

The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
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October 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

Every time I sit down to write one of these articles, it feels like I just finished the previous one! It's hard to believe that the year is almost at a close, and we are headed into the holiday season.

The October meeting was another great meeting! We welcomed another member of the Dillard family into our ranks as Harry Dillard was inducted as our newest member. We have a few more applications that are still up with National, so hopefully in November and December, we may add a few more compatriots to our ranks!

Also at the October meeting, we heard a fantastic presentation from Karen Nobles on early American Handwriting. Karen is a forensic document examiner and has spent her career investigating various documents and doing handwriting analysis. Her genealogical research along with her husband (Compatriot Bill Nobles) lead her to start examining and learning about early American handwriting. If you've ever tried reading a will from the 1700's or 1800's, you know what a challenge that can be! Karen's presentation showed us examples of early American handwriting, and Karen talked us through how to decipher some of the shorthand, abbreviations, and odd letter formations that use to be commonplace but have slowly been forgotten over time. She even sent us all home with some notes and an example to use in practicing our skills!

Our November and December meetings are both significant meetings for the chapter. In November, we will be taking nominations for the slate of officers who will lead the chapter for the next two years and then in December, we will have one final call for officer nominations and hold the elections. Because of the significance of these two meetings, I want to take some time to talk about the chapter officers that will be elected.

Our chapter by-laws list our elected chapter officers as: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Historian/Librarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Member-at-Large. There are two additional roles that are appointed by the President – Chaplain and Parliamentarian. Our by-laws provide for the term of office for these officers to be two years. **(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!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the November meeting and seeing who steps forward to accept the challenge and serve as an officer! 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!

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://wreathsacrossamerica.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!

The deadline to order wreaths is November 28th!

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 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.

Officers that will be elected in December (and the current office holder) 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
- Chaplain—John Matthews
- Member At large—vacant

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

October Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who had SAR anniversaries in October

Evan Newkirk-Zern—2 years

Leo Bowersox—3 years

Mark Bednar—7 years

Woody Barnes—20 years

Bob Canavello—40 years

Pensacola SAR on the Internet

Chapter Website: www.pensacolasar.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR

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

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!)

Compatriot	Month Approved:	Patriot:
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

November 21 Chapter Meeting
Officer Discussion and Nomination

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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