



# Utah Daughters



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## Anchored in the Past, Steering towards the Future, Navigating the Present with Service to God, Home and Country.

*Philippians 2: 3, 4: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."*



Dear Utah Daughters,

This marks the half way point for the Holt administration. Where has the time gone?! The Utah State Society has undergone significant growth over the past year and as a result multiple internal and external modifications have taken place to position our State Society for success in the future. The 128th Continental Congress was exhilarating,

fun, exciting and extremely busy. The State Society had the largest contingent ever to attend Congress with several members attending for the first time. As we watched the installation of Mrs. VanBuren as President General, an electricity filled the air with gratitude over the many accomplishments of the Dillon administration and the anticipation of goals set forth by the VanBuren administration. The Utah State Society shone brightly during Congress with National recognitions in Commemorative Events, Junior Membership, the Sustaining Supporter Challenge and Membership.

With the change in the National administration, the State has and will continue to make adjustments to support the focus of the VanBuren Administration - increase overall membership to 200,000 members, complete the restoration of Constitution Hall, raise public awareness of the National Society's purpose, ensure financial stability and provide leadership training at every level starting with the member. With the approval of internalizing Insignia Sales at Congress, an Insignia Task Force has been appointed to "chart the course" for our new "DAR Insignia Store" which is projected to be operational by next Congress. Also, guidelines for the DAR National Day of Service are being created by the Service to America Committee where one chapter and one state that exhibits exemplary volunteerism will be selected. The America 250! Committee is starting

to gain momentum as the nation's 250th birthday is fast approaching thus the call to appoint a State Chair to start planning for local projects which relate to the DAR mission areas.

What does all this mean for the Utah State Society? First and foremost, we will continue to do what we do best - volunteer our time and talents by identifying worthy projects throughout our local communities which speak to the Society's three mission objectives - historical preservation, patriotism and education. Chapters are encouraged to review the 2019 Chapter Achievement Award Planning Guide which provides insight on how to successfully incentivize volunteerism, expand public outreach and reward members for assisting struggling chapters. Continue to look for opportunities to recognize worthy individuals by bestowing Community Service Awards, Women in the Arts awards, National Defense medals, DAR Medal of Honor and Americanism awards; strive to increase public awareness through press releases and social media presence; work with local mayor and city councils to obtain Proclamations for Constitution Week and participate in active military and veterans events like Wreaths Across America Ceremonies, Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit, Utah Honor Flight, Adopt-A-Ghost program, sending holiday and thank-you cards and manufacturer coupons.



Please remember we have many new members in our State Society who need guidance, patience, encouragement and kindness. These new members are eager to participate. Tap into their enthusiasm; you will be awed at what will transpire inside your chapters.

It has been an amazing first year as the Utah State Regent; but the best is yet to come. Great things are on the horizon for the Utah State Society - stay tuned; you do not want to miss it!

"Rise and Shine for America" and DAR!

Susan H. Holt  
Utah State Regent  
2018-2020

# STATE NEWS

## August Board of Management and Workshop

The Utah State Board of Management and Workshop are scheduled for Saturday, August 24th at the Salt Lake Government Complex. The Board of Management (BOM) includes Honorary State Regents, State Executive Officers, Chapter Regents and Chapter Directors. All Daughters are welcomed and encouraged to attend; however only the listed Board members are allowed to enter into discussion and vote on State matters presented during the Board of Management meeting. The BOM begins at 9 AM.

A working lunch will take place at 11:30 AM with breakout sessions for Chapter Regents, Chapter Treasurers, Chapter Registrars and Chapter Membership teams.

We will be ordering salads from Zupas. Please visit [caf  .zupas.com/menu/salads](http://caf  .zupas.com/menu/salads) to select your salad preference. We will be ordering box lunches, which will include your salad choice, fresh bread and a chocolate-dipped cookie. The cost is \$10. Please email your salad choice to [katie.madsen@me.com](mailto:katie.madsen@me.com) by Wednesday, August 21st. Cash or checks will be taken at the Workshop. Checks should be made out to USSDAR.

Our workshop will begin promptly at 1 PM. Training sessions on the different components of e-Membership will be the focus of the afternoon. Components highlighted include the Pro-

spective Member Database (PMD), Registrar/Membership connection, Treasurer and Chapter Regents reports.

In addition, the Chapter Achievement Awards and Membership National Committees will also provide presentations.

A Silent Auction is scheduled again this year. The proceeds from a chapter's item(s) will go directly back to the sponsoring chapter.

Please make plans to attend. The day promises to be informative, educational and full of surprises. Hope to see each of you there!

## State Conference Survey

KATIE MADSEN, USSDAR 2ND VICE REGENT

We had 61 responses to our State Conference Survey. Here are some of the results:

- 58% preferred to register by mail; 41% preferred online registration
- 85% liked having breakfast speakers
- 97% liked the DAR DNA workshop for information (very few took a DNA kit)
- The top 3 reasons for not attending State Conference were "Had a prior commitment or couldn't take time off from work;" "It's too far to travel;" "It's too expensive."
- Pamela Wright sales items were the most popular; followed by Junior sales items, State Regent's items, C.A.R. items, Silent Auction Baskets, Rope Baskets, and Susan's Closet.
- Most attendees liked the bigger room instead of 2 rooms, sitting at the round tables, Women's Suffrage speakers, no committee reports, meeting DAR friends and ladies from around the state, meeting out of state visitors, one place to check out for sales tables, and the Pingo game.

Thanks to all who wrote comments and gave suggestions. We are always striving to improve the state conference experience and make it delightful for as many as possible.

## State Regents Project Update

RANDI FRAUSTO, USSDAR

On Wednesday, May 29, 2019 items that were needed and very much appreciated were delivered to the East High Leopard Stash (Nate Hooper Utah's Good Citizen Recipient and founding member of the Leopard Stash) and the Bountiful Food Bank (575 lbs). Both organiza-



tions expressed overwhelming joy at the generosity of our USSDAR members. Thank you to each and every daughter who helped make a difference in the lives of those in need by participating in the State Regents Project at the 2019 USSDAR State Conference and beyond.





## Call for Bible Records BRENDA "BJ" JONES, USSDAR GRC CHAIR

The NSDAR Library would like to collect and index as many Bible records as possible. I am sure that Utah could add to this collection just by gathering all the old Bible records that we or our families have at our homes. Submission is easy to do and gives Utah credit for pages for the Genealogy Records project.

All you have to submit are pictures of the front of the Bible, the page with the copyright on it, and all pages that have births, marriages, and

deaths on them. Abstract each of the pages just so I can index the names correctly. The abstracts go on the same page as the picture. Let me know who owns the Bible, his/her address and the Chapter submitting. This is used for the Bible Title Page.

It is easier for me to compile if files are in Microsoft Word format. Send me this information before November 1, 2019, so I can index, print on the proper paper, and submit before my December deadline.

## DAR Junior American Citizens

SARA (STAPLES) HOLT & KAYLA COY WITHERS, USSDAR JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Greetings, Ladies! We're delighted to report that for the 2018-2019 DAR Junior American Citizens contest, Utah had several winners at the National Level. One student won 1st Place at the National Level, two placed 2nd or 3rd and a fourth received an Honorable Mention.

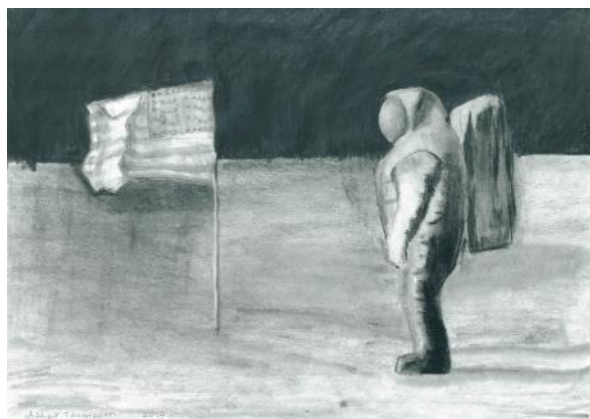
Yayyyy!!!

The 2018-2019 theme for the DAR Junior American Citizens contest was: "The 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing—America's Great Move Forward in Exploration and Technology". In all, we had 33 students participate in Utah (Art=4 and Creative Expression=29).

Three of our Utah DAR Chapters (Princess Timpanogos, Salt Lake Valley and Wasatch Range) participated in sponsoring students for the contest. Separately from the contest, Golden Spike Chapter organized a new JAC Club with Girl Scout Troop 2146. We extend our gratitude to the hard-working ladies in our chapters and CAR societies/JAC clubs who worked with these students to represent Utah so successfully.

Awards ceremonies for students took place on February 16th (Salt Lake Valley Chapter Meeting), March 2nd (CAR State Conference), and March 4th (South Jordan Elementary School). The Utah State JAC Committee surprised all student participants with a Thank You Card and Space Shuttle Pen and State winners also received an Apollo 11 Plaque Replica Pin. Winners at the State level received \$15 from the USSDAR and winners at the National level received medals from the NSDAR (certificates were also presented to winners at the Chapter, State, Division & National levels).

What's next for JAC, you ask? For details, be on the lookout for upcoming announcements on Facebook and emails/brochures to Chapter Regents/JAC Chairs...but for now, we are excited to share the 2019-2020 JAC Contest Theme: "100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment — American Women Rise and Shine".



Above: DAR National JAC 1st Place winning entry from Utah, a Fourth Grade Poster Art piece by Asher (sponsored by Salt Lake Valley Chapter)

## New Horizons Course Update

HAZEL PETERSON, USSDAR NEW HORIZONS COORDINATOR

Seventeen members have sign-up for the New Horizons Course, five graduated in 2018, three have just completed the course and will graduate this year at State Conference and three or four others just might be completed by state conference.

It has been an inspiration to see the growth in knowledge and pride students acquire as they go through the course, regardless of how long they have been members. I would like to share a few of their annotated comments.

I have to start by saying how much I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book (*The Wide Blue Sash*, available on line at dar.org). There are so

many accomplishments ( by Past President Generals) that truly make me proud to be a member of DAR ... Reading this book has been very educational to me as well as inspirational. I have a whole new knowledge and respect for DAR as an organization. The more we inspire our membership the better members we will have. Just think of all the great things that can be accomplished with involved, dedicated members!

As the new regent of my chapter, I hope to increase my knowledge of leadership. I really want to learn the nuts and bolts of DAR and the correct way to do things.

It has been excellent in letting me know the breadth of all the activities that the DAR is involved in as well as the intricacies of how the chapter runs. It has let me know the responsibilities of the officers.

Over the years I have gone into the members web site to find out about things I was involved in, but this has made me explore all the different areas that are on the web site.

Here is the information you need to get started today. Contact the State New Horizons Coordinator, Hazel Peterson at sam-sam3316@msn.com, pay the \$10 registration and your ready. Just waiting to hear from you!

# BALD EAGLE CHAPTER

## Bald Eagles are Tenacious!

ALEXANDRA BALL, BALD EAGLE CHAPTER REGENT

We are a small chapter, and like a phoenix, we are rising from a not very active chapter with few local members. Our regent passed away suddenly and after a couple of months, we voted to continue our chapter with 5 new board members. The goal of our board is to be a more visible, active, and valuable member of our community. To that end we have encouraged several women to become members. There are at least 4 who are quite far along in the application process.

We have met with the Quilts of Valor Utah chairman to discuss how our members can help the veterans they serve. Several blocks were made by members and submitted to the program. A prospective member has offered an afternoon at her shop to sew blocks that are already precut. Hopefully

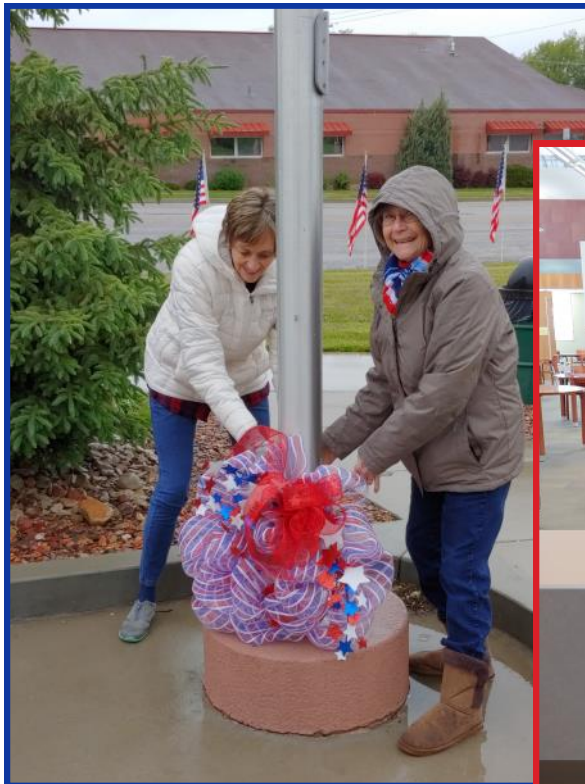


ly enough will be made to create a quilt top.

Another meeting informed our members of the Wreaths Across America program. We have already met with the cemeteries and are planning to begin fundraising so we can place wreaths on 94 graves this year. Since we

are late in the process, next year we plan to do much more.

Despite 34 degrees and heavy rain, 6 members of our chapter met to lay a wreath at our first Memorial Day program. The mayor of Cedar City spoke and we sang the first stanza of "America" and heard a poem "To Them We Owe" before closing by hearing "Taps".



We will celebrate Flag Day by putting up a display in the local public library.

Our future plans include working in the schools for Constitution Week and again setting up a display at the library for that event.

Plans have not been finalized for our future meetings, but will include the DAR schools we support. Our chapter has already begun collecting Box-tops for Education.



# BEAR RIVER CHAPTER



Bear River Chapter members with Madam State Regent Susan Holt at the 2019 Utah State Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference.



# COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER



## A Community Service Focus

VALERIE KING, COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER REGENT

Color Country Chapter worked very hard provide service to our community in meaningful ways. 2019 started by learning more about the Habitat for Humanity organization followed by a cash donation.

In February, a carload of home baked items was sent to the St George Fire Department; our unique way of sending love to our local first responders. Two of four DAR Good Citizen award winners attended our February meeting and received their certificates and pins. The chapter's scholarship winner was then named and presented with a cash gift.

In March, we hosted a luncheon to honor Terri Kane of Intermountain Healthcare for her amazing work in advancing healthcare services in our local area. She received a DAR Women in American History certificate and medal from the chapter. Before closing out the month, we hosted a 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Veterans Commemorative event at Southern Utah Veterans Home. Hundreds of people were literally in attendance as 250 certificates and pins were presented to our local Vietnam veterans. This experience was beyond heartwarming.

In April, we turned our focus to Conservation, collecting seed packets for the Hindman Settlement School, planting trees at two local community sites and accepting Earth Day proclamations from Governor Herbert and St George Mayor Jon Pike.

At the end of April and into early May, we presented medals and certi-

ificates to two outstanding female Air Force JROTC cadets attending at local area high schools.

The chapter's annual May Spring Fling luncheon included a special guest, Madam State Regent Susan Holt. She helped us welcome in our new members and assisted with chapter and state award presentations. After the luncheon, we headed over to Dixie State University to participate in a Naturalization Ceremony. The chapter was asked to help organize this event; and our very own state regent was one of the featured speakers. Patriotism definitely filled the air as hundreds of American flags provided by the chapter waved proudly in the air at pivotal moments. A week later we helped sponsor the annual "Run, Walk and Roll" event at Southern Utah Veterans. To end the month, we participated in a Memorial Day ceremony held at Sun River Veterans Honor Park, once again offering yummy homed baked items for donation to benefit our DAR Service to Veterans programs. This year's ceremony included a very meaningful check presentation to the chapter from Spilsbury Mortuary to benefit Wreaths Across America. Despite the rainy weather and less than normal attendance, good hearts and generosity prevailed.

We are very grateful to our local media who covered a great majority of our events to date this year. The chapter is really looking forward to a restful summer before starting up again in the Fall.

## May 14, 2019

MAUREEN PARKS, COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER

"I pledge allegiance to the flag...."<sup>(1)</sup>

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people...."<sup>(2)</sup>

"Do you promise faithfully to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, God being your helper?"<sup>(3)</sup>

"I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America...."<sup>(4)</sup>

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 was a special day for me for many reasons:

I attended the NSDAR Color Country Chapter monthly meeting where I recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

I said NSDAR's "The American's Creed" where I stated my belief "in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people...."

I was inducted into NSDAR and pledged to "faithfully uphold the Constitution of the United States of America...."

I attended a Naturalization Ceremony where 31 immigrants from many foreign countries raised their right hands and pledged "to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America...."

May we ever be mindful of, and grateful for, the freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities we have as citizens of this great land - the United States of America!

(1) Pledge of Allegiance, (2) The American's Creed, (3) NSDAR Oath of Membership, (4) Naturalization Oath of Allegiance



Maureen Parks attending the May 14, 2019 Naturalization Court Ceremony at Dixie State University



# GOLDEN SPIKE CHAPTER

## Golden Spike Chapter

HOLLIE GILLILAND, GOLDEN SPIKE CHAPTER REGENT

It has been a fabulous year for the Golden Spike Chapter located in the beautiful Ogden valley. Living up to our name, the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad was especially important to our chapter. Golden Spike Daughters attended lectures, museums, programs and volunteered at Promontory Point for the momentous event on May 10th. Our May meeting featured Weber State University History Professor Kathryn Mackay who spoke to us about why Ogden was chosen as the Junction City. It has been very fun delving into history as we celebrated this Commemorative Event.

We also have had the honor of presenting five Quilts of Valor to World War II Veterans. A special thanks to Pat Bausman and all the Golden Spike daughters who made these beautiful quilts.

This year the Golden Spike Chapter has presented two very special awards. The DAR Conservation Award was presented to Billy Fenimore by our State Conservation Committee Chair, Judy Barking. His experience and expertise on conservation and his love of birds has inspired countless individuals be-

come more involved in conservation efforts. Mr. Fenimore also helps the youth in our community and State become acquainted with the wildlife that surrounds them. He is truly an inspiration. Our wonderful Chapter Conservation Committee Chair, Jeane Taylor, organized the meeting. We had the honor of presenting a Community Service Award to Patti Adams of the "Freedom Riders". This non-profit organization is designed for physically disabled children, ages three to eighteen, and uses therapeutic horseback riding. Through this program, children can benefit emotionally, physically and socially. As Patti spoke about the organization, we felt her love for all the youth she has had the privilege to work with. She has been involved with the "Freedom Riders" since its beginning in 1978.

The Executive Board of the Golden Spike Chapter is busy working on programs for our 2019 - 2020 year. The best part is, our chapter will be turning 100 in January!

**Right (L-R): Community Service Award Presentation Patti Adams Director of the "Freedom Riders," and Jean George Golden Spike Chapter Member**



**Above (L-R): DAR Conservation Award Presentation Golden Spike Conservation Committee Chair Jeane Taylor, Conservationist Billy Fenimore, and State Conservation Committee Chair Judy Barking**



## Quilts of Valor

KAREN STARK, GOLDEN SPIKE CHAPTER

Golden Spike Chapter has partnered with Quilts of Valor to "cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

We identified some family members of our Chapter members who served in World War II to honor with quilts. Several chapter members sewed blocks, other pieced the blocks together, then the quilts were sent to longarm quilters who volunteer with Quilts of Valor. Other chapter members then bound the quilts and special labels were attached.

Quilts of Valor provides certificates and has a formal ceremony where quilts are presented and wrapped around the recipient. A few quilts were presented in private family ceremonies. We have presented some quilts in our Chapter Meetings. We shared stories about the veteran's service and displayed photos and memorabilia. Family members were invited to attend these very touching ceremonies. We are so proud to be a part of this wonderful way to honor the service of our veterans.

For information about Quilts of Valor and how you and your chapter can get involved, visit their website:

<https://www.qovf.org>

# PRINCESS TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER

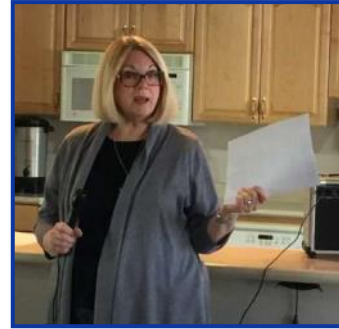
Images from our Chapter SHIRLEY NELSON, PRINCESS TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER REGENT

Our Princess Timpanogos Chapter committee chairmen have presented outstanding programs during this past year. They have really helped us understand what we do in DAR. Enjoy the following pictures as they tell our story.



Above: Eileen Johnson reports on box tops donated to the DAR Tamassee School and soda can flip lids donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City.

Below: Ruth Anderson was sworn in as a new member by Chaplain Betsey Chatlin



Above: Susan Ferrin reported on her experiences and the work the DAR does at the Naturalization Courts

January



## February

In February we held our annual student awards meeting.

Left Chairman Harriet Rasmussen presented the Good Citizen Award to Nate Hooper of East High School. Nate also won the state contest.

In March we welcomed new members Jennifer Cusick, Michelle Woods, and Barbara Hegland.

## March

Princess Timpanogos provided the table decorations for the formal Friday evening banquet at the Utah State Society DAR Conference. The theme for the decorations centered around the 150 Year Golden Spike Celebration. You might notice the train tracks across the center of the table.



April

May

Above (L-R): DAR Conservation Award Presentation Golden Spike Conservation Committee Chair Jeane Taylor, Conservationist Billy Fenimore, and State Conservation Committee Chair Judy Barking





# SALT LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER

## Happy 60th Birthday, Salt Lake Valley Chapter

JANICE SMITH, SALT LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER REGENT

Although our charter was granted in the month of April, because of Utah State Conference, Salt Lake Valley Chapter celebrates its birthday in March. This past March was our 60th anniversary and it was celebrated in style. Members were encouraged to dress as though it were 1959 and the executive board provided casseroles, sloppy joes, and the ever-popular Jello salads. As always, there was birthday cake and fun was had by all.

Salt Lake Valley Chapter became the fourth Utah DAR chapter in 1959. Two active chapters preceded it - the Spirit of Liberty Chapter, organized in 1897, and the Golden Spike Chapter, organized in 1919. The third chapter, Escalante, was organized in 1932 but disbanded in 1950.

The main purpose of the new chapter was to enable working women to attend night meetings. April 18, 1959, a Chapter Charter was granted and the first meeting was held April 21, 1959, at 7:30 P.M., at the home of Ruth Hull, Organizing Regent. A year later the charter was closed to organizing members with a count of twenty daughters.

The new chapter struggled to recruit new members. In September of 2003, Regent Janis McCoid of the Mt. Ridge Chapter approached SLV with a

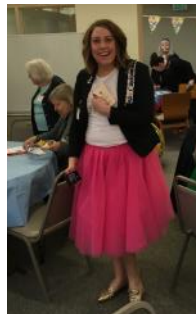


proposition to merge the two chapters into one. After discussions at chapter meetings and a vote of all SLV members, Regent Connie Lockhart announced SLV agreed to the merger. In February 2004, the National Board of Management approved the merger with the name remaining Salt Lake Valley and officers were those of the Salt Lake Valley Chapter. Meetings were changed to Saturday.

In 2014, Fay Keune joined us and she was a force with which to be reckoned. New to DAR as well as SLV, she was sharp as a tack and had many questions and suggestions. If we had a charter, where was it? Past regents didn't know and a search through the boxes in the state storage facility was futile. Fay went to great lengths and expense to obtain a copy from National and have it beautifully framed. She was so excited and proud to present it at our March meeting in 2017. Though Fay has passed away, we gratefully display our charter every September, upon resuming meetings after the summer break, and every March when we celebrate our chapter's birthday.

Salt Lake Valley continues to grow, with membership reaching 92 members at one point. We are especially excited to have a total of 13 Junior

Members. While we log an impressive amount of service hours and spend large amounts of money on projects and donations, we love getting to know each other better by sharing an informal "brown bag" lunch during the hour prior to our business meetings. We consider ourselves a very friendly chapter. Happy Birthday Salt Lake Valley. Here's to another fun and productive 60 years!



## Musically Serving America MARY ANN OBREMSKI, SALT LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER

We all serve America in different ways. Service comes naturally just through our normal activities and interests. We can serve as individuals or through our DAR committees and chapters. Our motto of God, Home, and Country is vast and encompassing.

I was six years old when I started to take piano lessons. I took them on and off through my early teen years. My father said he wanted me to be good enough to play church hymns. I wanted to be good enough to play Rachmaninoff. I am good enough to play church hymns.

Surprisingly to me, that is good enough to bring joy and happiness to me as I give service playing for some of the organizations at church. It has been good enough to inspire family members and others in my community. I was practicing the piano one morning, play-

ing hymns, when my niece woke up and got ready to go to school with my neighbor. My niece on rare occasions spent the night at my house. I heard back from my sister that my niece had said to her, "I think Mary Ann must be the perfect mother." She had loved hearing the music that morning. It made her spirits soar.

I currently play the piano each Sunday for Primary, our children's organization. I am there for one hour as the Primary meets weekly in two groups divided according to age. I practice some each week to make sure I am up on my game. I play for all the children when they sing songs they have learned to our entire congregation in the chapel where everyone meets. I love the enthusiasm of the children and that they are learning about God and how much He loves them. They learn His teachings

and how to follow His ways. The music teaches their spirits. I love facilitating this and serving America this way.

By the way, my son was inspired by my playing enough to want to try it himself. He got a BA degree in music. He is good enough to play Chopin, Beethoven, and a mean Saint-Saëns.



# SEGO LILY CHAPTER

## Sego Lily Chapter Serves Others and Honors Those Who Served

BRONWYN BOYD EVANS, SEGO LILY CHAPTER

The Sego Lily chapter stepped up to State Regent Susan Holt's call to serve local schools in a couple of ways this year. In September, Belinda Barking, a chapter member who serves as State Librarian and Women's Issues State Chair, began such a capstone project for the New Horizons Course. She led a drive to prepare pantry packs for the Bountiful Food Pantry's Principal's Pantry effort. The Bountiful Food Pantry supports South Davis County schools with gallon bags of ready-to-eat and microwavable meals for children to use on weekends when free and reduced meals from school are not available. The chapter made up many packs and had extra food to donate to the pantry.

Another way the Sego Lily Daughters supported area students was by donating school supplies to Davis Education Foundation's Child Spree event. Child Spree is an annual event which provides more than 250 students with

new clothing and essentials to start the school year. Each child receives a one-on-one shopping experience at an area department store and a gift card to spend to prepare them for the school year. According to the Foundation, about 1100 students in the district are homeless, and school principals select K-6 students who have the greatest need to attend Child Spree. With membership drawing from mostly Davis and Weber Counties, the Sego Lily chapter collected dozens of school supplies to give Child Spree a jumpstart for the event which will take place in August. Stacey Richards organized the school supply drive, and items were collected over several months earlier this year.

The NSDAR is known for honoring service men and women, past and present. In addition to participating in the rededication of the World War I Doughboy monument in Ogden and other activities honoring veterans, the

Sego Lily chapter had the unique opportunity to hear from Utah native Erik Pearson, who served in the elite 3rd United States Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, (a.k.a. The Old Guard). The regiment is the oldest active duty regiment in the US Army, and was first organized in 1784. It is the official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.

Pearson recounted his fascinating journey to become one of the oldest guards to ever serve at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. He shared traditions and experiences and assignments from his service there, among them driver for VIP motorcades and serving in the Honor Guard for funerals in Arlington National Cemetery and dignified transfers of fallen soldiers returning to the United States at Dover Air Force Base.



Left: Army veteran Erik Pearson, former member of The Old Guard at Arlington. Center: School supplies gathered by the Sego Lily chapter for Davis Education Foundation's Child Spree. Right: New DAR member Bronwyn Evans (center), pictured with her husband, Lynn, and daughter, Shelby, and Chapter Regent Teresa Call (right).



## My 40-Year, 1,800-Mile Journey to NSDAR Membership

BRONWYN BOYD EVANS, SEGO LILY CHAPTER

Charter bus after charter bus circled the parking lot like wagons, dropping off well dressed old ladies in silvery bouffant hairdos, horn-rimmed glasses, and pearls, with smooth leather purses on their arms. They wore sashes across their outfits like queens. The DAR Ladies had arrived.

We elementary children lined the sidewalk and waved at the buses as they came in. Finally, we all made our way to the big gymnasium to join the throng of students from the entire K-12 campus of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. We witnessed the same pomp and circumstance every Dedication Day, when the ladies led the student body, faculty, staff, community leaders, and press in a patriotic opening ceremony then formally dedicated and named some new property or program they'd funded. My equally patriotic father and teachers explained how these blessed ladies loved our special school and our country and were so generous to do this.

My genealogist grandfather often talked about finding Revolutionary War patriots in our family history, but it never occurred to me that I

could become one of those DAR ladies. Not until I was far from my Alabama childhood, anyway. Who around here in Mormon Pioneer country knew about the DAR?

A few years ago, I came across the DAR booth at RootsTech, where smartly dressed DAR ladies, looking nothing like I remember 40 years ago, told me a chapter was in my own little Centerville, Utah! I was stunned.

I drove to my first DAR meeting about a mile from my house. In Utah. In my forties. No silvery hair, queenly sash, or blessed bank account, but I was warmly welcomed, just the same. In turn, I surprised the Sego Lily chapter when I told them I attended Kate Duncan Smith for four years as a child. Once I had the NSDAR member number of my Dad's cousin, I only had to get records up to that same genealogist grandfather. I was lucky and eventually, got focused. Being officially accepted early this year felt like coming full circle to honor my late father and grandfather, everlasting advocates of KDS DAR School and the mission of the DAR.





# SPIRIT OF AMERICA CHAPTER



## Spirit of America

DAWN FLEISHANS, SPIRIT OF AMERICA ORGANIZING CHAPTER REGENT

The 10th Chapter in the state of Utah has been named. While at Continental Congress, we were inspired to receive word that the name of the new chapter will be the Spirit of America Chapter

Choosing a name is not an easy process. When setting up a new chapter they ask that three names be submitted in order of preference. With names, we must submit the reason behind each name we have chosen.

We submitted this rationale for our choice: "With the tremendous amount of growth in Salt Lake County, this new chapter will serve several cities surrounding South Jordan. In keeping with the spirit of America, we plan to bring people from these communities together through DAR. The growth has brought an incredible amount of diversity and we want to capitalize on that. That is what America and DAR are about. We want to make people feel

welcome and included through a common bond of lineage, a love of God, Home, and Country."

In June, prospective members, current members, our State Regent, Susan Holt, State Organizing Secretary, Cindy Larsen, and State Registrar, Wendy Rennert met

at the home of Linda Abel to get to know one another and to sign the Report of Organization. In total, we will have 24 women organizing the chapter.

We look forward to being a part of the State and National Society.

Rise and Shine for America, and for DAR!



# UINTAH CHAPTER

## Uintah Chapter DAR Report for the year 2018-2019

SANDY KILLION, UINTAH CHAPTER REGENT

Our chapter got busy soon after the new officers were sworn in.

In May our chapter members attended the Grave marker and head stone dedication for Harriet Sells.

In June our we hosted a DAR headstone marker dedication for one of our own members, Juanita Howe.

In September, to celebrate Constitution Week, we hung posters in 10 local libraries, and we had our annual pot-luck lunch. To test our knowledge, we all took the Naturalization test. It was a challenge but fun.

In October, Katie Madsen, State Community Service chairman came to give us ideas on what kind of service we can do that counts as community service. We had a quick lesson on how to enter community service hours into the DAR database. The following Saturday, 7 members from our chapter served lunch at the Fisher House. We set up the lunch and were able to join the guest for lunch. What a treat to talk to them about their family member and the service they provided. Also in October, as chapter Regent, I had the honor to attend and speak at a yellow ribbon ceremony at Camp Williams.

In November, we celebrated the Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI by inviting a speaker to share his love of history. He is the son of our Vice-Regent and has a Bachelor's Degree in History, from the University of Utah.

In January we met for lunch to celebrate our chapter's 45th birthday.

In February we enjoyed hearing the essays from our chapter winners, and we were honored to have our Madam State Regent, Susan Holt visit us and introduce us to her projects.

In March, we celebrated women's month by inviting Jan Garbit to share the projects she has been involved in. Jan was president of Women for Decency for 3 years working in the community and in schools. Jan has been involved on an international level with women's organizations and education initiatives. It was remarkable to hear of her accomplishments.

In April, eleven members from our chapter attended State Conference. Lisa Hoyt was awarded the Utah State Outstanding Junior.

For our May meeting, we honored our community service winner. He is a veteran who spends many hours volunteering at Fort Douglas. On May 18th we participated in a community service project by helping to plant flowers at Sandy City Center for their annual spring-up day.



I am proud to announce that we have 3 members who completed both the New Member's course and the New Horizons course. 1 more is working on her New Member's course.

We were able to attend 2 ROTC ceremonies to award 1 bronze and 1 silver award.

Our chapter installed two new members.

We signed 32 thank you cards that were handed out to women veterans who went to DC on the Honor flight, which left on D-Day. On June 8th 3 members were there to welcome them home with posters and flags.

## Uintah Chapter Community Service Award Winner

HEATHER CLAUSE, UINTAH CHAPTER

The Uintah Chapter Community Service Awards Committee and Chapter Regent Sandy Killion were proud to present a Community Service Award on May 12, 2019 to Mike Culliss who has been a volunteer for over six years at the Utah Military Museum at Fort Douglas. Over the years he has proven to be an exemplary volunteer and readily goes above and beyond his duties. He has exhibited selflessness and leadership with a kind and cheerful demeanor. Among his many gestures he offers rides to Veterans who volunteer at the museum but can no longer drive, he has come in on his off days to help out last minute, and instead of the normal two days for volunteers he comes in for four days regularly and very rarely misses a week. Mike goes out of his way to make his fellow volunteers

and guests feel welcome with his kind words and generosity. He is a military Veteran who served during the Cold War and has made himself an indispensable part of the Military Museum and an integral part of the community through his service. The Museum itself serves Veterans and their families, all those interested in Utah Military History, as well as many visitors from Primary Children's Hospital and the University of Utah Medical facilities as it provides a respite for families who have loved ones receiving treatment. The Uintah Chapter was very pleased to offer this reward to someone who is such an excellent example of volunteerism in our community.



# WASATCH RANGE CHAPTER

## Wasatch Range Members Present Chapter Meeting Programs

DIANA NIELSEN, WASATCH RANGE CHAPTER REGENT

On Saturday, March 23rd, two Junior Members of the Wasatch Range Chapter, Whitney Eliason Garrett and Andrea Eliason Befus presented a program about the History of the Women's Suffrage Movement at our March chapter meeting. Whitney and Andrea outlined the timeline of the Suffragette activity which began in 1840 and culminated with the passing of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by Congress in 1919. This year is the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote!

The organizers for change and the supporters of woman's right to vote conducted meetings, protests, rallies, marches, house to house visits, hunger strikes, etc., in their attempts to overcome the old ways of thinking. These activists endured taunting, persecution, violence, divorce, even prison sentences, throughout their years of efforts.

Whitney and Andrea shared an array of photos showing the leaders and examples of their work. They told the audience that the D.A.R. was supportive of the Movement and lent direct participation to the action. They also mentioned that Utah was amongst the first areas to "allow" women to vote and to hold office.

Whitney and Andrea concluded their presentation by leading a singalong of one of the rally songs of the Suffragettes.

At our May Spring Luncheon and chapter meeting, Kara Kelley gave a slide show report of the USSDAR State Conference. She included delightful pictures of the many events that were enjoyed at the conference. Kara gave a well-summarized account of the wonderful lunches, dinners, historical presentations and other happenings to share with our chapter.



## Reflections from a DAR MEMBER

LORENA NORRIS, WASATCH RANGE CHAPTER

**Joining the DAR in 2000 in California on my mother's papers was a joy because I have such a heritage of patriots who fought in all the wars since the Revolution. Serving on committees in the chapter and on the Registration Committee at Congress was a treat.**

**Then when asked to serve as State 2nd Vice Regent and being in charge of reserving the hotel, etc. for State Conference, making place cards for all business and meals and planning for Board of Managements was a challenge.**

**Following that time, I was serving as State 1st Vice Regent and I was honored to have been asked to head up the Golden West Tea in July, 2011 at the National DAR Continental Congress in Washington D.C. It is hosted by 7 States - Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Hawaii, and Nevada with Utah as the main host that year. The Tea was a very well-attended event with over 200 guests coming for the Southwest Taco Bar and Ice Cream Sunday's. And as far as I can tell, is the first time we actually made money.**

**Later I was privileged to serve at State Recording Secretary to record minutes of all Board of Management meetings and State Conference.**

**DAR is a part of who I am and I especially enjoy attending National Congress to meet friends I see only once a year and make new ones, especially those from Overseas Units to which I am an associate.**



# CONTINENTAL CONGRESS



Utah State Delegation at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution 128th Continental Congress

## 128th Continental Congress Recap

SUSAN H. HOLT, UTAH STATE REGENT USSDAR

The 128th Continental Congress overall was a huge success. The Utah State Society was recognized by several National Committees for our projects, programs and outstanding volunteerism. Here are highlights from the week:

- **Valerie King** was named the Outstanding State Member for Utah in connection with the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemoration. Her outstanding service to Vietnam Veterans through her work with Wreaths Across America, the Utah Honor Flight and honoring Vietnam veterans throughout her community was recognized at the Commemorative Events Award ceremony.



- In addition, Color Country Chapter received 1st Place nationally for their WWI Centenary Commemorative Event and 3rd place nationally for their Wreaths Across America participation at the Commemorative Events Award program.

- **Lisa Hoyt**, Utah Outstanding Junior was named as one of eight National OJ Finalists. The National Finalists were presented during Thursday evening's Education Night celebration.



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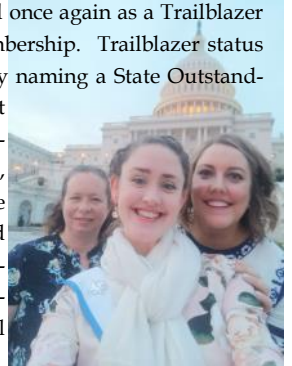
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- Utah State Regent, **Susan Holt** represented the State Society at the Gift Acceptance ceremony where our gift of the outside banner for the DAR Museum exhibit "A Piece of her Mind" was received by President General Ann Turner Dillion and Curator General Barbie Frankenberry.



- Utah was recognized once again as a Trailblazer state for Junior Membership. Trailblazer status was accomplished by naming a State Outstanding Junior, having at least 2 chapter Outstanding Juniors, hosting a statewide Junior event and making a direct contribution to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.



- Utah received second place in the Sustaining Supporter Challenge in the percentage of member category.

- Over 108 National and Southwest Division Committee certificates plus Chapter Achievement Award certificates were received by Utah State Regent, Susan Holt at Congress.

Thank you, Utah Daughters, for your dedication and support of the National Society and our State Society. Well done!!



Above: Utah Daughters in the Utah Box in Continental Hall. Left: Utah Daughters at the Heritage Club Breakfast.

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## State Conference for 2020—Sneak Preview!

KATIE MADESN, USSDAR 2ND VICE REGENT

Date: April 23-25, 2020

Place: Double Tree Suites by Hilton, 110 East 600 South, Salt Lake City

Theme: Pivotal Events in American History (may include Mayflower, Boston Massacre, Santa Fe Trail, Vietnam War, Women's Suffrage)

Ceremony at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial Wall in Memory Grove Park

Out of state guests coming:

Treasurer General Dawn Lemongello  
Membership National Chair - Yvonne Liser  
Nevada State Regent - Terry Rubenstein  
Washington State Regent - Lanabeth Horgan  
Michigan State Regent - Gina LaCroix  
Massachusetts State Regent - Paula Renkas  
Georgia State Regent - Meloyde Brown  
South Carolina State Regent - Libby Billham

Please mark your calendars now for next year's fabulous State Conference!

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**August 24, 2019**

*Salt Lake City, Utah*

USSDAR Board of Management  
Meeting and Workshop

**April 23-25, 2020**

*Salt Lake City, Utah*

USSDAR 2020 State Conference