

QUARTERLY NEWS
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DAR Dispatch

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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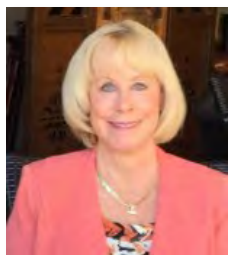
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Pattie Holter

Linda Magellan

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Regent's Message

Dear Tucson Chapter Members,

After serving as Regent of Tucson Chapter for the past three years and reflecting on this experience, the main thought that shines in my mind is the dedication and energy that our members have in promoting the DAR mission of Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation. Even through the pandemic, so many of you stepped up to assist Tucson Chapter in "Soaring like an Eagle in Service to America." Without our wonderful chapter members, Tucson Chapter would not have as many accomplishments and achievements. You are what makes Tucson Chapter so special!

Many fantastic friends were made along the way, which will always be treasured. I leave this position in late May, confident that the new administration will carry forth the torch of the DAR Mission.

Thank you, Tucson Chapter, for the honor of serving as your Regent and for all of the wonderful memories.

In DAR Friendship,

Sherry Hardy

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Shining a Light on Our New Members!

We "Shine a Light" on our *new members* (and their Patriots) who joined our chapter from January 5 through April 5, 2022. Welcome to the Tucson Chapter!

Mina Gish –
George Worman, PA, PVT

Sandra Gish –
George Worman, PA, PVT

Jo Ann Hiser –
Wyseman Claggett, NH

Mary Lyon –
John Bollinger, NC

Peggy Periman –
George Worman, PA, PVT

Angela Wedgbury –
Frederick Slem, VA, PVT

Janet Armstrong –
Abraham Lane, NJ, LT

Karen Carrithers –
Abraham Lane, NJ, LT

Debra Motzkin –
Richard Peabody, MA, CAPT

Warm Welcome to Transfer Member

Ann Farrington-Dorgan

Welcome Back to Our Newest Reinstatements

Jean Hilton

Rebecca Stark

***Tucson Chapter
Has 239 Members!***

Members Shine by Completing NSDAR Courses

We "Shine a Light" on our members who recently completed one or more of the courses offered at the National level.

Amy Urman
GEP 3, GEP 5

Karen Winchester
GEP 5

Susan Peters
Members Course

To expand your knowledge of DAR, consider taking the *Members Course, New Horizons Course, and/or Committee Leaders Course.*

To expand your knowledge of genealogy, consider taking one of the GEP (Genealogy Education Programs) courses 1-5.

See a chapter officer for more information on how to sign up for these valuable programs.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of our Tucson Chapter daughters.

Ernestine Harmon Crews



Wreaths Across America



Ten Tucson Chapter members placed wreaths on veteran graves at East Lawn Cemetery on December 18, 2021, as part of the Wreaths Across America Program. Chapter members donated a total of 21 wreaths to the Program.

Rise and Shine for Fisher House



What goes up, must come down! Great fun was had taking down, packing, and storing Christmas decorations at Fisher House in January. Nine members assisted with this project.

Chapter Officers Elected for the 2022-2024 Term

Chapter Officers for the 2022-24 Term of Office were elected at the March meeting and will be installed at the May 19th Chapter Meeting.

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Delegates Elected to Continental Congress

Members planning to attend Continental Congress were elected as delegates: *Rachael Charboneau, Jo Clark, Pattie Holter, and Linda Magellan.*

March Chapter Meeting Shines for Women in History Month

Betsy Jones, Honorary Regent Cochise Stronghold Chapter (*pictured below*), gave an informative presentation on “The Colorful Ladies of Tombstone.”



Apple donations of \$200 were given to benefit Chemawa Indian School, a DAR-approved school.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day, as well, with a costume contest.



Look at all our leprechauns! Winners of the St. Patrick's Day Costume Contest: (l. to r. Lisa Lynn Edgar, Linda Magellan, Mary Allbright, Polly Rod, and Roberta Falbo



Happy 105th Birthday to the forever-young, Anna!

Tucson Chapter celebrated Anna Rutherford's 105th Happy Birthday by singing Happy Birthday and presenting Anna with a bouquet of red roses.



Thursday, April 21: Chapter Meeting at Tucson Hilton East
 Speaker: Pat Brutscher on Alexander Hamilton. Wear your pretty Colonial Costumes to support the theme. Silent Auction of DARling Bees Quilts to benefit Honor Flight.

Saturday, April 23 @ 10am:
"Missing in America Project"
at Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ
 Interment of unclaimed veterans.

May 12-15: ASDAR Spring Conference at We-Ko-Pa Resort, Fountain Hills, AZ

Thursday, May 19: Chapter Meeting at Tucson Hilton East
 Memorial Service. Please wear hats and gloves. Installation of Officers for the 2022-24 Term of Office.

Monday, May 30 @ 8:00am: Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates
 Participate on parade float with Kachina Society Children of the American Revolution at Tucson Estates on Kinney Road. Wear your Colonial Costumes.

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Ceremony at East Lawn
 Participate with SAR/DAR in Memorial Day ceremony at 5801 E. Grant Road.
 Details to be announced.

June 29-July 3: Continental Congress, Washington, DC

Community Service Award



Nancie Roahrig was presented with a Community Service Award for establishing the "Step Up Therapeutic Loving Caballos Program" in which she provides equine-assisted therapy visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and retirement communities. Through her love and passion for horses, she is able to share their unconditional love with so many who have benefited from their presence.



Shining for DAR Project Patriot

The U.S.S. Gonzales, is currently deployed and reached out to the National Chair for support from the DAR. They heard about our enthusiastic support for deployed Sailors and Marines aboard other ships, especially for the women, and wanted to know if we could send them care packages. Their commander is already thankful for the national level support. Please send snacks, personal hygiene items, and cards to our deployed Sailors and Marines aboard the U.S.S. Gonzales.

Please reach out to Sherry Hardy for address information.



Happy Birthday Tucson Chapter – You're Looking Great!

Tucson Chapter celebrated its 107th Birthday at the February Chapter Meeting. Since our founding on February 27, 1915, Tucson Chapter has served the NSDAR Mission of Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation. We are proud of our long-standing tradition of serving the Tucson community and NSDAR! Regent Sherry Hardy gave a Toast to Tucson Chapter's Birthday.



Our guest speaker for this special occasion was ASDAR speaker, Lenna DeMarco, who gave a presentation on the "Quilts of a New Nation." Early examples of quilts were on display for all to enjoy.



Representatives of another lineage society, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW), gave a presentation on their organization. *Margaret Warner Wood Tent* President, Verna Maleski, and Tent Secretary, Ginger Trokey, discussed the goals of the organization and explained the application process.



Chapter Members who are also members of the DUCVW stood to be recognized: Linda Keeler, Karen Winchester, Paige Faries, Sherry Hardy, Beverly Spooner. *Linda, Sherry, and Karen are pictured below with our guest speakers.*



Members donated 61 new books to promote literacy for the children at Ocotillo Early Learning Center in the Sunnyside Unified School District, which is our adopted community school. The children appreciated the books. In addition, 19 pairs of knitted slippers were donated to the children.



Shining in Service to America

Tucson Chapter Members reported 5,294 hours volunteer hours for Service to America in 2021! This was a 1,000-hour increase over 2020.

Way to go Tucson Chapter Members!

Remember to log your hours on the NSDAR website. It's easy, and you might be surprised at what counts as service hours. Check it out!

Book Club Continues to Shine

In March, the Book Club met at the Historic Blenman Inn to discuss *Spies, Traitors, and Patriots*, by Kenneth Daigler. Members were treated to a tour of the Blenman Inn, built in 1887, by Tucson Chapter member and owner of the Inn, Margo Caylor.



Valentines for Vets

Chapter Members gathered at Mission Valley Church to make 125 very special, homemade "Valentines for Vets" for the So. Arizona Veterans Home in Tucson, to thank them for their Military Service. Valentine-makers worked up an appetite for a well-deserved lunch break for Mexican Food at Taco Giro.



Shining for a Veteran

Regent Sherry Hardy presented Dan Murray, Commander VFW Post 4903, with a Certificate of Award and a Lap Quilt for his continuing Service to Veterans.



Spread the
American Spirit
Subscription Contest
Bronze Level



Tucson Chapter was awarded the Bronze Level by NSDAR for the *American Spirit* Magazine Subscription Contest. Thank you, Chapter Daughters, for supporting the magazine!

Tucson Chapter Shines at Southeast Cluster Meeting

Southeastern Arizona Chapters attended the Cluster Meeting, hosted by El Presidio Chapter, at the Hilton El Conquistador Hotel on March 5th. Tucson Chapter was well represented with **18** members in attendance. ASDAR State Regent, Morgan Elliott, was the guest speaker, and Tucson Chapter presented her with a \$100.00 check to support her State Regent's project, Native American Youth Camp in Prescott, AZ. One of the highlights was visiting with members from other chapters.



front: Karen Winchester, Carol Schultz, Sherry Hardy, Carole Wothe, Jo Clark; rear:: Elizabeth Barrow, Lesley Hill, Paula Maxwell, Roberta Falbo, Linden Hickey, Pat Brutscher, Leanne Brydges, Jeanette McAllister, Julia Forrest, Pattie Holter, Rachael Charboneau, Linda Magellan

Tucson Chapter will serve as host for the 2023 Cluster Meeting.

Shining the Light on Our Female Patriots

Tucson Chapter Daughter, Mary Grasky, is a proud member with two female proven Patriots: Dinah Allen James (1716-1800) and Ann Elizabeth Cuntz Weaver (1708-1783).

Dinah Allen was born in Virginia in 1716. Her grandfather, John Allen, was also born in Virginia in 1650, so her family were very early settlers in America. She married John Thomas James, and they had 15 children. She furnished beef to the Continental Army.

Ann Cuntz was born in Germany in 1708. She immigrated to Virginia with her parents in 1714, at the age of six. She married James Tillmannus Weaver and they had 10 children. The Cuntz family was among the first German Colony settlers at Fort Germanna in present day Fauquier County, VA. She furnished hay in Virginia during the Revolutionary War. Many women who served carried on their husband's work, but Ann's service was 24 years after her husband's death.



Spotlight on American History



David Garwacki was presented with a \$500.00 Honorarium at a school-wide assembly at Salpointe Catholic High School to celebrate his selection as the Tucson Chapter's Teacher of American History. In addition, Mr. Garwacki was selected as the Arizona State Teacher of American History.

January Meeting: Shining for Our Veterans!

Tucson Chapter was honored to recognize and thank veterans for their service at our “Annual Tribute to Veterans” at the January 20th Chapter Meeting. Veterans were introduced and presented with a lap quilt made by the DARling Bees.



Our DAR Wall of Veterans was on display with photos of over 100 veterans from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan.



Carole Wothe played the *Armed Forces Medley* during which the veterans proudly stood for their Military Branch of Service.

The POW/MIA Missing Man Table was displayed and there with a moment of silence to honor those veterans who were lost serving our country. Guest speaker, Juan (Sarge) Rodriguez gave an inspirational presentation about veterans, which included a “Salute to Veterans.”



Regent Sherry Hardy led the attendees in a “Toast to Veterans.” Members and veterans received an “I Support Our Veterans” pin.



So. AZ VA Representative, Ann Kellison, was presented with a \$500 check to deliver to the So. AZ VA Hospital in support of “Women Veteran Programs.”



Carole playing the *Armed Forces Medley*



Ann reporting on So. AZ VA activities

Student Shines with American History Essay Award

One hundred thirty-two high school teachers were emailed or phoned information about the “Patriots of the American Revolution” High School History Essay Contest this year.

Sam Hardeman, a student at Verites Academy, was selected as the Tucson Chapter essay contest winner by a panel of three judges. Sam was awarded a Certificate and a \$75.00 check for his outstanding essay. A special thank you goes out to Linda Magellan for serving as the Chair of the Chapter’s American History Essay Committee.

Shining with an Award for Historic Preservation



Margaret K. (Gretchen) Beardslee was presented with a Historic Preservation Award for her work in preserving the History of Fashion at Sunnyside High School. Gretchen holds a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences and a M.S. in Fashion from the University of Arizona.

Gretchen was inducted into both the Sunnyside Hall of Fame and the University of Arizona Family and Consumer Science Hall of Fame. She joined the Sunnyside District in 1974, teaching Sunnyside High’s Family and Consumer Science courses, including Clothing and Fashion Design. She taught for over 20 years and volunteered after retirement in the classroom 50-60 days a year for 15 years in the Fashion Design Class. Her passion has always been

DARlings are Busy Bees

The DARling Bees are buzzing around getting ready for a Silent Quilt Auction at the April 21 Chapter Meeting!



This is an opportunity to bid on an heirloom quality Quilt. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between Honor Flight and the DARling Bees Fund to purchase quilt batting.



A National Defender Shines



Cienega High School Cadet, Jhill Quilatan, was awarded the DAR Bronze Medal for JROTC by Tucson Chapter. Congratulations Jhill!