

Utah State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Utah Daughters Newsletter: "Our Legacy of Love"

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Dearest Daughters,

It is so wonderful to be your Utah State Regent!! I am honored to share "Our Legacy of Love" with hundreds of inspiring patriotic members. Together, we have weathered through a worldwide pandemic and flourished in our love of God, Home, and Country.

Welcome to our Newest DAR Members!! As you become active in your chapters you will make lasting friendships, participate in outstanding events, and service projects uplifting our communities, active military, veterans, and you!

In June, Utah Daughters participated in the Hybrid 124th State Conference, gathering at Liberty Park to celebrate the restoration of the 1905 DAR Drinking Fountain Monument. We renewed our friendships at the Cameo Club and made new friends at the State Officers Club while we virtually danced the "Roaring Twenties Charleston." Honorary President General Lynn Forney Young, America 250 Committee National Chair delighted us with an interesting Zoom presentation about activities to participate in as we prepare for the 250th Anniversary of our American Independence.



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Our "Chapter Champions" Luncheon at the elegant Le Jardin Venue was highlighted with guest speaker, David Amott, Preservation Utah Executive Director. We were entertained by a dynamic author, Jeffery J. McKenna with accounts of American Revolution History in his book, "Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot." We were introduced to the 2021 Utah Outstanding Junior, Erin Suzanne Burns and presented the magnificent "Our Legacy of Love" Quilt. Thank you, Hollie Gilliland, State 2nd Vice Regent, her committee, and our beautiful pages for leading this outstanding USSDAR State Conference.

Congratulations Utah Daughters for receiving an abundance of National and Division Awards at the 130th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. You are the "BEST!!"

Let us together appreciate our priceless heritage in our thoughts, words, and deeds as we "Rise and Shine for America!"

Stay tuned for exciting details of our upcoming 125th Anniversary State Conference April 21-23, 2022. Please save the dates....Madam President General Denise Doring VanBuren will be our illustrious guest speaker. We want all Utah Daughters to attend.

Love in DAR friendship and service, Kathryn Asay, Utah State Regent, USSDAR.



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#### 124th STATE CONFERENCE June 3-5, 2021

By Katie Madsen Utah State Vice Regent

The hybrid State Conference started in Liberty Park with the rededication of the the 1905 DAR Drinking Fountain Monument. Business sessions were virtual as well as the Memorial Service honoring those members who have passed on.

The Cameo Club had a fun social making wrist corsages. The State Officers Club had a virtual Roaring 20's social complete with a fun fashion show and Jazz.





State Regent Kathryn Asay treated the Executive Board, Honorary State Regents, and Chapter Regents to an elegant dinner on Friday night.

Saturday's events closed the conference with a lovely luncheon and beautiful surroundings at Le Jardin in Sandy. Certificates were given to graduates of the Members Course and New Horizons Course. Each Chapter Regent received a notebook with award certificates from state committee chairs. Everyone enjoyed socializing and awards were given to David Amott, Preservation Utah Executive Director and Jeffery J. McKenna, author of "Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot."







### 130th Virtual Continental Congress June 28-July 4, 2021

By Hollie Gilliland Utah State 2nd Vice Regent

The 130th Virtual Continental Congress was a week of amazing presentations, Business Meetings, shopping, luncheons, and tours of our newly renovated Memorial Continental Hall. President General VanBuren was our beautiful host as we joined her and thousands of daughters from around the world.

Many "watch parties" occurred around the State as Chapters got together to socialize during various events especially the evening sessions. Did you know that Continental Congress has their own Facebook and Pinterest Pages? Reading the daily Congress Herald was a great way to stay in touch with every detail of what was happening.

Delegates voted for a new program called the **Inheritance Project,** which allows daughters to inherit Patriots from their mothers or grandmothers proven Application or Supplemental Applications all for a one-time fee of \$50.

The beautiful new "Service to America" pin was made available to any Daughter who has added service hours at any time. At a reasonable price, this is sure to be a popular pin.

Utah was recognized for outstanding achievements in so many categories during Continental Congress. Congratulations to all the amazing Chapters and Utah Daughters for their contributions in 2020. We may be small in numbers, but we are mighty in determination and spirit!

The newly renovated Utah Box shone with the presence of our past and current Utah Daughters. A great way to raise money for renovations, Mrs. VanBuren made this a fun addition to Continental Congress.

Ladies, if you missed any sessions of the 130th Continental Congress, you may still view them on the members only website at <u>www.dar.org/members</u>.







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# **Bald Eagle Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Jane Garrett**

Over the last year, our chapter has accomplished covering 3 cemeteries for Wreaths Across America with approximately 12,000 wreaths total. For the Quilts of Valor, we have supplied about 200 squares to complete ten quilts for presentation to veterans. During the Covid-19 World Wide Pandemic, our chapter supplied approximately 1,000 masks for rest homes, Native Americans and other places that requested assistance.

We had a food drive for the Valor House, yielding approximately 500 pounds of food and supplies, which our State Regent, Kathryn Asay, kindly transported to Salt Lake City. Books were provided for the children at the local Crisis Center.

Our chapter membership has increased by roughly 35% over the last 1 1/2 years. Our publicity campaign resulted in close to 300 inches coverage in the local weekly newspaper, the Iron County Today publication.

Members of our chapter executed multiple displays at the local library, celebrating Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Constitution Week and other memorable events in our Nation's history.







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## **Bear River Chapter**

#### Chapter Regent Kathryn Warner

The Bear River Chapter welcomed 5 new members including one junior: Joni Endicott, Jeneille Larson, Karen Boehme, Sheryl Bomsta and Kristi Porter.

Two members transferred in: Michelle Shreve and Anita Mortimer. Karen Muller became a new associate member.

Highlights of the year were programs on the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower, the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, DAR Colonial Quilts from the DAR Museum, and Quilts of Valor.

We were able to donate 8 boxes of hygiene supplies to the Don Gylleaskog Veterans Resource Center in North Logan, Utah along with 90 Christmas cards and a \$50 check. We also gave donations to Navajo Strong.

We participated with Wreaths Across America for the first time and were able to place 25 wreaths on graves at various cemeteries, since the members live in several cities.







## **Color Country Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Valerie King**

Color Country Chapter provided nearly 9200 volunteer hours in our community by making and distributing nearly 2800 masks and PPE items, providing homemade items to local first responders and food pantries. Awards were given to JAC, DAR Good Citizen winners, 2 Air Force JROTC cadets, 2 Community Service Awards, 1 DAR Women in the Arts Recognition Award, and 1 DAR Women in American History Award, plus 4 Flag of the U.S. Certificates and 6 PR & Media Certificates.

Verterans Sidney Walton, Rupert Clark, and local fallen hero, Sgt. Bryan Mount were honored and Christmas stockings were filled for military overseas. We dressed up as Suffragists to accept a Proclamation observing Women's Equality Day. 300 Constitution kits were distributed, a digital billboard was on display during Constitution Week, and 10 Proclamations were obtained, Constitution facts were broadcasted on 6 radio stations and 8 locations as we participated in Bells Across America. We secured 4 Proclamations from local Mayors for Native American Heritage Month, collected over 120 books about American Indian history and culture and gathered Christmas gifts for Shivwits Reservation youth.

We sponsored 2 WAA ceremonies, laid 2030 wreaths at 4 locations with local volunteers and provided ceremonial wreaths to Southern Utah Veterans Home. Our 10th anniversary ceremony at Tonaquint Cemetery was professionally videotaped and placed on YouTube with the link given to all the veteran homes throughout Utah to enjoy.





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## **Golden Spike Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Karen Stark**

We love veterans! Susan Deas created many beautiful Quilts of Valor, with some help with binding from Hollie Gilliland and Karen Stark. Quilts were given to WWII Veterans and Vietnam Veterans. These ceremonies are so moving and the Veterans are very appreciative of this gift of comfort, gratitude and love. Our chapter made donations to Valor House and sent Valentines to the residents of the Wahlen Veterans Home. We joined many other volunteers to place flags on veteran graves at the Ogden City Cemetery for Memorial Day. Our members attended the dedication of the Vietnam War Dog Memorial and a moving National Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Layton.

Most especially, we were honored that Dennis Howland, our Golden Spike Chapter nominee for the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer, not only won at the State and Southwest Division level, but was selected as the National winner for this award. After a special ceremony at the Layton Vietnam Memorial Wall, which he was instrumental in creating, we treated him to a lovely dinner.







### **Pony Express Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Kara Kelley**

On June 5, 2020 we became the eleventh chapter of the Utah State Society with 22 organizing chapter members and the following officers: Vice Regent, Valerie Hunt; Chaplain, Helen Kennington; Recording Secretary, Jennifer Parker; Treasurer, Laura Wigington; Registrar, Marian Ostvig; and Historian, Rena Mills. As of June 5th, 2021 we now have 33 members and four associate members.

The Pony Express Chapter provided donations to the Women and Children in Crisis Center, Navajo Strong, deployed active-duty military members, delivered a basket of appreciation gifts to the phlebotomists at the American Red Cross, and sewed masks. The DAR Excellence in Community Service Award was presented to Bud Frazier, founder of Navajo Strong. We had chapter meetings with programs about the history of the Pony Express in Utah, the history of the collaboration between the American Red Cross and DAR, and the history of the Boston Massacre. We promoted education in our communities by presenting DAR Good Citizen Awards to three local high schools.

Patriotism was strengthened as chapter Members participated in Constitution Week activities and Wreaths Across America. Our chapter learned about conservation and how to create sunshine gardens.







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### **Princess Timpanogos Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Susan Ferrin**

Three Naturalization Courts were conducted, and a Student Awards Luncheon was given honoring the Good Citizen Winner and American History Essay Awards. "Rise and Shine" awards were given to community first responders, food bank workers, and a young man who works with the homeless.

Barbara Hegland, Community Classroom Chair, organized a project for Hartvisgen Special Needs School. chapter members made quilts, towel aprons, and educational games. Princess Timpanogos counted 12,941 service hours!

Lea Mancini, DAR Service for Veterans Chair, headed a food drive for the Veterans Food Pantry. Two truckloads were donated. At Christmas 4 truckloads of clothing, food, personal hygiene, and cleaning supplies were delivered to the Rescue Haven Women's Shelter for women and children who are at risk. Fourteen handmade Christmas stockings with fun surprises for the children were warmly received. Carol Howard, Americanism Committee State Chair awarded the DAR Medal of Honor Award to Amy Dott Harmer, Founder Extraordinaire of the Utah Refugee Connection.







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### Salt Lake Valley Chapter

#### **Chapter Regent Janet Otterness**

Our America 250 Chair published Patriot Portraits, wrote and produced a presentation of the Women on the Mayflower, presented a video about the Wampanoag Indians. SLV celebrated Women's Suffrage with students and held an event at the school for Citizenship Week.

Our Community Classroom Committee impacted 400 children with information about the DAR, providing financial and food bank support, as well as school backpacks and supplies, supporting a community garden project for students, and helping them create a certified and registered pollinator garden, an official Monarch Waystation. Our JAC and CAR collected 500 boxes of cereal for elementary students and food for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

The Indian Committee Chair delivered four pickup trucks of donations to the Utah Goshute Indian Tribe, and participated in food and toy drives for the Navajo Nation. We awarded 4 Good Citizen awards.

We supported DAR Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Wreaths across America, and Project Patriot centers.

Our Historic Preservation Chair published a book of Utah's DAR Monuments and Markers which is now in the NSDAR Library. We sponsored the Liberty Park DAR Drinking Fountain Monument, dated 1905.

SLV Junior members provide DAR with 4 Committee Chairs, 3 Officers, 3 State Co-Chairs, 4 State Chairs, 1 State Officer. Our members indexed 7195 names for the Patriot Records and recorded 12,427 Service to America hours.







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# Sego Lily Chapter

#### **Chapter Regent Belinda Barking**

Although it's been harder to do some things during the pandemic Sego Lily Chapter has stayed busy and involved doing what we can. Several of our ladies made face masks to donate during the pandemic. We collected food for the Bountiful Food Pantry's pantry packs program and back packs and school supplies for their back-to-school drive during State Regent Asay's Summer of Sparkling Service.

For DAR Day of Service, we collected food for the Bountiful Food Pantry as well as cleaning supplies for Safe Harbor, a domestic violence shelter and gift cards for the VA Hospital. We also donated supplies for Project Patriot. Some of our lovely ladies crotched lap robes to donate to the VA.

In April we presented our Good Citizen winner Elizabeth Issertell from Farmington High School with a certificate, pin and cash award and in May we met in a back yard where we retired several flags.







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# **Spirit Of America Chapter**

#### **Chapter Regent Dawn Fleischans**

We ended 2019 with 31 members and ended 2020 with 56. Our goal was to double by our 1st anniversary and we did just that. In May we held our 1st blood drive with the American Red Cross, and despite not having a location, the Red Cross was able to provide their mobile donation bus.

Also, in May we placed flags on veterans graves for Memorial Day at the Riverton City Cemetery. Food was collected and donated to Majestic Elementary School in the Jordan School District. With school being closed, many of these children depend on school for food and their pantries were running thin. We followed up with another donation to Oquirrh Elementary to fill their pantries.

Looking for things to do while we were social distancing, we also adopted a highway, a two-mile stretch in South Jordan. We had this completed and ready to go for our chapter's DAR Day of Service in October. We donated to Project Bean for Life as well as adopted a woman in the military to send her care packages. Our chapter sewed 2,122 masks throughout 2020. And finally, in December we placed wreaths on veterans graves at Riverton City Cemetery.







# **Uintah Chapter**

#### Chapter Regent Lisa Hoyt

The 2020-2022 Uintah Chapter, NSDAR Motto is Fellowship, Service, and Love. Inspired by this motto, Uintah Daughters kept their spirits high and their participation mighty throughout the challenges of 2020. Fellowshipping took place at Schmidt's Pastry Cottage and a special virtual Pre-Opening Night Social prior to the virtual opening night of Continental Congress. They also met to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution with a Splendid Suffragist Virtual Tea Party. Favorite beverages and good company were enjoyed. A Bill of Rights themed program was given by Sandy Killion, Chapter Constitution Week Chair, at the September meeting. The chapter hosted a virtual Bells Across America event on September 12, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

As for service projects, chapter members collected 42 fleece quilts and tied lap quilts (3'x5') which were donated to inpatients at the George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Kat Kahn Director of Development for The Road Home, shared touching stories of the struggle women face when experiencing homelessness. The October Service Project was a "Drawers Drive." Donations of undergarments of all sizes were collected and donated.

For the 2020 DAR Day of Service, Uintah Daughters gathered food donations and met to pack 50 sack lunches for the youth at the Midvale Family Resource Center. The December service project was volunteering at the Wreaths Across America ceremony and laying of wreaths at the Fort Douglas Cemetery. The ceremony was held in a virtual format and two members were allowed to join in person; Lisa Hoyt and Robin Smith-Sisam.





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## Wasatch Range Chapter

#### **Chapter Regent Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock**

In spite of COVID-19 the Chapter collected food and supplies for Navajo Strong, worked with the Utah Food Crisis Network, and gave the Central Utah Veteran's Home a DVD that included members' performances (dancing, singing, poetry recitation). We donated over 1,000 pairs of socks for veterans; almost 200 books were donated to a Title I School in Provo. We gave DAR Good Citizens and American History Essay Awards. One of our American History Award winners, Mason Longhurst, went on to be the National winner!

With the Utah State Society, we presented the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to Attorney General Sean Reyes for his work combatting human trafficking in all its forms. We coordinated a 100th Birthday Drive-by parade for the Berlin Candy Bomber and presented him with a Quilt of Valor. We participated in WAA at five separate cemeteries, and provided a wreath for every Veteran at Highland City Cemetery.

For Flag Day we partnered with C.A.R. members to participate in a Flag Day celebration and retirement event in Provo.







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### Nominating Committee by Cindy Toone, State Chairman

The nominating committee for the Utah State Society will meet this fall to nominate the slate of state officers to be elected at the 125th Utah State **Conference in April. Each chapter** should send 1 representative to the nominating committee meeting which is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in October. Honorary State Regents are members of the committee with voice, but no vote. Ideally your chapter representative will be familiar with members from around the state and more specifically from your chapter. <u>Resumes will be available at the</u> August 14 workshop; anyone interested in serving as a state officer should submit a resume by the deadline on the resume form. Please encourage qualified members in your chapter to submit a resume for any position they can fill. Job descriptions for state officers are in the state bylaws (listed in the directory). Every effort will be made to include each chapter on the slate; but every state officer must commit to attending state conference and the state Board of Management meetings in January and August. Additionally, the First Vice Regent must commit to attending Continental Congress as she is installed there.





### "GOD BLESS AMERICA" USSDAR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2021 9:00AM-1:00PM

Salt Lake County Government Complex 2001 South State Street Salt Lake City, Utah



The State Regent must commit to attending Continental Congress for installation, and during her term, and all required National Board of Management meetings in February, June, and October.

Please contact Cindy Toone. chair of the nominating committee, if you have questions 801-859-7667, or email <u>cmtoone@yahoo.com</u>



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Let's Celebrate Together USSD.AR'S 125th Utah State Conference Mhen - April 21-23, 2022 Mhere - Salt Lake City, Utah Mhy - Meet President General Denise Doring Van Buren Celebrate the 123 Anniversary of the Utah State Conference You will want to be where the action is!! Save the date USSDAR 125th Anniversary Committee



### "Our Legacy of Love" Quilt

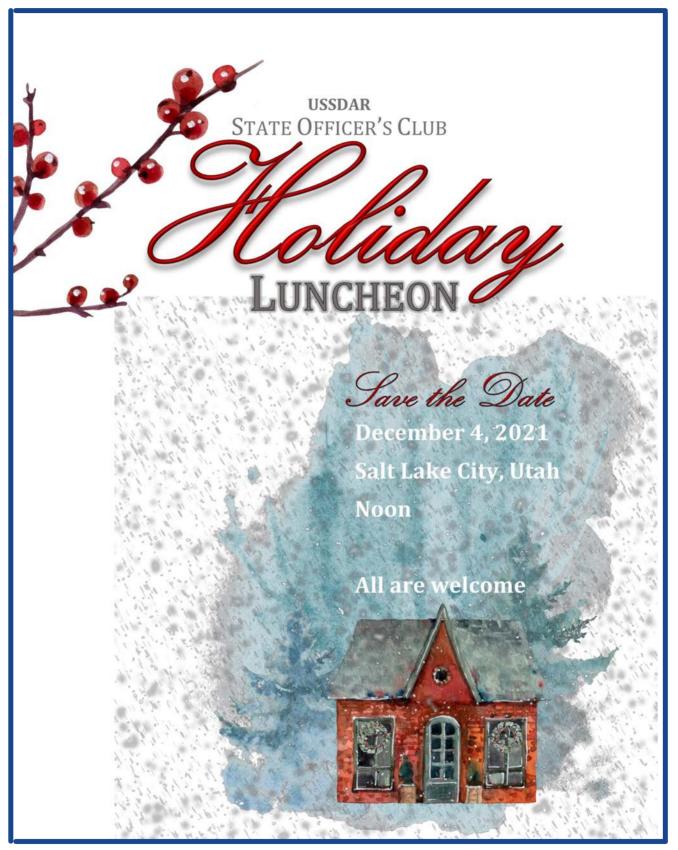
Constructed by Utah Daughters Danielle Cahoon, Hollie Gilliland, and Hazel Peterson

You may purchase Voices during the Asay Administration

1 voice is \$10.00 or 3 voices for \$25.00

Make checks out to USSDAR and mail to Hazel Peterson at 3316 E. Nutmeg St., Salt Lake City, UT, 84121 Or pay by Venmo at Hazel Peterson @USSDAR-utah









Do you need incentive to finish the Members Course? Come join us on Tuesday nights. We cover 3 required modules and 2-3 elective modules. Even if you miss a session, you can always join us the next week. If you have started the modules on your own, tune in and see if we are covering modules you haven't done yet. It is more fun with friends! Just register <u>https://bit.ly/3wZulxE</u> and Lisa Hoyt will send you a link for the ZOOM session. Our state goal is to have 15% of our members graduate by February 1, 2022.

