

The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
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President's Message

I don't know about everyone else, but I am having a hard time believing that summer is almost over! Although, I honestly can't wait to get into fall because I am ready to be done with these heat indexes that are over 100°!

With fall approaching, that means school is getting ready to be back in session. For both Escambia and Santa Rosa County, students go back on August 10. What that means for the SAR is that it's time to get our Youth Contest programs up and running! This year, we'd like to run all 4 of our Youth contests—the elementary poster contest, the middle school brochure contest, and the Essay and Oration contests for high school. Running these programs really doesn't take much on our part. We send a letter out to the schools announcing the contests, and wait for the schools to send us their entries. Then we judge the entries and send on the winner to the state. The most "labor intensive" part is doing the judging if we get entries. This year, we are also going to tie those contests in with America 250 to try to generate more interest based on the upcoming 250th celebrations in 2026. If you're interested in helping with any of the programs, reach out to me!

In addition to the Youth contests, one thing I would like to try to do this year is have compatriots be available to go speak to classes about the SAR and the American Revolution. This is just an idea on my part at this point, so what I would like to see is how many of you might be interested in being a guest speaker to classrooms. I know at least a few of you have professional experience that would be helpful in talking with students, so I think we could probably put together a pretty decent "Speakers Bureau" from the chapter. It's also a GREAT way to raise the visibility of the **(continued on page 2)**

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chapter! Again, let me know if you have any interest in helping out with this and we will get you plugged in.

If you haven't gone to take a look in a while, you need to go check out the chapter website at www.pensacolasar.org! We've updated the website look and feel and it is a fantastic resource for members and the public. I have a personal favor to ask—share our website and the chapter facebook page to your contacts. The more exposure we get, the more compatriots we add to our ranks.

Last month at the chapter meeting, we had a fantastic presentation from Joe Vinson about his Lost Pensacola project, and in August, we have a preview of how the SAR is getting involved in the America 250 activities! We are starting to ramp up our activities around the United States' 250th birthday, and the program for August will give you a small preview of what's coming over the next couple of years! Over the next three years, the SAR has the opportunity to raise our profile and become a leading organization in the celebration of our Nation's 250th Birthday!

Last, but definitely not least, is a reminder that we need submissions for the 250 by the 250th Flag Recognition program! We have exactly 3 years to complete our goal of 250 presentations, but we can't get there without your help!

Unfortunately, I will be out of town for this month's meeting so I won't see you all there, but I hope we have great attendance at the meeting! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (850) 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)

Chapter Meetings

Meeting Date: The chapter meeting is on the **Third Monday of the Month.**

Meeting Location: We are meeting at Calvert's in the Heights (670 Scenic Highway)

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!

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!

Color Guard - Nathan Hale Camp

Efforts are underway to reactivate Pensacola's Color Guard unit, the Nathan Hale Camp (this is the name that our unit is known by as part of the Florida Society's Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade).

The Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR. Every time an SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives of the SAR - Historical, Patriotic, and Educational. Just a few examples of where our Color Guard can make public appearances include sporting events (maybe even a Blue Wahoos game?), new citizen swearing in ceremonies, City or County Government meetings, historical events such as the Galvez Day event, and even ceremonies for the re-internment of POW/MIAs who have been identified by the Army Casualty Office.

The requirements for reactivation of our camp are relatively easy, and with the recent growth of our chapter, we should easily be able to achieve these! A Color Guard unit can consist of a minimum of 3 members, but the ideal minimum is 4. One compatriot is designated as the Commander of the unit.

Individual compatriots are responsible for obtaining their uniform. There are typically two types of uniforms - Continental or Militia. The Continental uniform is the most recognizable as it is the uniform identified with the soldiers of the regular army during the Revolution. The militia uniform has no specific set requirements because this is what would have been worn by the average citizen when he was called to militia duty. Each Color Guardsman can choose which type of uniform they would like to wear, and the Nathan Hale Camp, once reactivated, will likely consist of both types of uniforms.

Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who have SAR anniversaries in August.

Frank Dillard, Jr.—2 years

Nathaniel Robinson—5 years

Bill Lies—12 years

Jacob Boring—13 years

John Matthews—15 years

Nelson Lantz—17 years

Charles Spear—17 years

New Compatriots

Please welcome these new Compatriots who have joined the Pensacola Chapter in 2023!

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Month Approved:</i>	<i>Patriot:</i>
David Hillsman	January (transfer)	Humphrey Hardy (North Carolina)
Lonnie Jones	January (transfer)	Multiple!!
Carl Black	February (transfer)	Charles Gary (Virginia)
Charles Cather	February	James Shelburne (Virginia)
Geoffrey Joseph	March	Thaddeus Avery (New York)
Grant Joseph	March	Thaddeus Avery (New York)
Ben Findley	July (transfer)	



250 by the 250th



The 250 by the 250th program is going strong! As of this writing, we are still just shy of 50 nominations, and we definitely need more!

Just a few examples of some of our nominations are Olive Baptist Church (pictured below), Pensacola Yacht Club, multiple homes out at Perdido Bay Country Club, Pensacola Police Department, the City of Pensacola (City Hall specifically). And these are just a few!

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!

Nominations can be emailed to flags@pensacolasar.org or through the form on the chapter website at <http://pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/250by250th>. As soon as we are caught up on our awards, we will publish the full list of awardees on our website and on Facebook so you will have a convenient place to go see who all we have presented awards to!

Wreaths Across America 2023

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

The Pensacola Chapter has been supporting Wreaths Across America for nearly 10 years now, and every year our compatriots and friends sponsor at least 50 wreaths. This year, we have set a goal to sponsor at least 100 wreaths for Barrancas!

The price for sponsoring a wreath has gone up slightly this year due to rising costs. Individual wreaths can be sponsored for \$17, or you can do multiples at the same time if you wish! As a reminder, for each wreath sponsored on our chapter site, the chapter receives \$5 back.

Wreaths can be sponsored here: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/17945

Patriot Ancestor Biographies

Major James Scarborough

SAR National Patriot # P-285249

Compatriot: Jeremy Findley

James Scarborough was born on November 28, 1748, in Southampton County, Virginia. He moved to Edgecombe County, North Carolina at the age of 10. The son of a landowner, farmer, and miller. Of note, his grandfather, William Scarborough, along with his cousin Colonel Charles Scarborough, were active participants in Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. While Charles escaped with a reprimand, William was tried & hanged by order of Governor Sir William Berkeley on March 6, 1677. Bacon's Rebellion was an armed protest against Virginia's Colonial Governor over Native invasions which ended with the Governor's retreat from Jamestown as the settlement was torched.

Sergeant James joined the Continental Army in February 1776 in North Carolina's 5th Regiment under Colonel Irwin. His service was broken up through a series of thirty-day enlistments, though his unit was involved in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge early on. He was commissioned as a Captain by Governor Richard Caswell in July 1780, serving under Colonel Henry Hart. There are few records during these four years, however, he must have made an impression as Governor Caswell was Brigadier General Caswell during his first enlistments. He crossed from Continental service to NC Militia service, holding his commission, serving under Adjunct General Horatio Gates and Brigadier General Smallwood, working as an aid to Gen. Smallwood for a period. During this service he was Captain of the Wilmington Expedition gathering intel of Torry movements. He is also credited with another scouting expedition with Colonels William Washington & Henry Lee which led to both corn & much needed supplies being liberated from the British camps near Crane Creek, South Carolina, which earned him a field commission of Major. He left military service for a series of unspecified campaigns against the Torries but returned to Militia service in 1779 under Colonel Shepherd (Dobb's Militia) which participated in the Battle of King's Mountain in October 1780.

Following the War, he was honored for his service with an appointment as the 2nd Major of the Edgecombe County Militia Regiment, December 20, 1787, then promoted to 1st Major in 1795. Aside from his military service, his main occupation remained as a farmer. His home near Saratoga, built in 1820, has been listed as a historical landmark. The house remained in the family before being converted into a Bed & Breakfast under new ownership in 2021. He survived four of his five wives, divorcing his fifth. He fathered over a dozen children, all but two survived childhood. Of them, his son Isaac fought in the War of 1812 with the Virginia Militia. His total service spanned from 1776 to 1781 with involvement continuing until around 1800. He died at his home on March 1, 1836, at the age of 88.

Website Re-design

The updated chapter website (www.pensacolasar.org) has officially launched! Go check out the new site and all of the new features, including a members only area. The members only area requires registration on your part, and will have some great information and resources once development of that piece is complete! Below are a couple screen shots of the new look!



Upcoming Events

August 21

Chapter Meeting
Program: America 250

October 16

Chapter Meeting
Program: TBD

Sept 18

Chapter Meeting
First Responder's Awards
RSVP REQUESTED FOR THIS MEETING

October 20-21

FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting
Orlando, Florida



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Pensacola Chapter

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