

# The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution  
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## President's Message

It's been a very busy month plus since our last newsletter! Since we last published, we have had one of our best attended chapter meetings outside of the First Responders dinner, we inducted our youngest Junior member ever, plans for the Battle of Pensacola event in May have continued to build, and I had the honor of representing our chapter and the Florida Society at a brand new historical commemoration event in Mobile.

Let's start with the event in Mobile. On March 11, the Alabama SAR and DAR Societies worked together to hold the first ever commemoration of the Battles of Fort Charlotte and Spanish Fort. The event took place in downtown Mobile near the remains of Fort Charlotte. The event included the SAR doing a presentation of colors, wreath presentations by SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters, and a musket salute from the SAR. In addition, SAR President General Pickette brought greetings, and a local historian gave a brief talk about the significance of the battles that took place in Mobile and set the stage for General Galvez's victory at the Battle of Pensacola. I was fortunate enough to not only present a wreath on behalf of the Pensacola chapter, but FLSSAR President Mathews asked me to bring greetings on behalf of the Florida Society. The organizers are hoping to make this an annual event, so next year hopefully we can have more Pensacola compatriots in attendance.

At our March meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming Geoff Joseph and his son Grant as the newest members of the Pensacola chapter. Geoff is an attorney here in town, and Grant is officially the youngest Junior member that the chapter has ever inducted. I can't say for sure, but I suspect that Grant might just be the youngest Junior member that the Florida Society has had in quite a while too!

Check out the pictures of both the Mobile event and the new member inductions later on in the newsletter! ***(continued on page 2)***

## *President's Message (continued from p. 1)*

At the March meeting, we also heard a great program from Joe Epley about the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Overmountain men.

Our April meeting will feature a visit from the Florida Society President, Earl "Matt" Mathews. Matt will give us an update on what's going on at the state level as well as insight into the upcoming National Congress this summer in Orlando.

Finally, we are finalizing details for the Battle of Pensacola event on May 8th, and we are looking for volunteers to help with a recruiting event at Odd Colony Brewing on Palafox. Thanks to our newest compatriot, Geoff Joseph, Odd Colony has agreed to let us do a "Who's Your Patriot Ancestor" event at their facility. We just have to get volunteers lined up to help man the event, and then we can get a date nailed down!

As a reminder, we will **not** be having a meeting in May due to the Battle of Pensacola event and the FLSSAR Annual meeting. So that means that our next meeting after April will be in June.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (850) 380-1329

Yours in Patriotism,

*Chris*

### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) has a podcast?

"Revolutionary War Rarities" is a production of the NSSAR and they are short 10 minute podcasts that discuss little known facts about the Revolution. Check it out on Facebook and wherever you listen to podcasts!

## *Committee Members Needed*

We are in need of committee members for the following committees. The time commitments aren't huge, and you would be helping to put the SAR out in front of our community.

- Youth Programs (Knight Essay Contest, Poster Contest, History Fair, etc) (Chair and members)
- 250 by the 250th—Flag Recognition (Members needed)
- Standing Awards Committee (members needed)
- Eagle Scout Program (members needed)

Please contact any member of the Executive Board if you are interested in helping with these projects!

## *Chapter Meetings*

**Meeting Date:** The chapter meeting is on the **Third Monday of the Month.**

**Meeting Location:** We are now meeting at Sonny's on 9th Avenue (6702 N. 9th Avenue).

## **Pensacola SAR on the Internet**

Chapter Website: [www.pensacolasar.org](http://www.pensacolasar.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR](https://www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR)

Instagram: [sarpensacola](https://www.instagram.com/sarpensacola)

## *250 by the 250th*



The 250 by the 250th program is going strong! We are still working our way through the first 30+ nominations that we have received, but we need more nominations!

Just a few examples of some of our nominations are Olive Baptist Church (pictured below), Pensacola Yacht Club, multiple homes out at Perdido Bay Country Club, Pensacola Police Department, the City of Pensacola (City Hall specifically). And these are just a few!

We will be taking nominations from now until July 1, 2026, and anyone (even non-compatriots) can nominate an individual, business, or organization. Presentations will be done on a rolling basis, and can be scheduled at any time that is convenient for the recipient. If a compatriot wants to be part of the presentation, please just let the committee know!

Nominations can be emailed to [flags@pensacolasar.org](mailto:flags@pensacolasar.org) or through the form on the chapter website at <http://pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/250by250th>. As soon as we are caught up on our awards, we will publish the full list of awardees on our website and on Facebook so you will have a convenient place to go see who all we have presented awards to!



## **Wreaths Across America 2023**

It's never too early to start sponsoring wreaths for the 2023 Wreaths Across America program! This year's wreath laying event is on **December 16 at Barrancas National Cemetery**, and the national theme this year is "Serve and Succeed."

The Pensacola Chapter has been supporting Wreaths Across America for nearly 10 years now, and every year our compatriots and friends sponsor at least 50 wreaths. This year, we have set a goal to sponsor at least 100 wreaths for Barrancas!

The price for sponsoring a wreath has gone up slightly this year due to rising costs. Individual wreaths can be sponsored for \$17, or you can do multiples at the same time if you wish! As a reminder, for each wreath sponsored on our chapter site, the chapter receives \$5 back.

Wreaths can be sponsored here: [www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/17945](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/17945)

## *Color Guard - Nathan Hale Camp*

Efforts are underway to reactivate Pensacola's Color Guard unit, the Nathan Hale Camp (this is the name that our unit is known by as part of the Florida Society's Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade).

The Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR. Every time an SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives of the SAR - Historical, Patriotic, and Educational. Just a few examples of where our Color Guard can make public appearances include sporting events (maybe even a Blue Wahoos game?), new citizen swearing in ceremonies, City or County Government meetings, historical events such as the Galvez Day event, and even ceremonies for the re-internment of POW/MIAs who have been identified by the Army Casualty Office.

The requirements for reactivation of our camp are relatively easy, and with the recent growth of our chapter, we should easily be able to achieve these! A Color Guard unit can consist of a minimum of 3 members, but the ideal minimum is 4. One compatriot is designated as the Commander of the unit.

Individual compatriots are responsible for obtaining their uniform. There are typically two types of uniforms - Continental or Militia. The Continental uniform is the most recognizable as it is the uniform identified with the soldiers of the regular army during the Revolution. The militia uniform has no specific set requirements because this is what would have been worn by the average citizen when he was called to militia duty. Each Color Guardsman can choose which type of uniform they would like to wear, and the Nathan Hale Camp, once reactivated, will likely consist of both types of uniforms.

Page 6 of this month's newsletter has more details about the uniform requirements and places to obtain them. This information will also be available at the March meeting.

### **Member Anniversaries**

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who had SAR anniversaries in April

David Williams - 5 years

Robert Nusbaum - 8 years

Randy Turner - 20 years

## *New Compatriots*

Please welcome these new Compatriots who have joined the Pensacola Chapter in 2023!

<b><i>Compatriot</i></b>	<b><i>Month Approved:</i></b>	<b><i>Patriot:</i></b>
David Hillsman	January (transfer)	Humphrey Hardy (North Carolina)
Lonnie Jones	January (transfer)	Multiple!!
Carl Black	February (transfer)	Charles Gary (Virginia)
Charles Cather	February	James Shelburne (Virginia)
Geoffrey Joseph	March	Thaddeus Avery (New York)
Grant Joseph	March	Thaddeus Avery (New York)

# *Patriot Ancestor Biographies*

We want to highlight your Patriot ancestor!!

This is a new feature for the newsletter where we would like to highlight the Patriot ancestors of our compatriots. If you would like to see your ancestor's story told, send the biography to [patriotbio@pensacolasar.org](mailto:patriotbio@pensacolasar.org). Submissions can be as simple as a description of where and when your ancestor was born, which of the Colonies they served in, and when they died. Or if you have more information than that, it can be a full biography telling the story of their life.

We will be publishing one biography per month for as long as we have a supply of biographies. (Hint—if you have more than one Patriot ancestor, you can submit them all!)

Writing up your ancestor's biography has the added benefit that you can add their biography to the NSSAR's Patriot Research Service!



# *Color Guard Uniform Requirements*

According to the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, the following are the requirements for Color Guard uniforms:

With respect to the Continental uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:

- A tricorne hat;
- A blue coat with either a buff, red or white facing and trim;
- White shirt and waistcoat;
- White or buff knee britches or fall-front trousers;
- Buckle shoes;
- A pair of white gloves.

With respect to the Militia uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:

- A hat – either tricorne or round;
- A hunting shirt;
- A white or checkered shirt;
- Long britches or fall-front trousers;
- Shoes (not necessarily buckle since the long pants leg will cover the buckle area).

In 2016, a uniform based on Scottish attire was approved by the National Color Guard Committee. This type of uniform is considered a militia uniform the basic uniform consists of the following:

- A hat – either tricorne or round;
- A white or checkered shirt with neck stock
- A waistcoat;
- A kilt (may be of a modern pattern since the actual tartans at the time are unknown);
- Knee socks with buckle shoes or knee socks with boot/moccasins

While these are the basics for each uniform, variations will exist, and participation will not be discouraged based on these variations. Another important consideration of the uniform is the type of fabric used in making the uniform and the accessories that accompany the uniform. Due to the time and expense of obtaining a uniform made from natural and more authentic material, many color guard members chose to obtain a less expensive uniform made from modern fabric, most often polyester or gabardine. These uniforms made from modern fabric are acceptable for all events except where the guardsman will fire a musket. For safety reasons, the SAR does not allow guardsmen in modern fabric uniforms to fire a weapon due the danger of melting fabric causing severe burns.

## *Where to obtain a uniform?*

Here is a partial list of uniform vendors provided by the NSSAR Color Guard. Just type the listed name into Google, and it should help you find their website. G. Gedney Godwin, Townsends, and C&D Jarnagin Company have full uniform options for both Continental and Militia style. Other vendors listed may require you to piece together your uniform.

Bethlehem Trading Post • Smiling Fox Forge • Avalon Forge • Barkertown Sutlers • Burnley & Trowbridge Co. • C & D Jarnagin Company, • Cobb Creek - Fine Clothing • Custom Wig Company • Flintlocks, etc • MyFlintlocks, LLC • Ft. Downing Trading Co. • Fort Vause Outfitters • Fugawee • G. Gedney Godwin Online • HB Forge • Black Powder 411 • International Guns • Joe's Leather Works, LLC • Livonia Smithery • Loyalist Arms & Repairs • Military Heritage • Panther Primitives - • Samson Historical • Smoke&FireStore • Spring Valley Lodges • Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (2022 listing) • The Quartermaster General • Tennessee Valley Muzzleloading • Townsends • Track of the Wolf • Turkey Foot Trading Company • VA Flintlocks • Clearwater Hats • Ye Armes Shoppe

*Galvez Day Celebration*  
*and*  
*Battle of Pensacola Commemoration*

The Pensacola Chapter  
Florida Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Invites your group to the

**2023 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and  
Galvez Day Celebration**

Monday, May 8, 2023 in downtown Pensacola, Florida.

On **May 8**, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration sponsored by the **Pensacola Heritage Foundation**.

The Color Guard will muster at 09:30 AM (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest General Bernardo de Galvez monuments in the United States as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration.

All participating Color Guard Units will receive a **BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER**.

To Register, visit [www.pensacolasar.org](http://www.pensacolasar.org), and go to Battle of Pensacola Commemoration under the Events and Programs menu.

## *Upcoming Events*

April 17

Chapter Meeting  
Program: FLSSAR President  
Matt Matthews

~~May 15 Chapter Meeting (CANCELLED)~~

May 19-20 FLSSAR Spring BOM  
Orlando, FL

May 8

Battle of Pensacola Commemoration  
10:30 am at the Galvez Monument

June 19 Chapter Meeting  
Program TBD



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