

The Pensacola Patriot

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

With fall here, it means a lot of things for the SAR and the Pensacola Chapter. First off, September was when we held our annual First Responders recognition night. We had a fantastic turn out at Calvert's with close to 30 Compatriots and guests in attendance. If you ever wonder whether these awards are appreciate by those that receive them, I want to assure you that they truly are. I had a conversation with Sheriff Simmons after our meeting and I commented that he has been coming to our award ceremony since back when he was Police Chief, and he told me "If I'm ever *not* here, you can expect that it was either an emergency, or I am out of the country because I genuinely look forward to this event every year." I think that speaks volumes that the leadership for our First Responders truly appreciate our recognition of their people! We even had the opportunity at this meeting to hear from Fire Chief Ginny Cranor, the first female fire chief in the history of Pensacola, PLUS we presented Chief Cranor and Sheriff Simmons with certificates honoring their facilities for their display of the American Flag as part of our 250 by the 250th program!

In addition to the First Responders Awards, fall brings the start of the school year. This year, we have had leadership from both the Santa Rosa and Escambia County School Districts show interest in getting students in both districts involved in the SAR Youth contests! Additionally, I have been asked if the SAR would consider helping to judge the Escambia County History Fair in February and present a specific SAR award. Opportunities abound to expand our programs!

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The final item that Fall brings with it is the fact that it is time to renew your dues for the upcoming year. Bob has sent out renewal notices to everyone, so if you don't see yours in the next few days, please reach out to either me or Bob so we can get one to you! It's critical that everyone send in their renewals as soon as possible. We have to have our final numbers delivered to the State Society in early December, and if we miss the deadline for someone, it actually takes almost three months before we can reinstate a member! (Needless to say, I will be following up in November with anyone who hasn't renewed by then!)

The last thing I wanted to mention this month is that if anyone is looking for a fascinating podcast to listen to, I want to very highly recommend "History That Doesn't Suck" as an option. Specifically, I recommend going back and downloading the very first 16 episodes of this podcast because they are an extremely well researched and presented account of our nation's founding! This podcast is telling the history of the Revolutionary period far better than I have ever heard it presented before. It is DEFINITELY worth a listen!

For our October program, Compatriot Ben Findley will be doing a presentation on "Native American Indians in the American Revolutionary War," so it should be a great meeting! Unfortunately, I will be out of town for the October meeting due to my daughter's wedding up in New York, 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 October.

Evan Newkirk-Zern—3 years

Leo Bowersox—4 years

Mark Bednar—8 years

Woody Barnes—21 years

Bob Canavello—41 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)	Thomas Nuzum

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



First Responders Awards



Upcoming Events

October 16

Chapter Meeting
Program: Native American Indians in the
American Revolutionary War

November 20

Chapter Meeting
Program TBD

October 20-21

FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting
Orlando, Florida

December 18

Chapter Meeting
Program TBD



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