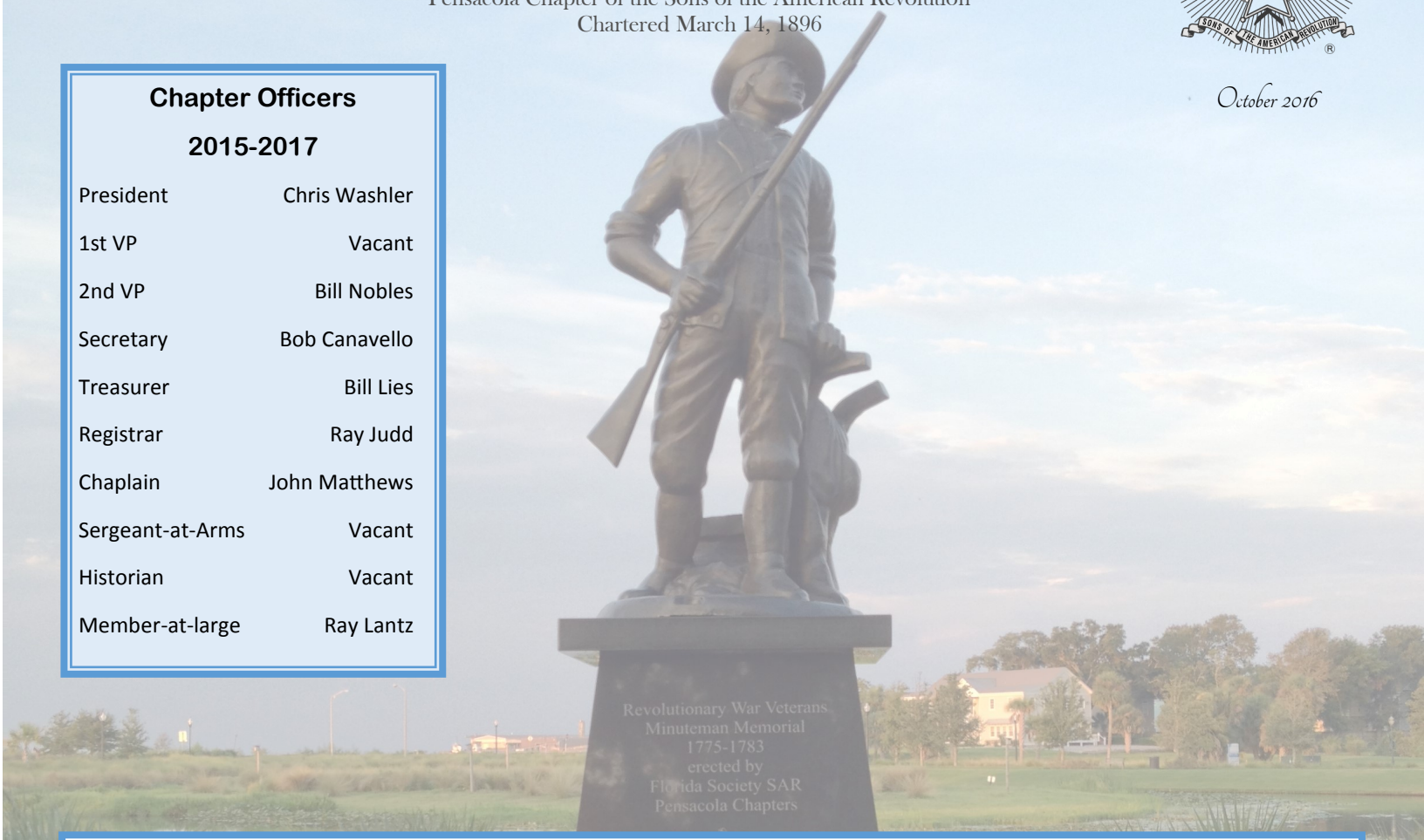
The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
Chartered March 14, 1896

October 2016



Chapter Officers

2015-2017

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

President's Message

If you haven't been able to join us for the past two months, you've missed out on some great times and surprise information on what was coming this year!

September was our annual fall picnic out at Blue Angel Recreation area over on Perdido Bay. We had around 20 members, prospective members and family with us on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon. (Unlike previous years, the deer flies stayed away for the most part.) More pictures from the picnic can be found on the Chapter Facebook page and website. All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon for everyone. Thanks to Ray Judd and Bob Canavello once again this year for making all of the arrangements and taking care of the cooking!

During our October meeting, we had a video presentation on the programs that the SAR offers for our youth. From the Eagle Scout awards to the Elementary School Poster Contest, the SAR offers programs and awards for youth of all ages that help to promote citizenship, and a greater understanding of the American Revolution and the founding of our country. Additionally, we discussed some of the programs and projects that we will be running this year including Wreaths Across America, Flag Recognition Certificates, the Knight Essay Contest and the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration. For more information on these projects and programs, read further in this month's newsletter. (*continued on page 2)*

President's Message (continued from p. 1)

Finally, in keeping with my newsletter message from last month, I announced my membership challenge for this year. As I said in last month's newsletter, my goal for the chapter this year is growth in all areas. To help facilitate the growth in membership numbers, I have issued a challenge to all members.

If you recruit on new member for the chapter between now and next September, you will receive your choice of one of the NSSAR Challenge coins pictured here. If you recruit three new members between now and September, I will be paying your Chapter level dues for next year. If you recruit five new members for our Chapter between now and next September, I will be picking up the full cost of your National, State and Local dues next year! It's just that simple, bring the chapter Registrar a qualified prospective member, and once their application is approved with you as the sponsor, your eligible for one of the challenge rewards. Ray has even said that he will help them complete the paperwork, as long as they have all of the documentation needed to prove their lineage.

One last note before I close, November's meeting has been moved up one week to November 1st. We did this for two reasons. The first is to avoid the conflict with election night, but the more important reason, is that retiring Congressman Jeff Miller will be joining us because we will be awarding Congressman Miller with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal. This is the highest award that a chapter can give to a non-member and we will be recognizing Congressman Miller for his years of service both to the district and to the nation's veterans. Please make sure you join us for this award presentation!

As I said last month, my goal for our chapter this year is growth, and I believe we are well on our way to achieving that goal already. I want our chapter to become a presence not only in our community, but also within the State Society. We are Florida's oldest Sons of the American Revolution chapter, and my goal is for our compatriots, our community and our State Society to look at our chapter and proudly say, "There's Florida's First!"

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

Our Patriot Ancestors

Sergeant John Grinter

John Grinter from Jamestown, PA is the patriot ancestor of Pensacola Compatriot Chad Nusbaum.

John Grinter enlisted as a Private in the Virginia Line in 1777. He was injured during the Battle of Brandywine, and then later that year, endured the winter at Valley Forge. He was taken prisoner during the siege of Charleston in May 1780, and is believed to have been held on a prison ship in Charleston Harbor for 15 months. was eventually released after a prisoner exchange in 1781. Sergeant Grinter was honorably discharged and given a 200 acre land grant for his service.

If you would like to have your patriot's biography featured here, please submit a bio no longer than 500 words in length to patriotbio@pensacolasar.org!

Genealogy Research Corner

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

Just a reminder that if you would like assistance in your genealogy research, you can submit a request to Ray Lantz.

Should anyone desire to take advantage of this chapter benefit, please send an email to rclantz@cox.net with your name and NSSAR Member # and the specific information required for the type query being submitted.

Committee Members and Chair Needed

We are in need of committee Chairmen and members for the following Chapter Committees. The time commitments aren't huge, and you would be helping to put the Pensacola SAR out in front of our community.

- Battle of Pensacola (members needed)
- Knight Essay Contest (Chair and members)
- Flag Recognition (Chair needed)
- History Fair (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!

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at https://wreaths.fnstport.com/donateLocation.html?page=17945&rplate=15626

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

___ Yes OR ___ No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual- 1 Wreath	$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card- If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the $2 fee is not included.	$2.00		
Family- 4 Wreaths	$60.00		
Small Business- 10 Wreaths	$150.00		
Corporate- 100 Wreaths	$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS*

In Honor of:

_____

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email:

_____

Mailing:

_____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State:

Please note that **all** sponsorships are sent directly to the location and **no** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: Barrancas National Cemetery FLBNCP Fundraising Group ID: Pensacola Chapter FLSSAR FL0307P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash $: _____ Total$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO $: _____

Entered: _____

GEN:

Upcoming Events

November 1	*** NOTE Change of Date *** Chapter Meeting, *Guest— Retiring Congressman Jeff Miller to receive SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal award*
December 13	Chapter Meeting (Program TBA)
December 17	Wreaths Across America, chapter members will be on hand at Barrancas to assist in placing wreaths on each of the more than 3,500 graves. ****If you would like to help the Pensacola SAR sponsor a wreath for one of our fallen U.S. veterans, please visit the chapter website and click on "Special Events" to the right of the page or use the enclosed form.****
January 10	Chapter Meeting (Program TBA)

Pensacola

Sons of the American Revolution 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.