

# USS Midway Set the Scene for SDAR Installation

More than 500 REALTORS®, affiliates, industry leaders and their guests stepped aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego Bay on January 11 for the annual Installation of SDAR's 2014 Leadership.

The Master of Ceremonies was J.R. Martinez, the inspirational Army veteran, actor, author, and winner of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." Martinez also was the guest at the President's Circle Reception which raised money for SDAR's fundraising organization, the Ambassadors Foundation.

Guests were inspired by the Presentation of Colors by the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, the National Anthem sung by Amy Scruggs, the pledge of allegiance led by Dick Engel- USS Midway docent who had completed 11 carrier landings aboard the Midway, and the invocation by Grace and Riley Kilpatrick.

Leslie Kilpatrick, lead office manager Willis Allen Real Estate, was presented as SDAR's 2014 President, and gave a heartfelt and personal speech about how the military has shaped her life, her family's life, and her life's work. She encouraged her fellow REALTORS® to become educated about how they can better serve military families, and promised that SDAR would help in that effort in the coming year.

Outgoing President Linda Lee was honored for her leadership during 2013 by Steve Goddard, 2010 C.A.R. president. She was moved by a tribute video created by over 15 of San Diego's elected officials thanking her for her work over 2013.

Diana Bull, past president of C.A.R.,

conducted the installation of SDAR's Board of Directors and Executive Officers.

Awards of Excellence were presented to Patricia Garner, 2013 Broker of the Year; Gerri-Lynn Fives, 2013 REALTOR® of the Year; Karen Bates, 2013 Affiliate of the Year; and Jeffrey Nunn, 2012 Office Manager of the Year.

Sponsors of the event included: Caliber Home Loans, Citibank, Elite Escrow Services of San Diego, Guild Mortgage Company, New American Funding, Oakwood Escrow, Sandicor, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Thank you to all of our sponsors and everyone that celebrated the installation of SDAR's 2014 Leadership.

