The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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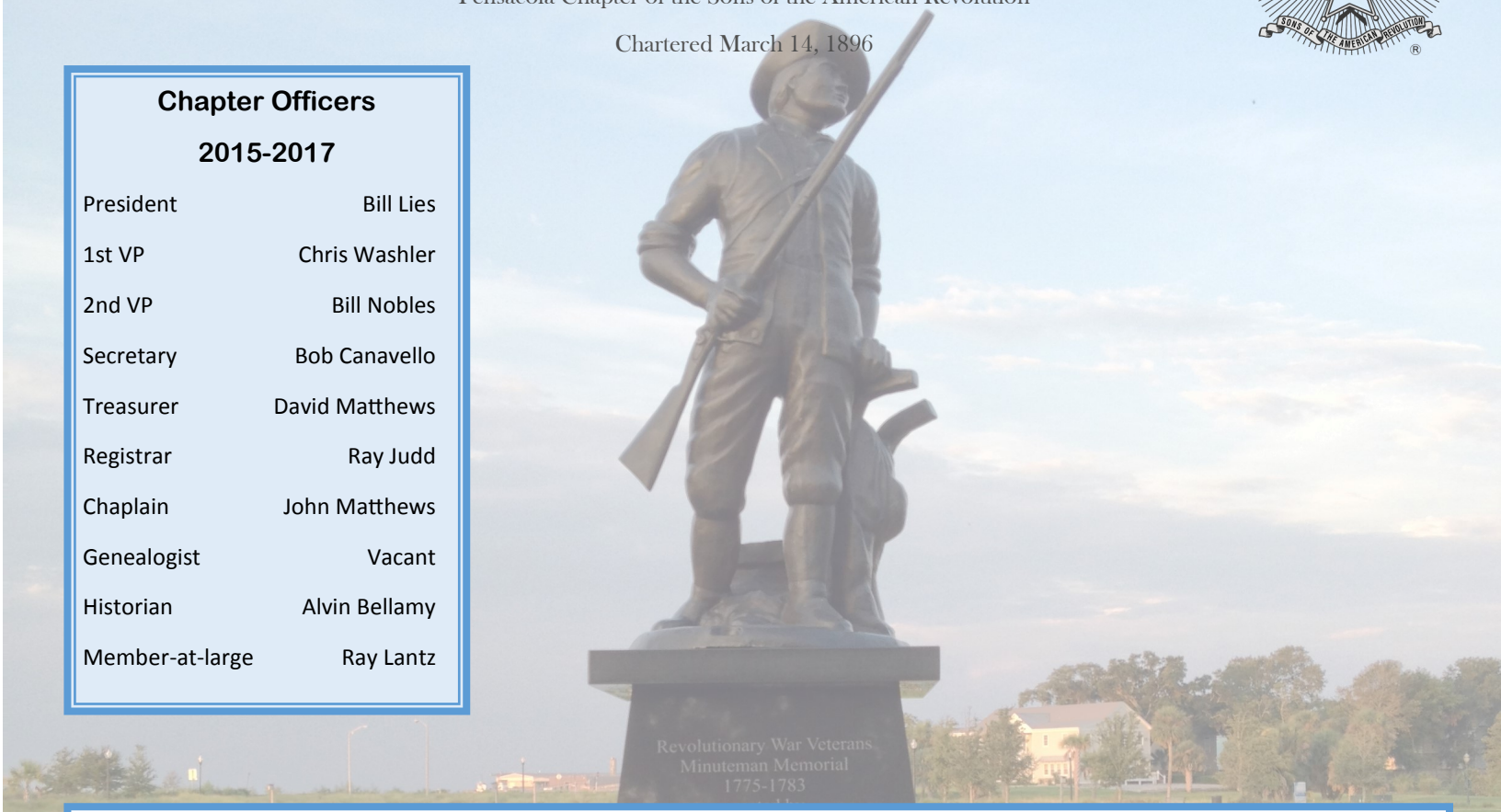

Chapter Officers

2015-2017

President	Bill Lies
1st VP	Chris Washler
2nd VP	Bill Nobles
Secretary	Bob Canavello
Treasurer	David Matthews
Registrar	Ray Judd
Chaplain	John Matthews
Genealogist	Vacant
Historian	Alvin Bellamy
Member-at-large	Ray Lantz

Minuteman Memorial Dedication and Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola

On May 7th, the Pensacola Chapter of the SAR along with the Pensacola Chapters of the DAR held a dedication ceremony for the Minuteman Statue in Pensacola's Veterans Memorial Park. The weather was a near picture perfect spring day which no doubt helped with bringing out the crowd of about 60 onlookers. The dedication ceremony featured the presentation of colors by a multi-state color guard, a history of the statue presented by the local chapters as well as remarks by Florida State Society President, Larry Fehrenbaker.

After the dedication, the Sons of the American Revolution hosted a reception at the Pensacola Yacht Club Sailing Center to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Pensacola which ended on May 8, 1781. The reception gave Compatriots and guests the opportunity for conversation and fellowship. During the reception, John Appleyard, one of the region's best known historical story tellers, gave a fascinating presentation on the Battle of Pensacola which included far more background and insight than just the facts and dates.

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Minuteman Dedication Ceremony (continued from p. 1)

The event was a great success and that is due entirely to the individuals and Compatriots who provided support leading up to the event and on the day of the event:

Color Guard: Bob Hess (Louisiana Society SAR), Ray Lantz (Pensacola Chapter), Ron Toops (The Villages Chapter), Randy Turner (Pensacola Chapter), and Norm Umholtz (New Orleans Chapter).

Event Organization: Ginny Poffenberger (Pensacola Chapter, DAR), Bob Canavello, Ray Judd, Bill Lies, John Matthews, Bill Nobles, Chris Washler (all Pensacola Chapter), David Glassman and W.A. "Butch" Hansen (Veterans Memorial Park Foundation).

A special thank you goes to Florida Society SAR President, Larry Fehrenbaker, and his wife Jeanne for taking time out of their busy schedule getting ready for the FLSSAR Annual Meeting to come and join us for the celebration!

The Pensacola Chapter looks forward to continuing to host an annual commemoration for the Battle of Pensacola. Mark your calendars now for next year's event on May 6, 2017!

Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola

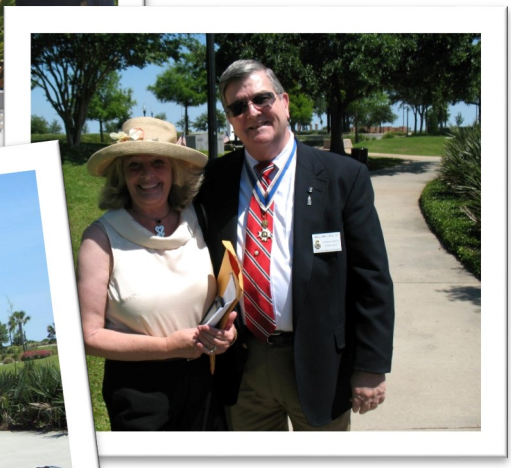
John Appleyard

Jeanne and Larry Fehrenbaker

Eagle Scout Awards

Earlier this year, the chapter awarded the chapter level Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award to Joseph Nusbaum. At our April meeting, we were pleased to present Joseph with an award for third place at the state level competition. Additionally, at the FLSSAR Annual meeting the weekend of May 13-15, Joseph was awarded first place in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest! Joseph's Knight Essay entry has been sent on to compete at the National level. Congratulations, Joseph!

Minuteman Memorial Dedication



June 7th, Pensacola SAR Welcomes 2009-10 NSSAR President General, Judge Edward Butler, Sr.

The Pensacola SAR Chapter is pleased to welcome as our guest speaker in June, the 2009-2010 President General of the NSSAR, Judge Edward Butler, Sr. Judge Butler's topic will be "***Without the Assistance of Spain, We Would Still Be Under the British Flag."***

In May 2010 President General Butler and his first lady, Robin, led a group of 35 members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on a tour of Spain. During their visit to Madrid, then Crown Prince Felipe granted the SAR members and their wives a private audience at Zarzuela Palace, the royal residence in Madrid, Spain. During that audience King Felipe asked judge Butler to write a book about Bernardo de Galvez and Spain's assistance to the U.S. during the American Revolutionary War. The result is a 360 page book with 214 footnotes, 37 pages of Appendices, and contains the names of hundreds of Spanish patriots. It documents the significant support rendered by Spain, and allows our Hispanic community to feel proud that their ancestors played a vital role in the formation of our nation. It received the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez award as the "Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014." The book also captured the "Readers' Favorite 5 Star Award".

Judge Butler's visit to the Pensacola Chapter will be one of his last stops on a tour of the SAR Chapters along the Gulf Coast, so we encourage all of our members and all guests to come welcome him and his wife, Robin! Please note that to accommodate Judge Butler's schedule, our meeting for June will be one week earlier than normal—June 7th.

Pensacola SAR on the Internet

Chapter Website: www.pensacolasar.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/PensacolaSAR

Request for Member Information

One on-going project for the website is to have a complete listing of the Patriot Ancestors for all of our members. To that end, we are asking each member to send us the following information on your patriot:

- the patriot's name, and
- their rank and other service information.

The information can be sent to Compatriot Washler at: cwashler@cox.net.

Call for Patriot Biographies

Do you have a biographical sketch of your patriot ancestor? Would you like to write one? If so, we want to publish it!! What's a biographical sketch, you ask? Nothing more than a short story or outline of your patriot ancestor's life. In future newsletters, we would like to highlight our members' ancestors by publishing whatever information you care to share about their life. There is no minimum length, but we do ask that the biographies be no more than 500 words in length.

Wreaths Across America

The Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be participating in the Wreaths Across America project again this year. Please keep an eye out for more information on this wonderful program here, in your email and on the chapter website and Facebook page!

Genealogy Research Corner

By
Ray Lantz, FLSSAR Registrar and Pensacola Chapter Executive Committee Member

SAR Application Guidelines/Procedures:

- New rules regarding use of existing SAR and DAR application record copies as proof documents for SAR applications:
  - ◊ SAR Record Copies – only those approved on or after 1978 should be used. (Note: the SAR applications available on Ancestry.com were approved before 1978 and are NOT usable.)
  - ◊ DAR Record Copies – only those approved on or after 01 Jan 1985 should be used.
- FLSSAR Board of Management, Orlando, Florida, 05 February 2016 approved the following application fee increase:
- A $10.00 processing fee added to all future FLSSAR applications including Regular Memberships, Family Group Individual Memberships, under 25, Junior Memberships, Memorial Memberships, CAR Conversion Memberships, and all Supplemental Applications, effective for all applications submitted after 05 April 2016.

Genealogical Research Sources:

- Free Research Sources:
  - ◊ FamilySearch.org/search – this is the LDS site which contains searchable databases with records worldwide and browsable original record images for non searchable records such US county probate records. To browse none searchable records use the link Browse all published collections located on the main search page. Use must register by creating a user account to use this website, again it is free. BEWARE Public or Private Member Tree information entered by those users is not acceptable as genealogical proof. This is considered the overall best free research source similar in size and capability to the best pay site Ancestry.com, but while these two sites have some duplicate records they have significant unique records not available on both sites.
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Chapter Member Research Queries:

- Submission Guidelines:
  - ◊ Active chapter members may submit one (1) Historical Subject Query and one (1) Genealogical Research Query per Newsletter Period/Issue.
  - ◊ Query responses will provide specific answers or research advice when specific answers are not electronically available.
  - ◊ To submit a query send an email to rclantz@cox.net with your name and NSSAR Member # and the specific information required for the type query being submitted.
  - ◊ Only one query per submission and query types cannot be combined.

Historical Subject Research Query - Send (1) one brief statement of information desired using this form. Please narrow your request to a specific subject within a specified time period.

Genealogical Research Query - Send (1) one individual's name to be searched (including any dates and details you already have). Provide the following when known:

- ◊ Surname for research:
- ◊ First name:
- ◊ Middle name or initial:
- ◊ Birth date/Location:
- ◊ Death date/Location:
- ◊ Marriage date/Location:
- ◊ Spouse surname/maiden name:
- ◊ First name:
- ◊ Middle name or initial:
- ◊ Birth date/Location:
- ◊ Death date/Location:
- ◊ Names of children:

SAR Color Guard

Have you ever considered joining the SAR Color Guard? Members of the Color Guard are some of the most visible community ambassadors that the SAR has. They represent our organization at community events ranging from new citizen swearing in ceremonies to school functions and everything in between. The Pensacola SAR Color Guard unit has been inactive for a while now, and we would like to see who may be interested in helping re-activate the unit. If you've ever considered the idea, now is your chance! The more members we have in the unit, the easier the time commitment is for everyone.

Anyone interested in helping to re-activate the Pensacola SAR Color Guard unit, please email Chris at cwashler@cox.net. Once we have a measure of the level of interest, we will start taking the next steps.

Upcoming Events

June 7, 2016	Chapter Meeting, Judge Ed Butler, Former National SAR President General
July 8-13, 2016	National Society 126th National Congress, Boston, MA
July 12, 2016	Chapter Meeting, Officer Elections
August 9, 2016	Chapter Meeting

Officer Elections - July 12

It's that time of year when we elect our chapter officers who will lead the chapter over the next year. (Actually, we are a little late, but we've been a busy chapter this year!) If you've ever thought about serving your fellow compatriots as a member of the chapter Executive Board, now is your chance! All positions will be up for election. Nominations will be taken at the June 7th meeting, and elections will happen at the July meeting.