



Signers Chapter 2023 Annual Report

Presented by Past Chapter President Tim Hagan for the Nevada Society 2023 Annual Meeting.

Chapter Meetings

In-person breakfast meetings were held roughly bimonthly. The meeting locations have moved around due to facilities changing their meeting room policies and having staffing shortages. The March 2023 meeting was held at Dean's Place, on Dean Martin Drive near the Silverton, which meets our needs for meetings.

The breakfast meetings were supplemented with Compatriots' Musters at the PT's Gold on Sunset Road on the months without meetings or other events.

George Washington Birthday Dinner

The 2022 George Washington Birthday Dinner was held at the Las Vegas National Golf Club. Dr. Jill Acree, Professor of History at the College of Southern Nevada, spoke on the legends of George Washington. At the dinner, the SAR Eagle Scout Award was presented to Jack Marshall.



The Francisco Garcés Chapter, DAR, cosponsored the 2023 George Washington Birthday Dinner at the Las Vegas National Golf Club. Vice Regent Jenny Kean spoke about the Battle of Cowpens.



Daughters of the American Revolution at the 2023 George Washington's Birthday Dinner

ROTC/JROTC Awards Presentations

ROTC Awards Chair David Bentley and his team presented awards at 29 ROTC/JROTC programs.

Scholarships

The John Harney, Jr., Educational Scholarship Fund awarded six scholarships last year of \$500 each to Amanda Finnigan, Cole Cummins, Cassidy Husson, Dustin Surwill, Cash Karlen, and Samantha O'Brien. At the end of the year, the fund had \$13,385.88 in the endowment savings funds.

Flag Day Ceremony

Chapter President Tim Hagan brought greetings from the SAR to the Francisco Garcés Chapter, DAR, Flag Day Ceremony held at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas.

Fireworks Booth Fundraiser

The Signers Chapter ran a fireworks booth the week leading up to Independence Day. A small Field Howitzer was on display at the booth. The booth raised \$3400. Most of the funds are earmarked to go into the John Harney, Jr., Educational Scholarship Fund for 2023 scholarships.



Bells Across America

Chapter President Tim Hagan brought greetings from the SAR and Compatriot Gary Parriott participated in the Bells Across America ceremony put on by the Red Rock Canyon Chapter, DAR.



Constitution Day Dinner

The Signers Chapter and the Silver State Chapter of the DAR held a formal dinner on September 18 at the Las Vegas National Golf Club for Constitution Day. The speaker was Geoff Schumacher, Vice President of Exhibits and Programs at the Mob Museum. The Silver State Chapter spearheaded a silent auction, with the proceeds going to the John Harney, Jr., Educational Scholarship Fund.



Geoff Schumacher receiving a desk clock gift after his speech

Wreaths Across America



The Signers Chapter sold wreaths during the Wreaths Across America. The chapter received \$840 from selling wreaths. Compatriots laid the wreaths on veteran's graves at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

Christmas Holiday Party

A friend and supporter of the chapter hosted a holiday party in Henderson for the Signers Chapter. The potluck dinner brought in great food, drinks, and comradeship.



Trustee and Past President Charles Smith presenting the George Washington Fellow certificate to Chapter President Tim Hagan at the holiday party.

DAR Events

Compatriots from the Signers Chapter attended several events hosted by DAR chapters including the Valley of Fire Chapter's Unserviceable Flag Ceremony, the Francisco Garcés Chapter's Awards Luncheon, the Valley of Fire Chapter Veterans Appreciation Dinner, and a Holiday Celebration put on by the Old Spanish Trail Chapter and the Silver State Chapter.

Annual Meeting

The chapter elected officers for the next two-term at the Annual Meeting held January 7, 2023 at Dean's Place. The officers are:

- President Paul Bell
- Vice President Jeff Gutting
- Secretary Tim Hagan
- Treasurer Al Conant
- Registrar – Paul Bell will continue as acting Registrar
- Chaplain Dr. Joe deBeauchamp

Awards

Chapter President Tim Hagan presented awards to several members at the 2022 George Washington's Birthday Dinner and at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

- Compatriot Jeff Gutting, Awards Chair Patrick Wright, ROTC Chair David Bentley, and Vice President Paul Bell received Certificates of Appreciation.
- Flag Chair Larry Kesler was awarded the Bronze Chapter Roger Sherman Medal
- Treasurer Al Conant was awarded the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal.
- Past President Don Hotchkiss was awarded the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal.

Finances

The Signers Chapter started 2022 with \$14,106.30 in the checking account. Revenues were \$19,965.50. Main revenues were \$4,455 from the two dinners, \$3980 for the state conference, and \$3400 from the fireworks booth. Expenditures were \$16,603.65. The major expenses were \$4,126.98 for the state conference, \$4,166.58 for the two dinners, and \$3050 for scholarship expenses. The checking account had \$17,468.15 at the end of 2022.