

# The Pensacola Patriot

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

I'm amazed to say that here we are at the end of the summer already! Before we know it, we will be at the end of the year, but for the SAR, September actually marks the start of what can and should be the "busy" time of year! With school starting back up, this is the time of year that we kick off all of our youth programs that the SAR runs. My hope is that this year, we will have lots of student participation in all of the available programs. Check out the article later in the newsletter for more information on what youth programs we will be running this year.

Unfortunately, as you know, we had to cancel our August meeting, but the September meeting is going to be a fantastic one! We have moved our Annual First Responders Awards to our September meeting, so we will be meeting on September 21st at the Pensacola Yacht Club. For those who have not attended one of our First Repsonders awards, this is always one of the best meetings of the year. We honor first responders from each of the various law enforcement, emergency medical, and fire departments in Escambia County. And as always, the Yacht Club prepares a FANTASTIC buffet for us! Check out the article a little deeper into the newsletter with more details. (Note that reservations ARE required for this meeting and there is a cost for the meal!)

This month's newsletter and my message are both a little shorter than normal, but please read through and find some programs to get involved with. The chapter has a lot to offer throughout the rest of the year!

Yours in Patriotism,

*Chris*

# *Annual First Responders Recognition*

You may have noticed that we did not hold our annual First Responders dinner in March this year as we normally do. While some of it was due to scheduling issues, the chapter board made the decision that we would shift the First Responders Recognition to the fall from here forward.

This year's dinner will be held on September 21 at the Pensacola Yacht Club. We will still have a social/meal time from 5-6 as normal, and then the meeting will start at 6:00. We are still working on the menu and guest speaker details for this year.

The main entrées on the buffet will be an Herb Seared Grouper topped with a Blood Orange Cream and Pineapple Salsa and and Chopped Ribeye with sautéed bell peppers, onion, garlic and teriyaki sauce.

Since this is a special event for the chapter, and we do have to give the Yacht Club reservations in advance, **reservations are required for all compatriots and guests by September 18.** In addition, this is the one meeting per year that members will be required to pay. The cost is \$38 per person, and can either be paid in advance at the August Chapter meeting or at the door at the Yacht Club on Sept 21.

If you are planning to attend on the 21st, please send an email to Chris at [cwashler@cox.net](mailto:cwashler@cox.net) with the number of people attending or go to this web address and fill in your reservation information:

<https://forms.gle/Jtgg4BPWJBPRbqLy7>

As always, spouses are always welcome to attend our meetings!

This is always a great event, so please make your reservations today - we must have all reservations in by September 18th at the latest!

## **Calling all Color Guardsmen!**

We are working toward re-activating the chapter color guard (the Nathan Hale Camp), and we need YOU! If you have a uniform or militia outfit, or are interested in getting one, and would like to participate in local events representing the SAR, reach out to Chris at [cwashler@cox.net](mailto:cwashler@cox.net) and he will provide you with more information!

## **Wreaths Across America 2022**

The Pensacola Chapter is once again participating in Wreaths Across America at Barrancas National Cemetery.

To sponsor wreaths, you can visit our chapter page at <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/17945/overview/?relatedId=0> Or if you want, you can request your own personalized sponsor page! Contact Chris for more info!

The event this year is December 17th!

## **Pensacola SAR on the Internet**

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

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

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

## Chapter Meetings

Reminder to all Compatriots about the meeting changes that took effect in June:

**Meeting Date:** Starting in June, we will be meeting on the **Third Monday of the Month**. The one exception is September which is being held on Sept 21!

**Meeting Location:** Starting in June, we will be meeting at Sonny's on 9th Avenue (6702 N. 9th Avenue). September's meeting will be at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

## 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.

- Battle of Pensacola (members needed)
- Youth Programs (Knight Essay Contest, Poster Contest, History Fair, etc) (Chair and members)
- 250 by the 250th—Flag Recognition (Chair 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!

## 250 by the 250th

At our April meeting, the chapter was introduced to a new program that we will be running for the next several years—250 by the 250th. This program is a special twist that our chapter is putting on the Flag Certificate program that the SAR has run for years. The overall purpose of the program is to recognize those individuals, businesses, and organizations that promote and encourage patriotism through the appropriate care and display of the American flag.



Our goal with our "twist" on the standard flag recognition program is to recognize 250 individuals, businesses, or organizations for their exemplary display of the American flag between now and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. This program will help to bring attention to the

upcoming 250th Anniversary as well as getting the public more engaged with the SAR through nominations and publicity when we recognize honorees.

Any residence, business, or organization is eligible to be recognized so long as the flag display is not being used for advertising purposes. All flags must be properly displayed as set forth in Public Law 94-344, Section 8d of United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1.

Nominations will be taken from April 1, 2022 to July 1, 2026, and anyone (even non-compatriots) can nominate an individual, business, or organization. Once nominations are received, the project committee will verify the information and that the nominee's display meets our criteria prior to making the presentation. 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!

All we need is the name, address, phone (if known), a point of contact if it is a business, and the name of the nominator! 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>.

## Youth Programs and Contests

One of the many ways that the SAR honors our patriot ancestors and promotes the core values that our country was founded on is through our many programs and contests for school age children. This year, the Pensacola chapter is going to be running several of those contests for the children in Escambia County Schools.

For elementary and middle school-aged kids, we will be running the Elementary School Poster Contest and the Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest. For the older students, we will be accepting entries for the Knight Essay Contest and the Rumbaugh Oration Contest! In addition, we will continue to honor those Scouts who achieve Eagle Scout as well as the top JROTC cadets at each of our local high schools.

If you would like to help with any of these contests, please reach out to any member of the board of managers and we will be sure to get you started. None of these take a lot of time to run, but each is crucial to the SAR continuing to promote to our youth the values and freedoms our patriot ancestors fought for!

## Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who had SAR anniversaries in July.

Robert Dillard—1 year

## Fill This Space!

We're always looking for more content for the newsletter! If you have something you'd like to contribute, or an idea for a "regular feature," please reach out and we will make it happen!!

## *New Compatriots*

Please welcome these new Compatriots who have joined the Pensacola Chapter in 2022!

<b>Compatriot</b>	<b>Month Approved:</b>	<b>Patriot:</b>
Mark Springfield	February	Laodicea Dicey Langston Springfield (South Carolina)
Jeremy Findley	March	James Scarborough (North Carolina)
Millard Joseph	May	Thaddeus Avery (New York)
Richard Garner	June	Thomas Tart (North Carolina)
Harry Dillard	June	Joseph Motley (Virginia)

## *Upcoming Events*

September 21 Chapter Meeting—Pensacola Yacht Club  
Annual First Responders Awards  
**Reservations Required!**

October 7-8 Florida Society Fall Board of Managers

October 17

Orlando, FL

Chapter Meeting  
Program TBA

November 21

Chapter Meeting  
Program TBA

December 19

Chapter Meeting  
Program TBA (Officer Elections!)



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