

The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
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President	Chris Washler
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Historian	Chris Washler
Member-at-large	Vacant



President's Message

As I sit here writing this, one thought has been coming to mind.... Ah, fall has arrived FINALLY! The cold front that came through and spared us from the fury of Hurricane Ian this week is still keeping temperatures in that perfect range of warm, but not unbearably hot and humid.

While Fall means cooler temperatures outside, it also signals a time when the programming for SAR chapters tends to start heating up. Fall marks the return to school and as I mentioned last month, the perfect time for SAR chapters to kick off our educational programs for kids. We are still looking for more compatriots to help with our various youth programs—Elementary Poster Contest, Middle School Brochure, Rumbaugh Oration, and the Knight Essay contest. If you're interested, just drop me an email and I will be happy to get you connected with the program of your choice!

Last Wednesday, the chapter held our annual First Responders Awards dinner at the Pensacola Yacht Club. If you missed it, you missed one of the best meetings of our year. We honored nominees from the Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Pensacola and Escambia County Fire Departments, and Escambia County Emergency Medical Services. Honoring these heroes is one of the greatest things that the Sons of the American Revolution does, in my opinion. And I can tell you that the awards are genuinely appreciated by those who receive them. One of our awardees this year (a detective from the PPD) came up to me after the meeting with his mother on his arm and asked if he could have a copy of the citation that we read during the meeting because he was so touched by the fact that we honored him and he wanted to have that to go along with his medal and certificate. This is a detective who has solved multiple murder cases here in Pensacola over the years, and he was touched by our organization just saying, "Thank you" through a medal and certificate!

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We have some great programs still coming through the rest of the year. Our October meeting will feature a presentation by Karen Nobles (Compatriot Bill Nobles' wife) on Early American Handwriting. The speaker for the November meeting is still being locked down, but it will be a good one! December will feature the bi-annual election of our chapter officers. In addition, December also brings the opportunity to participate in the Wreaths Across America event at Barrancas National Cemetery. Be sure to check out the article on Wreaths Across America here on this page!

As always, if you have something you want to contribute to the newsletter or if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to email me at cwashler@cox.net or to call me at 380-1329.

Yours in Patriotism,

Chris

Pensacola SAR on the Internet

Chapter Website: www.pensacolasar.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR

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

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://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!

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.

- 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 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!

Member Anniversaries

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

Desmond Castro—13 years

Donald Fowler—16 years

Robert Nusbaum Jr.—7 years

Vincent Tucei—4 years

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! (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

October 7-8 Florida Society Fall Board of Managers
Orlando, FL

October 17 Chapter Meeting
Karen Nobles—Early American
Handwriting

November 21 Chapter Meeting
Program TBA

December 19 Chapter Meeting
Program TBA (Officer Elections!)



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