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

I'm sitting down to write this right after having gotten back from the NSSAR Fall Leadership meetings up in Louisville, and right before heading to Orlando for the FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers meetings. (Well, hopefully we will be able to have those meetings. Hurricane Milton out there in the Gulf might have other ideas for us.)

I have to say that going to National and State meetings brings a whole new perspective on the SAR and what we do as an organization. I've gotten to see what other chapters are doing around the state and around the country, and also to hear what our National and State Societies are doing to support chapter activities and promote the SAR. I am genuinely excited about what lies in store for the SAR over the next few years! As we are headed toward the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, the mission of the SAR is more important now than ever before.

One of the "hot topics" at the Fall Leadership meeting this past weekend was membership. Nearly every committee at the National level was discussing what their committee could do to help chapters recruit, retain, and reinstate members. There was a lot of discussion around what chapters should be doing as part of their normal course of business to make being in the SAR something that our members value.

I have to tell you that I came away from those meetings feeling pretty darn good about what we here in Pensacola do in terms of delivering a valuable membership to all of you. Our chapter holds regular meetings where we socialize plus have an educational presentation. We have separate just purely social events - check out the information on the Chapter picnic later in the newsletter. We run projects where our members can get out ***(continued on page 2)***

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and make a difference in the community through our Youth contests, the Flag Recognition Program, History Fair, and so much more. And we even have started stepping up our activities around inspiring current and future generations through our activities such as the NB Cook History Night and the reactivation of our Color Guard unit.

We can be very proud of what we do here in Pensacola, and I am looking forward to seeing what we do over the coming years!

I want to remind everyone that we will NOT be having our normal chapter meeting this month because we will be having the annual Chapter picnic on October 20th instead. There is a flyer later in the newsletter with details on the picnic - please let me know if you are planning to attend so that we can make sure we have enough food for everyone!! It's always a great time, and a chance to just socialize with the other members - and don't forget that your spouses, kids, and grandkids are invited!

I also want to call attention to one article later in the newsletter about something of note for the Veterans in our chapter. I confess that we as a chapter have been lax in ensuring that our Veteran members have been receiving the proper recognition from the SAR for your service. Please take a moment to read about the Military Service and War Service Medals as well as the Veterans Battalion programs. If you qualify for any of these, please reach out to me as per the instructions in the article!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Chapter Picnic on October 20th. 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

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

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

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!

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!

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)

America 250—The First Continental Congress

In October 1774, the First Continental Congress took several actions in response to the British government's "Intolerable Acts":

Articles of Association

On October 20, 1774, the Congress adopted the Articles of Association, which called for a boycott of British goods and an embargo on exports if the Intolerable Acts were not repealed by certain dates.

Statements for the people of Great Britain and North America

On October 21, the Congress approved statements explaining the colonial position to the people of Great Britain and North America.

Petition to King George III

On October 26, the Congress drafted a petition to King George III outlining the colonists' grievances.

250 by the 250th

The 250 by the 250th program is nearing the half-way mark of 125! So far, we have recognized 49 homes, and 65 businesses for their patriotic display of the American Flag! However, 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 John Matthews (johnmatthews@cox.net) and he will tell you what all is involved!

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End of Summer Picnic

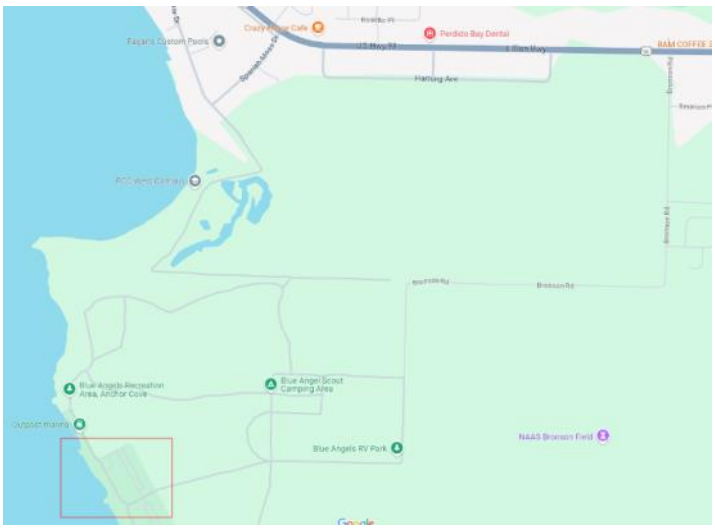
Sunday, October 20th
1:00 to 4:00 (or so)
at

Blue Angel Navy Recreation Area
2100 Bronson Road, Pensacola
(Off of Lillian Highway/Highway 98 just before you get to Perdido Bay)

The Chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, beverages, condiments and miscellaneous BBQ paraphernalia and utensils.

Please bring a side dish to share!!

Please R.S.V.P. by October 15
to cwashler@outlook.com or 380-1329 (leave message) so we know how much to bring.



Upcoming Events and Happenings in the Chapter

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. This year's picnic will be on October 20th at Blue Angel Recreation Area from 1:00 to 4:00. Look for more information soon!

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.

Veteran's Recognition

The SAR has numerous avenues by which we can recognize and support Veterans. There are three ways in which we have the ability to recognize the service that was rendered to our country by our Compatriot Veterans - membership in the Florida Veterans Battalion, awarding the Military Service Medal, and awarding the War Service Medal.

The Pensacola Chapter is undertaking an effort to ensure that all of our members who served in the Armed Forces get the recognition and thanks that they deserve. A few of our members are already members of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, and a few have even received one of the two appropriate medals to recognize their service. However, there are many of our compatriots who served in the military who have not yet joined the Veterans Battalion nor received the appropriate medal. All that is required for all of this is simply to provide the chapter with a copy of your DD-214 and fill out a quick form to register for the Veterans Battalion.

If you are a member of the Pensacola Chapter who has served in the Armed Forces, but has not joined the Veterans Battalion or has not received either the Military Service Medal or the War Service Medal, please reach out to Chapter President, Chris Washler at cwashler@outlook.com so that we can ensure that you receive proper recognition for the service that you rendered to our country!

Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who have SAR anniversaries in October.

Evan Newkirk-Zern - 4 years

Mark Bednar - 9 years

Woody Barnes - 22 years

Lonnie Jones - 30 years

Bob Canavello - 42 years

Color Guard - Nathan Hale Camp

Back in April of this year, after several years of being officially inactive, the Pensacola Chapter's Color Guard (officially known as the Nathan Hale Camp of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade) was reactivated! While the camp has not been very active yet, we are working on adding compatriots to the Color Guard unit, and to that end, during the July meeting, the Board of Directors asked the membership to approve a new budget line item for Color Guard Uniforms.

If any compatriot is interested in obtaining a color guard uniform, the chapter has now designated $1,000 annually to provide assistance for those compatriots who are assembling a color guard uniform. Any compatriot is eligible to receive $100 to help purchase their uniform. This $100 contribution toward a uniform is limited to 10 compatriots per year, and only one per compatriot.

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.

If you are interested in being part of this fantastic part of the SAR, all that is required is that you have a uniform and be willing to volunteer when called upon! (Oh, and be willing to have LOTS of kids and adults want their picture taken with you!)

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. (Pictures of the various types of uniforms appear on the next page of the newsletter.)

Each Color Guardsman can choose which type of uniform they would like to wear, and the Nathan Hale Camp will consist of both types of uniforms. For more information on what all goes into a uniform, you can take a look at this manual that was put together by the Georgia Society Color Guard: https://www.robertforsythsar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/The-Well-Dressed-Guardsman-2024.pdf

It is also worthy of note that while purchasing a brand new uniform can be an expensive endeavor, Compatriot Wesley Odom has let it be known that he has several uniforms for sale and his "prices are very attractive." If you are interested, contact Wesley at 850-497-6167. (I can personally attest to the fantastic quality and workmanship of these uniforms because my militia uniform is one of them!)

Color Guard Uniform Requirements

According to the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, the following are the requirements for Color Guard uniforms:
With respect to the Continental uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:
· A tricorn hat;
· A blue coat with either a buff, red or white facing and trim;
· White shirt and waistcoat;
· White or buff knee britches or fall-front trousers;
· Buckle shoes;
· A pair of white gloves.

With respect to the Militia uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:
· A hat – either tricorn or round;
· A hunting shirt;
· A white or checkered shirt;
· Long britches or fall-front trousers;
· Shoes (not necessarily buckle since the long pants leg will cover the buckle area).

In 2016, a uniform based on Scottish attire was approved by the National Color Guard Committee. This type of uniform is considered a militia uniform the basic uniform consists of the following:
· A hat – either tricorn or round;
· A white or checkered shirt with neck stock
· A waistcoat;
· A kilt (may be of a modern pattern since the actual tartans at the time are unknown);
· Knee socks with buckle shoes or knee socks with boot/moccasins

While these are the basics for each uniform, variations will exist, and participation will not be discouraged based on these variations. Another important consideration of the uniform is the type of fabric used in making the uniform and the accessories that accompany the uniform. Due to the time and expense of obtaining a uniform made from natural and more authentic material, many color guard members chose to obtain a less expensive uniform made from modern fabric, most often polyester or gabardine. These uniforms made from modern fabric are acceptable for all events except where the guardsman will fire a musket. For safety reasons, the SAR does not allow guardsmen in modern fabric uniforms to fire a weapon due the danger of melting fabric causing severe burns.

Where to obtain a uniform?

Here is a partial list of uniform vendors provided by the NSSAR Color Guard. Just type the listed name into Google, and it should help you find their website. G. Gedney Godwin, Townsends, and C&D Jarnagin Company have full uniform options for both Continental and Militia style. Other vendors listed may require you to piece together your uniform.

Bethlehem Trading Post • Smiling Fox Forge • Avalon Forge • Barkertown Sutlers • Burnley & Trowbridge Co. • C & D Jarnagin Company, • Cobb Creek - Fine Clothing • Custom Wig Company • Flintlocks, etc • MyFlintlocks, LLC • Ft. Downing Trading Co. • Fort Vause Outfitters • Fugawee • G. Gedney Godwin Online • HB Forge • Black Powder 411 • International Guns • Joe's Leather Works, LLC • Livonia Smithery • Loyalist Arms & Repairs • Military Heritage • Panther Primitives - • Samson Historical • Smoke&FireStore • Spring Valley Lodges • Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (2022 listing) • The Quartermaster General • Tennessee Valley Muzzleloading • Townsends • Track of the Wolf • Turkey Foot Trading Company • VA Flintlocks • Clearwater Hats • Ye Armes Shoppe

Color Guard Uniform Examples

Standard Militia uniform (pictured is compatriot Randy Turner

Colonial Officer's Uniform

Two examples of Colonial Line uniforms (one with knee britches and the other with full pants)

October

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SUNSET CRUISE ON PENSACOLA BAY

Event Date: Friday, Oct. 25,2024
Event Time: 4:30-6:30PM
Please RSVP to info@armadaadvisors.com or call (850) 497-6167 no later than October 15th with you and your friends name.

Parking will be at Commendencia Wharf/Ferry Landing. Boarding will be at 4:15PM with departure promptly at 4:30PM.

You and a friend are invited!

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided!

Ladies Auxiliary
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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 Upcoming Events

October 20	Chapter Picnic Blue Angel Recreation Area ***(NOTE: No chapter meeting in October since we are having the picnic!)***
November 18	Chapter Meeting Officer Nominations and Veterans Recognition
December 16	Chapter Meeting Officer Elections

Annual Dues

It's that time of the year again when annual dues are due! Watch your mailboxes for a mailed invoice and your inboxes for an email invoice. This year, for the first time, you can choose to pay by check as you always have, or pay by credit card via Club Express - the choice is yours!!

2025 dues MUST be received by December 1st to allow us time to get paperwork to the state!!

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