

Tucson Chapter 2020-2022 Term

Symbol: Eagle

Motto: Soaring Like an Eagle
in Service to America

"Our power of perseverance is as
that of an eagle. We soar above
our challenges."

— Ellen J. Barrier



Drawing by Tucson Chapter
Regent Sherry Hardy

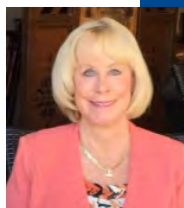
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Regent's Christmas Message



Dear Tucson Chapter Members,

The holidays are finally here, which means getting in the Christmas spirit. Christmas is a time for family, food, and fellowship.

I'm sending my warmest wishes to each and every member of Tucson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution for this Christmas. Thank you for everything!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Sherry Hardy
Tucson Chapter Regent

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Rising & Shining for Veterans on Veterans Day

Chapter Members gathered at East Lawn Cemetery on Veterans Day to honor our service men and women. The Chapter Wreath was placed on a Military Branch of Service Monument.



L to R: Ann Kellison, Linda Magellan,
Rachael Charboneau, Sherry Hardy, Dawn Graffam

Shining a Light on Our New Members!

We "Shine a Light" on our *new members* (and their Patriots) who joined our chapter between October 6 and December 5, 2021. Welcome to the Tucson Chapter!

Cynthia Naanes –
William Neal, VA

Jennifer Coyle –
Joseph Oatley, RI

Diana Dirks –
Thomas Biles, NC

Jeanette McAllister –
John Creal, VA

Sharon Westby –
Jeremiah Burlingame, RI

Warm Welcome to Transfer Member

Patricia Gamza

Congrats to Our Newest Members Course Graduate

Tucson Chapter member, *Karen Winchester*, completed her requirements and earned her Members Course certification.



Shining for Honor Flight!

Recently, Tucson Chapter donated \$2,400.00 to send veterans on an Honor Flight. If you know of a WWII or Korean Veteran that would like to take an Honor Flight, fill out the application on their website:

<https://honorflightsaz.org>.

Tucson Chapter Rises and Shines for NSDAR Day of Service: VFW Post 4903

Chapter Members served snacks and bottled water to the veterans at VFW Post 4903 on October 9th. The veterans were extremely surprised and thanked us immensely for thinking of them.

The highlight for our Chapter members was talking to the veterans about their military service.



L to R: Pattie Holter, Dan Murray (Commander Post 4903), Sherry Hardy, O.T., Linda Magellan, Ann Kellison, Diana Dirks, Linda Keeler, Cathy Polanco, Bonnie Loftus.



Bonnie Loftus with O.T., the oldest veteran member of Post 4903, who served in the Army during the Korean War.

Shining with a 2nd DAR Day of Service on October 19th

Chapter members "shined" and checked the Tucson Chapter Historical Markers around downtown Tucson. Our tour guide was Honorary Regent, Carole Wothe, who gave us the inside scoop on "The Secret Lives of the Markers."

After a morning of service, the members enjoyed lunch at the Historic El Charro Restaurant, the oldest continuously operating Mexican Restaurant in Tucson, established in 1922.



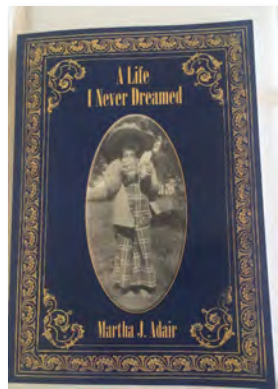
Touring and checking the historical markers in Downtown Tucson.



At El Charro, L to R: Stacy Butler, Dawn Graffam, Linda Magellan, Gail Kish, Sherry Hardy, Mary Grasky, Cathy Polanco, Carole Wothe.

Tucson Chapter's Martha Adair Shines for Veterans

Chapter Member, Martha Adair and Adair Funeral Home, were recognized by Tucson Chapter recently with Certificates of Award for DAR Service to Veterans. Martha Adair has long been an advocate for serving our Veterans. The Adair Funeral Home provides the services and urns for "The Missing in America Project" in which unclaimed veterans are interred at Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ.



*Regent, Sherry Hardy, and VA Representative, Ann Kellison, presented the awards to Martha Adair. Martha presented Tucson Chapter with copies of her autobiography, **A Life I Never Dreamed**.*

Celebrating 10- and 60-year Membership Anniversaries

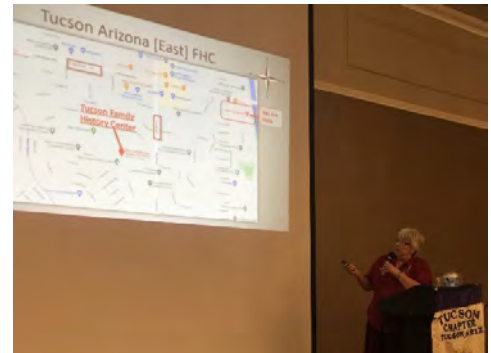
It was Tucson Chapter's pleasure to honor two members at the October meeting with significant anniversaries of 10 and 60 years of DAR membership.



Membership Chair, Jo Clark (center), presents Janet Pegnam and Jane Becksted with bouquets to mark their membership anniversaries.

Members Shining at the October Chapter Meeting

Chapter Member Sherri Hessick gave an informative presentation on the "Family History Center." We hope members are inspired to work on Supplemental Applications by using the internet resources Sherri discussed.



October meeting presenter Sherri Hessick.

Members' purchases of Costumes and other DAR-appropriate attire were made possible by Chris De La Font and Bev Giordano with the proceeds from the sale (\$321.00) donated to the C.A.R. State President's Project.



Dawn Graffam's big decision!



Lesley Hill, Bev Giordano, and Pat Brutscher caught browsing.





Wednesday, January 12: Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 A.M., Biscuits Country Café

Thursday, January 20: Chapter Meeting

Tucson Hilton East Hotel. Annual Tribute to Veterans. 11:00 A.M. Members may invite one veteran guest to honor.

Speaker: Juan "Sarge" Rodriguez

A photo of one veteran may be sent for our "DAR Wall of Veterans" to Gail Kish at gkish004@gmail.com. Photo and reservation deadline is January 13th. Cost \$22.00.

Nominating Committee Elected.

Tuesday, January 25: Make Valentines for Veterans

Mission Valley Church of Christ,
3022 W. Bilby Road.

10:00 A.M. Bring blank cards with envelopes, scissors, glue stick.



Members donated \$200 worth of personal hygiene supplies for Youth on Their Own.

These donations will assist young people working to finish their high school education who live on their own.



Scarves for Homeless Vets

Chapter Members made 56 winter fleece scarves that will be placed in the bags for homeless veterans as part of the C.A.R. State President's Project.



We made a lot of scarves! Pretty models: Sherry Hardy, Roberta Falbo, Gail Kish, Linda Magellan, Ann Kellison.



Enjoying themselves: Cathy Polanco and Roberta Falbo.

Tucson Chapter Rises and Shines to Endorse Candidate for Teacher of American History

David Garwacki, American History Teacher at Salpointe Catholic High School, was endorsed as Tucson Chapter's candidate at the October Chapter Meeting. Dr. Garwacki holds B.S.; B.A.; and M.Ed. degrees from the University of Arizona.



The Chapter voted to give Dr. Garwacki a \$500.00 Honorarium to show our appreciation for his dedication and enthusiasm in teaching American History to high school students.

Special thanks to our Recording Secretary, Dawn Graffam, for finding this outstanding educator for Tucson Chapter to nominate and endorse for the State Teacher of American History competition.

Late breaking news: Dr. Garwacki has been selected by the Arizona State Society as Arizona Teacher of the Year for American History. He now moves on to the National competition. Congratulations!



Members having lunch at Little Mexico following their morning fun: Linda Magellan, Cathy Polanco, Gail Kish, Sherry Hardy, Ann Kellison.

Rise & Shine for Native American Heritage Month at the November 18th Chapter Meeting!

Honorary Regent, Carol Schultz, assembled a fantastic display of Native American artifacts with chapter members displaying some of their own artifacts as centerpieces on the dining tables. Members were decked out in their Native American jewelry as part of the celebration.

Carol Schultz gave an interesting presentation on the origin of the written Cherokee language.

In addition, Chapter members enjoyed a special Zoom meeting with Constitution Week Chair, Maria Soosai, presenting.

Three Victory Quilts over Covid, made by DARling Bees, were part of a silent auction to benefit Honor Flight. A total of \$165.00 was made for this special cause.

The Jewelry Bazaar to benefit Honor Flight was a huge success with \$409.00 made. In addition, the jewelry bags made by Cathy Polanco brought in another \$27.00 for Honor Flight.

Thank you, members, for your support.



Maria Soosai presenting via Zoom from the Phoenix area to the Tucson Chapter. Tucson Chapter members were able to interact with Maria and ask questions following her presentation.

Elizabeth Gradreau, Beverly Spooner's daughter, who served as cashier for the Jewelry Bazaar.



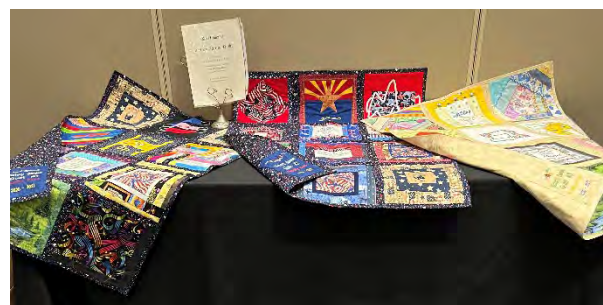
Dawn Graffam shows off her winning quilt bid.



DARling Bees Victory Quilts Silent Auction.



Jewelry worn by members and Carol Schultz's display of Native American items, including a Cherokee language newspaper.



Tucson Chapter at the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance

Chapter Members attended this 33rd annual event sponsored by the Catalina Mountains Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars on November 7 at the Tucson Women's Club.



Representing Tucson Chapter at the Massing of the Colors were: Linda Magellan, Sherry Hardy, and Rachael Charboneau.



Shine for C.A.R. at the December 4 Chapter Meeting

Members gathered at the Tucson Hilton East for the Annual Christmas Luncheon and were treated to a fantastic presentation by C.A.R. Arizona State President, Alexander Barrow. Tucson Chapter presented Alexander with a check for \$700.00 for his state project.

Members enjoyed the festivities and were decked out in their bright Holiday sweaters.

Alexander Barrow, C.A.R. State President, shares information about his state project with Tucson Chapter.



Making Fisher House Merry & Bright

After a two-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, Tucson Chapter Members (*middle photo clockwise from upper left*) Gail Kish, Carrie Foust, Sherry Hardy, and Ann Kellison gathered to decorate Fisher House for Christmas.

Oh, what fun it was!



*Winners of the ever-popular sweater contest:
Linda Magellan – Most Unusual,
Ricky Gabriel, – Best Santa,
Karen Winchester – Most Bling*



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*