

# The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution  
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November / December

2022

## Chapter Officers

### 2020-2022

President	Chris Washler
Vice Pres.	Bill Nobles
Secretary	Bob Canavello
Treasurer	Bill Lies
Registrar	Ray Judd
Genealogist	Carl Judson
Chaplain	John Matthews
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeremy Findley
Historian	Chris Washler
Member-at-large	Vacant



## President's Message

Here we are at the end of the year finally! This will be the last chapter newsletter for 2022. I don't really anticipate that with the Holiday season upon us, we will have a chance to put out another newsletter before the end of December.

Even with it being the end of the year, we still have a lot going on with the chapter right now! We have just finished up dues renewal season, and I have to say, I am left speechless. Our normal retention for members has been around 84% or so for the last several years. We almost always have several members who get reinstated after the first of the year, and some who drop for one reason or another. This year, though.... WOW! At my last count, we had 47 out of 49 members renew this year for a retention rate of almost 96%! That, quite frankly, is an amazing number for any organization like ours. I think this is a testament to the strength of our chapter and how well we have come back from the challenges presented by the pandemic.

Speaking of ending the year strong. At our December meeting, we will be electing the new officers who will lead the chapter. We opened nominations for officers at our November meeting, and we have at least one nomination for each of our elected board positions. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, our bylaws provide for the following elected positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Historian/Librarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Member-at-Large. While I am excited that we have nominees for all of the open positions, I was hoping for a few new faces to step up toward leadership in the chapter as well. Our team of officers has been doing a great job over the last several years, but I know that I can speak for everyone on the board when I say that we would love to see "new blood" step forward to help lead the chapter, and each of us would be willing to teach someone how to take on one of the leadership roles for the chapter. There is still time for you to either be nominated or nominate yourself if you have an interest. At the December meeting, I will do one final call for nominations before we conduct the election, or you can email me to have your name added to the roster of nominees! **(continued on page 2)**

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It sounds like a "huge" commitment to be elected for a two year term, but in all honesty, none of the offices necessarily have to be a major time commitment. With a full slate of officers, and other active members to help run programs and committees, the duties of the officers are essentially to ensure that the chapter is meeting its commitments to the State and National Societies and to help guide the chapter. Yes, there are specific requirements for each position, but none take much time.

With that being said, having a full slate of officers is vital to a healthy chapter. The old saying that many hands makes for light work is never more true than when it comes to running an organization. The more officers and involved members we have, the less is required from any one person. A full slate of officers also ensures that the chapter is able to provide our members with all of the programming and benefits that come with being a compatriot in the Sons of the American Revolution.

I ask each of you to think about and seriously consider stepping forward to help lead the Pensacola chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for the two years. I give my promise to the next slate of officers that I will be there with you either as your immediate past president (hopefully!) or as a member of the board to help you successfully guide and lead the chapter!

Finally, one last opportunity here at the end of the year is with Wreaths Across America. We had a presentation at the November meeting about what exactly is Wreaths Across America, but in short—it is a nation wide project to lay wreaths on the graves of our military veterans. Our chapter supports the effort at Barrancas National Cemetery onboard NAS Pensacola each year. This year's event is on December 17th, and there is more information in the box to the right of this column if you are interested. I do ask that if any compatriot goes out and volunteers that day, please drop me an email or text and let me know that you did. Since this is supported at a National Society level, I want to be able to report up our chapter's participation!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the December 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](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.

While it is too late to order wreaths for this year, you can still volunteer to help lay wreaths on the day of the event—December 17, 2022.

To volunteer, please go to [www.barrancaswreaths.com/volunteer.html](http://www.barrancaswreaths.com/volunteer.html) for more information and to register!

### **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:** 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). 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.

- 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!

## 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.



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! Compatriot John Matthews has agreed to take over as chair of the committee, and we are working on a new submission form to simplify the nomination process.

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>.

# Bi-annual Chapter Officer Elections

At our December meeting this year, we will elect the officers who will lead the chapter through the next two years. This will be a unique and exciting time to be an SAR Chapter officer here in Florida. Next summer, the Florida Society will host the NSSAR National Congress in Orlando. As a chapter officer, you will have a front-row seat as well as the unique opportunity to lead our chapter through these events.

Current Nominees are:

- President—Chris Washler
- Vice President—Bill Nobles
- Secretary—Robert Canavello
- Treasurer—Bill Lies
- Registrar—Ray Judd
- Genealogist—Carl Judson
- Sergeant at Arms—Jeremy Findley
- Member At large—John Matthews

Any of us will be happy to talk to anyone interested in a position!

## Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who had SAR anniversaries in November and December

Hayden Hudson—4 years

Howard Hudson—4 years

Chip Jabaley—4 years

Gary Kreigh—8 years

Frank Dillard—9 years

Sergio Hernandez—10 years

Ronny Miller—10 years

Ray Lantz—17 years

## New Compatriots

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

<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)
Grant Joseph	November	Thaddeus Avery (New York)
Geoffrey Joseph	November	Thaddeus Avery (New York)

## *Upcoming Events*

December 17    Wreaths Across America  
                    Barrancas National Cemetery

December 19    Chapter Meeting  
                    Program TBA (Officer Elections!)

January 16     Chapter Meeting  
                    Installation of new Officers

February 20    Chapter Meeting  
                    Program TBA



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