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Meeting of the Minds

Do you remember back in 1977 an hour-long PBS television program called "Meeting of the Minds"? This was hosted by Steve Allen and was a program that brought together key figures from history. During its four-year run, there were 12 two-part episodes (24 total) which featured prominent men and women of history who sat at a round table and discussed philosophy, religion, history, science, and many other topics. In Season One - Episode One the prominent guests were Queen Cleopatra, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Payne, and Theodore Roosevelt. Each was portrayed by a talented actress or actor; the legacy of this PBS series lives on through YouTube.com.

Let us, as members of the Utah SAR, individually imagine that we have brought from history to speak to us in our day Governor William Bradford, a Pilgrim of Plymouth, Massachusetts; His Excellency George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of America's Continental Army; and first President of the United States; and Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States. The topic is liberty.

Bradford speaks: I was born in England in March of 1590. My father owned a large prosperous

farm, but he died when I was only one year old. I was given to my grandparents to be raised, but they died while I was still very young, I was returned to my mother and stepfather. My mother died when I was seven years old, I found myself an orphan and was sent



Governor William Bradford
Artist Unknown,

to live with two uncles and work their farm. I remember feeling so very alone, but I was able to take comfort in reading the Bible.

When I was twelve, I was invited by a young friend to walk with him ten miles and listen to Reverend Richard Clyfton. The Reverend told us that the Church of England needed more reforms and changes, which were necessary so that the church would become more like the church Christ had established. When I told my uncles of Reverend Clyfton's teachings, to my surprise I was forbidden to listen to him again. But there was a strong feeling within me that I could not ignore, and I attended more of his sermons.

My uncles were frightened by my admiration of Reverend Clyfton and another minister named John Robinson. King James had decreed that anyone who did not support and attend the Church of England would be fined and could be put in jail. The thought of having one's family members locked up because they were in opposition to the King's church was extremely difficult to deal with.

In my day, according to the law, it was illegal for any religious group, different from the state, religion to meet; there was no freedom of assembly as you have now; and there were people spying everywhere to tell the sheriff if there were unauthorized religious meetings occurring. I began to believe deeply in Separatism and risked a great deal to attend the secret religious meetings.

Our group of believers was discovered more than once, and our leaders were put in jail. Our written sermons were burned, and we had heavy fines placed upon us; in my day there was no freedom of speech as you now have. We learned that some of the Separatists had been put in prison and left to starve for speaking openly of their beliefs.

The King's government was terrorizing into submission all dissenters who were attending a different church. We soon determined that we could not live in England and have the freedom of religious belief as you now have, due to the many restrictions and severe punishments that the English authorities placed upon us.

Washington Speaks: Governor, you were but a boy, yet you endured so much persecution for your beliefs. In my time we held you and your fellow Pilgrims in the highest esteem. We were

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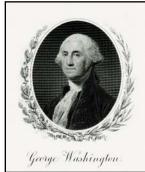
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taught your story as children. Is it true you left your uncles, your family, your inheritance, and traveled to Holland seeking religious freedom?

Bradford: Yes, General Washington, I did. I did not think it too great a price to have the freedom to worship God as I believed I should. My fellow Separatists and I had to secretly escape out of England as only the King could give permission to leave the country.

Washington: In my day, when America became an independent nation, American's could come and go freely from the shores of the nation, as they can today. American's could and can today travel freely from state to state.

Your hardships and sacrifices served as a notable example to us. My good friend, John Adams, told me that when he visited the city of Leiden in Holland and saw the brick church house where the Pilgrims once held their religious services, he openly wept. We did not



U.S. President George Washington Artist Bureau of Engraving and Printing

forget what you did. Your actions inspired us to not turn our backs on the liberty you fought so hard to achieve.

Lincoln Speaks: We did not forget our Forefathers in my time either General Washington; we remembered you Governor Bradford, and the other Separatists sailing on the Mayflower, arriving in Massachusetts and colonizing Plymouth. We remembered the May-



U.S. President Abraham Lincoln Artist Bureau of Engraving and Printing

flower Pilgrim's and their day of Thanksgiving. As a nation, America has celebrated Thanksgiving as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the War Between the States, I proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

Washington: Truly Mr. Lincoln, No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts

the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. Our gratitude is not only for the blessing of an independent nation, but for the knowledge that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Bradford: We, the people you call the Pilgrims, came to the shores of America so that we might have freedom of speech to preach our religion as we understand it; that we might have freedom of the press to publish the gospel; freedom of assembly so that we could meet together in our congregations and worship God as we see fit, we came to America so that we would have religious freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Under the stringent laws and bigotry of the King this would have not

been possible, only here in America did we obtain the realization of our hopes and dreams.

Washington: So, it was in my time Governor Bradford, we had a tyrannical King whose government was restricting our freedoms and limiting our liberty. We fought an eight-year war with the King's army and navy, with loyalists who did not want us to retain the freedoms you and the Pilgrims came to America to have. This Revolutionary War brought not only independence in 1776, but a Constitutional Republic in 1789 and a *Bill of Rights* in 1791. Independence, a supreme law to protect our unalienable rights, and a people who value virtue and morality have made America a land choice above all other lands.

We enshrined the rights endowed to us by our Creator; Governor Bradford, some of them are the very rights you came to America to realize. The United States Constitution still declares, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Yet, the promise of the **Declaration of Independence** did not begin to become more fully realized until President Lincoln's time.

Lincoln: I gave a speech in my time, that has come down through the ages. In my speech I referenced the **Declaration of Independence** by saying "...our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." This speech was given at one of the great battlefields of the civil war; a portion of land at Gettysburg set aside as a burial place for the dead.

We came together to that field to dedicate it as a final resting place for those who gave their lives that the union of the United States of America might live. And so it is that those who sacrificed their all for the establishment of America, and those from America's beginning to the present whom we honor for giving the last full measure of devotion, it is to them that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain--that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom--and government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Washington: Inspired by Providence, those of us you call the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution; within it are the principles which provide the means by which freedom and liberty can be maintained of the people, by the people, and for the people. *The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon*.

I pray that each of you will remember that you are to be true to the Constitution of the United States, and as an American you will dedicate yourself to defend and protect the Constitution with all its rights and freedoms as provided therein. Stand firm in this my fellow Americans, I say unto you stand firm

Compatriots and Associates - we invite you this 4th of July, September 17th or at Thanksgiving to have a family meeting. Choose three people to be Bradford, Washington, and Lincoln. Have them read this script and provide a patriotic program for your family. After the reading, discuss what you believe are the important points of the message.

1778 - The American Revolution - 240 Years Ago - Lest We Forget . . .

February 6th - The Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the United States and France, was the first of two treaties between the United States and France, signed on February 6, 1778, in Paris. Its sister treaty, The Treaty of Alliance, as well as a separate and secret clause related to the future inclusion of Spain into the alliance, were signed immediately thereafter. The Treaty of Amity and Commerce recognized the de facto independence of the United States and established a strictly commercial treaty between the two nations as an



Signing Treaty of Amity & Commerce and of Alliance between France and United States by Charles E. Mills

alternative to, and in direct defiance of, the British Acts of Trade and Navigation; the **Treaty of Alliance**, for mutual defense, was then signed "particularly in case Great Britain in Resentment of that con-



Treaty of Alliance (1778) Signatures

nection and of the good correspondence which is the object of the [first] Treaty, should break the Peace with France, either by direct hostilities, or by hindering her commerce and navigation, in a manner contrary to the Rights of Nations, and the Peace subsisting between the two Crowns". These were the first treaties ever negotiated by the fledgling United States and signed in the midst of the American Revolutionary War. Benjamin Franklin's role in obtaining the treaties was indispensable to the Revolutionary War.

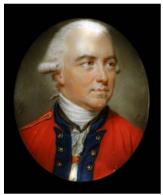


This watercolor from the American War of Independence is by Frenchman Jean Baptiste Antoine de Verger (1762-1851). The watercolor, which appears in the journal, shows the variety of soldiers fighting for American independence, depicting, from left to right, a black soldier of the First Rhode Island Regiment, a New England militiaman, a frontier rifleman, and a French officer.

March 7th - British General William Howe is replaced by Henry Clinton. After three years of no decisive

victories, the British government calls
Howe home and replaces him.

May 18th - The British hold General Howe's "Mischiania" farewell party. The largest most expensive, extravagant celebration held in North America at the time. It is estimated that the cost could have funded the entire American Army for a month.



General Sir Henry Clinton, Commander in Chief of the British Forces in the American Revolution, 1778-1782



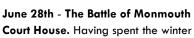
Fancy Ball "Mischiania" given in honour of General Howe

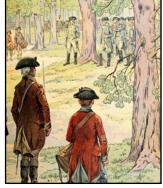
May 20th - Battle of Barren Hill, Pennsylvania. The 20-year-old Marquis De Lafayette with 500 men and about 50 Oneida Indians successfully evade a British force attempting to encircle them. The Continentals escaped the trap, but the British took the field.

June 18th - The British, who enjoyed comfortable quarters in Philadelphia

while Washington's army suffered at Valley Forge, **abandon Phila-delphia**, and return to New York. Philadelphia was a very difficult city to defend and could be blocked by sea; after France's entrance into the war on the side of the Americans, an estimated 3,000 Loyalists in the city had no choice but to sail down the Delaware River to escape the Patriot cavalry, who returned to Philadelphia the day after the British departure.

June 19th - Washington's army leaves Valley Forge as soon as they hear the British have left Philadelphia. They cross the Schuylkill River and set up camp a mile away. Washington ordered work parties to clean up the old campgrounds, filling the latrines and burying all garbage.





From the book titled "Washington, the Man of Action" by Frederick Trevor Hill and Job, 1914

under the tutelage of Baron Friedrich von Steuben, a Prussian drill master who had recently arrived from Europe, the Continental Army was ready to fight! The mark of professionalism was upon the troops, and a sense of confidence and pride pervaded the soldiers who had

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survived the ordeal of Valley Forge. Anxious to engage the enemy, Washington met the British at Monmouth Courthouse. The battle was almost singlehandedly lost by General Charles Lee. Arrogantly, Lee retreated instead of advancing; when Washington learned of this, it is said he "flew into a fury" and galloped out to turn the men around and personally lead the attack. Washington's perseverance to have the army stand their ground resulted in the Continental Army forcing the British to retreat. It was clear to everyone the ragged Continentals were now a match for the vaunted British.

July 4th - Lt. Governor of Canada, Lt. Colonel Henry Hamilton, nicknamed the "The Hair Buyer," incentivized the Indians allied with the British to kill and scalp American colonists. The colonist, inhabitants of what will become Ohio and Illinois, are continually under threat of Indian attack; this, along with the French villages of Caho-



March to Vincennes Frederick Coffay Yohn, 1929

kia, Bellefontaine,
Kaskaskia, and Vincennes being aligned
with the British, is playing havoc with the Continental Army receiving
desperately needed
supplies from the west.
Receiving approval for
a bold plan to capture
French settlements along

the Mississippi to ensure safe passage for Spanish supplies from New Orleans, 25-year-old Lt. Colonel George Rogers Clark, with about 200 men from Virginia, arrives at Fort Gage, a French Fort bordering the village of Kaskaskia (in present day Illinois). The Chevalier Phillippe de Rocheblave is the French militia leader. He is caught completely by surprise, and **Fort Gage is captured** on July 4th without firing a shot. When the French leader and the village inhabitants become convinced that an Alliance with France was signed in February, resulting in France declaring war on the British, they are elated!

August 8th - Battle of Newport, Rhode Island (also known as the Battle of Quaker Hill) begins. In this engagement the combined French and Americans lost about 200 men, and the British 260 men. Notably, the first black regiment in America's history, known as the 1st Rhode Island, took part in the action. On August 29, located on the right side of the American line, they defended their part of the hill against fierce attacks by German troops. Numbering 400 men, the 1st Rhode Island acquitted itself well, repulsing three separate and distinct charges from 1,500 Hessians under Count Donop. Beating them back with such tremendous loss, Count Donop at once applied for an exchange, fearing for having exposed his troops to such slaughter that his men would kill him if he went a fourth time into battle.

August 30th - The Americans, having been warned that General Henry Clinton is sending reinforcements, leave Rhode Island. Under the command of General Grey on August 31st, the newly arrived 4,000 British troops are ordered to pillage and punish the patriots of Rhode Island. A large number of ships, stored merchandise, wharf warehouses at New Bedford and houses and mills at Fair Haven are burned and destroyed—estimated at \$300,000 in damage. Grey's men pillage Martha's Vineyard; the defenseless citizens surrender their militia arms, all public money, 10,000 sheep and 300 oxen.

November 30th - Majority of Continental Army (8,000 to 10,000) in fourth winter quarters at Middle Brook in Bridgewater township, New Jersey (November 30 – June 3). Washington and his troops had been there in 1777, and are now again in 1778. Its position provides a natural fortress for protecting the Continental Army. With the British wintering in New York, the strategic strength of the position contributes ultimately to the success of the Continental Army by lengthening the war and wearying the British forces.

December 29th - In a surprise attack which included Hessian merce-

naries, New York
Tories, and the
71st Highland
Regiment, the redcoats occupy
Savannah. In all,
there were between 2,500 and
3,600 British
troops. American
General Robert
Howe and his



Encampment at Valley Forge 1778

force, estimated between 650 and 900 men, were outflanked and defeated. Howe ordered the city evacuated and the remaining army to withdraw. Eighty-three patriots were killed and 483 captured. The British losses were 3 men and 10 wounded. It would not be until July 1782 before Savannah was free from British occupation.

Sources: AmericanHeritage.com, USHistory.org, Wikipedia.com, MyRevolutionaryWar.com; Images from Wikimedia Commons

Eagle Scout & Flag Certificate Programs Report

Wade Alexander, the state Eagle Scout and Flag Certificate Programs chair reports since the fall issue of the newsletter, two Eagle Scout Certificates and nine Flag Certificates were presented to businesses that demonstrate their patriotism in the flying of our national flag. Remember...this is something you can do as a member of the Utah SAR wherever you live. Contact Wade for more details—wade@rootsoffreedom.com.

You and Your Neighbor's Heritage

For those of us who are growing older, we are experiencing more of the events that come with age, such as the passing of our parents. As we think of our mothers and fathers, we might have happy memories of family time, of life lessons taught to us, of love shared, and milestones accomplished as we grew with each passing day. For many of us, we equate our developmental years and family times with food, the meals of delicious dishes prepared for our health and/or enjoyment. Thinking back to those times, there may be regrets because for, some reason, the recipes were not written down and the dishes we once found delectable are now lost forever, never again to be enjoyed by posterity.

It is not difficult to think of food for the life of the body; what is sometimes more challenging is to think of the food we need for the support of our soul. Deep down, every soul wants to remember the lives and actions of their ancestors, those things that brought blessings to their ancestor's lives, the actions that sustained them, the strengths that preserved them, the courage and decency that made their lives honorable, the mistakes they overcame, the achievements they accomplished.

Every child wants to know where they came from and why they are here. Pedigree charts, augmented with family histories, are essential to teaching our children their unique heritage;

DNA research can help our children understand that within them is a part of those who have already experienced life and left us their legacy to learn and benefit from.

THERE IS A PATRIOT WITHIN YOU!

As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution you have discovered the patriot within you... an ancestor who is recognized for his or her contribution to bringing about the independence and freedom of the American people! Because of

your interest in your ancestor, you have taken time to learn about his or her life and the times in which he/she lived. You have deepened your knowledge concerning the importance of liberty and freedom; you have made a point to share this knowledge with your posterity.

Do you have an interest in genealogy? Do you have an interest in helping others to discover the patriot that may be found within their genealogical line? We invite you to volunteer to serve as an Assistant to the Genealogist and help us work with those who have expressed a desire in membership. We invite you to help others to connect with their ancestor's American Revolution past. Please contact UT SAR Genealogist Layton Patterson (<u>laytonpatterson318@gmail.com</u>), your generous help will be of value and most appreciated!

"Posterity! You will never know, how much it cost the present Generation, to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make a good Use of it. . ."

--Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, 26 April 1777

Remembering Our Veterans

This year the traditional Saturday Veteran's Day parade for Northern Utah rotated to the City of Layton, and was held on November 11, 2017, with a starting time of 11:11 a.m. The Utah SAR color guard was proud to be part of a parade honoring



Utah SAR Color Guardsmen - Holding the banner: Gregg Hansen and Regan Grandy, Man-at-Arms: Gary England & Jesse Black, Drummer: Trent Grandy

America's military veterans. The color guard was accompanied by a vintage WWII era jeep. The jeep, owned by our color guard



UT SAR Military Veterans Layton Patterson (L) and Bill Simpson (R) driving WWII Jeep during Veterans Day Parade

coordinator, Jesse
Black, was the ideal
vehicle to have two
Utah SAR veterans
drive during the parade. These honored
SAR member military
veterans were: Utah
SAR Genealogist Layton Patterson (SGT/E5,
combat veteran of the
Vietnam War) and

Utah SAR President Bill Simpson (USA MSG-Ret., served on active duty during both the Vietnam War and Desert Shield/Desert Storm).

Utah SAR color guardsmen were joined by members of the Utah SAR sponsored American Revolution Patriots 4-H Club. Thousands of people lined the streets to applaud and cheer our Veterans.

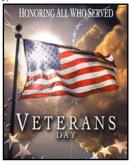
The day was clear, the sun shining brightly with a crisp cool breeze to



Utah SAR Sponsored American Revolution Patriots 4-H Club L/R Lyle Gingery - Advisor, Colebie Smith, Sean Smith, Noelle Falaschi, Korin Blue, JR Griffin, Gregg Hansen – Advisor, Doug McGregor - Advisor

flap the flags for all to see. The price of freedom was on parade from the American Revolutionary War to the present day.

God Bless America!



President's Day and Grizzly Hockey

On February 19th the Grizzly Hockey Team, with nearly 7,000 in attendance on a stormy wintery day, took on the Idaho Steelheads. It was also the second time the Utah SAR Color Guard provided a flag



Grizzlies Hockey Game 2018 L/R: Regan Grandy, Trent Grandy, Korin Blue, Jesse Black, Matt Marchant, Gregg Hansen, Doug McGregor

ceremony at the Maverick Center in West Valley City, Utah. The color
guard marched into the
middle of the arena to
present our national
flag; the audience
cheered after the singing of the Star Spangled
Banner and remained
standing as the color
guard marched out of

the arena to additional cheers and applause. Utah SAR Treasurer Larry Florence was again instrumental in making this possible. All participating color guardsmen received a free game ticket and discounted tickets for family and friends. Utah SAR President Bill Simpson was on hand to take photos. Those of us who stayed for the game enjoyed each other's company as we rooted for the team

Compatriots Remembered

Our thanks to families who have brought to our attention the passing of their SAR member loved one. Please take a moment to pay tribute to these two compatriots. Our condolences to each of their families.



Spencer William Simons
April 16, 1928 - February 13, 2018
Member since 2005



Ezekiel "Zeke" Richer Dumke, Jr June 3, 1923 - April 14, 2018 Member since 1962

"The battle sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

--Patrick Henry

Washington's Birthday Remembered

On February 24, 2018 The Utah SAR, in partnership with the Utah DAR, held a celebration of George Washington's Birthday and com-



SAR Intermountain VP General Gary Pettett

memorated the 286th year since his birth (February 22, 1732). Wade Alexander, Utah SAR Chaplain, offered a heartfelt invocation, the Utah SAR color guard nobly presented the colors, and the audience sang America the Beautiful. Larry Florence, Utah SAR Treasurer and Registrar, led the audience in saying the American's Creed. Utah Society SAR President Bill

Simpson, Utah State DAR Regent Brenda Stewart-Reeder and special guest SAR Intermountain Vice President General Gary Pettett , offered greetings and brief remarks. Diane Tarbox, Honorary State DAR Regent, offered a beautiful "Dinner Grace" to bless the food. The delicious dinner was catered by Majestic Grill and featured hand-rubbed, seasoned' smoked pot beef roast or turkey roast. Talk

about finger lick'n good! The dessert featured homemade cakes that were moist and scrumptious, with ice cream! The featured speaker was Mr. Paul Swenson - owner of Colonial Flag in Sandy, Utah. Mr. Swenson gave a remarkable presentation, sharing with us the be-



Utah SAR President Bill Simpson presents Paul Swenson the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

ginnings of Colonial Flag and the work that has been done throughout the country to honor our veterans, law enforcement personnel, remember 9-11, and to increase patriotism among our fellow citizens. Mr. Swenson shared his personal feelings about Washington and praised the Father of our Country. Mr. Swenson was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his philanthropic endeavors to inspire others to appreciate and love our country and for his personal patriotism. Concluding remarks were given by President Simpson and Regent Stewart.

"Your love of liberty, your respect for laws, your habits of industry, and your practice of the moral and religious obligations are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness."

-- President George Washington 1789

Welcome to Our New Members

It's always a pleasure to welcome new compatriots to the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution. Here are the new members since our last newsletter:

Raymond Vance Brown Jacob Benjamin Elliott Darwin Samuel Hunt Matthew Ryan Marchant Phillip Carter Page Jason Edward Cornelius Joshua Adam Elliott Ben Lee Johnson Steven William Marquardt Dennis Jay Smith

WELCOME!

Roy Lee Smith

Utah C.A.R. State Conference

The Utah State Society Children of the America Revolution celebrated their annual State Conference on March 3, 2018, at the Draper City Library, 10:30am. The children participating were from ages 4-16 years of age and are direct lineage descendants of American

Revolutionary War Patriots. The Utah CAR adult president is Shirley Nelson.

Presiding at the event was youth President Grace Powley. Her State President's Project was raising funds and public awareness of Camp Kesem, a cancer camp for children of parents who have cancer. A silent auction was held, wherein donations were given that amounted to about \$900.00 for the Camp.



Jason Henderson, 2nd Vice President, Utah SAR addressing participants at the conference

Special guests for the conference were

Brenda Reeder, State of Utah Regent DAR, Jason Henderson, 2nd Vice President Utah SAR, and Camp Kesem volunteers. These dignitaries presented greetings to the children and their parents.

After the business portion of the conference and elections concluded, the children went to the Living Planet Aquarium for lunch and a tour. It was a fun filled time for all.

Fort Buenaventura Easter Rendezvous

On March 31, 2018 the Utah SAR Color Guard, The Utah SAR sponsored American Revolution Patriot 4-H Club, and the Utah American Long Rifle Association (ALRA) provided color guard service for the 32nd Annual Fort Buenaventura Easter Rendezvous held on March 29 – April 1, 2018 at the Fort in Ogden Utah. The Rendezvous is held every Easter weekend. Campers relive pre-1840s frontier history at the fort; there are shooting contests, re-creation of fur trade gatherings and Native American traditions, canoe races, primitive camping, and trader's row. The public is welcome to attend.

The column of Militia and Continental Regular soldiers made up the color guard. They paused as they marched around the lake, they fired one volley from their muskets and continued on over a scenic bridge on their journey to the old fort. Along the way, another volley was fired by the Utah American Long Rifle Association as they drew near the fort. In the fort, the flag was briskly raised, the Pledge of Allegiance said and another volley fired. The color guard marched out and concluded their morning service. Thanks go to Color Guardsmen: Jesse Black (Commander), Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy, Ben Horne, Ace Horn, Matt Marchant, and Members of the Utah SAR sponsored American Revolution Patriots 4-H Club: Korin Blue, Noelle Falaschi, JR Griffin, and Colbie Smith. Lyle Gingery and Doug McGregor were on hand to give color guard support.

Memorial Day Commemoration

Utah SAR President Bill Simpson, 1st Vice President Doug McGregor, Secretary Gary England, Historian Trent Grandy, Chaplain Wade Alexander, Color Guardsmen: Gregg Hansen, Lyle Gingery, Matt



UT SAR Color Guard and ARP4-H Club Members during mornina flaa ceremony

Marchant, Josh Elliott, and American Revolution Patriot 4-H Club members Noelle Falaschi and Korin Blue were on hand to provide a day-long patriotic service for This Is The Place Heritage Park, located in Salt Lake City, Utah. The

park was open to the public on Memorial Day - May 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arriving at 6:30 a.m., several of the participants assisted with the setting up of a large canopy, small canopy, and two replica Conti-

nental Army tents. A dozen different replicas of Revolutionary Flags (3'x5') attached to 8' poles graced the display area. Gregg Hansen generously provided several replicas of equipment for guests of the park to learn about



UT SAR Gregg Hansen demonstrates steps in loading the musket

the American Revolution soldier.

Wade Alexander, dressed as Benjamin Franklin, gave inspiring stories of the Revolutionary War, including The Declaration of Independence. Josh, Noelle and Korin assisted under the large canopy in helping guests understand how soldiers lived and ate in a "mess" and



UT SAR Wade Alexander talks to a couple young visitors

the type and use of armaments in battle.
There were two flintlock demonstrations during the day and the musicians, Trent and Matt, explained the use of the drum and fife respectively. President Simpson, along with Gary

England, Lyle Gingery and Doug McGregor took turns manning the recruitment booth, where guests could ask questions about the SAR and receive membership application information. Those in Continental Army uniform and Hunting Frocks provided flag ceremonies at 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. in commemoration of Memorial Day.

The park supervisor told us that he received many, many compliments, "people were excited that you were here. Will you please

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come back next year!" School teachers we met asked if we could

bring a program to their school, and many others told us this was the first time they had heard of the Sons of the American Revolution. Estimates are about 350 to 400 people visited the patriotic displays.



ARP4-H Club Member Noelle Falaschi and UT SAR Member Lyle Gingery explain the basic diet of Soldiers

We want to thank Mrs.

Elliott for all her help with setup and take down, our Color Guard Commander, Jesse Black's, support and help, and everyone else who made the day the wonderful success it was. THANK YOU!

"Liberty, honor, and safety are all at stake, and I trust Providence will smile upon our efforts and establish us once more the inhabitants of a free and happy country."

--General George Washington 1776

American Revolution 4-H Club Report

 ${f T}$ he 2017-18 school year was a productive one for the Patriotic History Club, sponsored by the Utah SAR in cooperation with the Utah Military Academy from Riverdale, Utah. Each Monday, when school is in session, the club meets after school for ninety minutes. Club members earn "script" by attending meetings and participating in games, to learn and test their understanding of the American Revolution, our Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. Script is used to purchase items from the James Townsend and Sons catalogue. Club members learn proper handling of non-firing flintlocks; they are drilled in the commands of Baron von Steuben, and they participate in parades and assist with historical demonstrations at various patriotic programs held in Utah. This past December, two more Continental Army uniforms were made, making a total of six. These uniforms are replacing the hunting frock uniforms initially used by club members. The club is supported by Utah SAR Compatriots Gregg Hansen, Lyle Gingery and Doug McGregor, who are the club's adult advisors.

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

-James Madison

Annual Membership Meeting Report

On May 19, 2018 members of the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution held their annual membership meeting. Utah SAR President Simpson called the meeting to order. Chaplain Alexander gave a heartfelt invocation, followed by the color guard providing an inspiring flag presentation with drum and fife. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Simpson gave a warm welcome to all in attendance and shared a report of the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution.

1st Vice President Douglas McGregor conducted the election of officers. All incumbent officers were unanimously re-elected to office and installed for a second term by Alternate Trustee Dr. Paul Child.

The meeting then moved on to awards. Those who were current in their dues received service awards for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, forty-five, and fifty-five years of service. A special mention was given to forty-five years of continu-



Utah SAR Officers for 2018-19 are (L/R): Wade Alexander (Chaplain), Bill Simpson (President), Doug McGregor (1st Vice President), Gary England (Secretary), Larry Florence (Treasurer/Registrar), Trent Grandy (Historian), Not pictured: Jason Henderson (2nd Vice President), and Layton Patterson (Genealogist)

ous membership -- William G. Lapsley, and fifty-five years of continuous membership -- Steven B. Watrous. Each of these men were commended for their devotion to the principles and values of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Wade Alexander received the State Distinguished Service Medal for his many contributions to the Utah SAR. Larry Florence, Trent Grandy, Douglas McGregor and William Simpson received Oak Leaf Clusters for the Roger Sherman Medal.

The Silver State Roger Sherman Medal was awarded to Wade Alexander and Douglas McGregor for their significant service to

the Utah SAR.



Wade Alexander receives State Distinguished Service Medal from President Bill Simpson

Color Guardsmen recognized were Jesse Black, Gary England, Lyle Gingery, Trenton Grandy, Gregg Hansen and Douglas McGregor for 50% or higher participation in 2017. Appreciation was also given to Matt Marchant (fifer), and Wade Alexander (Benjamin Franklin) for their significant participation and support. Other Guardsmen mentioned were Ben and

Ace Horne (men-at-arms), Regan (drummer) and Kaledon Grandy, and Gary VanDolzer (George Washington)

Certificates of Appreciation for notable service given to the Utah SAR were awarded to: Jesse Black, Kevan Bybee, Paul Child Sr., Jason Henderson, Lyle Gingery, Gregg Hansen, and Kit Workman.

A new member swearing-in ceremony was held for Matthew Marchant. The color guard marched him to the front of the room, where he was sworn in by President Simpson. Welcome Compatriot Marchant!



President Bill Simpson with newly inducted member, Matthew Marchant

"...a good moral character is the first essential in a man...It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous."

- George Washington

"Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet

Compatriots, family, friends, members of the DAR, and special guests all gathered in West Valley for the annual "Celebrate America" Awards and Recognition Banquet. The audience was favored with an invocation offered by Chaplain Alexander, followed by the presentation of the colors given by our own Utah SAR color guard--the selfless men and boys who wear the iconic uniform of their patriot ancestors to inspire others to remember those who



Shirley Nelson, Senior President of the Utah CAR, receives SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from President Simpson with the assistance of 1st Vice President Doug McGregor

gave us freedom and established liberty upon the land. The audience participated in the pledge of allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem, and reciting of The American's Creed.

President Simpson and DAR Regent Stewart-Reeder gave greetings. The audience then

enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Majestic Grill. After dinner

President Simpson awarded Shirley Nelson, Senior President of the Utah Society Children of the American Revolution, the SAR Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation. Shirley has done an outstanding job of providing guidance to Utah's CAR. Also awarded was Cadet Samantha



UT SAR President Bill Simpson with SAR member MAJ Kit Workman, US Air Force, presenting Cadet Samantha Padilla with the SAR JROTC State Medal

Padilla, who received the SAR JROTC Sate Medal. She also was recognized for winning First Place in the National SAR competition., to be awarded at the National SAR Congress. Chase Hulet was awarded the State Eagle Scout Award, as well as the Weber State University \$1,000 scholarship.



Eagle Scout Chase Hulet receives State Eagle Scout Award from UT Scout Committee Chairman Paul Child and UT President Bill

After presentation of the awards, the audience was favored to hear from Sarah Langsdon Singh and Melissa Johnson Francis, the coauthors of the book Weber County in World War II (Images of America). The audience heard several remarkable stories of life in Weber County during

WWII. Among other things, we learned the Ogden Arsenal was built after WWI. Hill Field started construction in 1940 and, at the

height of the war, employed 15,780 people to provide mainte-

nance service and supplies. The government also had the Clearfield Naval Supply Depot built. It was the largest in-land Naval Depot in the United States. It became the store-house for the entire Pacific Fleet providing 4,000 train loads of material and equipment each month. A hospital was built in Brigham City -



Sarah Langsdon Singh and Melissa Johnson Francis, co-authors of the book Weber County in World War II (Images of America), receive SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals from President Simpson

the Bashnell Hospital, having 1,500 beds. Because the war effort took so many men away, 600 to 700 local school kids were rotated to work the farm fields every day. A major POW Camp was built in the Ogden area housing German and Italian POWs. Fascinating stories were told of locals George Wahlen, Chris Markos, John A. Linquist, Thomas Dee II, and Blanche Wesley. Did you know Markos had actor Jimmy Stewart as his trainer! Sarah and Melissa provided a most informative and enjoyable presentation with projected pictures and many entertaining antidotes. Both Sarah and Melissa were awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for their outstanding work to preserve a portion of Utah's significant World War II history.

SAR JROTC Medals Presented

In Utah there are 14 high schools that have JROTC for Army, Air Force and Navy as a curricular option for students. In addition, there are two Sea Cadet programs. And the ending of the school year is the time when high school JROTC programs across the state hold their awards and commendation ceremonies. Below is a partial list of the high school cadets who were presented SAR JROTC Bronze Medals this year. Congratulations!

- Tanner Pinkerton, Ben Lomond HS (Ogdent), US Army
- Ian Bird, Ogden HS (Ogden), US Army
- Samantha Padilla*, Utah Military Academy (Riverdale) US Air Force
- Cole DuClair, Clearfield HS (Clearfield), US Air Force
- Madison Mariano, Northridge HS (Layton), US Air Force
- Johnathan Cruz, West HS (Salt Lake City), US Navy
- Seth Jones, Taylorsville (Taylorsville), US Army
- Susanna Goertzen, Utah Military Academy (Lehi) US Air Force
- Ethan Ogzella, Wasatch HS (Heber City), US Air Force
- Beau Petty, Providence Hall (Herriman), US Navy

*Cadet Samantha Padilla was selected by National SAR as the number one JROTC cadet in the United States.









Sea Cadet Recognized

Sea Cadets of the Jake Garn Squadron gathered on December

10, 2017 at the Utah Military Academy Auditorium in Riverdale, Utah for their annual awards and recognition ceremony. Led by LTig Courtney Putnam USN, cadets and their families enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and participated in a



Ltjg Courtney Putnam USN, with Sea Cadet William Haines and Utah SAR 1st Vice President Doug Mc Gregor

silent auction for a fund raiser.

Various cadets were recognized for their scholastic achievements, as well as significant accomplishments attained as a cadet of the Jake Garn Squadron. On behalf of the Utah SAR, 1st Vice President Douglas McGregor presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Sea Cadet Ribbon Bar to Petty Officer First Class William Haines. Haines was recognized for his outstanding leadership, adherence to the values and aims of the Sea Cadet program, as well as his love of country and sense of patriotism.

Our thanks to the Utah SAR membership who pay their annual dues and make additional donations. Your contributions enable us to purchase and provide meaningful recognition to deserving Utah youth. Thank You!

Color Guard Service for DAR Annual Conference

On April 20th Gregg Hansen, Trent Grandy and Matt Marchant provided color guard service to the Utah DAR. With Color Guards-



UT SAR Color Guard Members Gregg Hansen, Matthew Marchant and Trent Grandy Present the Colors

man Hansen as flag bearer, Grandy played the drum and Marchant the fife. The tune of Yankee Doodle filled the meeting hall as our national flag was paraded down the aisle to the front of the room. DAR members and guests Pledged Allegiance to the flag,

sang the National Anthem and recited the American's Creed. DAR Regent Stewart-Reeder, on behalf of the Utah DAR expressed gratitude for the Utah SAR color guard coming and providing this inspiring patriotic service. Representing the Utah SAR at the conference was State Society President Bill Simpson. Simpson stood and gave greetings on behalf of the Utah SAR membership expressing appreciation for the Utah DAR.

5th Graders Learn of Revolutionary War

On February 6th Benjamin Franklin (aka Compatriot Wade Alexander) and Continental Army Fifer (aka Compatriot Matthew Marchant) provided a 90-minute program at Oakcrest Elementary school located in West Jordan, Utah. They were the guests of Mrs. Nadauld and her fifth-grade class.

Students received a brief overview of the Revolutionary War with an emphasis on the reasons the colonists declared independence and were seeking to maintain their liberty and freedoms. Compatriot Marchant told about his uniform, the use of the fife in battle, and what it was like to be a soldier. Benjamin Franklin told stories about his life and contributions to the American Revolution and the importance of liberty and freedom. Students received lessons pertaining to the Declaration of Independence and were helped to understand what makes America a desirable place to live.

There was time for questions and the fifth graders had many questions for Dr. Franklin and Fifer Marchant. A parent, who was there to observe, stated in an April communication, "The kids really enjoyed your visit, they still talk about it!"

There is a great need for additional Utah SAR color guardsmen who can go to an elementary school and help 5th graders learn about the importance of the American Revolution, the significance of the Declaration of Independence, and the value of our Constitution. Please consider volunteering as a member of the Utah SAR color guard to help us "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land, Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof . . . "

"Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected." - George Washington

Message from Intermountain VPG Gary Pettett

Dear Compatriots:

The 127th Annual NSSAR Congress is just weeks away - July 14-19, 2018 - in Houston, Texas. I hope some of you have decided to attend.

If so, please let me know so that we can arrange a time to get together. I know one of the barriers to attending Congress is the expense, especially when they are in the eastern part of the country. Airfare is certainly no bargain! That having been said, two of the next three Congresses are at least west of the Mississippi. In 2019 we'll be in Orange County, CA (Newport Beach) and in 2021 we'll be in Seattle. In between, it's Richmond, VA (2020). I hope many of you will be able to attend a future Congress. It's a great opportunity to observe the Trustees, Leadership and various



Intermountain Vice President General Gary Pettett

committees in action. All are open to any attendee. But, Congress is not just meetings. There are generally genealogy and history lectures and local tours available. This year, in Houston, we'll hear from the New England Historical Genealogic Society and guest speakers discussing Spain's role in the American Revolution. In addition we'll have guided tours of NASA (Johnson Space Center), the George H.W. Bush Presi-

[&]quot;... they will live to see the hour when they shall acknowledge it [signing the Declaration of Independence] to have been the most glorious service that I ever rendered my country.

⁻⁻ John Morton - on his deathbed eight months after signing the Declaration of Independence

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dential Library and the San Jacinto Battlefield to name a few. So, give some thought to an upcoming Congress.

I want to thank you all for your hospitality at your February, 2018 meeting. My son and I had a very enjoyable evening. It looks like I'll be serving a second year as your Vice President General (Intermountain District) and would certainly look forward to a return visit. In the meantime, remember that I represent YOU at both Congress and the twice-yearly Leadership Meetings. Please let me know if you have any issues you would like me to carry forward at NSSAR. You can reach me by phone (cell: 816-206-0397, home: 208-297-5274), e-mail (apettett45@gmail.com) or postal mail (1372 S. Willow Wood Way, Eagle, ID 83616). Don't hesitate - if it's important to you, it's important to me.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Your Humble Servant,

Gary Pettett, M.D.
VPG Intermountain District

Utah SAR President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

Working as a secondary education teacher for over 20 years before

retiring last June, I valued the opportunities I had to reflect on what I was doing as a teacher, in order to discover what I could do that would improve the learning experience of my students and make me a better teacher. I've decided that this might be an appropriate approach to my message for this issue of our newsletter, which contains a number of articles describing the various events and activities in which our Society was involved since the Fall newsletter.

In November, our Color Guard partici-



Utah SAR President Bill Simpson

pated in the Veterans Day Parade for Northern Utah held in Layton. Color Guard Coordinator, Jesse Black, offered the use of his vintage WWII Jeep to accompany the Color Guard in this parade. This would be a great opportunity for other Utah SAR compatriots, who were military veterans, to participate in the parade with the Color Guard. Knowing how to drive a shift, I became the driver of the Jeep, and Compatriot Layton Patterson was my co-driver (both of us are Army veterans). I quickly learned that driving a WWII Jeep was not the easy task I had envisioned. Fortunately, I did not run over any of the Color Guard, and only stalled out about 10 times while driving the parade route. Reflecting on the experience, I felt a tremendous amount of pride to be able to participate in this event along with many other veterans from a variety of different organizations. When I wasn't concentrating so hard on driving, I looked around at those standing along the parade route and saw them saluting and cheering both the U.S. Flag as it was passing by, and the veteran participants. When possible the Utah SAR color guard will support the Saturday Veteran's Day parade. For the 2018 parade I would not be opposed to driving that Jeep once more with other compatriot veterans in the passenger seats.

Our George Washington's Birthday Celebration, sponsored jointly with the Utah DAR, was held at the Sons of Utah Pioneers building. I thank Compatriot (and Utah SAR Alternate National Trustee) Paul Child, for assisting us in securing this location due to his membership with this organization. Special guests included Utah DAR Regent Brenda Stewart-Reeder, NSSAR Intermoutain Vice President General Gary Pettett, and guest speaker, Paul Swenson. We had a great meal, catered by the Majestic Grill. Paul Swenson's shared with us the history of what are now known as Healing Fields, and how they have affected numerous Americans across the country. I was honored to present Paul the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for all that he does to promote our nation's flag, and the ideals of liberty and freedom in all aspects of his life.

For the last two years, I've served on the National SAR's Newsletter and Publications committee as a newsletter reviewer for it's annual competition. Being our state's newsletter editor, this experience allowed me to view the many different approaches other societies and chapters had taken in publishing their noteworthy activities to their members. As a result, we've attempted to incorporate into our newsletters those elements that will improve what we do in our newsletters. I'm excited to announce to you that our state newsletter was selected as the Flathers (State) Winner (for state societies with less than 500 active members). I'll be attending the Annual Congress in Houston in July and will provide a more detailed report on this in our fall newsletter. But great to know that we are producing a noteworthy publication.

On April 20th my wife, Sheila, and I attended the Utah DAR's banquet, which is part of their annual state conference. The event was held at the

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake City. I was honored to represent the Utah SAR at this formal gathering and greet those in attendance in the receiving line. Beforehand, people had an opportunity to have photos taken with the special guest speaker, Stan Ellsworth, from



Stan Ellsworth of BYU's America Ride show addresses the audience at the Utah DAR Annual Conference Banquet

the America Ride show seen on BYU TV. Yes...I admit, I did have my photo taken with Stan, and while he didn't remember my name, he said he did remember my face. I offered greetings and revealed some facts I had discovered in reviewing the histories of both the SAR and DAR. We had a wonderful meal with great conversations with those at our table. As part of the meeting, Regent Reeder recognized Paul Swenson for his service to the community and presented him with an award. Stan Ellsworth's message focused on aspects of WWI and the Poppy Story. One outcome of attending this memorable event was that Sheila discovered through Regent Reeder's help that she has at least two Revolutionary War Patriots as ancestors and has begun working on her application for membership in the DAR.

It was great to gather together as a society in May for our annual member meeting and Celebrate America Banquet. The two articles contained in this newsletter describes in more detail the events of our annual member meeting and banquet, so I won't repeat them here. Reflecting on the evening, it was a very different experience being the one conducting, as opposed to being one of the audience. Thank you,

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Doug McGregor (Utah SAR 1st Vice President) for your aide in guiding me through the evening. Thank you, Larry Florence (Utah SAR Treasurer and Registrar) for your diligence in ordering all the awards and preparing all the certificates that were presented. I'm also grateful for our Color Guard that always enhances the dignity of our meetings. I believe we have a strong board of officers, all of whom I'm grateful for their support and the effort they put in on behalf of the society.

One highlight I'd like to mention in more detail. Utah Military Academy Cadet Samantha Padilla was selected as the winner of the state JROTC medal, and we learned from the school's commandant, Major Kit Workman (AF), not long before the banquet, that she was selected by NSSAR as the top JROTC cadet in the U.S. There will be a more detailed report on this in the Fall issue of the newsletter highlighting her receiving her recognition during the annual congress in July, and which I've mentioned that I will be attending.

I also had the opportunity to present JROTC medals to several cadets during the various ceremonies held around the Salt Lake Valley. These young people are mature and capable young men and women. I was extremely impressed watching them conduct themselves and felt that those that received this recognition were all well deserving cadets. I was left with the feeling that the student leadership in these JROTC programs will grown in strength as the new leaders fill the vacancies created by the graduating seniors. The lists for these presentation ceremonies is finalized round mid-April, and I invite all of you around the state to take the opportunity to make one or more presentations in the high schools or universities in your area. We'll keep you informed via email as to when the schedule is ready and how you might go about adding your name to the presentation list.

The Memorial Day event at This Is The Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City, was a nice way to end the month and round out the events reported in this issue of the Utah Patriot. Thanks again Utah SAR Color Guard for volunteering your time on this special holiday. Along with students from the Utah SAR sponsored American Revolution Patriot 4-H Club the Color Guard did an impressive job of posting the colors and in interacting with the visitors who wanted to learn more about Revolutionary War soldiers. More than a few families asked to have group photos taken with those dressed in uniform. It was a good day!

Hopefully, each of you takes time to review each of our newsletters to see variety of events and activities that the Utah SAR supports, especially those compatriots, and the youth of the American Revolution Patriots 4-H club, who serve in our state's Color Guard. I encourage you to check our website, UtahSocietySAR.org, for the events posted throughout the year to the state calendar. A new page has been added for Color Guard Activities, listing the many events they support, some of which may be of interest to you.

Bill Simpson President, Utah SAR



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Menu bar, then <u>Utah Society SAR Officers</u>. For Utah Patriot Newsletter

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Events Calendar

Here are some upcoming events for your calendar. Those that are for the Color Guard, please check the Color Guard Events page on the website for more details (http://utahsocietysar.org/wordpress/utah-sar-color-guard/color-guard-activities)

14-19 July - NSSAR Annual Congress, Houston, TX 20-22 September - Freedom's Light, Bountiful

<u>Save the Date!</u> Watch for the email describing this important event!

10 November - Veterans Day Parade (TBD)

Are you a veteran? Please accept our invitation to ride in the jeep. Contact the Utah SAR President and let him know. <u>Save</u> the Date!

Color Guard

Patriot Camps (some will have CG Support)

9 July - Murray

30 July - South Ogden

6 August - Midway

13 August - Riverton

Special Events

2 July - Naturalization Ceremony, Orem

4 July - Flag Raising Ceremony, This Is The Place Heritage Park, SLC

Utah SAR Informational Brochure

Fellow Compatriot and Associates,

Thanks to a generous contribution from one of our members, we have prepared this brochure to help publicize the purpose and goals of our Society. It may be useful in expressing our society's appreciation for liberty and patriotism to family, friends, and community groups that you may associate with. We are anxious to get copies to you for this purpose.

To receive 2, 5, or 10 copies of the brochure by mail, contact: Larry Florence, 8145 W 4495 S, West Valley City, UT 84120

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