

The Pensacola Patriot

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

I am sitting here starting this month's column a little earlier than normal. I just got back from the Florida Society's Fall Board of Managers meeting which was right on the heels of having been in New York for my oldest daughter's wedding... I'll admit that I'm a little exhausted.

But with that said, I'm excited about what lies ahead for the chapter for the rest of this fall and into next year! First up, and the one that I really want to emphasize is that Wreaths Across America is heating up! The absolute LAST day to order wreaths for this year's event is **November 28!!** So far, we are at 28 wreaths sponsored through our page so far this year. I encourage everyone to go sponsor at least one wreath. These are used to decorate the graves out at Barrancas National Cemetery. A single wreath only costs \$17, and it's a great way to honor those who have served this country. The Wreaths Across America day this year is December 16th. Wreath placement starts at 7:30 am! To volunteer or sponsor a wreath, go see our sponsorship page at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/17945.

In addition to Wreaths Across America, I really need to mention that it is dues renewal time. Bob mailed out renewal notices to everyone back at the end of September, so if you have not gotten yours, please let me know! As of this writing, we still have quite a few people who have not sent in their dues. If we don't have yours by December 10, it will mean an interruption to your membership until at least March when the National Society allows reinstatements to begin. We would love to end the year strong, so please send in your renewals ASAP! **(continued on page 2)**

President's Message (continued from p. 1)

We are still hoping to get some entries for our youth contests this year. We've been in contact with personnel from both Escambia and Santa Rosa County School Districts, and we're hopeful that this year we will have entries in all of our contests! If you have any grandchildren or neighbor kids that you think are of the right ages to enter the contest, go check out the chapter website for more information (www.pensacolasar.org).

The last thing I want to mention this month is a possible upcoming change that I want to let everyone know about. During the Fall BOM, I was asked to consider running for State Society Senior Vice President in May, and I have since been nominated for the position. What this means is that *if* I were to win (and that is definitely an "if"), I would no longer be able to serve as the Chapter President simply from a time commitment. My term with the chapter doesn't officially end until December of 2024, and I am committed to finishing out that term, but ideally I would like to identify our next chapter president *now* so that I can spend some significant time working with them to ensure a smooth transition. If you have any interest at all, reach out to me so we can talk about it!

That's it for this month's column! I hope to see everyone at the November chapter meeting. This month's program will be on Wreaths Across America!

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)
- Eagle Scout Program (members needed)

Please contact any member of the Executive Board if you are interested in helping with these projects!

Wreaths Across America 2023

Time is running short to order your 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

250 by the 250th



The 250 by the 250th program is going strong! As of this writing, we are still just slightly over 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 and 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 <https://pensacolasar.org/250-by-the-250th/>.

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!

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 November.

Geoffrey Joseph—1 year

Grant Joseph—1 year

Hayden Hudson—5 years

Howard Hudson—5 years

Chip Jabaley—5 years

Sean Andino—7 years

Gary Kreigh—9 years

Frank Dillard—10 years

Sergio Hernandez—11 years

Ronny Miller—11 years

Keith Boring—32 years

New Compatriots

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

Compatriot

Month Approved:

Patriot:

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)

Ben Findley

July (transfer)

Thomas Nuzum

Patriot Ancestor Biographies



Veterans Day at Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park

On November 11, the chapter set up a display to participate in the Pensacola Veterans Day celebration at Veterans Memorial Park. After the Veterans Day Parade across Main Street, the ceremonies at the park started with the bell in the Marine Aviation Bell Tower being rung 11 times at 11:00 on the 11th day of the 11th month to commemorate the Armistice of WW I that went into effect 105 years ago in 1918. The public gathered in Veterans Memorial Park near The Wall South to hear a number of speakers honor our nation's Veterans with the final speaker being The Honorable Judge Gary Bergosh, LtCol, USMC Ret.

Special thanks to compatriots Jeremy Findley, Ben Findley, Joe Joseph, and John Matthews for coming out to help the Pensacola Sons of the American Revolution honor our community's veterans! And thank you to all in our chapter who have served and those who continue to serve!!



Upcoming Events

November 20 Chapter Meeting
Program: Wreaths Across America

December 18 Chapter Meeting
Program: Historical Archaeology on
Fort George and Siege of Pensacola"
Tyler McKee

January 15 Chapter Meeting
Program TBD

February 19 Chapter Meeting
Program TBD



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Pensacola Chapter

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