

Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Pensacola Chapter
Minutes

June 19, 2023

President Washler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Compatriot Matthews gave the invocation. Compatriot Hillsman led the Pledge to the Flag, Compatriot Barnes led the Pledge to the SAR and Compatriot Nobles led the American's Creed. Twelve members (Bill Lies, Carl Judson, Woody Barnes, David Hillsman, Lonnie Jones, Ray Judd, Bill Nobles, John Matthews, Carl Black, Jeremy Findley, Chris Washler and Robert Canavello) were in attendance along with guests Jane Lies, Betty Judson, Ben Findley and Clayton Black.

Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting unanimously waived and accepted, inasmuch as they were emailed. The Treasurer's report was given and unanimously accepted; balance \$2,558.45.

Committee Reports: Battle of Pensacola will see a 4 state color guard from TN, GA, AL and FL At 0930 the Color Guard will meet at Ft. George. They will march down Palafox to the monument in Veteran's Park. Next year we plan to lay a wreath in Veteran's Park at the statue.

Reactivating the Color Guard , need a commander for the unit.

Old Colony recruitment effort need volunteers.

We would like to start doing contests in both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

263 Good Citizenship certificates were prepared for nominated students in Escambia Schools and 286 for nominated students in Santa Rosa Schools. Need to reexamine eligibility criteria for next year's awards as there are currently differences between Escambia and Santa Rosa criteria.

Induction of New Members: None

Old Business: Nominations for Flag certificates are being accepted. Please fill out the form on the website ([www.Pensacola SAR.org](http://www.PensacolaSAR.org)) to make a nomination for the certificate. Also indicate if you would like to be involved in any of the presentations of the flag certificates.

New Business:

See website for Wreaths Across America so as to donate.

There was no May meeting.

The June meeting was held at Calvert's in the Heights, 670 Scenic Highway where meetings in the near future will be held.

First Responders awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd Monday in September. Location TBA.

On June 30th the cost of attending the National congress will increase.

Awards Ray Lantz: Distinguished Service awards and a Certificate of Appreciation. Chris Washler: Certificate of Appreciation; Regional Vice President appointment; Silver Roger Sherman Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster) and 10-Year Membership Award. Woody Barnes, 20-year Membership Award. Randy Turner 20-Year Membership Award. Colonel Findley : Flag Certificate.

Program: A presentation on the Gadsden Flag by Colonel Ben Findley, USAFR (Ret).

President Washler led the recessional and Chaplain Nobles gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 17th at **Calvert's in the Heights, 670 Scenic Highway.**


Robert Canavello, Secretary