

The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
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Chapter Officers

2023-2024

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Member-at-large	John Matthews



President's Message

Welcome to 2023 and a new year! (Okay, so we're well past New Year's, but this is the first issue of 2023, so it still counts a little bit. This year has a lot in store for our chapter for sure.

We are starting off this year with some great news as far as our membership goes. For the first time in several years, the chapter is up over 50 members! As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we ended the year with an outstanding 96% retention rate with only two members choosing to not renew. 2022 was far and away the best year we have had for membership in a long time, and I want to see that continue in 2023. We've already added a couple of new members with transfers from the Aaron Snowden chapter joining our chapter (more on that later), and we have a couple more that should be transferring in from elsewhere very early this year. I encourage all of you to talk to your friends and your neighbors and especially any relatives you have living here in the Escambia and Santa Rosa areas. Our chapter is blessed with a phenomenal registrar in Ray Judd and this year he is joined by our new genealogist, Carl Judson. Both compatriots are willing and VERY able to help prospective members finish off their research and ensure that they can join our chapter. With a little effort, we can easily see our chapter continue to grow over the rest of this year.

As I mentioned above, we have had a couple of compatriots transfer to our chapter from the Aaron Snowden chapter shortly after the first of the year. It saddens me to have to report that the Aaron Snowden chapter officially disbanded at the end of 2022. Their membership numbers had dropped, and despite the valiant efforts of Lonnie Jones, David Hillsman and Burt Outlaw, the interest in keeping the chapter alive just wasn't there. What this means for the Pensacola chapter is really two things. First, our membership area now expands to include Escambia County and Santa Rosa County. So if you hear of prospective members in either county, we are likely the chapter they would join. There will be some that will be further east where it may make sense for them to join the Emerald Coast chapter in Ft. Walton, so keep your eyes and ears open! **(continued on page 2)**

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The second thing this means is that our programming for community involvement and youth programs can and will expand to include Santa Rosa County. So our 250 by the 250th Flag Recognition program now includes Santa Rosa County, our youth programs (including Good Citizenship) will expand to include Santa Rosa county schools, and color guard opportunities once we reactivate will include events in Santa Rosa county. I suppose all of this means there is one more impact to our chapter.... We will have A LOT to do this year!!!

Speaking of the 250 by 250th Flag recognition program—as of the start of January, we have had 13 individuals and companies nominated for Flag Certificates. We are working on getting those presentations done, and preparing for the next wave of nominations. It is very simple to nominate a business, organization or individual, and it only takes a couple of minutes! (In one evening just driving around, my wife and I came up with an additional 20 nominations that I am going to be sending to the project chair, John Matthews!)

The final thing that I wanted to mention is that at the January meeting, we inducted the chapter officers who will serve for 2023 and 2024. These compatriots have stepped up again to ensure that our chapter keeps running and that we continue to provide outstanding programming and activities not only for our members, but also for the community. As always, if you're interested in taking on a larger role with the chapter, we are always looking for committee chairs!

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

Yours in Patriotism,

Chris

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 and he will provide you with more information!

Chapter Meetings

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

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

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR

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





250 by the 250th



The 250 by the 250th 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.

The 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.

So far, we have had just over 30 nominations! 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! Compatriot John Matthews has agreed to take over as chair of the committee, and a new nomination form has been published to simplify the nomination process.

Nominations can be emailed to flags@pensacolasar.org or through the form on the chapter website at <http://pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/250by250th>.

Wreaths Across America 2023

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

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

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!

Patriot Ancestor Biographies

The chapter would like to begin a new feature for our newsletter that highlights our Patriot ancestors, but to do that, we need your help!

We would like to begin publishing the biographies of the patriot ancestors for our members, but in order to do that, the chapter needs you to send us those biographies. 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!)

Biographies (or questions about what to submit) can be emailed to patriotbio@pensacolasar.org.

We look forward to reading about the lives of all of your Patriot ancestors!!

Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who had SAR anniversaries in January

Richard Brown—6 years

Ray Judd—14 years

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!

New Compatriots

Please welcome these new Compatriots who have joined the Pensacola Chapter in 2023! (Note: For those compatriots who were approved in May and June, we may not have your certificates from State yet, but as soon as we do, we will contact you to plan your induction at a chapter meeting!)

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Month Approved:</i>	<i>Patriot:</i>
David Hillsman	January (transfer)	Humphrey Hardy (North Carolina)
Lonnie Jones	January (transfer)	Multiple!!
Charles Cather	January	James Shelburne (Virginia)

Upcoming Events

February 20

Chapter Meeting
Program: Concord & The Shot Heard
'Round the World

April 17

Chapter Meeting
Program TBA

March 20

Chapter Meeting
Program: Joe Epley
Southern Department of the Revolution

May 8

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

May 15

Chapter Meeting
Program TBA



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Pensacola Chapter

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