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RESPONSIBILITY and SACRED DUTY

Something remarkable is happening in America. Did you know the Pew Research Center reported that Bible sales rose to 14.2 million in 2023 from 9.7 million in 2019 and hit 13.7 million in the first 10 months of 2024! Why are more and more people buying Bibles?

The Bible was the most quoted book by the Founding Fathers. The Bible and Christianity had a strong influence with the creation of our country. A hypothetical question we can ask ourselves is where would Catholicism or Protestantism be without the Bible? Where would America be without the influence of Christianity? If we want to maintain Freedom and Liberty are there other questions we should be asking ourselves?



Consider the following: Can America's civilization endure with a citizenry who are ignorant of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the principles of Americanism that are contained in these crucial documents? What

would happen to Liberty if most of the citizenry are ignorant of their God given inalienable rights? How can a citizen know who to vote for if they don't understand the oath, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," that every elected official is required to make? What does it mean to "support"



the Constitution, to "obey" the Constitution, and to "defend" the Constitution? Is this a responsibility only for elected officials? Or does this responsibility exist for all of America's citizens?

President Ronald Reagan gave a speech for National Library Week in 1981. He said, "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, as Jefferson cautioned, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed."

If we value the preservation of Freedom and Liberty, who should we rely on to ensure our children are "informed". The schools? The churches? Civic and community groups? Who? The answer is None of the Above. There is but one person responsible, one person your children should count on to lead them and teach them correct Americanism principles, and that person is you!

To help you with your sacred responsibility, we have prepared a list of internet links that you can use. Some are for older children and adults. Others are well suited for young children. We invite you to explore these suggested sites, become familiar with their content, develop a learning plan for your children or grandchildren, your nieces and nephews. Help others in your extended family to become familiar with these credible resources and challenge them to utilize these resources to help their loved ones to become informed! You might provide a reward of some kind to help motivate those in the circle of your responsibility to learn and become informed! One idea for a reward are the SAR 250 commemora-



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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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tives such as challenge coins, t-shirts, and patches that are available at this weblink:

<https://store.sar.org/decade-of-america-250th-items-c55.aspx>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: (Note: To access weblinks view in the PDF version at <https://utahsociety.sar.org> click **New**.)

[Why I Love America – Website](#)

Why I Love America is a 501(c)3 Utah based organization dedicated to help children kindle a spirit of patriotism and appreciation for God's hand in the origin and destiny of our nation. This organization strives to encourage Utah's citizens to share their love for America. Find videos, articles, and activity booklets at this website.

[The Bill of Rights Institute – Website](#)

The Bill of Rights Institute teaches history and civics. The institute seeks to equip students and teachers to live the ideals of a free and just society. Lessons, videos, activities, and essays are available at this website.

[Hillsdale College \(home page\)](#)

Hillsdale is a unique college with the purpose of helping others to learn about Character, Faith, and Freedom. Hillsdale is dedicated to helping campus students and remote learning students succeed.

- [Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution](#)

Learn the meaning of the Constitution and the principles of American government in these new free 12 lessons version of Hillsdale's most popular course.

- [The Federalist Papers](#)


In this free ten-lecture course you will gain a deeper understanding of the purpose and structure of the American Founding by studying the arguments of America's most influential Founders.

[A More Perfect Union – Movie](#)

A feature film dramatization of the events of the 1787 Constitutional Convention through the viewpoint of James Madison. Produced by Brigham Young University to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. The movie was filmed on location at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

National Center for Constitutional Studies (NCCS)

[A More Perfect Union – Activity Book](#)

NCCS is dedicated to publishing impactful books like "The 5000 Year Leap," "The Making of America," and "Behind the Bill of Rights" alongside various resources, all striving to illuminate the principles fostering freedom and safeguarding human rights. "A More Perfect Union – Activity Book" compliments and provides a study guide for the "A More Perfect Union" movie. 

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The Road to Independence 250 years ago – 1774 - 2024

His Majesty King George III and Parliament were outraged by what has happened in Boston with the so called "Tea Party". As the new year of 1774 rolls around, a decision is made that harsh and decisive punishments must be forthcoming from London.

Consequently, Parliament enacts the "Intolerable Acts" and closes Boston Harbor to all commerce and trade until the City of Boston has paid for the destroyed tea. The citizens of Boston, the colony of Massachusetts, and in fact throughout the Eastern seaboard many become angry and defiant!

The colonial governors dismissed and dissolved their colony's legislatures and forbade them to meet in hopes that tempers would calm down, but this only infuriated the colonial leaders all the more! If the colonial governors want to keep their local governments closed, then colonial leaders would organize themselves and meet independently of those leaders appointed by the King.

On September 5, 1774, the 1st Continental Congress officially met at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is a group of delegates from 12 of the 13 British colonies. Loyalist sentiments outweighed Patriot views in Georgia, leading that colony to not immediately join the revolutionary cause until the following year when it sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress.



Carpenters Hall

Peyton Randolph was elected as president of the 1st Continental



Peyton Randolph

Congress on the opening day, and he served through October 22 when ill health forced him to retire, and Henry Middleton was elected in his place for the balance of the session. Charles Thomson, leader of the Philadelphia Committee of Correspondence, was selected as the congressional secretary. The rules adopted by the delegates were designed to guard the equality of participants and to promote free-flowing debate.

Little did those men know in less than two years the Continental Congress would declare Independence from Great Britain and form the United States!

On the very same day, September 5th, twelve of the thirteen American colonies unanimously adopted a trade embargo against Great Britain. This embargo would be enforced in part by the Sons of Liberty. Any colonial merchant found trading with Great Britain would be made to suffer!



Henry Middleton

With the meeting of the Continental



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Congress, Philadelphia became the de-facto capital of the United States.

During the opening weeks of the Congress, the delegates conducted a spirited discussion about how the colonies could collectively respond to the British government's coercive actions, and they worked to make a common cause. As a prelude to its decisions, the Congress's first action was the adoption of the Suffolk Resolves, a measure drawn up by several counties in Massachusetts that included a declaration of grievances, called for a trade boycott of British goods, and urged each colony to set up and train its own militia. A less radical plan was then proposed to create a Union of Great Britain and the Colonies, but the delegates tabled the measure and later struck it from the record of their proceedings.

The First Continental Congress agreed on a Declaration and Resolves that included the Continental Association, a proposal for an embargo on British trade. They also drew up a Petition to the King pleading for redress of their grievances and repeal of the Intolerable Acts. That appeal was unsuccessful.

On October 14 the 1st Continental Congress created a Declaration of Colonial Rights. This was a decisive statement of the rights and liberties of the Colonies. The delegates' ultimate goal was to end what they felt to be the abuses of parliamentary authority and to retain their rights, which had been guaranteed under Colonial charters and the English constitution.



Minuteman Statue

The 56 delegates who comprised the 1st Continental Congress included men such as John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Jay, Patrick Henry, and George Washington. Congress adjourned on October 26th. On that same day the Minutemen militias organized themselves in the thirteen American colonies.

4th of July – Educational Opportunity

The Utah SAR Color Guard and other compatriots spent Independence Day at This is the Place Heritage Park. Rather than the schoolhouse, park management provided the Pineview Church building for the Utah SAR to be located.


On the first floor the Color Guard set up the Heroes of the American Revolution posters, a flintlock display, and provided other information concerning the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. On the second floor, which is the chapel with a stage and podium, park guests were treated to a message by his Excellency General George Washington (aka Gary VanDolzer).



Gary Van Dolzer

During the Park's operational hours, the Color Guard provided two parades down main street, two flintlock demonstrations, and acted as docents for the displays on the first floor. General Washington gave his message twice during the day. After he spoke, the General met with the public and posed with families for photos.

The chapel was filled to capacity each time the General spoke. Many visitors came to the first level to see the displays and talk with color guard members about the Revolutionary War and the importance of liberty and freedom. The park closed at 5pm so this gave the color guard plenty of time to pack up and get home for bar-b-que and evening fireworks!



"They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society. They reared the fabrics of governments which have no model on the face of the globe. They formed the design of a great Confederacy, which it is incumbent on their successors to improve and perpetuate."

James Madison, *The Federalist Papers*, No. 14, November 30, 1787

Scera Theatre Naturalization Ceremony

On July 5th the Color Guard provided a presentation of our national flag for the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Scera Theatre in Orem, Utah. Immigrants from South America, Central America, Mexico, Europe, Africa, and Asian countries sat upon the stage as dignitaries gave their greetings and remarks.



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

One of the speakers was Utah SAR Secretary/Treasurer and past President Douglas McGregor. McGregor spoke about our unalienable rights and how unique America was in the world for having rights that "we believe to be God given and not government given." McGregor gave a brief overview of the American Revolution and told the immigrants, "As American Citizens this history is now your history."



Douglas McGregor

After the immigrants were sworn in as citizens, those that wanted too were invited to come up and speak to the audience. Several did and briefly told their story of leaving their former country and becoming a citizen. A couple of them talked about oppressive governments and living in fear. In America, living in Utah they told the audience that they have no fear, there is no oppression, freedom is a wonderful precious gift to have!

American Founders and Constitution Month

On August 29th the second annual kickoff for American Founders and Constitution month was held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. HB179, a law that proclaims all of September as "American Founders and Constitution month," is an expansion of Constitution Day, which long has been recognized on Sept. 17.

Throughout the month various schools, churches and civic groups hold gatherings of interested citizens to come together and read the Constitution. It is a very busy month for Wade Alexander who por-



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trays Benjamin Franklin and Gary Van Dolzer who portrays George Washington. They are invited by many of the groups to come and support their Constitution reading programs.

At the August 29th kickoff the Utah SAR Color Guard joined with members of the Utah Military Academy Revolutionary War Color



Utah Society SAR Color Guard & Utah Military Academy RevWar Color Guard provide opening flag ceremony

Guard. This combined color guard provided the opening flag ceremony. A photo of the color guard appeared in the Desert News and was voted best photo of the month!

Various political officials addressed the adults and multitudes of school children in attendance. Among the

speakers was the Governor. He declared September 2024 as American Founders and Constitution Month and Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, as a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Contemplation for our nation.

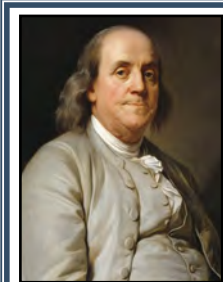
"For more than two centuries, the U.S. Constitution has remained the framework through which we reconcile differing interests and peacefully progress as a nation," Governor Cox said. "The coming months will test our nation's foundation, and I believe the Constitution that once united our nation can do so again. Now, more than ever, it is important to reflect on our founding principles and recognize the role each and every one of us plays in our constitutional republic."



Utah Governor Spencer Cox

The event is organized by Why I Love America and sponsored by the Constitution Education Foundation. In addition to Governor Cox, Congressman Burgess Owens, state Rep. Doug Owens, D-Millcreek and Provo Mayor Michelle Kaufusi all gave remarks. The American Heritage School Choir provided patriotic music.

It was a very uplifting, patriotic time!



"America, an immense territory, favour'd by nature with all advantages of climate, soil, great navigable rivers and lakes, &c., was destined to become a great country, populous and mighty; and would in a less time than was generally conceive'd be able to shake off any shackles that might be impos'd on her, and perhaps place them on the imposters."

Benjamin Franklin, From his autobiography

Let's Learn about the Constitution

In September, the Utah SAR Color Guard provided a flag ceremony for a group of patriotic citizens who gathered in Cottonwood Heights to hold a Constitution Reading program. In Lehi General

Washington (aka Compatriot Gary VanDolzer) and his attache' "The Captain" (aka Compatriot Doug McGregor) provided a program for a local church group on the 14th. Like so many other similar events . . .

The captain provided the introduction and afterward the audience heard from the General. General Washington talked about the war, the sacrifices and the times the army almost gave up hope. But in their darkest moments miracles occurred. The miracle of the fog at New Jersey, the miracle of the fish and arrival of Baron von Steuben at Valley Forge. On July 5, 1777, 16, 000-18,000 British troops, hundreds of horses and supplies were loaded on some 260 ships to invade Philadelphia. For 3 weeks Admiral Richard Howe was unable to move the British fleet due to a lack of wind. The patriots considered this a Divine miracle.



Baron von Steuben

When the war was won it opened the door to a convention to consider what would be the right government for America. The result was the Constitution. The General talked about the significance of the Constitution and its importance to the people of the United States.

The General and Captain were well received by the church congregation. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Summer Patriotic Camps

June through August you will find Utah Patriot Camps being held in various cities throughout the State. This year school children K through 6 attended the weeklong camps in Cedar City, Enoch, Kaysville, Logan, Midway, Mountain Green, Murray, Pleasant Grove, Riverton, and Tooele.



Utah Society SAR Compatriot Wade "Benjamin Franklin" Alexander at Riverton Patriot Camp

Children meet for half a day in the morning and interact with prominent Founding Fathers and Mothers as well as other historical figures such as Pilgrims, Christopher Columbus, and Joan of Arc. Fun activities, games, food and singing are part of the program. Enrollment fills up fast, so if you have children that you would like to give a memorable patriotic experience, you are invited to contact a Patriot Camp near you to get them involved. For information go to this website:



Pleasant Grove Patriot Camp

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





America 250 Utah Commissioners Meeting

From previous Utah Patriot Issues, you know that Utah has formed a commission to help the state prepare for the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. The state is planning to have a yearlong celebration leading up to July 4, 2026. The Commission met in August to review the plan making being done. If you would like to learn more about Utah and the 250th anniversary of the United States, you can visit the America 250 Utah website: <https://america250.utah.gov/>.



Freedom's Light Festival

A three-day patriotic educational extravaganza comes to the Bountiful City Park each year. Thursday and Friday see busloads of school children arrive at the park and Saturday is Family Day. It's much less crowded on Saturday, and the families who come are richly rewarded with opportunities to meet the Plymouth Pilgrims, Christopher Columbus, Joan of Arc, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Abigail Adams, a Revolutionary War print shop, watch a patriotic musical, and visit the booths provided by the Utah Society Sons of the American Revolution. Yes, your fellow compatriots are there to meet with the public, explain the displays on hand, and help our fellow citizens understand and appreciate our unalienable rights.



Utah Society SAR Color Guard (L/R): Josh Elliott, Mark Asay, Scott Asay, Gregg Hansen, Jesse Black

The color guard provides parades and flintlock demonstrations throughout the 9am to 3pm timeframe of Freedom's Light family day. A highlight is the booth set up by Scott Asay and his dad Mark. Their booth explains the life of a Continental Soldier. The Asay's have a wonderful collection of replica items that would have been found in the possession of an American Revolutionary War soldier. The Asay's are very well-



Flintlock Demonstration with Mark Asay, Scott Asay and Jesse Black

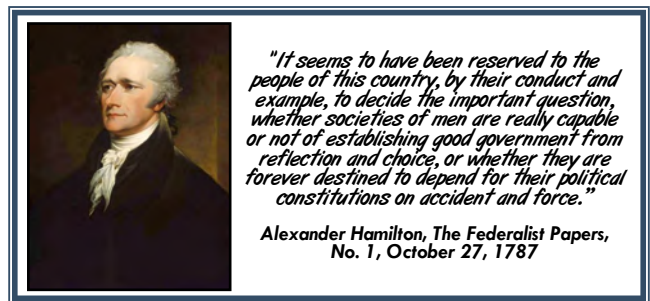
formed with Revolutionary War history and offer the public a wealth of information. Their main message pertains to freedom and liberty, those that become the audience of their presentations leave understanding what the patriots were fighting for and why!

Gregg Hansen brought his Replica Revolutionary War coin and paper "money" collection. He provides a presentation on the economy of the time and the fact that the soldiers were rarely paid, they went hungry all the time and made tremendous sacrifices in the cause of liberty.

Josh Elliott and Jesse Black were on hand to help visitors understand the weapons of a soldier and how a flintlock functions. A non-firing replica 1766 French Charleville flintlock musket is made available to the public to hold and examine so that they can appreciate what a soldier carried and used during the American Revolutionary War.

Bill Simpson and Doug McGregor were on hand to man the Utah SAR information booth. Bill answered genealogy questions and Doug provided membership or associate information. Doug also assisted with the poster displays and talked about the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to those showing interest in the displays.

It was time well spent as the Utah SAR demonstrates concern with patriotic education for our fellow American citizens.



"It seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend for their political constitutions on accident and force."

Alexander Hamilton, *The Federalist Papers*, No. 1, October 27, 1787

Veterans Day Parade

The City of Layton, where the replica Vietnam Memorial is located, hosts a Veterans Day Parade on the Saturday closest to November 11th. This year that was November 9th. Utah SAR President Trent Grandy on the drum was joined by Fifer, Nathaniel Innocenzi, of the Utah Military Academy Revolutionary War Color Guard. The Drummer and Fifer accompanied Utah SAR Color Guard Flag Bearer Jesse Black (Color Guard Commander), and Men-at-Arms Josh Elliott, Gregg Hansen, Mark Asay, and Scott Asay.

The Revolutionary War color guard marched behind the large trailer filled with Utah Daughters of the American Revolution. It was a beautiful day with very moderate weather. There were many organizations represented in the parade, all there to pay tribute to the men and women of America's armed forces who provided military service.




Utah Society SAR Color Guard Marching in the Layton, UT Veterans Day Parade

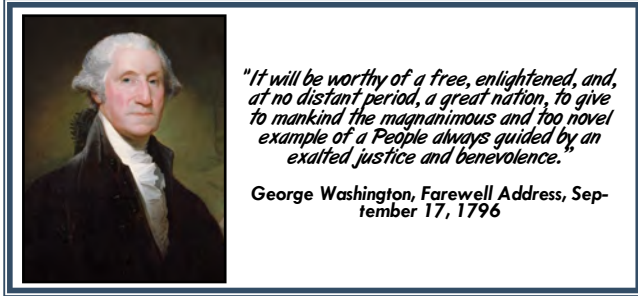
It was especially moving to see the "floats" or "trailers" of Veterans. One of the trailers had veterans sitting down who had served in the Korean War. There was a car that carried a World War II Veteran – a very old man who once was young and fought in a foreign land for you and I to be free. It was a great honor to see these aging men, to stand and salute them as they rode by, and to shout, "Thank you! Thank you for your service!" and clap with the other spectators as a gesture of genuine gratitude.

For most of us our gratitude for Veterans is shown but once a year.



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The Layton Veterans Day parade is a great place to be with your family, a powerful way to show our children the importance of honoring and showing gratitude to Utah's military veterans. 

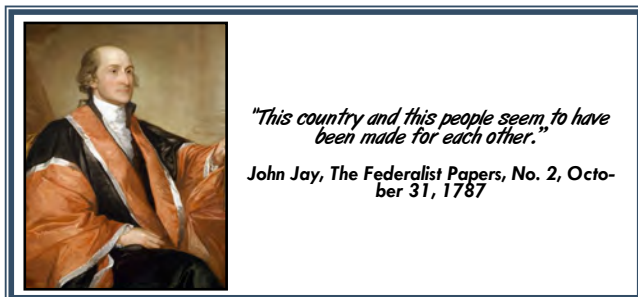


Lutheran School Veterans Program

Utah Society SAR President Trent Grandy dressed as a Revolutionary War drummer, Chaplain Wade Alexander (AKA Ben Franklin), Josh Elliott dressed as an American Regular in the Continental Army and Color Guard Commander Jesse Black dressed as a militia man all visited the Grace Lutheran School in Sandy, Utah.

On Friday, November 8th these four compatriots who are also members of the Utah SAR Color Guard provided an educational program to a group of school children. The men taught the children about certain elements of the Revolutionary War including the valor and sacrifices of the soldiers who fought to win America's independence. They talked about Veterans Day and how we commemorate Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars.

Randi Fausto who is a leader of Utah's Children of the American Revolution organization and a member of the Utah Daughters of the American Revolution was responsible for organizing this Veterans remembrance educational program. After the event she sent a message to President Grandy and Commander Black which said, "Thank you. Thank you for a wonderful and exceptional presentation!" 




Veterans Day Devotional

On 11/11 at 7pm the Why I Love America organization hosted a Veterans Devotional for the North Salt Lake Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At the invitation of Why I Love America, the Utah SAR and Utah Military Academy Revolutionary War Color Guards combined to provide the flag ceremony. With Fife and Drum, the Captain, Sergeant, Flag Bearer, and Men-at-Arms marched down the aisle and up the stairs on to the dais where the color guard stood at "present arms" as the Pledge of Allegiance was said by the audi-

ence, and the National Anthem played by Jenny Oaks Baker.

Speakers included Retired Lt. General Robert Oaks: United States Air Force, 4 star General and Commander in Chief, USAFE and Allied Air Force Central Europe. He gave 34 years military service to his country. High School student Joy Moore: 2024 First Place, Freedom Festival Speech Contest winner. Evie Stewart – Wife of Chris Stewart, and Chris Stewart: Retired Utah US Congressman (2nd Congressional District – 10 years), Air Force Veteran (Retired as Major after 14 years), and author of several books including Seven Miracles That Saved America and The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World.

Jenny Oaks Baker on the violin, Matthew Dallin Baker on the guitar, and Abby Andersen on the piano provided a very moving and lovely version of Amazing Grace as touching pictures were shown on large screen monitors.

The Veterans Day Devotional was held at the Bountiful Event Center and lasted approximately one hour. It was inspiring, uplifting and very well done! 

Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter News

The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter is proud to report that our membership has grown over just three years from the initial six Charter Members to 45 Members. In just the past six months we have added three new members. We also have nine applications awaiting National SAR approval, one awaiting Utah State approval and three new applications in process. Many thanks to our Registrar Herb Cihak for his tireless efforts.

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

For the St George, UT July 4th parade Chapter members, Mark Woodbury, Steve Sorensen and Frank Gagliardi built a thirteen-foot-



Southern Utah SAR, DAR and CAR organizations take a picture on the float they built.

high float representing Carpenters Hall where the First Continental Congress met. Twelve Chapter members combined with DAR and CAR marched with the float to the cheers of bystanders. The following day the float was staged at the Family History Center for a photo backdrop showcasing the opportunity to search individual family trees

to see how many signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution attendees might be descended from.

The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter close relationship with the local CAR Chapter was again evident when in August, the CAR Chapter President attended our Chapter meeting to present one of her projects for this year. She requested books be donated to her for delivery to local elementary and middle schools to increase reading opportunities for those students. Our Chapter members met the challenge by donating 133 books.

Stressing visibility in the community, The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter members continued planning for future events by participating in plan-



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ning meetings with other organizations while also being in uniform for the St George, UT 9/11 Patriots Day Commemoration Flag Retirement Ceremony.

September 17 found Chapter members in uniform in the Washington County Commission Chambers, along with representatives from DAR, several Veteran's organizations, CAR, elementary, middle, and high school students for an out loud reading of the United States Constitution. The event lasted all day and was recorded for social media viewing. There was also significant coverage by local television and print news media.

In further celebration of the signing of the United States Constitution, the evening of September 17 found the Chapter hosting 56 guests to dinner and a presentation by a local University History Professor on why we have the Constitution we have and more importantly, why the Colonists felt it necessary to declare independence from Great Britain. It was a fascinating presentation! The guests were from SAR, DAR, CAR and several Veteran organizations. Of note, the first female U.S. Military General Officer from the State of Utah was one of our honored guests.



Utah Society SAR Associate Peter Hansen participates in the reading of the constitution


November 10, the 249th Birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps, began with our Chapter President, a former Marine, alone in full Continental Army uniform, posting the Colors, while a single bugler played, in a log church in a mountain community in Southern Utah. The impact was breathtaking, and the audience applause was inspiring, supporting the premise that small events can and do have significant impact.

Veterans Day was celebrated with the Chapter Color Guard participating in a Flag Ceremony in St. George, then rushing to Washington City, UT to march with other Chapter members and Veterans accompanying an SAR float in the Washington City Veterans Parade. Our members in uniform represented the first United States Veterans and received cheers and salutes along the entire parade route. Additionally, our Chapter



Veterans Day Parade

President presented Utah Cold War Victory Medals to three very deserving Veterans. It was a great day.

In our continuing effort to get April 19 declared Patriots Day annually, Compatriot Mark Woodbury has spent many hours working on encouraging not only our Chapter Members but also the community as a whole to contact our Legislators to encourage them to support a Bill designating April 19 annually "Patriots Day" in the State of Utah. This would make Utah the seventh State to do so. He has contacted many schools encouraging their students to write their Legislators encouraging passage of this Bill and then following the legislative process themselves to learn how it works. The students would then learn more about the history of the Revolutionary War as well as how our Legislature works. We have also sent templates and contact information to the Utah State SAR Society for even wider dissemination. 

WELCOME!

Welcome New Members!

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

Michael Lynn Duncan
Noah Elo Erb
Allan Jones
Lloyd Dewayne Stringer

Quinlan Bryce Ekberg
Kenney Lynn Jacobsen
Hunter Devear Satterfield
Harold Stuart Techel



"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God Governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Benjamin Franklin, Constitutional Convention, September 1787

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots, Associates and Friends,

I have wonderful news for those of you Utah Society members who have not already heard. We are excited to announce that after much effort and planning, we have the formation of the new "Point of the Mountain" chapter of the Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that will be "officially organized" on January 18, 2025. I extend my thanks their premier chapter president, William P. C. Simpson, for stepping forward to organize the first meeting and being willing to head this new chapter. I extend my thanks to all those who have attended those first meetings and have stepped up to be a part of the first board of that organization. I have been totally amazed at the awesome men who have willingly shown support and who are excited to be part of this great effort. It is thrilling to be numbered among these terrific gentlemen!



Utah SAR President Trent Grandy

We are now looking forward to the formation of the Northern Wasatch chapter. It is amazing to see the blossoming that is taking place within our organization. If you are willing and able to be a part of the outstanding movement in this area, please let us know, as we would love to hear from you. We certainly can use all the help we can get for the next phase of this growth.

As I have mentioned before, we are having success with the planning for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. With the many Constitution Day readings that have taken place around the state, the excitement has been mounting towards an amazing display of patriotism. With the help of the office of the Governor, and members of the Utah State Legislature, we have the idea to make April 19th, a permanent official state holi-



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day with the creation of Patriots Day. We have many people working on this project, including members of the Red Cliffs of Zion, and our own state board members to help this come to fruition. But we are always in need of more help, whether it be within or outside by simply contacting your own representative to urge them to support this worthy cause. We are making plans to make that day special to include a signing ceremony by the governor, should the legislation pass. Stay tuned for more info on this.

These are a few of the projects that we continue to work on and move forward within the society. We are all recipients of the blessings of freedom that have been passed down to us because of the bravery and fortitude of our ancestors. It therefore falls to us as our duty of being the Standard Bearers for America. Please be the force for good in this country that others have called "the shining city on the hill". I hope that you will each take the time to reflect on and discuss your patriotism in this wonderful country with others. Please tell of it's true founding with those who have not even given much thought about it, or otherwise been led astray by untrue facts.

As we enter this wonderous time of year that is the holiday season, I must again reflect on the bountiful blessings that I have had the privilege of receiving from a gracious Providence! From Thanksgiving through New Years, I have felt the magic of the season, and I feel I must share my own great tidings of great joy with you all! So even though this season may have passed by the time that you receive this message, I hope that you all had wonderous Holidays and the same for the coming year!

Thank you as always for your participation and continued support of this worthy cause. And as always may the Lord bless and keep you and our nation!

Yours in Liberty,

Trent Grandy
President, Utah SAR



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2025 Events Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Utah SAR events:

- 2/15/2025 George Washington Birthday Celebration Banquet
- 4/19/2025 The Shot Heard Round the World - 250th Anniversary
- 5/10/2025 Annual Member Meeting/Celebrate America Banquet
- 5/24/2025 Fort Buenaventura Rendezvous (thru Memorial Day) - Ogden
- 5/26/2025 Memorial Day at This is the Place Heritage Park
- 7/4/2025 Independence Day at This is the Place Heritage Park
- 7/8/2025 Immigration Naturalization Ceremony - Orem
- 9/20/2025 Freedom's Light - Bountiful
- 11/8/2025 Layton City Veterans Day Parade
- 12/2025 Wreaths Across America
- National SAR Event:
7/12-18/2025 135th Congress, Uncasville, CT

National SAR Magazine Update

For some reason there was no Utah news story in the Fall 2024 issue. Submissions were sent on time (September 15), but did not appear in the publication. We are making inquiry. Please be advised that there will not be a Utah story in the Winter (February) issue. Due to illness and an oversight the submission deadline was missed. We plan to continue our presence in the Spring (May) issue.

Photo Montage

