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IN THE NEWS: BLUFFDALE READING

Daughters of the American Revolution teamed up with city officials of Bluffdale, Utah to dress as some of the original signers for their Constitutional reading celebration. Turn to page 2 to see more from their event.

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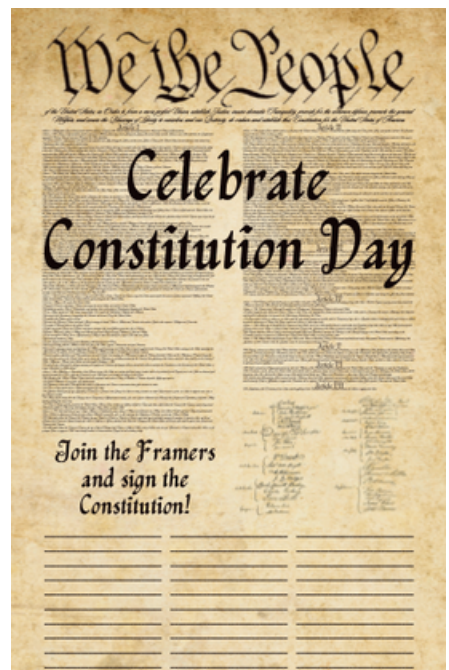
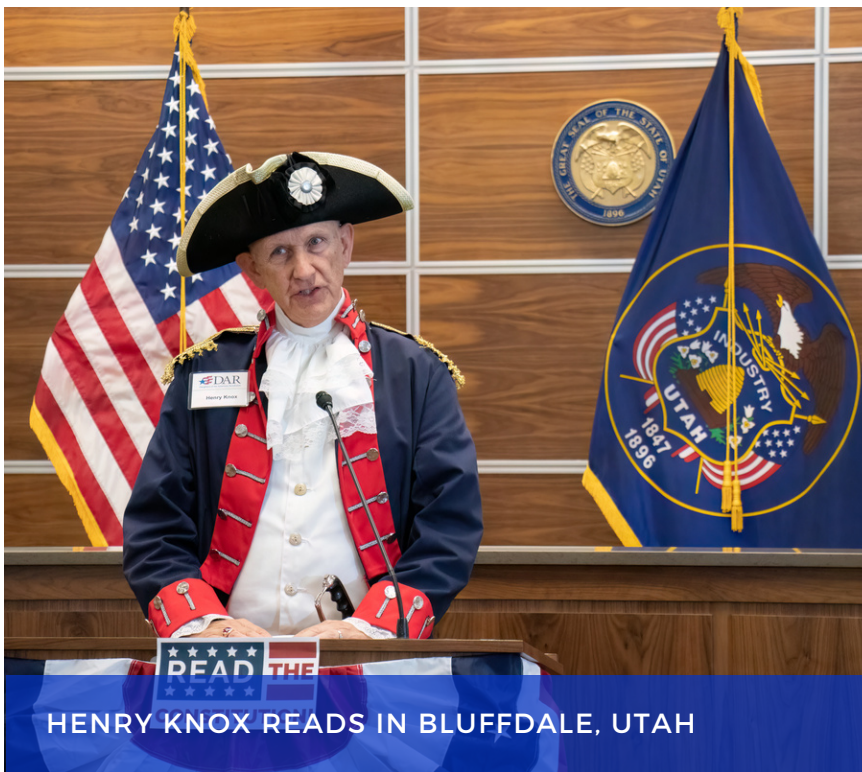
Turn to page 3 to see reports of our citizen led readings! Have you hosted a reading that you would like to report? Email us at support@constitutionweek.live

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PLAN YOUR OWN EVENT

Want to host your own reading? Turn to page 4 to start planning your own event. We may think of the summer as the "patriotic" time of year but you can celebrate the Constitution all year long.

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

The city of Bluffdale, Utah, was the first city to use constitutionweek.live materials to host a reading. The city teamed up with local schools, community leaders, and the Daughters of the American Revolution to create a very special Constitutional Reading event. Students and council members took turns reading from the document as well as founding father re-enactors who dressed up in colonial garb to honor the anniversary of the signing. The actual reading took about 45 minutes, led by Mayor Natalie Hall, with the DAR Founding Father actors answering questions in the park afterwards.

Attending schools:

- American Preparatory Academy
- Kings Peak High School
- Riverton High School Summit Academies
- Mountain Point Elementary
- Bluffdale Elementary
- Hidden Valley Middle School
- North Star Charter School



About the Daughters of the American Revolution:

DAR is an organization committed to protecting and illuminating our country's memory through service projects, educational opportunities and historical monument, documents, and landmark preservation efforts.

VIEW THE EVENT

You can watch a recorded video of the livestream at the YouTube Channel:
"City of Bluffdale"
 Video Titled:
"Read the Constitution!"

<https://youtu.be/WBgAc6TJzY>



A group of friends who first met decades ago as college roommates spent an evening of a reunion trip reading the Constitution. Gathered from all over the country they sat outside, roasted marshmallows and enjoyed great words and deep discussions about our country's founding, its governing principles and how their lives have been blessed and impacted by this great nation.

CREATING MOMENTS

Do you have any family reunions, class gatherings, or friend outings coming up this year that you could suggest a Constitution reading at? It can be as simple as pulling it out and suggesting a read. As much as putting on a whole event is fun, a casual and impromptu reading can be just as impactful. Let's normalize reading and discussing this great document in our everyday lives.

CITIZEN READINGS



Many are shy or insecure about discussing matters of politics and government with friends and family. Our spectrum has become polarizing and it has become harder to have deep discussions without hurting feelings or causing offense. However, it is possible to find common ground by simply reading. You may choose to ask that there not be discussion at your event. Just personal pondering. However, should differing opinions and emotions stir, here are some tips for keeping political discussions respectful.

1. Listen. As someone is speaking, be sure to give them the attention and focus that you would wish for yourself. It goes a long way to acknowledge that someone's opinion has been heard before launching into a come back.
2. Don't Try and Prove Them Wrong. Everyone has their opinion for a reason. Be respectful that you may not see eye to eye and share your thoughts without the entire motive being to change their mind.
3. Don't Be Afraid to End It. Should things turn aggressive or defensive, simply express that your relationship is the most important thing and move on.

PLAN YOUR OWN READING

STEP 1: DECIDE YOUR AUDIENCE

Readings can take place in individual families or among groups of friends in the neighborhood. Decide if you'll make this a fun activity for your family, friends, or both! If you are planning an activity for a school or organization, readings can take place in an auditorium with an audience or in individual settings such as in classrooms, as a pre-recorded video, or as a live-stream broadcast available for all to watch together. Decide what will work best for your organization.

STEP 2: PLAN DATE, TIME, & LOCATION

Decide where and when the reading will take place. Reserve any event venues or ready any spaces. Gather audio and video equipment if needed. Plan additional activities to occupy younger citizens during the reading, including a downloadable coloring book found on our Activities page.

STEP 3: ASSIGN SPEAKER PARTS

Use the Constitution speaker script in the resources below. Assign family members, students, colleagues or friends a part or multiple parts to read.

STEP 4: PLAN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OR HOLD A REHEARSAL

Decide what additional fun activities to include at your reading. Use the Activities page our constitution.live as a resource, including downloadable coloring books for younger children to use while listening to the reading. Decide if you'll need food, drinks, snacks, or desserts at your event. If you feel it would make your speakers more comfortable, schedule a run through.

STEP 5: HOST THE EVENT!

Use the flyers and banners under the Media/Publicity page to send invitations to your event. Hold the live reading and any other activities you have planned. Let us know about your event using the "Share Your Event" button to be featured in the next issue of our newsletter!