Sons of Liberty in New York.



December 16th: Boston Tea Party. Angered by the *Tea Act*, a small band of American patriots, disguised as Mohawk Indians, dump 342 crates of tea worth £9,000 of East India Company property into the Boston harbor. When Parliament learns of this, a decisive retaliatory response will be forthcoming!



"The Destruction of Tea at Boston Harbor"

Remembering America's Most Indispensable Man

The Utah Society hosted a banquet on February 18th featuring General George Washington (aka Gary VanDolzer – Utah SAR Associate). Washington stood at a podium on the stage of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers banquet hall in full Revolutionary War military uniform (VanDolzer's uniform is an exact replica of Washington's uniform, on display in the Smithsonian). VanDolzer, who is a professional actor, voice over, and presenter, addressed those in attendance as General Washington. Here are a few excerpts from his powerful speech:

"What a miracle America is! Here on this continent has arisen a beacon to the world, with American ideals that declare men are free to worship as they please, to live their vision of prosperity, to dream for their children, and to hope for more for themselves. Here in this land stands the light on a hill, to bring the troubled and the dispossessed the singular chance to transform not only themselves but, through new ideas and thoughts, to make a brighter future for all who live or will follow . . .



Gary VanDolzer

With victory and independence ours at last, for you, our posterity, we forged a new government, the Constitution, a Heavenly Banner, and...a covenant, between a people and their representative government, declaring that your unalienable rights are the gift of God and not of any man, and thus no government, no agency, no man has the authority to take those rights from you! . . .




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Whatever may be the judgment pronounced on the competency of the architects of the Constitution, or whatever may be the destiny of the edifice prepared by them, I feel it a duty to express, with James Madison, my profound and solemn conviction... that there never was an assembly of men, charged with so great and arduous a trust, who were more pure in their motives, or more exclusively or anxiously devoted to the object committed to them. . .

Remember liberty's price. A free people cannot compromise morality and virtue and expect long to keep their freedom, for men will be governed by God or by tyrants; there is no other choice! Remember that the gift of liberty comes with this price. It continues only so long as those blessed with freedom 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. Believe in what you can do to preserve the miracle we call freedom!"


Before the banquet, a new member induction ceremony occurred. The banquet was opened by Utah SAR President Trenton Grandy. Chaplain Wade Alexander gave the invocation, followed by the Utah SAR Color Guard providing the flag ceremony. DAR Honorary State Regent, Kathryn Asay, acted as chorister for the singing of the National Anthem, and Compatriot Raymond Brown led the audience in reciting the American's Creed. Greetings were given by President Grandy, Intermountain Vice President General Ellis Rail, and Utah State DAR Regent Katie Madsen.

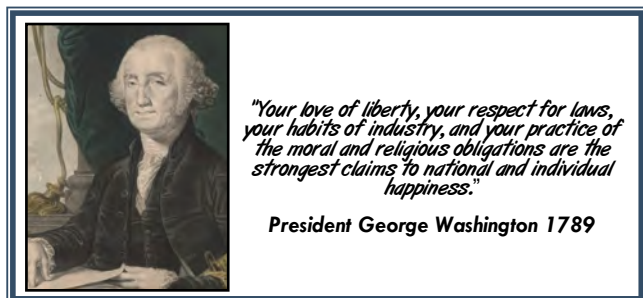
Dinner grace was given by JaLaine Lowe, DAR Spirit of America Chapter Regent; a delicious colonial themed dinner was provided by Majestic Grill. Awards were presented to Jackie Elliott – the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal, and Dana Grandy was awarded a SAR Certificate of Appreciation. The audience enjoyed the fiddle music of Mark and Helen Watts. Those attending felt rewarded and commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. 

military, government, etc.). LaDawn Stoddard is the Commission

Chair. The Governor was the opening speaker. He told the group that he had selected the names for the 250 Commission. He shared the three National 250 Focus Areas: Education, Engagement and Unity. The Governor commented on the fact the Commission was organizing and meeting on June 6th – the 79th anniversary of D-Day. He spoke of bravery and devo-

tion to freedom. He commented on some of the people who were serving as commissioners: Mindy Benson, President of SUU, Christine Durham an attorney and former Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, Ron Fox educator and historian. He also expressed his appreciation for having Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution accepting his invitation to serve on the commission. He challenged the commission to, "Think big and be bold."

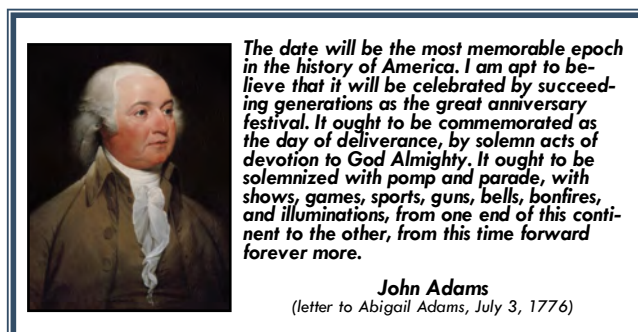
The Utah SAR 250th Committee completed its organization tasks, accepting Trenton Grandy as Co-Chair and Regan Grandy as Secretary. A representative from the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter was added to the committee: Frank Gagliardi. After reviewing the notes from the Utah 250 Commission meeting and a letter from Ron Fox, the Utah SAR 250 Committee held a brainstorming session to consider ideas for the 250th celebration. Committee members were invited to talk with other members, share the committee's objectives, and ask for additional ideas before the next meeting. The committee agreed to have their meetings following the commission meetings so that timely feedback and participation could be achieved. 



Utah State Capitol

America's 250th Anniversary Utah SAR Committee Update

The Utah SAR 250 Committee convened on June 21st to complete organization and hear a report from 250 Committee Chairman Douglas McGregor, who was appointed by Utah Governor Cox to serve on the Utah America 250 Commission. There are 21 Commissioners the Governor selected, representing geographical areas, as well as various sectors of Utah (e.g. business, education,






The Utah SAR and Utah DAR Partners in Patriotism

Each April the Utah DAR holds its annual State Conference. This year it was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Salt Lake City. For the Friday night banquet on April 28th, Utah SAR Color Guardsmen Jesse Black, Gregg Hansen, Josh Elliott, Trent Grandy and Doug McGregor provided a flag ceremony. The color guard marched in to the beat of Grandy's drum as Black proudly bore the 50 Star Flag – Old Glory – to the front of the room. The flag bearer was accompanied front and rear by men-at-arms Hansen and Elliott. The color guard stood at present arms for the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, America's Creed, and reciting of the Preamble to the Constitution. The flag was posted, and the color guard smartly marched to the back of the room, where they were dismissed by Captain McGregor.



Utah SAR Color Guard Presents Colors at the Utah DAR Annual Conference

Utah SAR President, Trent Grandy, who was sitting at the dais with Secretary/Treasurer McGregor, gave greetings. The program had the Utah DAR give several awards and had a most interesting speaker who talked about the historic trails that were carved out of the Utah wilderness. 

"If Virtue and Knowledge are diffused among the People, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great Security."

— Samuel Adams, letter to James Warren, February 12, 1779

Annual Meeting Utah SAR... Membership Meeting

The 2023 dues paid membership was invited to attend the annual Utah SAR Membership Meeting held May 13th at the Sons of Utah Pioneers meeting hall in Salt Lake City. In addition to members living along the Wasatch Front and Cache Valley, the 2022-23 State Society Officers, Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter Secretary Jay Chapman, and Intermountain Vice President General Ellis Rail were in attendance.

The meeting began with an invocation, presentation of the colors by the Utah SAR Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the membership reciting the SAR Pledge. Compatriots were welcomed by Utah Society President Trenton Grandy who also led the new member induction ceremony.



Compatriot Matthew Krebs

After the ceremony, state officer elections were held. Secretary McGregor conducted the election procedures. All incumbent officers were unanimously elected by the Utah Society Compatriots in attendance. 2023-24 Board of Managers are: President – Trenton Grandy, Vice President – Wade Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer – Douglas McGregor, Genealogist/Registrar – Paul Nichols, Historian – Reagan Grandy, and Chaplain – Wade Alexander. Paul Child continues to serve as National Trustee and William Simpson as Alternate Trustee. The State Society Color Guard Commander is Jesse Black. The elected officers were installed by VPG Rail.



The 2024 Utah SAR Officers being installed by VPG Ellis Rail

During the Membership Meeting various individuals were recognized. Years of Service certificates went to 13 individuals for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of continuous membership. Nathan White was the recipient of the 30 years certificate. Twenty-nine awards were presented including medals, certificates, or challenge coins to various individuals for their service and/or contributions to the Utah SAR.

The next Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at the Utah Sons of Pioneer Building, Salt Lake City. All 2024 dues paid members are invited to attend. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join with your fellow Utah SAR compatriots!

Celebrate America Awards and Recognition Banquet

This is a marvelous time when the Utah SAR recognizes young people and law enforcement for their outstanding achievements! The banquet started at 6:30 pm following the annual Utah SAR Membership Meeting. Majestic Grill once again hit the ball out of the park with their extremely well-prepared catered dinner! Many commented on how delicious their meal was.

This year the winner of the Top Eagle Scout Award was R. Miles Lamb. Paul Child, who has many decades of scouting experience and is a Silver Beaver presented the awards in behalf of Jason Henderson, Utah SAR Eagle Scout Contest Chairman. In addition to an Eagle Trophy and SAR Eagle Medal with Certificate, Eagle Scout Lamb was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Weber State University.



Eagle Scout Award Presented to R Miles Lamb by Compatriot Paul Child with Utah SAR President Trent Grandy

Cadet Mallorie Payton Smith won the State JROTC award and took 4th Place in the National SAR contest among 50 potential State



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Societies. She was awarded the State Society JROTC neck ribbon medal and uniform bar by ROTC/JROTC Utah SAR Committee



Cadet Mallorie Payton Smith presented the State JROTC Award by MAJ Kit Workman (USAF, Ret) with Utah SAR Trent Grandy

Chairman Major Kit Workman (ret. Air Force). Utah State DAR Regent Kathryn Madsen was recognized by President Trenton Grandy with the SAR / DAR Medal of Appreciation for her wonderful support and contributions to the Utah SAR.

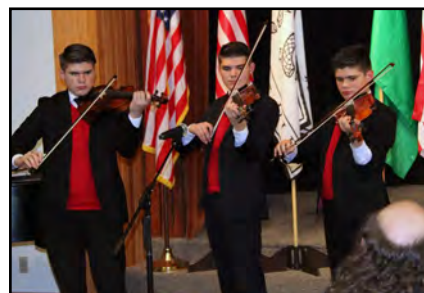
Dalene England was awarded the Bronze

Good Citizenship Medal by President Grandy for her many years of producing and leading Freedom's Light. This is a three-day immersive patriotic program for young people and families held each September (Thu, Fri, & Sat) in correlation with Constitution Day at the Bountiful City Park.

The Utah SAR was honored to recognize Weber County Sheriff Ryan Arbon for his devotion to the Constitution and the integrity he gives to his oath of office. Accepting on his behalf was Weber County Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Garth Cowley.



Utah SAR President Trent Grandy presents UT DAR Regent Kathryn Madsen with the SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation



Trio Fratelli

Those attending the banquet heard the excellent music of Trio Fratelli. This is a musical group of three young brothers (the oldest is 15) who all play the violin. The audience was accompanied by them when all sang the National Anthem and later enjoyed a medley

of patriotic songs including America the Beautiful and My Country Tis of Thee.

The keynote speaker was the Honorable Judge Ted Stewart. Judge Stewart is a Federal Judge, a husband, father, and patriot. Among the books he has authored, his most recent is: ***A World Without America: What Would Your Life Be Like If The American Revolution Had Failed?***

The Judge took his remarks from his book. A portion of what Judge Stewart told the audience was actually chilling as he described the fate that would have befallen the "traitorous" Founding Fathers and all those who took up arms against the

Crown. The Judge used as his justification for his hypothetical scenarios the punishments the British inflicted upon the "traitorous Scots" who lost the Jacobite Rebellion. A rebellion that had occurred only

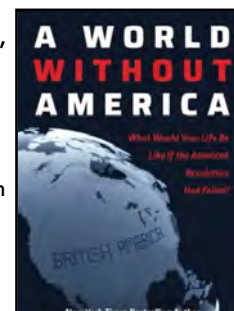


Federal Judge Ted Stewart author of the book ***A World Without America: What Would Your Life Be Like If The American Revolution Had Failed?*** was the keynote speaker.

20 years prior to the beginning of the American Revolution. He told those in the audience who were Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, chances are they would not have been born in America. "If our ancestors had not been executed for treason, they most likely would have been banished to


Australia, South Africa or some other distant place in the British Empire."

The Judge spoke of American born scientists, inventors, educators, statesmen, and others who traced their lineage to Revolutionary War patriots and their contributions to the world. In all practicality these individuals would not have risen to greatness in a British controlled land due to the British class system. The blue bloods of Great Britain who were not first-born sons would have been given large tracks of land in America and the colonists would have lived as sharecroppers or "commoners" under British rule.



The eight yearlong Revolutionary War, won by our patriot ancestors, gave the world a "light upon a hill", an example of Constitutional Republicanism, freedom, self-governance, and the importance of inalienable God given rights. Many nations were influenced by America and made changes for the betterment of humanity, even Great Britain was positively influenced by the United States. America's influence brought world changes to slavery, woman's suffrage, and other important civil rights. Our patriot ancestor's victory over tyranny and oppression secured a land of liberty and brought about freedoms not had in the world before.

After his remarks, the Judge was presented by President Grandy with an SAR collector's challenge coin having the motto of Washington's Life Guard's "Conquer or Die". The Utah SAR Board of Managers are unanimous in highly recommending the Judges book and encourage all members and associates to purchase a copy and read it. It would be an excellent book for anyone adversely affected by negativity toward America. Having read it, there is no question the world is a better place and better off to have a sovereign, free, and strong United States of America!

The date has been set for next year's annual **Celebrate America Banquet**. The public is welcome, so please plan to bring your family and friends! The date is **May 11, 2024, 6:30pm** at the **Sons of Utah Pioneers bldg., Salt Lake City**. Several attendees commented "We could not have had a better evening. The food, entertainment, meeting those who received awards, and the speaker were more than worth the ticket price." We think you will have an uplifting, memorable time and hope to see you there! 



Utah's Law Enforcement Award recipient Weber County Sheriff Ryan Arbon accepted by Weber County Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Garth Cowley



Memorial Day at This Is The Place Heritage Park Short but Sweet!

Arriving at 7am to set up in the schoolhouse on Main Street, Wade Alexander, Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy, Josh Elliott, Jackie Elliott



Utah SAR Color Guardsmen Doug McGregor, Josh Elliott, Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy

worked to set up displays and Revolutionary War flags for the anticipated guests. Doug McGregor handled the Utah SAR information table as Hansen and Josh Elliott worked the tables containing flintlock muskets, and props to explain cartridges and other weapons of our Revolutionary War Soldier ancestors. Bill Simpson

came and graciously took photos with his camera.

The Utah SAR's beautiful Memorial Wreath was on display to honor our Revolutionary War patriot dead. Posters on easels telling the stories of several American Revolution heroes were on display for guests to view and read. A CD player played period music in the background. In the center sat Dr. Benjamin Franklin (aka Wade Alexander) who cheerfully greeted guests as they came into the schoolhouse.

Members of the Utah SAR Color Guard were dressed in their iconic, patriotic Continental Army uniforms, others in period attire.

The color guard provided a flag raising ceremony, a morning flintlock musket demonstration, and a parade. The park opened at 9am and around 10 am many guests were coming into the schoolhouse to interact with the representatives of your Utah SAR. Sometime between 11 and 12 noon it happened!



Utah SAR Color Guard Josh Elliott and Doug McGregor

The main waterline to the park burst!!!! No water for the restrooms, no water for food venues, no water for drinking fountains!!!! So, can you guess what happened? That's right, we had to pack up and leave. Our time there was short, but sweet. Those that came to visit before the early closure of the park were rewarded with kind words from Dr. Franklin as well as historical, educational discussion. Gregg, Josh, Trent, and Doug enjoyed telling their patriotic stories as well. Thanks to all who came to support this important program.



Utah SAR Color Guardsman Gregg Hansen Musket Demonstration

There is plenty of room for more to be a part of this endeavor. Room in the schoolhouse, room for popup canopies and tables outside of the schoolhouse. The more the better! Volunteer to be a part of our educational outreach. Spend your 2024 Memorial Day with us at This Is The Place Heritage Park and help your fellow compatriots spread the good word of inalienable rights, self-governance, freedom and liberty!

Cedar Hills Family Days

The Color Guard accepted an invitation from Cedar Hills City to participate in their June 10th Family Days Parade. This year the parade started at 9am to take advantage of the cool of the morning. The parade was reversed this year, starting at the park, and ending at the school. Color Guardsmen commented that it was more pleasant for them while wearing their 100% wool regimental coats and walking downhill rather than uphill.



LtJr Trent Grandy, Scott Asay, Mark Asay, Josh Elliott, Gregg Hansen, Jesse Black (CG- Commander)

Cedar Hills Family Days is

a low key, pleasant event with many fun things for the kids to do, lots of good food, and of course a fun short parade with fire engines, motorcycles, floats, bands, and the Utah SAR Color Guard!

After the parade the Color Guardsmen were hoping to go to Vineyard and take advantage of the discount given to SAR members in period clothing at Brooker's Founding Flavors Ice Cream. Unfortunately, the store did not open until 11 am so the men went to The Purple Turtle in Pleasant Grove instead. Although it opens officially at 10:30 a.m. the color guardsmen were let in earlier.

The men enjoyed a good meal, great service, and had a fun visit with each other. Getting to know more about each other and appreciating the value each placed on America's ideals.

Passing of Stan Ellsworth American Ride KBYU TV

April 15, 2024 saw the funeral of a beloved and great patriot – Stan Ellsworth age 63. Stan was a great friend to the Utah SAR and a great friend to America. He was the star of the Emmy Award Winning KBYU TV show **American Ride** and the author of the book, **Renegades and Rebels: Epic & True Stories of our Revolutionary Heroes**.

"Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and raised in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, Stan Ellsworth grew up with the stories of American history. His family lineage includes such historic luminaries as Revolutionary War patriot Ethan Allen, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Daniel Boone, and Davy Crockett. Stan earned a bachelor's degree in history,



Utah SAR Sec/Tre Douglas McGregor represents the Utah SAR at funeral

played and coached football, and then became a high school history teacher. When he was approached by a film producer, he turned his attention to acting. But he found that his love for history and teaching young people still called to him. In combining those



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passions, along with riding his Harley, Stan Ellsworth found his dream job in **American Ride.**" (Amazon Editorial Review)

In his TV show Stan rode his motorcycle taking the audience to notable places in American history. His series on the American Revolution was very well done and in gratitude he was awarded the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal on September 17, 2013. (See the story at the UtahSocietySAR.org website. In the menu, go to "News". Open the Utah Patriot Newsletter – Fall 2013 issue)

You can see him proudly wearing the SAR medal in a few episodes. On one filming day it blew off his jacket unnoticed and was lost! The Utah SAR graciously replaced it for him. He did not wear the second one on his jacket while riding his motorcycle!



Stan Ellsworth, speaking at the Utah SAR 2019 George Washington Birthday Celebration banquet.

During the funeral services, a couple of the speakers commented that they imagined Stan was already conversing with Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and other Founding Fathers; joining with them in the spirit world to assist with their plans for the preservation of liberty in America.

We will miss Stan's enthusiasm for freedom and liberty, his knowledge of America's founding, the Constitution, and American ideals. We will miss his ability to tell us compelling stories, and his strong and stalwart patriotism. We send our love and appreciation to his good wife Stacy and wish his family and loved one's peace and comfort. 🌍

Compatriots Remembered

Our The Board of Managers, Utah SAR, asks you to join us in saying farewell to two of our compatriots, who have passed.



John Kenneth Crater
August 12, 1943 - December 24, 2021
Member since 2017



Ezekiel Earon Alva Fairbourn
May 29, 1945 - January 26, 2023
Member since 2010

Youth Education and Recognition

From June through August the Utah Patriot Camp organization promotes independent Summer patriotic education "camps" for kids K through 6th grade. June camps were held this year in the following locations: South Valley Patriot Camp – River-



Utah SAR Vice President Wade Alexander as Benjamin Franklin at the Tooole, UT Patriot Camp

ton; Davis County Patriot Camp – Farmington; American Patriot Camp – Draper; Pleasant Grove Patriot Camp – Pleasant Grove.

Each Patriot Camp is similar in that they seek to inspire Utah's children with stories of our great

nation. Each camp recognizes that for a large portion of our youth, important facts and information pertaining to the history of America's founding is lacking, particularly when it comes to the principles valued and cherished by our Founding Fathers.

Utah's independently operated Patriot Camps are very fortunate to have two dedicated "teachers" who faithfully strive to volunteer and support each of the nine operating camps. These two men are Compatriot Wade Alexander (aka Dr. Benjamin Franklin) and Associate Gary VanDolzer (aka General George Washington).

In addition to having the opportunity of meeting and learning important truths from Franklin and Washington, children meet and learn from other historical figures, gaining an important education pertaining to the founding of the United States of America.

The Utah SAR State Society also provides recognition to JROTC cadets attending high school and ROTC cadets attending Utah's Universities. In April, Silver SAR ROTC medals were presented to deserving Air Force, Army, and Navy cadets attending: BYU, SUU, UofU, USU, and WSU.

Deserving JROTC cadets attending the following high schools were presented in May with the Bronze SAR JROTC medal: Ben Lomond – Ogden, Granger – Granger, Independence – Provo, Northridge – Layton, Ogden – Ogden, Providence Hall – Herimann, Taylorsville – Taylorsville, Utah Military Academy – Lehi and Riverdale, Wasatch – Heber, and West – Salt Lake City. The Utah SAR Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter provides recognition at SUU, Dixie and Pineview high schools.

Our thanks to Jay Chapman, Herb Cihak, Regan Grandy, Trent Grandy, Jason Henderson, Douglas McGregor, Eirc Richhart, and Mark Woodbury for volunteering and serving as award presenters. 🌍

Liberty "Still one thing more, fellow-citizens – A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities".

– Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address, 1801



Utah SAR President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots, Associates and Friends,

As I write this from my computer on the second floor of our home on this Independence Day, I can hear and see the fireworks in our local parks and also from our neighbors up and down our street. They are spectacular sights and sounds that demonstrate that there is still patriotism in this great country! This is always a wondrous time, when we celebrate the amazing freedoms and independence that our forefathers fought so long and hard for, and that our courageous brothers and sisters in the modern military continue to preserve to this day! Each July 4th many communities in Utah provide parades, fun events in parks, or firework shows. Those who choose to participate are supporting activities that one Founding Father envisioned. On page 4 of this newsletter is a quote from John Adams, written to his wife Abigail about the significance of what the Founding Fathers had just accomplished. His words are wonderful as he tells her what he believes future Americans should be doing to commemorate the birthday of the newly formed United States of America. As Sons of the American Revolution, we have the opportunity of helping each other to inspire patriotism not only in July, but throughout the year.



Utah SAR President Trent Grandy

As I reflect back on the last few months, it has been an inspiring time for your president. Two of the things that I was called upon to do were to act on your behalf in bringing greetings to two of our affiliate organizations. The first was on April 28th, with the Utah Society Daughters of the American Revolution at their annual banquet. What a wonderful group of women they are! Their speaker was Jay Buckley, who showcased the four national trails that impacted Utah's history. It has encouraged me to get outdoors and enjoy some of these trails. Secondly, on June 16-17 were activities with the Rocky Mountain Regional and Western Regional combined annual meetings of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution. What a joy these young people are! They are full of the spirit of youth and the founding of our country. It is a privilege to mingle and associate with these two groups, and I hope to continue the comradery that is being forged between us.

Other activities of note were, of course our own Annual Membership, Election of Officers, Awards and Recognition meeting and accompanying banquet on May 13th. I'm sure that you will find more information about these meetings within the pages of this newsletter but, suffice it to say, that it was very informative. Our speaker was the Honorable District Court Judge for the State of Utah, Ted Stewart. Judge Stewart favored us with excerpts from his latest book entitled "A World Without America: What Would Your Life Be Like If The American Revolution Had Failed?" Believe me, it is a deep dive into a very thought-provoking topic.

Additionally, as a part of the Color Guard, we have had many of our usual appearances, which have been very heartwarming. One that is always most poignant is the US Naturalization ceremony, for which we have done the flag ceremony the past several years.

Watching these grateful individuals who have passed a national civics test, then pledge their loyalty to the United States of America and receive their citizenship in this country is always so wonderful. To hear their stories and the gratitude that they have for being made US citizens is very stirring! It makes you appreciate, and not take for granted, that which we already possess! I wish that more people could have the chance to experience this. Especially among our youth!

We are also involved in the upcoming state celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Country! We would love to hear your thoughts or ideas in order to assist those on the committee to make it memorable. These are but a few of the activities and benefits of being a part of this great organization, and I exhort you to take full advantage of your membership by getting as involved as you feel that you can. Whether it is with the state society, or the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter, or aiding in the reestablishing of our former chapters, we can always use a helping hand. As I have expressed before, we need to keep the momentum going for the next 250 years! My first grandson is about to celebrate his first birthday, and it's really about him and others like him. It's my wish that we hand down as strong a nation as we received to these future generations.

As always, may the Lord bless and keep you and our nation!

Yours in Liberty,

Trent Grandy
President, Utah SAR



"In Europe, charters of liberty have been granted by power. America has set the example ... of charters of power granted by liberty. This revolution in the practice of the world, may, with an honest praise, be pronounced the most triumphant epoch of its history, and the most consoling presage of its happiness."

— James Madison, *Essays for the National Gazette*, 1792.

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Welcome New Member!

We are happy to welcome the following 27 new compatriots of the Utah Society SAR:

Leonard N. Carter	Aaron D. Child
Herbert E. Cihak	Robert M. Cope
Donald D. Dade	Bob D. Dalton
Thomas A. Eichelberger	Jared L. Farish
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WELCOME!

Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."

-- John Adams, 1765

Events Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Utah SAR events:

- 8/26/2023 - Ride To Zero Event - Fort Douglas, SLC
- 9/16/2023 - Freedom's Light/Family Day - Bountiful City Park
- 11/11/2023 - Veterans Day Parade - Layton
- 12/2023 - Wreaths Across America, TBD
- 2/17/2024 - George Washington Birthday Banquet/New Member Induction Ceremony
- 5/11/2023 - Utah SAR Membership Annual Meeting/Celebrate America Recognition and Awards Banquet

134TH CONGRESS - LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

JULY 11TH - JULY 17TH 2024

For Information: <https://www.sar.org/events/>

Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter News

The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter continues to grow! Currently we have over 40 members, pending members, as well as Associates. Through the chapter's efforts, and chapter member volunteerism, we are striving to do our part to support the cause of liberty. The SAR's three-fold mission to support Education, History, and Patriotism is our mission. Your elected officers of the chapter want to thank each and every one of you who volunteer to give service. Thank you! The following are some of the major activities recently supported by our chapter:



Wreaths Across America

The RCoZ color guard participated in the laying of wreaths on the graves of Veterans at the Tonaquint Cemetery. There were approximately 500 people in attendance supporting the December 2022 program.

Red, White, and Blue Dinner

The Red, White, and Blue Dinner and auction was held on February 24th. The chapter combined with the local DAR chapter and the CAR to hold a fund-raising dinner. Funds raised exceeded the event's goals.

Utah Cold War Medal

The Red Cliffs of Zion, Utah SAR Chapter, in conjunction with the Utah Cold War Medal Society, was honored to have presented the Utah Cold War Victory Medal to 18 of our local residents on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00pm. Several of the recipients are members of our Utah SAR chapter. The ceremony was held at the Old Tabernacle at the corner of Tabernacle and Main Streets in downtown St. George.

The purpose of this event was to recognize our Cold War Veterans. These are Veterans who served in any of the Armed Services of the United States during the "Cold War period". The Cold War Victory Medal was approved by Congress in 2001 and is presented to Veterans who served between 1945-1991.

The program began with a prayer by Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter Chaplain John Choate, followed by a welcome by Master of Ceremony, Compatriot Mark Woodbury, who thanked the Veterans for their service as well as thanking all who made the evening possible. Mark also described who the Sons of the American Revolution are and stated the SAR goals.

The Dixie High School JROTC, along with two members of the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter Color Guard, provided the presentation of the Colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The opening song "My America" was then performed by the Lava Ridge Middle School 30-member Honor Choir, led by Director Caroline Harris. Mark Woodbury, who is not a Veteran, gave a poignant brief talk titled "My perspective, From the Outside Looking In." He then introduced the keynote speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Gagliardi USMC (Ret), who serves as Vice President of the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter. Frank served in both the Enlisted and





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Officer ranks in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1991. He spoke on "From the Inside, What is a Veteran". The program was then turned over to Marti Bigbi, Secretary, Utah Cold War Veterans Foundation, for presentation of the Utah Cold War Victory Medal and Certificate to 26 very deserving Veterans.

These Veterans represented each of the Armed Services in a variety of ranks but never received recognition for their service until now. This event was very well attended by over 200 family members and friends, in addition to members of the community who wanted to show their support for these Patriots.

The Lava Ridge Middle School Honor Choir sang the closing song, "We Remember", which was followed by the closing prayer by Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter member Herb Cihak. Mark Woodbury then thanked everyone for attending and again congratulated the Veterans.

ROTC and JROTC Cadets Recognized

Awards Chairman Herb Cihak reported that the Southern Utah University Silver ROTC medal award presentation to Cadet Nicholas M. Phillips was held on April 20th, the Pineview High School JROTC Bronze medal JROTC award presentation on April 27th to Cadet Phoenix Nutkalis, and the Dixie High School JROTC award presentation on May 5th to Cadets Sam Dowell and Reese Muhlestein. All four cadets were presented their awards by a SAR chapter representative in recognition of their leadership and excellence in service.



Jay Chapman presented to Cadet Nicholas M. Phillips

Patriot's Day

Patriot's Day was commemorated at the Southern Utah Veterans Home on April 19th. Members attending were Jim Harper, Secretary Jay Chapman, Ken Snapp, and President Jeff McKenna. The chapter is seeking to have the Washington County Commissioners pass a proclamation that will recognize April 19th as Patriot's Day in Washington County.

Memorial Day Remembered

Memorial Day Celebration was held at Sun River on May 27th. Color Guard Commander Mark Woodbury and Compatriot Marcus Whetzel were among those who participated with the color guard.

Golf Volunteers

June 28th saw the Liberty Week Golf Tournament held at the Legends Golf Club. Members of the chapter volunteered to provide various services, including a kickoff flag ceremony provided by the chapter color guard.

Liberty Village Report

At the April Chapter Meeting, RCofZ Compatriot Dennis Leavitt provided a Liberty Village update. Leavitt is also the President and CEO of United We Pledge (UWP). This charitable organization is leading the fundraising activities for Liberty Village, being built in Hurricane, Utah. UWP is a self-funded organization that promotes patriotism and liberty education for American families, youth, and foreigners.

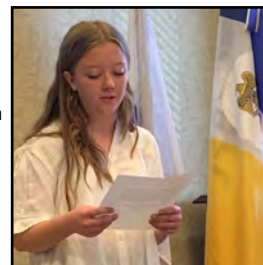
The three-fold purpose of UWP is Education, Celebration, and Destination. Under the Education goal, over 5,000 families have downloaded free American History lessons; and, Liberty Live is being taken to 5th grade classrooms where the teaching of America's founding values is permitted.

Under the goal of Celebration, UWP has worked with the Washington County Board of Commissioners to have celebrations honoring the Fourth of July, Constitution Week, and Veterans Day.

Finally, under the goal of Destination, UWP is in the process of constructing Liberty Village which is a 60-million-dollar project covering 40 acres, that will depict buildings and events that led to the formation of the United States. The first phase of this project is scheduled for completion by September 2024 with the final phase of Liberty Village scheduled for July 4, 2026, just in time to celebrate the 250th birthday of America!

CAR Project Receives Support

Children of the American Revolution (CAR) Junior President GraceAnn Christiansen reported on her project for this year to the members of the RCofZ chapter. She is working toward raising \$1,000 and awareness for the Veterans Memorial to be erected in the Ivins City Cemetery. During her presentation, the Chapter Tri-corn hat was passed, wherein \$270 was collected for her project.



GraceAnn Christiansen

Color Guard Members Needed!

The chapter is looking for as many volunteers as possible to join the Red Cliffs of Zion Color Guard. Please step forward and make yourself known! For those wishing to participate with the color guard firing squad, you will need to own your own flintlock musket. Color Guard Commander Woodbury reported that an NRA Black-Powder Certification class can be made available for anyone wishing to be certified.

Visiting the St. George Area?


Utah SAR Members, Associates, and others sharing in the values of the SAR are invited to attend our monthly Chapter meetings held the First Monday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. We meet in the law offices of Barney McKenna & Olmstead located at: 43 S 100 E St, Unit 300, Saint George, UT 84770. 

Join the Color Guard and inspire others to remember and cherish their heritage of

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"Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a Freeman, contending for liberty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth."

--George Washington

TICONDEROGA – LIBERTY MONUMENT

Liberty Monument is a historic monument located at Ticonderoga in Essex County, New York. It was built in 1924 and is a bronze sculpture on a tiered granite base. The lower part of the sculpture is composed of four life-sized figures of a Native American, a Frenchman, a Scottish soldier, and an American. They symbolize the four groups whose military exploits are part of Ticonderoga's past. The second part is the artist Charles Keck's (1875–1951) interpretation of Liberty.

