The Pensacola Patriot

Pensacola Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
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2023-2024

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President's Message

Welcome to summer! Okay, well summer doesn't "officially" begin until June 21, but we are definitely into the full swing of the summer months with all of the accompanying heat, humidity, hurricanes (hopefully not!), outdoor activity and vacations. Summer is also traditionally a time when SAR activities slow down because compatriots re so busy with other activities. However, our chapter made the decision a couple years ago as we were coming out of the pandemic that we would keep going during the summer months so that we can keep our momentum going. As the chapter continues to grow this year, we are going to continue that "tradition" and plan to meet for June, July, and August.

You may notice that the newsletter looks a little different this month. Fonts have changed, and color schemes have changed. This is all in an effort to 1) keep the newsletter "fresh" and not something that you just glance at and then file away and 2) to make our local newsletter more consistent with the overall branding of the SAR on a national level. The colors and at least the major fonts now line up with the look and feel of the SAR national logo and branding. One of the biggest goals behind consistent branding is to make you recognizable at a glance. That's what we want to do with the SAR! We want to become so recognizable as an organization, that someone could see just the top part of our logo without any lettering and know exactly who we are. Or they could see the letters SAR in that particular font, and their mind immediately turns to our organization. Consistent branding is one of the keys to membership growth!

Another major key to membership growth (and even more important than branding) is for a ***(continued on page 2)***

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chapter to provide consistent opportunities for members to get involved and stay engaged with the organization. Whether it's consistent meetings or consistent programs, making sure members have a way to stay involved is one of our keys to retention.

This year, we've made great strides toward expanding opportunities for members to get involved. We successfully re-launched out youth programs with both the Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest, and hopefully in the coming school year, we'll be able to get entries in both of those plus the essay and oration contests! We've also started doing more community outreach in the form of being visible at community events as well as re-activating our Color Guard unit. And of course, let's not forget the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration/Galvez Days! This is our big event for the year, and this year was a huge success despite the storms in the morning!

This issue has a lot of pictures in it from everything that went on in the month of May. That's actually partially why we made this a May/June combined issue. I hope you enjoy the pics and maybe they inspire you to jump in and get involved in one of the many programs that the SAR has to offer!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting, and as always, 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

Did You Know?

"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!

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)

Involvement Opportunities

Below are just a few of the opportunities for you to get involved with the Chapter and help us live out our Mission!

- Youth Programs
  - Knight Essay Contest
  - Poster Contest
  - History Fair
  - Brochure Contest
- 250 by the 250th—Flag Recognition
- Eagle Scout Program
- America 250 Activities
- Color Guard
- Battle of Pensacola Commemoration
- Newsletter
- Website/Social Media

America 250—This month in the American Revolution

May and June were busy months during the American Revolution! Since so many significant events happened in those two months, here is a list of the more significant events and battles:

May:

1773 - Tea Act is passed which led to the Boston Tea Party later that year
1774 - Two of the Intolerable Acts are passed
1775 - Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys capture Fort Ticonderoga
1778 - Battle of Barren Hill, PA
1780 - Battles at St. Louis (now in Missouri), and Waxhaws, SC
1781 - Spanish Capture Pensacola, Battle of Ft. Granby, SC and the Siege of Ninety-Six, SC
1782 - American and Spanish Forces Capture Nassau, Bahamas

June:

1775 - George Washington is named Commander in Chief and the Battle of Bunker Hill
1776 - Richard Henry Lee proposes independence during the 2nd Continental Congress and Battle of Sullivan's Island
1777 - The first official flag of the United States was declared (Creating Flag day on June 14th)
1778 - Battle of Monmouth, NJ
1779 - Battle of Stono River, SC
1780 - Battle of Ramseur's Mill, NC
1781 - American's retake Augusta, GA

250 by the 250th

The 250 by the 250th program is going strong! We have officially crossed the passed the 100 nominations milestone, and we are quickly coming up on the half-way mark of 125! We definitely still need your help with nominations to reach the 250 mark by July 4, 2026! If you are driving by a house and it looks like their flag may qualify for recognition, write down the address and send in the nomination—we will even help you figure out who the homeowner is!! Someone from the committee will do a drive by after dark to ensure the flag is properly lit, and then we can recognize the community member!

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/.

In addition to nominations, the committee needs assistance in presenting certificates to businesses. Currently, we are mailing all of the residential certificates directly to the recipients, but we are trying to do presentations to businesses in person. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please reach out to either John Matthews (johnmatthews@cox.net) or Chris Washler (cwashler@outlook.com) and we will tell you what all is involved!

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 May and June.

Harry Dillard - 2 years

Joe Joseph - 2 years

Joe Dillard - 4 years

Ezra Wallner - 5 years

Andrew Cross - 9 years

Chris Washler - 11 years

New Compatriots

Please welcome these new Compatriots who joined the Pensacola Chapter in 2024!

Compatriot	***Month Approved:***	***Patriot:***
Christopher Matrone	January	William Kimbrough (Georgia)
David Mitchell	January	Michael Simon (Pennsylvania)
Geoffrey (Geo) Pittman	March	Samuel McGehee (Virginia)
William Moore	March	Nehemiah Davis (New Hampshire)

Patriot Ancestor Biography - William Kimbrough

NSSAR Patriot # 110380 (Compatriot Christopher Matrone)

William Kimbrough was born in 1735 within the Baden Precinct of the North Carolina Colony. He was married to Mary Smith(B.1735) Prior to 1755 and had a total of 7 Children reach adulthood.

William served as a Private in the Georgia Line Militia under the Command of Lt. Col. Elijah Clarke and was awarded a War Bounty Land Grant of 287 1/2 Acres of Land in what would be known as Greene County, Georgia after the British defeat.

William Kimbrough was called to service 10 years later to march against his previous commanding officer. In Early 1794, Elijah Clarke resigned as an american officer and was commissioned as a Major General by the French. Maj. Gen. Clarke invaded Creek lands as well as intent to expel the Spanish from Florida. Georgia Governor George Mathews was ordered by President George Washington to muster the Militia.

William Served under the muster roll rank of Scout or Spy from February 1794-June 1795 under the Command of Brg. Gen. Jared Irwin and Lt. Col. William Melton with sporadic leave periods in between. For his service, he was compensated with an average monthly pay of $180.13.

William died at his home in Greene County, Georgia in late 1803 at the age of 68 from an unspecified illness.

Branding the Sons of the American Revolution

While all compatriots have a pretty good idea of what the Sons of the American Revolution is about, sadly, far too many people out in our community don't understand what we are all about, and many simply don't even know that the SAR exists. The National Society has recognized that the SAR needs to be front and center as the country begins to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, and to that end, the Mission Statement for the SAR has been revamped, and the NSSAR Branding committee has put out an "elevator pitch" that compatriots can use to tell others about our organization.

Mission Statement:

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

"Elevator Pitch":

The Sons of the American Revolution promotes patriotism, serves the community, and inspires and educates the public about the history of the American Revolution.

I encourage each of you to become familiar with our Mission and the Elevator pitch! Use these to talk to others about the SAR and what we do in the community. Just by talking about who we are and what we do, we *will* grow in number as we head toward the 250th!

Compatriot Colonel Benjamin Findley, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) is Awarded the D.A.R. MEDAL OF DISTINCTION, by D.A.R. Regent Dyan Carpenter

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and its D.A.R.-Sons of the American Revolution Relations Committee awarded the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation & Outstanding Patriotic Service to Colonel Benjamin Findley on May 18, 2024.

The awards ceremony was held at the Pensacola Atlas Oyster House. The award is based on Hannah White Arnett's patriotic words and actions during the American Revolutionary War in 1776. She motivated discouraged men to remain loyal to the cause of American independence and was a true patriot. The first meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution Society was held August 9, 1890 by the first D.A.R. Chapter, the Hannah White Arnett Chapter, the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Fort Payne, Alabama Chapter was named after Arnett.

Upcoming Events and Happenings in the Chapter

July Chapter Meeting - there will be no chapter meeting during July this year - we will resume meeting in August!

September Meeting - The September meeting will be our Annual First Responders Awards!

Annual Chapter Picnic - The Annual Chapter picnic was put on hold during COVID, and there has bee a lot of interest expressed in getting that going again. We usually hold the picnic on a Saturday in October in place of our October meeting because the weather is a bit cooler and far fewer bugs to deal with! If anyone would like to Chair that event, please reach out to Chris at cwashler@outlook.com. There will be plenty of people who will jump in to help, but we need someone to chair it!

November and December Meetings - The nomination and election of our chapter officers will take place in November (nominations) and December (election) this year. The new officers will then take over starting in January. Officer positions that need to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Sgt. at Arms, and Member-at-large. Please reach out to any one of our current officers and they will be happy to tell you all about the position!

Ladies Auxiliary - The Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary is seeking more members from across the state. Pensacola's Ladies Auxiliary has not really existed per se for several years, but we are working on getting it going again. The Ladies Auxiliary usually helps support the activities of the chapter, and they help put together baskets for fundraising at the State level to help support the SAR's Educational programs. If any of your wives are interested, the Membership form is on the following page, and can be emailed to them as a fillable PDF form. They can contact Becky Washler at beckybray12@gmail.com.

Ladies Auxiliary
Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution

All New Membership applications must be mailed to the Registrar:

Kathy Markoe
294 Blackwater Place
Longwood, FL 32750
407-729-6031
daydreamr613@aol.com

Application for Membership

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FORM and mail to Kathy Markoe.

Date _____

Name _____

Husband's Name (if applicable) _____

Address + Zip+4 _____

Telephone + Area Code _____

Relationship to SAR Member (if applicable) _____

SAR Member's Name (if applicable) _____

FLSSAR Chapter (if applicable) _____

New Member's Email address _____

NSDAR Chapter (if applicable) _____

Application Fee	$10.00
State Membership Pin (optional)	$10.00
National Membership Pin (optional)	$12.00
Postage and Handling (if ordering Pins)	$ 7.00
Payable to: **LAFLSSAR**	Total Due

For Registrar Use Only:
Date Received Membership Application _____ Check #_____
Date pins mailed to Applicant (if ordered)_____
Registrar Updated Membership Roster Date _____
Date Mailed Copy of Membership Form & Check to Treasurer _____
Date Treasurer Received Membership Form & Check _____

May 17, 2024

2024 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

Friday, May 10, 2024

Florida SAR Annual Meeting

May 17-18, 2024

Pensacola Chapter

May Meeting, Flag Certificate Presentations, and JROTC Awards

Upcoming Events

June 17	Chapter Meeting Program TBD
July 11-15	NSSAR Congress Lancaster, PA
July 15	NO Chapter Meeting
August 19	Chapter Meeting Program TBD
September 16	Chapter Meeting First Responders Awards
October 11-12	FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers Orlando

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