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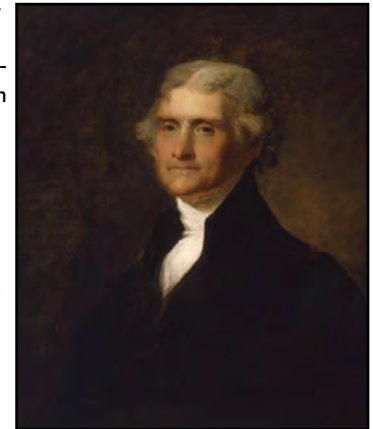
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The Preservation of Liberty and Freedom Depends on This . . .

Sons of the American Revolution are familiar with the reasons patriots of the Revolutionary War involved themselves in fighting their British brethren. They realized that only through independence could they preserve the liberties they valued so highly. America’s Founding Fathers personally experienced the abuses and wrongs imposed upon them by the King’s government. Believing in “unalienable rights”, they understood that a government who has declared itself the giver and taker of the people’s rights, is a dangerous government, an undesirable government, a government that can never accept that unalienable rights are from God and that the paramount responsibility of government is to protect and secure the people’s God given rights.

A true scholar and deeply committed to the achievement of independence was Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was undoubtedly one of the best educated men of his time. The number of books he had obtained during his lifetime numbered over 10,000. When the British destroyed the existing collection of the Library of Congress during the War of 1812, Jefferson sold 6,000 of his books as a replacement for \$23,950 in 1814.



Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson had a wide variety of interests including the “visions of antiquity,” “everything which related to America,” and “whatever was rare and valuable in every science.” The accomplished Jefferson read in English, Greek, Latin, French, Italian, and Anglo-Saxon. His personal library had books in their original languages.

More than many of the other Founding Fathers, Thomas Jefferson believed that people were the guardians of their own freedom. He believed that “wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government.” In other words, only a well-educated citizenry is capable of the type of self-government that can maintain and preserve the people’s freedom and liberties.

As the Founder of the University of Virginia, Jefferson achieved one of his three greatest accomplishments (the other two were: Author of the Declaration of Independence and Author of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom). In 1818, the 75-year-old Jefferson outlined the purpose of higher education and what the nation’s colleges and universities should be striving to accomplish with the students attending the schools. He wrote that proper higher education would prepare people for citizenry in the new republic. Enabling them to make right choices of government, harmonize various aspects of the economy, and, most importantly, properly prepare individuals for the country’s future leaders.

Jefferson also stressed the importance of the education of the masses. Educating all citizens of the republic was necessary “by which freedom and happiness are preserved.” Jefferson also said, “*To instruct the mass of our citizens in these, their rights, interests and duties, as men and citizens...this brings us to the point at which are to commence the higher branches of education . . . To develop the reasoning faculties of our youth, enlarge their minds, cultivate their morals, and instill into them the precepts of virtue and order.*”

-Thomas Jefferson, "Early history of the University of Virginia: as contained in the letters of Thomas Jefferson and Joseph C. Cabell, hitherto unpublished". Book by Thomas Jefferson, 1856.

Here are quotes from Thomas Jefferson emphasizing the importance of education for the preservation of liberty and freedom.

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“The Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.”



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"Students of reading, writing and common arithmetick . . . Graecian [Greek], Roman, English and American history . . . should be rendered . . . worthy to receive, and able to guard the sacred deposit of the rights and liberties of their fellow citizens."

-Thomas Jefferson, Bill 79: A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge, 1778.

"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people...They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

-Thomas Jefferson (1829). "Memoir, correspondence, and miscellanies from the papers of T. Jefferson"

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

-Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Colonel Charles Yancey, 6 January 1816

"If the children are untaught, their ignorance and vices will in future life cost us much dearer in their consequences than it would have done in their correction by a good education."

-Thomas Jefferson (2010). "The Works of Thomas Jefferson: Correspondence and Papers, 1816-1826", p.84, Cosimo, Inc.

"Above all things I hope the education of the common people will be attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty."

-Thomas Jefferson, Jerry Holmes (2002). "Thomas Jefferson: A Chronology of His Thoughts", p.93, Rowman & Littlefield

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

-Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, query 18 (1781 - 1785)

"Convinced that the people are the only safe depositories of their own liberty, and that they are not safe unless enlightened to a certain degree, I have looked on our present state of liberty as a short-lived possession unless the mass of the people could be informed to a certain degree."

-Thomas Jefferson (2017). "LETTERS", p.709.

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion."

-Thomas Jefferson, Letter to William Charles Jarvis, 28 Sept 1820

Thomas Jefferson passionately believed in the people's ability to govern themselves. There was one caveat however, it is:

Freedom and liberty cannot be maintained without education.

As Jefferson's pre-eminent biographer, Dumas Malone, states: "To the venerable Sage as to the bold Revolutionary patriot, freedom and knowledge were inseparable."

As citizens of the United States, as Compatriots, Associates, as fa-

thers, brothers, grandfathers, or uncles, we have a **solemn responsibility** to do our part in helping our loved ones obtain patriotic education.

For those who have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews ages K through 6th grade, we encourage you to get these children involved with a Utah Patriot Camp, summer camp. Various members of the Utah SAR attend and support these camps. To locate the camp near you and obtain more information go to this website:

<https://www.utahpatriotcamp.com/>

We encourage you to go to Bountiful City Park in September, in correlation with Constitution Week and immerse you and your family in **Freedom's Light**. This festival is free of charge and provides a "Family Day" Saturday of valuable patriotic education. Members and Associates of the Utah SAR will have educational demonstrations to support this event. Learn more at this website: <https://freedomslight.us/>

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"Let our common people be compelled by law to give their children (what is commonly called) a good English education. Let schoolmasters of every description be supported in part by the public, and let their principles and morals be subjected to examination before we employ them. ... This plan of general education alone will render the American Revolution a blessing to mankind."

--Benjamin Rush to Richard Price, May 25, 1786

The Road to Independence 1774 - 250 Years Ago

There are historians who refer to 1774 as "The Long 1774", focusing on a 16-month period beginning in October 1773, when cargo ships sailed from Great Britain with tea bound for the North American colonies. Five of the ships arrived in December at the ports of Boston, Charles, and Philadelphia. "Taxation without Representation" protests were already being strongly felt among the colonists. Extraordinary events would follow the colonies upset over the May 1773 **Tea Act**. During 1774 lines would be drawn between those seeking independence "disloyal" and those who would remain "loyal" to the King of Great Britain.

January 29: Benjamin Franklin, Massachusetts' agent in London, is ridiculed by Alexander Wedderburn, Solicitor General for a solid hour before the



Benjamin Franklin stands resolute as he is ridiculed before Parliament.

Privy Council. Franklin stands stock still and shows no emotion as he is berated with one denunciation after another, being held personally responsible for the rebellion in Boston. When asked if he has anything to say he refuses. London newspapers referred to Franklin as the "grey headed traitor". Two days later he is dismissed as



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Deputy Postmaster of North America.

Mar 5: John Hancock delivers the fourth annual **Massacre Day Oration**, a commemoration of the Boston Massacre, and denounces the presence of British troops in Boston, enhancing Hancock's stature as a leading Patriot.

Mar 7: King George III charges colonists in Boston with attempting to injure British commerce, paving the way for the closing of the port to punish colonists for the December 16, 1773 Boston Tea Party.

March 31: Parliament passes the **Boston Port Act**, closing Boston Port to all ships, no matter what business the ship had. It also moved Massachusetts' seat of government to Salem and Marblehead was made a port of entry.

May through October: Lord Dunmore's War.

The governor of Virginia during the conflict was John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, who in May 1774, asked the House of Burgesses to declare a state of war with the Shawnee and Mingo Indians who had violated the treaties signed by their Chiefs. Consequently, the Virginia militia was called out.

May 10: Louis XVI ascends to the throne of France.

May 20: Administration of Justice Act is

passed by Parliament. This allowed the royally appointed governor to remove any accusation placed on a royal official by a member of the public. If the royally appointed governor did not believe a royal official would have a fair trial, they could declare the accusation "removed". The Act also ensured that legal trials were more favorable to the Crown than to local juries. The Act granted a



George Washington, leader of the volunteer militia and representative of Virginia to the Continental Congress

change of venue to another British colony (or to England) in trials of officials charged with a crime arising from their enforcement of the law or suppression of riots. Witnesses for both sides were also required to attend the trial and were to be compensated for their expenses. George Washington called this act the "Murder Act", believing that the royal official could get away with capital offences.

May 20: Also passed by Parliament was the **Massachusetts Government Act**. This act abrogated the colony's original charter and centralized all power in the hands of the royally appointed governor. Historic unalienable rights to self-government were also abrogated. The Act provided that local officials (e.g. justices, sheriffs, provosts and marshals) were no longer to be elected but to be appointed by the Royal Governor.

May 23: Chestertown tea party occurs. This was a protest against British excise duties. Colonial patriots boarded the brigantine Geddes in broad daylight and threw its cargo of tea into the Chester River.

June 2: A second **Quartering Act** is passed by Parliament. "...it shall and may be lawful for the governor of the province to order and direct such and so many uninhabited houses, out-houses, barns, or

other buildings, as he shall think necessary to be taken...for the housing of government soldiers."

June 13: Rhode Island becomes first colony to prohibit importation of slaves.

June 22: The **Quebec Act** is passed by Parliament. The boundaries of the territory were expanded to include land that is now southern Ontario, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota. This increased the size of the province threefold. The governor was to be appointed by the Crown, and he was to govern with the assistance of a legislative council; there were no provisions for an elected legislative assembly. English law would apply in matters of public law, criminal law and freedom of testation. The seigneurial system as a means of distributing land and managing its use was restored. Catholicism was recognized and oaths of office eliminated having to be a Protestant. (The five 1774 acts of parliament became known as the **Intolerable Acts**.)

July 4: **Orangetown Resolutions** adopted in the Province of New York. The resolutions were part of a widespread movement of town and county protests of the Intolerable Acts passed by the British Parliament.

July 12: Citizens of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, pass a symbolic declaration of independence.

September 1: General Gage and his troops secretly raided the Cambridge powder magazine. This became known as the **Powder Alarm**. King George III and his Parliament determined that General Thomas Gage would be appointed as the military governor of Massachusetts effective May 1774. He was charged with enforcement of the hated Intolerable Acts, which British Parliament had passed in response to the Boston Tea Party. Gage believed that the best way to keep the peace was to remove all military supplies from the storehouses and arsenals in the colonies.

September 5: 12 Colonies send delegates to form the First **Continental Congress** at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Georgia chooses not to participate. The Congress will hold meetings until October 26. They adopted a trade embargo against Great Britain. Philadelphia becomes the first capital of the United States.

September 9: **Suffolk Resolves** was a declaration made by the leaders of Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The declaration rejected the Massachusetts Government Act and resulted in a boycott of imported goods from Britain unless the intolerable Acts were repealed.

September 21: Patriot leaders met in Worcester and urged town meetings to organize a third of the militias into special companies of **minutemen** in constant readiness to march. They also instituted a system of express riders and alarms that would prove to be critical at Lexington and Concord. Paul Revere became one of the express riders.

Oct. 10: Battle of Point Pleasant, also known as the Battle of Kanawha and the Battle of Great Kanawha, was the only major action of Dunmore's War. After a long and furious battle, the Shawnee



Lord Dunmore - John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia 1774



General Thomas Gage, Royal Governor of Massachusetts 1774



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chief retreated and was soon compelled to agree to a treaty, which ended the war.

October 14: The delegates of the First Continental Congress pass the **Declaration and Resolves**, also known as the **Declaration of Rights**. The Declaration outlined colonial objections to the Intolerable Acts, listed a colonial bill of rights, and provided a detailed list of grievances. After the publication, American opinion turned from wanting respect and recognition from the crown, to wanting to become separate from the mother country. Not all Americans felt this way, there were many loyalists who wanted to remain a part of the empire of Great Britain



Paul Revere as an Express Rider



King George III in Coronation Robes

especially in the South, but the public opinion was turning. As for the King and his ministers – they did not waver or give in to colonial demands. The King meant to maintain political unity between the colonies and the United Kingdom even at the expense of the happiness of the colonists. King George famously said to Prime Minister Lord North **"The die is now cast, the colonies must either submit or triumph."**

October 19: Local patriots burn the Maryland cargo vessel Peggy Stewart in Annapolis, as a punishment for contravening the boycott on tea imports, which had been imposed in retaliation for the British occupation of Boston, following the Boston Tea Party. This event became known as the **"Annapolis Tea Party"**.

October 20: The **Continental Association** is formed and a prohibition of trade with Great Britain is passed.

October 21: First display of the word "Liberty" on a flag, raised by colonists in Taunton, Massachusetts and which was in defiance of British rule in Colonial America.

October 24: Loyalist Joseph Galloway of Pennsylvania in the First Continental Congress put forth a **plan** to politically unite Great Britain and its North American colonies. The plan was **rejected**.



Taunton Flag

October 25: A **Petition** calling for the repeal of the Intolerable Acts to the King of Great Britain is ratified by congress. It arrives in London on December 14. The First Continental Congress adjourns in Philadelphia.

October 26: The **Minutemen** militias organized themselves in the thirteen American colonies.

November 17: First City Troop **Philadelphia City Cavalry** formed at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, one of the oldest US military units still in service.


December 13: Paul Revere and Wentworth Cheswell ride to warn Portsmouth of the approach of British warships.

December 14: Four Hundred local Patriots from the Portsmouth area, led by John Langdon, stormed Fort William and Mary (overcoming a six-man caretaker detachment) and seized the garrison's powder, which was distributed through several New Hampshire towns for potential use in the looming struggle against Great Britain. On



Fort William and Mary, New Castle, New Hampshire

December 15, 1774, patriots led by John Sullivan again raided the fort, this time seizing numerous cannon.

December 22: "Greenwich Tea Party". Tea stored in Loyalist Dan Bowne's cellar was removed by patriots, possibly dressed as Indians, and set on fire. This is the last of the six tea parties. 

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"It is the duty of parents to maintain their children decently, and according to their circumstances; to protect them according to the dictates of prudence; and to educate them according to the suggestions of a judicious and zealous regard for their usefulness, their respectability and happiness."

—James Wilson, Lectures on Law, 1791

An Invitation – But First a Story . . .

The Utah SAR Color Guard was formed in 2011. Here is a story from one of the original 12 members: I love my country, I did not serve in the armed forces but one day while doing some genealogical research, I stumbled upon an ancestor that was a patriot of the American Revolution. As I wanted to learn about him, I came across an organization called The Sons of the American Revolution. I did research on this "society" and discovered it shared in my interests concerning America's founding. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the philosophy and principles that gave us freedom. I especially appreciated the recognition the SAR gave to the significance and importance of our liberties.

I eventually joined and became a member. As I took a deeper interest into the society, I noticed that other State Societies had men and boys who wore American Revolution army uniforms and performed various services, but the chapter I belonged to, never did have a Continental Army Color Guard.

After a few years there was a man who became a member who had a strong interest in creating a color guard. There were about 12 of us who expressed interest. In the formation year, for my birthday and Christmas, I received a uniform, accouterments, and a flintlock.



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There was something transformational that happened to me as I put on the uniform and attended the practices, participated in the events, heard the thunderous applause and cheers from the viewing audience, or had a person shake my hand and thank me and the other color guardsmen for bringing the spirit of patriotism to their program.

I realized that in part, I was showing gratitude to my patriot ancestors who involved themselves in the cause of liberty. I was honoring them by wearing their uniform and in doing so was invoking a portion of the spirit they relied on in their fight for freedom. Uniting with my color guard brothers we were providing a service that inspired and helped others to feel patriotic pride in their country, provided education through demonstrations and displays, provided a reminder that America's founding was a glorious and important time in America's history.



Continental Army Uniform

It's been 13 years since the Utah SAR Color Guard was formed. Since then, color guardsmen have moved, some have died, others are now to frail or infirmed to participate. The color guard's numbers have dwindled and without the strength of numbers the color guard has become limited in what it can do.

As a Compatriot or an Associate, you are invited to join the Utah SAR Color Guard. The cost of participating is at a bare minimal. Becoming a color guard member today is more a matter of commitment and a little time. If you live in the St. George area, contact the Red Cliffs of Zion Color Guard Commander, Mark Woodbury. If you live in an area of the state without a chapter, contact the Utah Society SAR Color Guard Commander Jesse Black. Use the "Contact Us" information provided on the UtahSocietySAR.org website. Red Cliffs of Zion area use the contact information made available in the "Chapters" area. 

"It is an object of vast magnitude that systems of education should be adopted and pursued which may not only diffuse a knowledge of the sciences but may implant in the minds of the American youth the principles of virtue and of liberty and inspire them with just and liberal ideas of government and with an inviolable attachment to their own country."

—Noah Webster, On the Education of Youth in America, 1788

Wreaths Across America – Bountiful

It was an unusually sunny warm day on December 16, 2023, at the beautiful Bountiful Memorial Park, where monuments to our Veterans and the honored military dead are prominently on display.




Utah Society SAR Color Guard (L/R): Trent Grandy, Gregg Hansen, Josh Elliott, Doug McGregor

Veterans, families of veterans, the Sego Lilly chapter of the DAR, and the Utah SAR color guard all gathered to remember.

Here a brief dignified and patriotic program was given to honor those who once wore the uniform of the United States military and have since passed to obtain their

reward. After the invocation, the color guard provided a flag ceremony. Doug McGregor in the role of Captain, Josh Elliott as flag bearer, Gregg Hansen as man-at-arms, and Trent Grandy as drummer presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem. Those in attendance heard a dynamic speaker and were treated to an outstanding program.

At the conclusion of the program, those who had veterans buried in the local cemeteries were given an official "Wreaths Across America" wreath to be placed on their loved one's gravesite. 

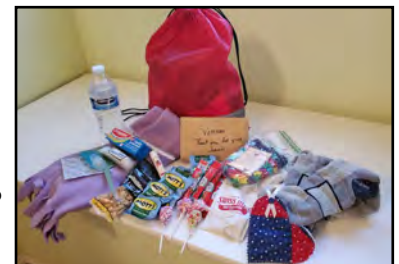
"A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district--all studied and appreciated as they merit--are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty."

—Benjamin Franklin


Veterans Buddy Bag Program

The Sego Lilly Chapter of the Utah DAR is championing a program to help homeless veterans. The **Veterans Buddy Bag Program**. This program is all about the purchase and assembly of practical hygiene products that can be put in a bag and given to homeless veterans. The content of


these bags varies between summer and winter. And all the contents in a bag costs approximately \$13.00. The Utah Society SAR has been invited to volunteer and help this effort through cash donations or through service hours by participating in



Veterans Buddy Bag

bag stuffing gatherings. If you have interest and would like to participate, get in touch with the Utah Society SAR Veterans Committee Chairman, Bill Simpson. Donations may also be made during our annual membership renewal campaign starting in September. Bill's contact information can be found at the UtahSocietySAR.org webpage. On the menu bar go to "About Us" and then "Utah SAR Society Officers & Committees". Want to participate in a bag filling event? Contact Lisa Nichols, Services for Veterans Committee Chair, Sego Lily Chapter, DAR, (801) 510-3801 (Cell). 


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



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Click Color Guard on the Menu Bar or
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To Join
The Color Guard



George Washington Banquet

Once a year Compatriots, Associates, the Utah DAR and their family and friends are invited to attend a banquet to commemorate and celebrate the life of the Father of our Country, George Washington. We've been very fortunate to be able to hold this banquet at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building. This has been a great facility to hold our banquets, and is where we also hold our annual membership meeting and Celebrate America Awards banquet. It's a perfect venue for a catered banquet!

Several large, framed paintings of Washington in various settings were brought to display in the banquet hall by the Wade Alexander family. The Utah SAR original Charter was also on display.

President Trent Grandy welcomed those attending and called the meeting to order, afterwards an invocation and dinner grace was offered. The color guard with Jesse Black as Captain, Josh Elliott as flag bearer, Gregg Hansen as Man-at-arms and Trent Grandy as drummer, presented the colors and stood at present arms as the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, and America's Creed was said by all. Attending dignitaries gave their greetings and then the food was served. The guests enjoyed the delicious meal, superbly prepared by Majestic Grill.

After dinner, we held a special ceremony for memorial membership for MAJ Brent Russel Taylor, US Army, who was killed in military action. Brent's father acted as proxy during the ceremony. This was a very touching experience for everyone.



Mr. Taylor receives his son, Brent's memorial membership certificate from President Trent Grandy. Learn about MAJ Taylor at Wikipedia.

After dinner, the keynote speaker was introduced. Anthony A. Peacock, PhD, JD is a professor in the Political Science Department at Utah State University. He is also the Director of USU's Center for the Study of American Constitutionalism. Peacock has published numerous books, including most recently, **Vindicating the Commercial Republic: The Federalist on Union, Enterprise, and War** (Lexington Books, 2018), and **How to Read The Federalist Papers** (The Heritage Foundation, 2010)


Those who have been members for several years may remember a couple of banquets that were held at Jeremiah's Restaurant in Ogden where Dr. Peacock was the speaker and provided a marvelous time. Those attending this year's Washington Banquet were no less rewarded!



Anthony A. Peacock, PhD, JD

Dr. Peacock expressed his belief that Washington's farewell address was the greatest address ever given in American history, it even exceeded the Gettysburg Address. He shared ten principles that Washington desired to inculcate within the American people. For over 100 years Washington's farewell address was

taught in America's schools. Three of the primary principles are freedom requires a moral and religious people; union, being united as a nation was critical to the preservation of freedom; the importance of patriotism.

Dr. Peacock provided a very informative Q&A session and stayed after the meeting to sign books and answer additional questions. Those who came left with a greater appreciation for Washington and his contributions to the formation of the United States. 

"All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

—George Washington

RootsTech 2024

For the first time the National Society of the Sons of the American




L/R: Rob Sexton (WA), Doug McGregor (UT), Mark Davis (AZ), Bill Simpson (UT), Cheri Daniels & Bill Burchfield (both from National)

Revolution paid for a booth and had representatives from Louisville, Kentucky; Washington State, Arizona and helpers from the Utah Society SAR – Bill Simpson and Doug McGregor. All the helpers manned National SAR's booth and met hundreds of guests over the three-day conference. On Saturday, McGregor wore his Continental Army

Uniform and enjoyed being a "celebrity" for the day as many asked him to pose for a picture with their family.

Down the isle was the Mayflower group and the National Daughters of the American Revolution. It was an exciting and rewarding time!

Did you know the Saturday session of Roots Tech, the Expo Hall and vendors exhibits are free to the public? Plan to bring your family and attend next year! The secret to parking is to park at the Marriott Hotel, across the street from the Salt Place. It was \$20 this year, but worth every penny! 



Captain McGregor poses with a "Mayflower passenger" RootsTech attendee


Fort Buenaventura - Rendezvous Flag Ceremony

For many years the Fort Buenaventura Rendezvous organization has held its rendezvous in Ogden, Utah on Easter Sunday weekend. This year the organization changed its dates to Memorial Day weekend. Beginning Friday, Saturday, Sunday and ending Monday by 12 noon. "Traders" were on hand, selling their wares from ceramic dishes and vases to carved wooden art items, and a wide assortment of hand-made items you would find in the early 1800s. A variety of fun and exciting contests were held with children, women and men! Unique and scrumptious food was available to be purchased, and the entire campsite offered historical educational opportunities.

On Saturday the official flag ceremony was held at 8am. Utah SAR color guardsmen Trent Grandy with his drum and Gregg Hansen with his flintlock were on hand to lend support to the American Long Rifle




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Association. The participants all dressed in period uniforms or clothing marched around the pond and provided a flag raising ceremony at the fort. 

ROTC, JROTC & Sea Cadets Award Ceremonies

Each year the Utah Society SAR provides recognition to ROTC, JROTC, and Sea cadets. There are three Air Force, six Army, and one Navy ROTC units located at six of Utah's universities (BYU, SUU, UofU, USU, UVU, and WSU). JROTC units consist of seven Air Force, four Army, and two Navy. These units can be found in 13 high schools from Ogden to St. George. The ROTC university and two high schools located in the Southern Utah area are supported by the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter.

Efforts are made to have Compatriots or Associates attend the school's award ceremonies in April and May. The Utah SAR Board of Managers thanks those individuals who represented the Utah SAR and attended an awards ceremony. We are grateful for your providing personal congratulations and presenting the deserving cadet with the National SAR ROTC, JROTC, or Sea Cadet medal. It means a great deal to these students to have a representative from the awarding organization show up and recognize them with a handshake, a thank you, and a word of congratulations. 

Utah Society Annual Membership Meeting

The Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution held its annual membership meeting on May 11th at the Sons of Utah Pioneers building. At this meeting the Society's newest members are inducted, officer elections are held, and awards are given to deserving individuals.

New members in attendance who were inducted into the Society were James Richard Powell and Gary Louis Van Dolzer.



L/R: James Richard Powell & Gary Louis Van Dolzer are inducted into the Society

After the induction ceremony, President Grandy called the meeting to order. The State Secretary conducted the elections. Each officer was unanimously elected by the membership in attendance. Following the elections the 2024-2025 officers were sworn in by Intermountain VPG Ellis C. Rail.

Following the elections, the awards and recognition portion of the meeting began.

Years of Service certificates were awarded. Highlights were Merrill Faux Jr. – 75 years, Ross Beason III – 60 years, Paul L. Child Sr. – 40 years, Morris H. Kulmaer – 30 years, and Benjamin D. Horne – 25 years. Each of these Compatriots' devotion to the Utah SAR through their continuous membership is greatly appreciated!



Paul Nichols receives the State Distinguished Service Medal with President Grandy and Secretary McGregor

Paul D. Nichols was awarded the SAR State **Medal of Distinguished Service** in recognition of, and in appreciation of his significant contributions as State Society Genealogist and Registrar. The SAR **Silver Henry Knox Medal** was awarded to: John F. Arnold, Frank A. Gagliardi Jr.,

William P. C. Simpson, Scott P. Swain, Mark Woodbury, and Kit K. Workman. This award is given to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of the State Society.

Associate Scott Asay and Compatriot Joshua A. Elliott were awarded the SAR **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** for their several years support of This is the Place Heritage Park patriotic events, and/or Freedom's Light Festival, and/or Utah Patriot Camps, and/or Utah public-school American Revolution educational presentations. The SAR **Silver Roger Sherman Medal** was awarded to Jesse W. Black, James P. Chapman Jr., and Phillip C. Page in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to the State Society.

Those who have previously been awarded the SAR Roger Sherman Medal are eligible to be awarded a **Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster** for an additional two years of active service as an officer, chairman, or committeeman. Recipients this year were: Wade C. Alexander, Paul L. Child Sr., Lyle C. Gingery, Regan G. Grandy, Trenton G. Grandy, Gregg M. Hansen, Douglas R. McGregor, and William P. C. Simpson.

Active State Society color guardsmen were recognized for their 50% + participation service as well as **Certificates of Appreciation** given for service to the 2023-2024 Board of Managers. 

Annual Celebrate America Banquet

The annual "Celebrate America Banquet" Awards and Recognition Banquet began shortly after the end of the membership meeting. After the invocation/dinner grace, the Utah SAR Color Guard provided the flag ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem, and the reciting of the American's Creed. President Trenton G. Grandy provided his welcome and introductions. He was followed by remarks given by NSSAR Intermountain VPG Ellis C. Rail. Utah State DAR Regent Katie B. Madsen offered her remarks and then a delicious dinner was served by Majestic Grill Catering.

After dinner Kevan Q. Bybee, owner of Majestic Grill Catering and Linda Sorenson, Sons of Utah Pioneers Building Manager were both awarded Certificates of Appreciation by the Board of Managers. This year the Board of Managers gave recognition to seven of the Utah Patriot Camps located in Logan, Mountain Green, Kaysville, Cedar City, Murray, Midway, and Riverton. A highlight was recognizing and awarding Cadet Major Quinlan B. Ekberg the JROTC State Society Winners Medal. The editor of our Utah Patriot, Bill Simpson, received the National Jennings H. Flathers Award for the best society state newsletter with fewer than 500 members.




L/R: JROTC Cadet Ekberg, with MAJ Kit Workman and Utah Society SAR President Trent Grandy

When the Awards and Recognition portion of the banquet concluded the keynote speaker was introduced by President Grandy. Compatriot Dennis H. Leavitt. Leavitt is the President of United We Pledge, the organization overseeing and managing the development of Liberty Village. Leavitt showed artist concept pictures of the 32-acre "campus" to be constructed in Hurricane, Utah. He described the buildings that would be located on the campus including a replica of Independence Hall, Mount Vernon, The Green Dragon Tavern, Monticello, and several



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others. Leavitt explained that they were seeking to have the exterior of the buildings look in every way possible as the buildings back east, but that the interiors would not. The interiors would serve as learning centers, classrooms, museums, theaters, or for the purpose of education. The Hurricane Liberty Village is patterning itself after the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama. The ribbon cutting is set for July 4, 2026!

Those attending the banquet were excited to learn from Leavitt that this year United We Pledge introduced a "Liberty Bus" that is a mobile "first principles" learning classroom. Schools in the Washington County area are most fortunate to have this bus available to come to their school and provide the educational experience it contains. Leavitt held a Q&A and stayed after the meeting to answer any other questions the banquet guests had. 



President Grandy presents Dennis Leavitt the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

250th Medal Program and Memorabilia


If you do not get involved, you may miss out! The clock is ticking! But then it really is all up to you! National SAR has recognized the significance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation. They have created a medal service recognition program by which a Compatriot or Associate can earn points to qualify for a bronze, silver, or gold commemorative 250 medal. You can access the program rules and point scoring sheets at the UtahSocietySAR.org website. Just click "250" on the menu.

For those who want to be involved and provide service just ask! Talk to your Chapter President or State Society President.


Did you know that Herbert E. Cihak, Peter M. Hansen, Frank A. Gagliardi Jr., and Mark C. Woodbury have earned the Bronze and the Silver 250th Medals! Congratulations!



NSSAR 250 Challenge Coin

Also, you might be interested to know that National SAR Merchandising (SAR.org - click "Store" in the menu) has a "Decade of America 250th Items" section. Here you can find 250 commemorative challenge coins, patches, T-shirts, hats, and other memorabilia for purchase. These items can sell out fast, so if you're a collector or just want a keepsake for yourself or someone you know, don't delay! 

250th Committee Update

We are moving ever closer to July 4, 2026 when Utah and the Nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America! Utah's 250th Commission met in May and will meet again in August. The Commission's plan is to begin Utah's yearlong commemoration events starting July 4, 2025. The Utah SAR 250th Committee is seeking additional volunteers. If you want to get involved and help the Utah SAR contribute to America's 250th Anniversary, please contact the Utah SAR Secretary. 

Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter News

Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter continues to focus on increasing membership through community involvement, event participation, partnerships, and youth education. Compatriots in Continental Army uniform continue to be the most effective PR and recruitment tool we employ. Our Color Guard Commander Mark Woodbury has organized and executed Uniformed Color Guards for more than 10 events from December 2023 to June of this year. We have partnered with and supported local organizations in their service efforts including the DAR chapter, CAR, two high school ROTC's, United We Pledge (UWP), American Legion, and Family History Center.

The Chapter sponsored several December events celebrating the **Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party** including a lecture by our past president Jeff McKenna and a Find Your Tea Party participants genealogy session hosted by St. George Family History Center. We also supported **Wreaths Across America**, laying wreaths on Veterans graves.

January and February were dedicated to our **Heritage Gala** which helped UWP raise more than \$40,000 to support the United We Pledge "Liberty Bus". This bus provides opportunities for community involvement in and learning about Patriotism, especially for our youth. Compatriots spent numerous service hours seeking donations for the auctions, as well as providing significant volunteer service hours before, during and after the February event.

Following one on one calls with Washington County Commissioners, a presentation to the Washington County Commission yielded a **Proclamation commemorating Patriots Day**, on April 19th. (This is the day when the Minutemen of Lexington were confronted by British Regulars and the famous "Shot Heard Round the World" took place - The beginning of the American Revolution.) There was a similar effort by the Chapter and the State Society culminating at the State Capitol.

On **April 9th** at 11 a.m., several representatives from the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter were joined by the Utah Society SAR Color Guard and



Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson reads Proclamation.

members of the Board of Managers to an auspicious meeting held in the State Capitol's Gold Room. Due to a family emergency Governor Ryan Cox excused himself to be by his

wife's side at the hospital. In his place, Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson came to the meeting. She read the April 19, 2024, **State of Utah Patriot's Day Proclamation**, signed it and presented it to the Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter President Frank Gagliardi and State Society President Trenton Grandy accepted the proclamation on behalf of all Members and Associates of the Utah SAR. Much thanks must be given to Mark Woodbury and Steve Sorensen for making this possible. Efforts are underway to work with the State Legislature to have Patriots Day (April 19th) become a reoccurring annual day of official commemoration in the State of Utah.

The Chapter participated in and provided awards for two deserving cadets at **ROTC Awards Banquets** in our area in May.

The Chapter Color Guard participated in the **Help Patriotism Prevail Foundation's National Essay** award ceremony held on April 19th.



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SAR and DAR chapter members were judges of this contest which garnered 85 entries from various states. Two of the winners were from Utah. Chapter representatives also participated in the **Classroom Teacher Essay Awards** banquet for this contest held at the Southern Utah Veterans Home on May 15.

Once again, the chapter participated in **Memorial Day** ceremonies held at Sun River on May 27. Our Color Guard supported the various Veterans' organizations staging this event which attracted about 300 attendees.

Flag Day ceremonies (June 14) presented by the DAR chapter at the local senior center were supported with uniformed SAR Color Guard volunteers. There were approximately 150 attendees.

We are extremely happy to report that **Recruitment Efforts** from December 2023 to June 2024 have yielded 3 new members, 4 applications and 2 prospective members.

A Message from Chapter President Frank Gagliardi:

My fellow Compatriots and Associates of the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter. We are growing, our patriotic outreach is expanding. With your help, your participation, your engagement we are making a difference here in the Southern Utah area. I truly appreciate for what each of you are doing in your efforts to provide a contribution to our Chapter goals. I am grateful for the time and effort you make to promote our noble values and in supporting the activities we are committed to achieving success.

Frank Gagliardi
RCofZ Chapter President



*"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom."
--John Adams, Defense of the Constitutions, 1787*

Welcome New Members!

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

Paul Tracy Barney	Connor William Nielsen
Henry George Faulkner Jr	Robert Francis Scacco
Edwin Lawrence Frederick III	Joseph M. Smith
Keith Anthony Johnson	

2024 Events Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Utah SAR events:

9/21/2024	Freedom's Light - Bountiful
11/8/2024	Veterans Day Program - Grace Lutheran Church
11/9/2024	Layton City Veterans Day Parade
12/2024	Wreaths Across America
National SAR Event:	
7/12-18/2024	135th Congress, Uncasville, CT

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots, Associates and Friends,

I have recently been involved in several patriotic events in the past few days. They continue to excite and delight me! The pageantry and the patriotism give me a thrill, and I am encouraged by seeing people of all ages and walks of life who still participate in these displays! I know that I am probably preaching to the choir here, because I know that you are individuals who are proud of your heritage and are willing to be included in the wondrous experiment that is this great country.



Utah SAR President Trent Grandy

I was recently discussing this with our Immediate Past President, Bill Simpson, who had been rereading and pondering the book entitled **A World Without America – What Would Life Be Like If the American Revolution Had Failed?** It was presented and discussed in a past Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet on May 13th, 2022, by the author and then speaker the Honorable United States District Court Judge Ted Stewart. Bill had been researching and working on a talk to present at his church. He directed me to a passage near the end of the book, which I feel sums up quite well the overall theme and main point of Judge Stewart's excellent book:

"If America had never come to be, the world would be without a country whose government was based on the pursuit of liberty, the protection of God-given rights, a commitment to equality of opportunity, self-government, and the rule of law."

"No such government would exist anywhere on earth."

"We have answered the question whether another nation might have evolved to become what the United States has become. It is clear that the only nation that might have done so would have been Great Britain. We have shown that Great Britain might possibly have evolved to be more liberal than the rest of the world's governments but that it would still be a worldwide empire, ruled by a powerful monarch, a corrupt Parliament, totally class-based with relatively few owners of real property, tolerant of slavery, intolerant of non-Anglo-Saxons, colonizers of much of the world, and an abuser of those who had previously inhabited those colonies."

"It might have been a benevolent abuser, but an abuser none the less."

"There is no logical argument to be made that Great Britain would have evolved to what it is today without the presence of the United States as the city on a hill. To the contrary, the best evidence is that a failed American Revolution would have result-

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ed in a Great Britain that would have remained opposed to equality and self-government for its subjects.”

“If not Great Britain, then who, where, when?”

--Ted Stewart, A World Without America – What Would Life Be Like if the American Revolution Had Failed. Published 2022. pp.242-243

These are valuable insights on an important subject to ponder, especially on this eve of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of this great nation. I hope that you will each take the time to reflect and discuss it, especially with those who have not even thought to consider it.

In closing, I am excited to announce for those of you living near the Wasatch front, shortly after the current vacation season has passed, we are planning on forming two new chapters for the Northern and a South Wasatch Front. We look forward to meeting with those of you in these areas, and helping you get organized. Look for more information on this to follow soon.

Thank you as always for your participation and continued support of the noble and critical mission of the Sons of the American Revolution. And as always may the Lord bless and keep you and our nation!

Yours in Liberty,

Trent Grandy
President, Utah SAR



“[F]or avoiding the extremes of despotism or anarchy . . . the only ground of hope must be on the morals of the people. I believe that religion is the only solid base of morals and that morals are the only possible support of free governments. [T]herefore education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God.”

--Gouverneur Morris, Penman and Signer of the Constitution

2024-2025 Utah SAR Officers

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The Benefits of Chapter Affiliation

The basic unit of the Sons of the American Revolution is a chapter. Chapters are most able to fulfill the three-fold purpose of the SAR: Education, History, and Patriotism. Like minded men meet monthly and plan how they will inspire patriotism and lift up love for country with members of the community where they live.

One of the most powerful things a chapter can do is recognize and reward those who are contributing to the preservation of liberty and freedom. Chapters can host a George Washington Birthday Celebration meeting. This can be a banquet or a simple get together. At the meeting, citizens who are doing noteworthy service can be recognized and given gratitude. A chapter, working with the State Society, can form its own color guard and provide flag ceremonies and other service that inspires their fellow citizens to remember the American Revolution and its significance.

There will be chapter members who feel comfortable giving educational contributions, assuming the persona of a Founding Father, or a soldier of the American Revolution. Going into schools, attending Patriot Camps, Constitution Readings, or other patriotic events and meeting with children to help them develop a deeper appreciation for Independence, Liberty, Freedom, Self-Governance, and our Unalienable Rights.

Partnerships with the local DAR chapters or the local CAR organization can be made to assist with significant projects that benefit veterans or others in the community. These partnerships can extend to the local Family Search Center, food banks, supporting freedom festivals, parades, or other patriotic themed events.

Learning about outstanding law enforcement officers, firemen, ETM specialists or other first responders and giving them recognition and appreciation through medals and certificates.

Supporting local JROTC groups or attending local ROTC award ceremonies can be extremely helpful and meaningful.

The chapter you reside in may have access to a local Veterans Home, or Veterans medical center where service can be given to support and care for Veterans.

The power and influence of an active chapter color guard is not to be underestimated. This is the strongest “PR” influence a chapter can use to further its purposes.

What a chapter can accomplish is only limited to the imagination and fortitude of its Members and Associates. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were Utah SAR chapters dotting our state? Chapters in Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake, Provo, and Vernal. Chapters to compliment the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter in St. George and other chapters that may develop in the Southern Utah area!

If a chapter is forming in your area, please attend the formation meeting. If a chapter already exists in your area, please attend and support the monthly chapter meetings. Together we can make a difference!

“It is favorable to liberty. Freedom can exist only in the society of knowledge. Without learning, men are incapable of knowing their rights, and where learning is confined to a few people, liberty can be neither equal nor universal.”

--Benjamin Rush, Essay, 1786



Photo Montage



"The Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country."



Sons of the American Revolution

Have you ever wondered about the meaning of the symbolism of the SAR's Members Badge? Over the years there have been subtle changes made to the badge and its meaning. We share with you the meaning provided in the 1996 NSSAR Handbook. Traditionally the explanation was given at a new member induction ceremony by the Chaplain.

"Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution entitles you to wear the medal of the SAR. I take great pride in describing the symbolism behind the Cross of Malta.

The T-cross is composed of a horizontal and vertical bar. The horizontal bar represents the first commandment, 'You Shall Love your God.' The vertical bar represents the second commandment: 'You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.' Let us focus on the intersection of the bars to remind us the Love of God and neighbor are in fact one and the same love.

There are four limbs of the cross. The limbs remind us of the four cardinal virtues. The **First Virtue** is prudence learned by studying the past in order to regulate the present and plan for the future. Prudence allows one to understand the fallacy in allowing a lesser evil to avoid a greater evil, because the accumulation of lesser evils will eventually exceed the hypothetical greater evil.

The **Second Virtue** is justice. There is an art and science in being just. The art comes from recognition of the true worth of our fellow man. The science involves the concept of impartiality and always begs the question: Is it fair to all concerned? True and justice is underscored by an integrity of life.

The **Third Virtue** is temperance or moderation in all of our actions including the senses especially the sensual desires.

The **Fourth Virtue** is fortitude with magnanimity and courage to serve God.

There are eight points of the Maltese Cross. Each point represents one of the beatitudes recounted for the knights of Malta by the initiator who would proclaim the following annunciation:

'This cross was given white as you wear it externally, without spot or blemish. The eight points that you see in this are a sign of the **Eight Beatitudes** that you must always have within you and they are: 1. To have spiritual contentment; 2. To live without malice; 3. To weep over your sins; 4. To humble yourself at insults; 5. To love justice; 6. To be merciful; 7. To be sincere and open hearted; 8. To suffer persecution.

All these virtues you must engrave upon your heart for conservation and preservation of your soul, and for that reason I command you to wear it openly sewn on your clothing on the left-hand side of the heart and never abandon it.

Lastly, our medal has the bust of George Washington at the intersection of the two bars of the cross. This reminds us of the great leader at the time of the American Revolution. Surrounding his bust are the words of Libertas Et Patria reminding us of our Declaration of Independence and Constitution".