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State of the Union's Millennials

We hear a lot about millennials now days. What is a Millennial? Just as the birth years for baby boomers range from 1946-1964, millennials range from 1981 to 2001. How many millennials are there in America? American millennials, now number 83.1 million and represent more than one quarter of the nation's population. Their size exceeds that of the 75.4 million baby boomers, according to June 25, 2015 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The American Institute for Economic Research published an article by Max Gulker (December

15, 2017) entitled, "Over Half of millennials Identify as Socialist. Here's How to Change Their Minds." Gulker is referring to a national Reason-Rupe Survey which found that

53 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds view socialism favorably, compared to only a quarter of Americans over 55.

It's mind boggling to think that potentially 44 million American young people prefer socialism to Constitutional Republicanism! There is something you should know, however, the vast majority of millennials can't tell you what socialism is. Only 16% could give the proper definition of socialism: government ownership of the means of production—in other words, true socialism requires that governments run the businesses. Most millennials think of socialism as big government programs and government interventions with the economy, created to be helpful to others. However, you stack it, of course, this is not good news for those who support liberty and free markets.

"I, however, place economy among the first and most important of republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared. We see in England the consequences of the want of it. . . all its profits going to them for

the interest of their debts. Our laborers and landholders must come to this also, unless they severely adhere to the economy [found in republican virtues]." --Thomas Jefferson, Letter to William Plumer, July 21, 1816.

Having a preference for socialism is not the only concern; the *Religious News Service*, October 5, 2018 reported that 39% of millennials identify as "nones" -- having no religious affiliation. That represents 32 million of America's young people who do not attend a church. It's interesting to note that, according to Dr. Peter Lillback (author of *George*



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Washington's Sacred Fire), 99.5% of Americans were Christian at the time of the American Revolution. Only a minority within a minority did not attend church.

"The great pillars of all government and of social life are virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor... and this alone, that renders us invincible." --Patrick Henry, Letter to Archibald Blair, January 8 1799.

If the Union is to survive and the ideals of Americanism perpetuated, America will need patriots. How was an American Patriot defined at the time of the Revolutionary War? Washington, in his farewell address, gives us some clues:

"The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations."

He also said:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The

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mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." -- Washington's Farewell Address, 1796



General George Washington dis-
tressed by "current conditions."
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Washington tells us an American patriot takes pride in his country and is "disposed" to religion and morality. Thus, we can say love of country, duty to God, and living a moral life are essential attributes of American patriotism. As we strive to foster these attributes in our own lives and serve as a role model of patriotism to others, we can give support to those American principles that enable liberty and freedom to live. We can help others understand and value what they do not know.

The Sons of the American Revolution has a three-fold mission consisting of Patriotic, Historical, and Educational. Perhaps one of the most significant ways we can honor our patriot dead, who sacrificed for



New Logo of the NSAR 2018

the attainment of Independence, is to involve ourselves in efforts to either show appreciation and recognition to those who are upholding American values, or to help our fellow citizens, especially youth, value and appreciate those principles that enable us to have freedom.

We invite you to get involved with the Utah SAR in our efforts to

reinforce and strengthen our American values among our citizenry. Whether in the areas of Patriotism, Historical or Educational, your gift of a little time to strengthen perceptions and beliefs concerning the American Revolution, our Constitution, the value of Constitutional Republicanism, or the Cause of Liberty is most welcome!

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

LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

Visit our website UtahSocietySAR.org
Click Color Guard on the Menu Bar or
Call the Utah SAR Color Guard Coordinator Today!
801-201-7731

Indexing - Looking for Volunteers

The National SAR, through the Patriots Records Committee (PRC), has embarked on a project to extract the data from digital copies of membership applications. This will ultimately lead to a system that will allow users of the Patriot Research System (<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>) to search for the names of ancestors that con-



nect to verified patriots of the American Revolution. Some of you are familiar with and have participated in the Indexing system that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, through FamilySearch, uses to extract data from historical records, which makes them "searchable" in several different ways. This will greatly benefit individuals who are interested in becoming Society members.

This project has already been rolled out in several states and the PRC is looking to expand the project into other states. Each state wishing to participate needs to create a team of seven or eight individuals who are interested in participating in their state's record indexing efforts. Each state team begins by indexing their state's current active member applications, beginning with their own application, as they learn how the data is indexed. Once the state's active member applications are indexed, the state's team will begin working on the other applications that were submitted by their state.

So...are you interested in volunteering some of your time to this worthy project? If so, please contact Bill Simpson, Utah SAR President, at simpsonwpcssar@gmail.com.

We Love Those Who Fly the Flag!

Families, businesses, civic facilities, schools - wherever an unfrayed flag is continually flown properly, there is an opportunity to give recognition and show appreciation to those who fly our country's flag. Thus far in 2018, twelve flag certificates have been presented, among those recognized were: The Follow the Flag organization, Colonial Flag, Merit Medical, The Harmon's, Peterson's, and Macy's grocery stores, and the Roots of Freedom Organization.



Utah SAR Flag Committee Chairman, Wade Alexander, presents certificate to Monty Peterson of Peterson's Market

Our thanks to Compatriot Wade Alexander, who chairs the Flag Recognition committee. Through his efforts and those who have invited his assistance, flag flyers in Utah are being recognized and shown gratitude by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Love of country is commendable; please help us to acknowledge those who love America and show it by flying our Nation's flag. To contact Compatriot Alexander, refer to the back page of this Utah Patriot newsletter. Thank you!



December 18, 1778 - Why the British Continue to War Against the United States

Although the year 1778 saw the Americans forming an alliance with France, and many believed this represented a turning point in the war for independence, it is clear in his December 18, 1778 private letter written to Benjamin Harrison, seven months after the French treaty, that Washington did not share in this optimism. The following are excerpts from Washington's letter. Modern spelling has been applied and commentary offered.

It is important that we learn from the past for, as Winston Churchill (who was a member of the SAR) said, "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." Washington begins his letter by saying:

"I can assign but two causes for the enemy's continuance among us, and these balance so equally in my mind, that I scarce know which of the two preponderates. The one is, that they are waiting the ultimate determination of Parliament; the other, that of our distresses; by which I know the Commissioners went home not a little buoyed up; and sorry I am to add, not without cause. What may be the effect of such large and frequent emissions, of the dissensions, parties, extravagance, and a general lax of public virtue Heaven alone can tell! I am afraid even to think of It; but it appears as dear to me as ever the sun did in its meridian brightness, that America never stood in more eminent need of the wise, patriotic, and Spirited exertions of her Sons than at this period . . ."

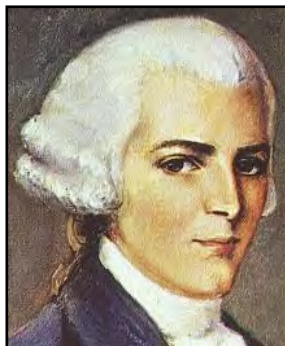
Is it the British government or the weaknesses of the country that emboldens the enemy to press on? Washington sees a country



Washington Rallying the Troops during the Battle at Monmouth - June 28, 1778
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son, never since liberty's cause in America began has there been such a need for patriotic involvement from "her Sons".

" . . . we are lost by our own folly and negligence, or the desire, perhaps, of living in ease and tranquility during the expected accomplishment of so great a revolution in the effecting of which the greatest abilities and the most honest Men our (i. e. the American) world affords ought to be employed. It is much to be feared my dear Sir that the States in their separate capacities have very inadequate ideas of the present danger."



Benjamin Harrison V
Signer of the Declaration of Independence,
Delegate from Virginia to the Continental
Congress; 5th Governor of Virginia
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where there is dissension, political parties at odds with each other, people living beyond their means, and a critical lack of public virtue - the type of virtue which brings people to the battle front - a love of country more than a love of self. Washington in essence says to Harrison,

Washington laments that too many of America's honest citizens with great abilities prefer to live in ease rather than engage themselves in the cause of liberty - - and, that the States are not united in correct "ideas" concerning liberty and freedom, and what to do, if anything, about those who would take away these essential rights.

"The Public believes (and if they do believe it, the fact might almost as well be so) that the States at this time are badly represented, and that the great, and important concerns of the nation are horribly conducted, for want either of abilities or application in the Members, or through discord and party views of some individuals; that they should be so, is to be lamented more at this time, than formerly, as we are far advanced in the dispute and in the opinion of many drawing to a happy period; have the eyes of Europe upon us, and I



The Union must be preserved!
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am persuaded many political Spies to watch, discover our situation, and give information of our weaknesses and wants."

Here the Commander-in-Chief blames incompetent representatives or party rivalry for the discord among the states. Some think the war is drawing to a happy ending, but Washington knows there are spies and dissenters who combine with the enemy to exploit the weaknesses of the United States. Later, in his letter to Harrison, Washington says:

"I have seen nothing since I came here (on the 22nd) to change my opinion of Men or Measures but abundant reason to be convinced, that our Affairs are in a more distressed, ruinous, and deplorable condition than they have been in since the commencement of the War. By a faithful laborer then in the cause. By a Man who is daily injuring his private Estate without even the smallest earthly advantage not common to all in case of a favorable Issue to the dispute. By one who wishes the prosperity of America most devoutly and sees or thinks he sees it, on the brink of ruin, you are beseeched most earnestly my dear Colonel Harrison, to exert yourself in endeavoring to rescue your Country, by, (let me add) sending your ablest and best Men . . . these . . . must not slumber, nor sleep at home, in such times of pressing danger; they must not content themselves in the enjoyment of places of honor or profit in their own Country, while the common interests of America are moldering and sinking into irretrievable (if a remedy is not soon applied) ruin, in which theirs also must ultimately be involved."



Dilapidated church, no longer in use.

Washington shares his qualifications for being able to provide an accurate account of the state of the Union. He proclaims his desire to see America prosper, although he believes America is on the "brink of ruin". He pleads with Harrison to send his best men - those



who do not prefer to "sleep at home" or are not focused on making money while the country and what it stands for erodes away. He continues:

"If I was to be called upon to draw a picture of the times, and of Men; from what I have seen, heard, and in part know I should in one word say that idleness, dissipation and extravagance seem to have laid fast hold of most of them. . . . That party disputes and personal quarrels are the great business of the day whilst the momentous concerns of an empire, a great and accumulated debt; ruined finances, depreciated money, and want of credit (which in their consequences is the want of everything) are but secondary considerations and postponed from day to day, from week to week as if our affairs were the most promising aspect; after drawing this picture, which from my Soul I believe to be a true one, I need not repeat to you that I am alarmed and wish to see my Countrymen roused."

Washington describes the times of December 1778 - people are idle, they seek

pleasure, and want more of what they don't need. Political groups hotly argue with each other, thinking their petty wants are more important than the greater concerns of the nation. The increasing debt and mismanagement of money goes on and on, as if the United States is prospering and doing well.

Washington says, "I am alarmed and wish to see my Countrymen roused." In other words, he desires his fellow Americans to wake up, to see what is happening around them, and to get involved and do something about it.

"I again repeat to you that this is not an exaggerated account; that it is an alarming one I do not deny, and confess to you that I feel more real distress on account of the present appearances of things than I have done at any one time since the commencement of the dispute; but it is time to bid you once more adieu. Providence has heretofore taken us up when all other means and hope seemed to be departing from us, in this I will confide. Yr. &c"

The letter ends with a statement of affirmation - "I am not exaggerating - we should be alarmed;" never before was there such a need to be concerned. Washington ends by confirming his faith and trust in the Almighty. He tells Harrison that when all else has failed, God has sent His help.

We return now to 2018 - 240 years since this letter was written. Is there anything in Washington's letter that rings true in our time? If yes, what can we do? What should we do? What will we do for the cause of liberty? Libertas Et Patria!

For the full text of Washington's letter to Benjamin Harrison, you can go to the Library of Congress at this website:

<https://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/amrev/turning/continue.html>



Statue of Washington in Utah

It began last year when Mrs. Kathy Smith, wife of the late Bert Smith (businessman, philanthropist and Utah SAR compatriot) began thinking, wouldn't it be wonderful if in the great state of Utah there was a monumental statue (life size plus 25%) of George Washington sitting on a horse. Mrs. Smith began searching for a sculptor and soon she commissioned Mrs. Angela Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is famous in Utah for her *Light of the World* gardens located at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah. The two-and-a-half-acre garden includes 15 landscaped scenes from the New Testament containing 35 statues.

Mrs. Smith invited Compatriot Douglas McGregor to meet Mrs. Johnson and offer a critique of the marquee clay statue. Acting as a historical advisor, McGregor was able to provide recommendations to enhance the accuracy of Washington's uniform and the horse's tack. As the purpose of the statue was discussed, Mrs. Johnson settled on the title of "Stand Your Ground".

Months of work culminated with the official unveiling ceremony held at Liberty Hall, in Farr West, Utah. It was no coincidence that the ceremony took place on Constitution Day, September 17th. After an invocation by Mr. Gerald Hasty (Treasurer for the Constitution Day Committee of Utah), the Utah SAR color guard provided an opening flag ceremony. With fife and drum, and men-at-arms, the nation's colors were paraded to the front of the room and posted by the veiled statue.

The standing room only crowd was greeted by Mrs. Smith. A program of patriotic music was presented by students from Ascend A Mentored Education.



Students from Ascend A Mentored Education

This was followed by Utah SAR 1st Vice President Douglas McGregor speaking to "George Washington's Legacy of Courage".

With the conclusion of McGregor's remarks, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Johnson, VP McGregor and other select guests came up to unveil the statue: "Stand Your Ground." As the cover was removed from the statue the audience gasped in awe! They looked upon Mrs. Johnson's magnificent creation with obvious admiration. There upon his horse, in his general's uniform, is the nation's Commander-in-Chief. With his arm outstretched to those fighting for liberty, he appears to be loudly admonishing all to Stand Your Ground!

Mrs. Johnson spoke to those in the hall, sharing her experience with Providence, being inspired to create a statue of Washington for our time, a statue that sends a critical message that each of us must stand our ground in the never-ending fight for freedom, in today's fight for our liberties. "More than ever before each of us must look to Washington's example of sacrifice, his example of courage, his example



of patriotism, and hear his call to *Stand Your Ground!*"

The Utah SAR color guard retrieved the colors and Utah SAR chaplain Wade Alexander gave a heartfelt benediction. Refreshments were served, and the meeting concluded. Where will the statue be permanently placed? To Be Determined . . .

You can learn more about Artist/Sculptor Angela Johnson at her website: www.ajsculptures.com, or from her book: *No Way Forward*, © 2016. Exclusively available at Thanksgiving Point.



Artist, Sculptor Angela Johnson



Utah SAR 1st V.P. Douglas McGregor



Stand Your Ground!



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Utah SAR - L to R: Wade Alexander-Chaplain, Bill Simpson-Society President, Color Guardsmen: Jesse Black (CG Coordinator), Josh Elliot, Matt Marchant, Trent Grandy, Gregg Hansen, (Angela Johnson), Doug McGregor



Becoming an Eagle Scout Is Significant

The rank of Eagle Scout was Created in 1911. Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout requires a boy to be active in a Scout Troop, attain the rank of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life Scout. He must earn 21 merit badges (13 are required) and complete an approved project.

Today only 4% of those who are Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. The Sons of the American Revolution has a long relationship with Scouting and has created a beautiful certificate to provide special additional recognition to those who earn their Eagle Scout.



To date in 2018, eleven Scouts have been ceremoniously presented with an SAR Eagle Scout certificate. If you know of a Boy Scout who will be achieving this significant accomplishment, please let us know.

Compatriot Alexander is our Eagle Scout Certificate Committee Chairman. Please contact him by referring to the back page of this newsletter. 🦋

Freedom's Light - Essential Knowledge for Our Time

On September 22nd, a beautiful, warm fall day, members of the Utah SAR participated in the annual Freedom's Light program at Bountiful City Park, Bountiful, Utah. It is always held on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday near September 17th - Constitution Day. Saturday is Family Day.

Utah Society officers and color guardsmen, as well as cadets from the Utah SAR sponsored American Revolution Patriots 4-H Club, were in attendance. A welcome booth was set up, as well as a replica of a "mess", including infantry tent, cooking pot display, food display, flintlock, coinage and script, and clothing of a Continental Soldier.



UT SAR Color Guard Members Gregg Hansen (background), J.R. Griffin, N. Falashi & J. Elliott

to help visitors understand the use of the fife in marching and battle. Compatriot Josh Elliot spoke with visitors about the soldiers' mess. Cadet Griffin explained colonial money, and Cadet Falaschi talked about the food rations of a soldier. Compatriots Bill Simpson, Gary England and Doug McGregor welcomed visitors, explained about the SAR, and directed people to the displays.

The "Family Day" event ran from 10am to 2pm. At the top of each hour Compatriot Gregg Hansen shot off his replica six-pound Revolu-

tionary War cannon. At the bottom of the hour a flintlock demonstration was given by Compatriot Gary England. It was fun and rewarding to interact with the public and help them understand the life of a Revolutionary War soldier and the sacrifices made so that we, today, can have freedom and enjoy our liberties.



UT SAR Color Guard Members (L/R) Gregg Hansen and Gary England

One of the highlights for those who attended was the Freedom's Light booth with a replica 18th century printing press. A replica of the Constitution, printed in 1797, was freshly printed and made available to attendees at no cost. Other booths featured a large model of the Mayflower ship and pilgrims, meeting Thomas Jefferson, meeting John and Abigail Adams, meeting President Washington (aka Utah SAR Associate Gary VanDolzer), Joan of Arc and the Meaning of Freedom booth. There were several other booths, including food and patriotic art. Those of us who were in Continental Army uniform or colonial costume received a free lunch!

Visitors included compatriots who read their Utah SAR email invitation and came to Bountiful to fellowship with their fellow SAR members. Some of them came wearing their SAR hats and pins. It was great to see them and have them spend time with leadership at the booth. You know who you are and we thank you for your participation and support. Libertas Et Patria! 🦋

Return to This Is The Place

The management of This Is The Place Heritage Park was so impressed with the Utah SAR booth, displays and demonstrations provided on Memorial Day (See Utah Patriot Spring 2018 Issue, p. 7), they invited us back to raise the flag on the 4th of July. At 10:00 a.m., members of the color guard provided a flag ceremony including fife and drum. The flag was briskly run up the pole, the audience pledged their allegiance to the flag, followed by a group of singers who gave a beautiful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

It was a beautiful morning, and many in the audience gave thanks and asked to have their pictures taken with color guardsmen. For a few minutes they were made to feel as if they were celebrities! There was a good feeling of fulfillment and patriotism for all in the color guard. 🦋



UT SAR Color Guard Members (front) Trent Grandy, Jesse Black and (back) Matthew Marchant at This Is The Place in Compatriot Blacks vintage WWII Jeep.



Utah Patriot Camps-America's Future is our Youth


There are now 12 Utah Patriot Camps from Logan to Cedar City (www.UtahPatriotCamp.com). Patriot Camps are for kids K through 6 and provide a fun, educational program to teach the youth the importance of liberty and the principles that are essential for a Constitutional Republic. Each year, all of them request support from the Utah SAR. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to meet the demand. One of the challenges is that they meet during the summer for five weekdays from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Those who work simply cannot be absent to be there each day. The Patriot Camp does give a stipend for travel and is willing to be flexible.

This year Gregg Hansen, Wade Alexander, Gary Vandolzer, and Doug McGregor attended and supported Patriot Camps according to their availability. Gregg supported Midway and Kaysville, Doug supported Midway, and Wade and Gary supported several others. What did they do?

Gregg and Doug dressed a number of the youth leaders in a variety of replica Rev War military coats and had them carry a variety of Revolutionary War flags. The group presented the colors and gave a brief program concerning the significance of the uniforms and the meaning of the flags.

Wade dressed as Benjamin Franklin and spoke of the Declaration of Independence at the Patriot Camps he attended. Gary dressed as General Washington and

taught the youth about the Father of our Country, his life and contributions to the founding of the United States.

If you have one morning available next summer, let us know. We would welcome your participation in the Utah Patriot Camp program. Contact the Secretary. See contact information on the back page of this Utah Patriot newsletter. 



Compatriot Wade Alexander, as Benjamin Franklin, at Tooele, UT Patriot Camp

Roots of Freedom and Naturalization Patriotism

Each year in Provo and Orem, Utah, the Freedom Festival is held for three days, with July 4th as the centerpiece of activities and events. In Orem, at the Freedom Festival, the Scera Park is where you can find the largest "colonial village" in Utah. An organization called Roots of Freedom provides an original patriotic musical in the Scera Theatre featuring Joan of Arc, Christopher Colum-

bus, Plymouth Plantation Pilgrims, and several of the Founding Fathers.

The Utah SAR was invited to provide an informational booth at the Scera Theatre, as well as color guard service for a Naturalization Ceremony.



UT SAR Color Guard at the Naturalization Ceremony held at Scera Theatre, Orem, UT on July 2, 2018


On the first day of the Freedom Festival (July 2nd), Roots of Freedom hosted the ceremony. Fourteen immigrants came on stage along with officials from Homeland Security, who presided at the event. Retired military dignitaries,

the Mayor of Orem, and those providing musical performances supported the swearing-in program.

An invocation was offered, followed by the Utah SAR color guard presenting the colors. With fife and drum, the color guard marched onto the stage and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by all, and then the color guard posted the colors and marched off the stage, down the aisle to the back of the theater. Members of the Utah SAR who were sitting in the audience thrilled as individuals from San Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, China, Philippines, England and other countries raised their right hands and took the Oath of Allegiance for citizenship:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

After the swearing-in, some of America's newest citizens spoke to the audience explaining why they were grateful to be Americans. One of the military dignitaries complemented the Utah SAR color guard saying, "I have been to many Naturalization Ceremonies, and the color guard service given today by the Sons of the American Revolution was the best - and most fitting, I have ever seen."

The Utah SAR wishes to express their gratitude to Compatriots Scott Swain and Wade Alexander, and Roots of Freedom (www.RootsOfFreedom.com) and all those Utah SAR compatriots who contributed of their time and talents to the 2018 Freedom Festival. 



Could You Pass a U.S. Citizenship Test?

Did you know the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation recently released their findings in a national survey to see how many Americans can pass a multiple choice *U.S. Citizenship Test*? Only 1 in 3 could pass the test. And of Americans 45 and younger, the passing rate is a tiny 19 percent. Even more concerning is the actual test only requires that 60 percent of the answers be correct, and in the survey, just 36 percent passed.

Last July a group of us were privileged to witness a number of Immigrants finalize their wish to become citizens of these United States of America in a Naturalization Ceremony. It was a very thought-provoking experience. Being born a citizen we go through school learning things about both U.S. history and U.S. government, often-times retaining the information learned long enough to pass the tests given in class and then quickly forgetting many of the important aspects in history that helped shape our country and the government we have. One can see or hear commercials on TV or radio where people are asked the question "What form of government do we have in this country?" It's embarrassing to hear the varied incorrect responses. So, pretend for a moment that you immigrated to the United States a number of years ago, and then decide that you want to have all the privileges of citizenship. Below is information concerning the written test taken by an immigrant who makes the decision to follow a pathway towards citizenship. This information comes from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' website (<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test>).

To pass the U.S. citizenship test, applicants must score at least 60 percent on a test about U.S. history and civics. There are 100 potential questions, but only up to 10 questions will be asked in English during the interview.

Who takes the U.S. citizenship test?

About 1 million people immigrate to the U.S. legally every year, but to be eligible to become a citizen, a person must live in the U.S. with a green card for at least five years. A green card is like an indefinite stay visa that has its own long, difficult process to acquire.

How hard is the U.S. citizenship test?

While you can take an official online multiple-choice practice test, the interview itself isn't multiple choice. The civics questions fall within these categories: Principles of American Democracy, System of Government, Rights and Responsibilities. The history questions fall within these categories: Colonial Period and Independence, 1800s, Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information, Geography, Symbols and Holidays. Here are some of the more challenging questions from the test. Can you get 60 percent of them correct?

Questions

- Q 1:** The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
- Q 2:** If both the president and the vice president can no longer serve, who becomes president?

Q 3: What is the last day you can send out federal income tax forms?

Q 4: The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

Q 5: When was the Constitution written?

Q 6: Who vetoes bills?

Q 7: What are two Cabinet-level positions?

Q 8: The citizenship test will also cover the basics of modern American history. One of the test's questions is, "Who did the United States fight in World War II?"

Q 9: 1800s history is one of the sections of the citizenship test, and it could include the question: "Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s."

Q 10: When must all men register for the Selective Service?

Q 11: The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

Q 12: American citizens are expected to know about key historical figures, including Abraham Lincoln and Susan B. Anthony. You could get questions about either of them or the question, "What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?"

Q 13: U.S. geography is also a category on the test. Besides being able to name the biggest rivers and bordering oceans of the U.S., one of the questions is "Name one U.S. territory."

Q 14: The citizenship test doesn't ignore some of the harsher aspects of America's past, such as slavery as well as the contention with Native Americans. Future citizens are expected to know a little about the country's pre-Columbian population via the question "Name one American Indian tribe in the United States."

Q 15: Understanding American symbols is also part of the test, so two questions are "Why does the flag have 13 stripes?" and "Why does the flag have 50 stars?"

Q 16: The division of power between the federal and state governments is a key aspect of the United States' government. So two questions on the test are: "What is one power of the federal government?" and "What is one power of the states?"

Q 17: How many amendments does the Constitution have?

Q 18: What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

Q 19: Other important amendments for future Americans to understand are the ones pertaining to voting. "There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them."

Q 20: While applicants don't need to know how each state joined the union, America's acquisition of one area in particular was a big enough deal to inspire a question on the test. "What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?"

Answers

Q1: It might've been a few years or decades since you covered this in history class, but the answer is "We the People." The U.S. Constitution declares that its people chose to create their own government



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and will elect people to represent their interests.

Q 2: Many people know the vice president is the second in line to the presidency, but who's third? That would be the speaker of the House. Another potential question on the test is, "What is the name of the speaker of the House of Representatives now?" That would be as of October 2018, Republican Paul Ryan. The test could also ask you to name your state's governor, your senator or your representative. Could you name them all?

Q 3: Many people know April is tax month, but what is the actual deadline? That would be April 15, unless that day falls on a weekend or holiday.

Q 4: It's much easier to remember the number of U.S. senators since there are two for every state, making for 100 total. But what about representatives? That would be 435 (this can change every 10 years after a new census is taken). Other potential questions are: "We elect a U.S. senator for how many years?" (6), "We elect a U.S. representative for how many years?" (2) and "How many justices are on the Supreme Court?" (9).

Q5: While many American-born citizens know that the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776. But it was not until 1787 that the Constitution was written and signed at the Constitutional Convention.

Q6: This question has the same answer as two other test questions about the way the U.S. government is organized: "Who is the commander in chief of the military?" and "Who signs bills to become laws?" That would be the president. There have been 2,574 presidential vetoes since 1789 but the current president has yet to use this executive power.

Q7: The president's Cabinet is comprised of experts meant to advise the president on the affairs of the 15 executive departments. Aside from the vice president, the other members of the Cabinet are: Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of State, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Attorney General.

Q 8: The answer is Germany, Italy and Japan, together known as the "Axis powers." The United States and the Allied forces won the war in 1945.

Q 9: Acceptable answers are the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War and the Spanish-American War.

Q10: Although the U.S. doesn't currently have a draft and military service is optional, all men must register for the Selective Service between the ages of 18 and 26. The last time Selective Service was used was the Vietnam War.

Q11: This one might be easier for fans of the smash hit Broadway show "Hamilton," as its subject, Alexander Hamilton, was one of the

authors of the Federalist Papers, along with James Madison and John Jay. These three men penned the papers to rouse public support of the new system of government proposed in the Constitution.

Q12: A man of many accomplishments, Franklin is famous for being an inventor, diplomat, the first postmaster general of the United States, the founder of the first free libraries and the oldest member of the Constitutional Convention.

Q13: The five American territories are: Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

Q14: There are currently 573 federally recognized tribes, and all are permissible answers, but four of the largest are the Cherokee, the Navajo, the Sioux and the Chippewa.

Q15: The stripes represent the 13 original colonies, while the stars represent the 50 individual states.

Q16: The federal government has the power to: print money, declare war, create an army and make treaties. State governments have the power to: provide schooling and education, provide protection through police, provide safety services, issue driver's licenses and approve zoning and land use.


Q17: The question is one you might have forgotten since your school days. There are 27 amendments. Another potential test question is, "What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?" Acceptable answers are speech, religion, assembly, press and the right to petition the government.

Q18: This answer might not come to mind quickly, but the phrases that are both acceptable answers are the foundation of our system of government: "checks and balances," also known as "separation of powers."

Q19: The 26th Amendment allows citizens 18 and older to vote. The 19th allows both men and women to vote. The 15th allows a citizen of any race or color to vote. And the 24th prevents the government from charging a poll tax, meaning you don't have to pay anything to vote.

Q 20: The answer is the Louisiana Territory, which was acquired in the Louisiana purchase. The territory included portions of 14 different states.

Results

So how did you do? If you got 12/20 correct or more, you would pass the test portion of the citizenship interview. 





Utah SAR Has Top JROTC Cadet in 2018

It was reported in the Spring Newsletter that the Utah SAR had the winning JROTC Cadet in National SAR's annual contest, JROTC Cadet Major Samantha Padilla, who is a student at the Utah Military Academy, Riverdale campus.



President General Larry T. Guzy presents Cadet Major Samantha Padilla with medal and certificate with NSAR JROTC Chairman David G. Jessel, Lcdr, USN, Ret.

Cadet Padilla presented her essay during the Annual Membership Meeting and Celebrate America Banquet last May. She was invited to attend the Annual Congress in Houston where she presented her winning essay to Congress attendees during the

Youth Awards Luncheon held to honor all the winners of the various youth competitions held by National SAR annually. Cadet Padilla was accompanied by her proud father to the luncheon and after reading her essay she was presented her medal and certificate along with the cash award for being the Top JROTC Cadet in 2018. Here is the essay she wrote titled "Citizen of the United States of America."

"My name is Samantha Padilla and I am seventeen years old. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT, and I am Hispanic. Everyone has these personal facts, but I am not just like everyone else. I am part of an organization that develops young men and women into people who can change the world. Being part of JROTC is what sets me apart from the rest of my peers, and it will set me apart for the rest of my life. JROTC has set me on a course where I am able to improve my life and the lives of others. It has made me a better person and a better citizen.


JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen by teaching me about our nation and the military. Before I started JROTC, I did not realize how oblivious I was of the current events that were happening in our country and all around the world. I am now more educated on our government's decision-making process and policies. I am constantly updated on current events, so I feel more connected to my community and country; I also have a strong desire to help those in need. I have strong opinions and know the right questions to ask. I feel that when the time comes, I will be ready to use my right to vote because I have been educated about our country, the military, our history, and how I can prepare right now to be able to contribute to the future.

JROTC has taught me many important skills and lessons, but something that has been incredibly valuable and will continue to aid me, is the skill of leadership. I am a leader every day. I am a leader at home, at school, in my community, and one day, in our country. I am a leader to people younger than me, older than me, more vulnerable than me, and wiser than me. I have been chosen for many leadership positions, but there will be situations where being a leader does not come with a title or instruction. I know there will be situations where

the people I am trying to lead will not have the desire to contribute to the team. These are the moments that are difficult and require courage. JROTC has prepared me for challenges like these and has taught me that being a leader does not mean I have all the answers or that I am superior to others, but that I have the opportunity to change someone's life for the better. I know how to work and communicate with people effectively to reach goals no matter what challenges arise.

Before I started JROTC, I was not aware of my own potential. I did not know what I wanted to do with my life, but I was already limiting myself by believing that I could only go so far. JROTC has provided me with positive structure and direction. I have realized I can achieve anything. JROTC provided me with opportunities so I can learn more about myself, what subjects I am passionate about, and what career I would like to pursue. I now know that I want to dedicate my life to serving others. My dream is to graduate from the United States Air Force Academy to accomplish goals of helping people in

need. Preparing to be competitive for an appointment to USAFA is a daily hustle that requires dedication and courage, but JROTC has made me physically, mentally, and emotionally stronger. I used to set my standards low, but now I aim for greatness in every area of my life and aspire to make other people's lives better.

There is no doubt that JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen. I feel prepared to contribute to our country; I know the meaning of leadership and how I can be a successful leader; I am dedicated to working hard. I could not be more grateful for what JROTC has done for my life—I am a better person and citizen because of it." 



Cadet Padilla with proud father

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the following new members of the Utah SAR, not previously listed in our newsletter:

- Paul David Nichol - Bountiful, UT
- Justin Lawrence Moon - Centerville, UT
- Jonah Lawrence Moon - Centerville, UT
- Jon Clayton Bodnar - St George, UT
- Gilbert Stover Bruce, Jr - Midway, UT

WELCOME!



Message from Intermountain VPG Gary Pettett

Compatriots:

Greetings! It's a real pleasure to once again serve as the Intermountain District Vice President General for 2019. Well, we are now in the final quarter of another calendar year. Your National Sons of the American Revolution Society now has in excess of 35,000 members and continues to grow. We are in excellent financial condition and continue many of our National Projects.



Intermountain Vice President General
Gary Pettett

- Completion of the build-out for admin offices National HQ
- Approval by the Trustees of the 2nd phase of our Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH), which will include the development of interactive displays depicting the creation of the United States.
- Digitizing of The SAR Magazine archives; now online
- Indexing of all membership applications
- The IT Committee is continuing its work to improve National's website.

Important news for members, there will be no changes in dues for 2019 and, Memorial application fees have been reduced to a one-time fee of \$115 (\$80 for application and \$35 for membership fee). Memorial memberships are available to qualified relatives up to two generations from the current member.

Congress is moving West!! The 2019 NSSAR Congress will be held in Costa Mesa, CA. Although registration is not yet open, you can make lodging reservations at the Hilton Costa Mesa, the host hotel. The hotel block is currently about 87% full so get your reservations in soon. A preliminary schedule of events can be seen at <https://www.californiasar.org/2019-congress>. Online hotel reservations can be made at <http://group.hilton.com/nssar2019> or by calling the hotel directly, 714-513-3448 and asking for Matthew Fisher.

Check with the SAR website frequently for open registration (www.sar.org) go to "events" on the dashboard then "congress" on the drop-down menu.

The 2020 Congress will be in Richmond, VA but moves back west to Seattle in 2021. Travel to our West Coast Congress sites will be easier (and cheaper) than those in the Mid-West or East Coast. Let's see if we can get a good Intermountain District turnout!

Want to stay up-to-date on NSSAR activities? Make sure that the National Office has your e-mail address (contact Michael Scroggins at mscroggins@sar.org). NSSAR does not sell or make available personal contact information to any outside companies or organizations. For those who do not have e-mail capabilities, I encourage Trustees, Society and Chapter Officers to make sure important information is disseminated to all their members.

As always, I remain your servant at the National level. Please feel free to contact me for any questions or issues you may have.

Yours in Liberty,

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Utah SAR President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

As Fall begins to take hold here in Utah, I hope you all experienced a satisfying summer filled with memorable moments with family and friends, as well as in your travels.

In the months since our last newsletter I've had the opportunity to participate in several SAR activities with our Color Guard (CG), starting with naturalization ceremony in Orem at which our CG presented the colors to begin a special moment for those who took the oath of U.S. citizenship (see page 7).



Utah SAR President Bill Simpson

In July I attended my first NSAR Annual Congress, held in Houston, Texas. I can't say I enjoyed the heat and humidity so much, but I did enjoy the various activities involved with being at the Congress. Tours had been arranged that allowed Congress participants to see NASA's Johnson Space Center or the Bush Presidential Library (at a cost). And what would a visit to Texas be like if you didn't get to enjoy some great BBQ brisket in a casual setting?

A memorial service was conducted in one of the local churches to honor all the Compatriots who died the previous year. It was a solemn ceremony in which all the Color Guard members from around the country participated carrying the various flags of our nation, as well as all the states. Each name of the deceased Compatriot was read, which prompted me to imagine my father's name being read at a similar ceremony after his passing in 2011. And I thought of the Utah Compatriots that have died since I became a member.

It was a proud moment to see our state's JROTC Cadet with her father at the youth awards luncheon, and to listen to her read her essay that helped her win the 1st place NSAR JROTC award (see page 10). Recognition was also given to four other youth for Eagle Scouting, essay writing, oration (which was held during the first days of the Congress), and the top C.A.R. youth. I was able to accept awards and recognition from President General Larry T. Guzzy that our state society won having the top JROTC Cadet, as well as for our award-winning newsletter. It was insightful to become involved in the business conducted at Congress and the election of new general officers. The banquets held were remarkable, again with the support of Color Guard, and everyone "dressed to the nines!"

We in Utah have two great opportunity this coming summers 2019 and in 2021 to attend Annual Congresses that are close enough to get to within a day's drive. As Intermountain District VPG Pettett mentions in his message, next year's Congress is Costa Mesa, CA and in 2021 it will be in or around Seattle, WA...both would make for fantastic vacations. It's not necessary to stay at the hotel that houses the Congress. I found a great, and reasonable, hotel about 10 minutes from the Congress site in Houston. And something I did not know was that there is an women's organization connected to NSAR that holds various activities for spouses during the member meetings. Depending on the number of Utah Compatriots attending, you may be asked to be a delegate that will allow you to vote on matters of business during the Congress. So please mark your calendar with the date for the 2019 Congress and check out National's website (<https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress>) for more details. It would be great to see you there!

Yours in Liberty,

Bill Simpson
President, Utah SAR



Photo Montage



Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Utah SAR events

2019 Membership Renewal: Begins 11/1/2018

Veterans Day Parade: 11/10/2018; Layton, UT; check the Utah SAR website for more details.

George Washington Birthday Celebration: 2/23/2019; check the Utah SAR website for more details.

Annual Membership Meeting & Celebrate America Awards & Recognition Banquet: May 2019, check the Utah SAR website for more details.

129th Annual SAR Congress: 7/5 to 7/10, 2019; Costa Mesa, CA; see the [SAR.org website](http://SAR.org) for more details.

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