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 don't really know where the summer went, but here we are already at Labor Day which many consider the official end of summer. Although summer is over, September usually marks the beginning of the "busy" season for SAR programs - especially our youth contests! This year, Jeremy Findley has agreed again to chair our youth contests, and I'm sure he will welcome help from any compatriots who would like to get involved. For those who may not know, the SAR has contests for students of all ages:

- Elementary Poster Contest (grades 4-5)
- Middle School Brochure Contest (Grades 6-8)
- George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest (Grades 9-12)
- Rumbaugh Oration Contest (Grades 9-12)

And this year, the National Society has officially started the Youth Video Contest also for Grades 9-12!! Needless to say, we have contests for all ages and talents! And of course, we can't forget the Eagle Scout recognition and the Eagle Scout scholarship competition. We're hoping this year to increase participation in our Poster and Brochure contests, and also get some entries for the other competitions as well. If you know a student in any of those grades, spread the word!!

Our flag recognition program, 250 by the 250th, is going strong! We're coming up on the half-way point of our goal of 250 flag certificates, and we have just under 2 years left before the end date of July 4, 2026. There's more information a little later on in the newsletter if you want to know how to submit a nomination ***(continued on page 2)***

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for flag recognition!

There's also more information in this month's newsletter about Color Guard uniforms. At the August chapter meeting, the membership voted to authorize a "uniform fund" to help those compatriots who would like to join the Color Guard . Check out the article for more details!

There are a few events coming up in September and October that I want to draw your attention to. First up is that the chapter meeting on September 16th is our annual First Responders Awards where we recognize those first responders who have gone above and beyond. This is a heavily attended meeting, so please email me at cwashler@outlook.com if you are planning on attending . I want to make sure that Calvert's is prepared for us!

The second event in September is the N.B. Cook History Night on September 19th. Once again, we have been invited to attend, and this year, the theme for the night is the Battle of Pensacola!! We will have a table set up with some of the items from our Patriot Chest on display as well as information for the kids about the American Revolution and the Battle of Pensacola. If you would like to help out, please let me know!

The final two events are actually in October, but I want to give you advanced notice. The weekend of October 11-12, the State Society will have our fall meeting in Orlando with NSSAR President General Addington in attendance. Then on October 20th, we are going to re-start the annual chapter picnic!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September 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

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!

America 250—The First Continental Congress

This September marks the 250th Anniversary of the start of the First Continental Congress. on 5 September 1774, delegates from 12 of the 13 colonies met in Philadelphia to start the First Continental Congress. The meeting was held in response to the Intolerable Acts that had been passed by the British Parliament earlier that year. Delegates to the Congress included George Washington, John Adams, Patrick Henry, and John Jay, among others.

Actions of the First Continental Congress included declaring that colonists were entitled to the same rights as all other Englishmen, agreeing to form the Continental Association which called for suspending all trade with Great Britain, and drafting the first formal petition to King George III outlining the colonists' grievances.

While the First Continental Congress did not seek to dissolve the bonds with England and the rule of the British monarchy, the Congress did plant the seeds of Revolution and readied the American colonists to throw off British rule and begin establishing local government.

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 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

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 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)

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

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)

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!

Upcoming Events and Happenings in the Chapter

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. 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.

Member Anniversaries

These are the Pensacola Compatriots who have SAR anniversaries in July, August, and September.

Carl Black - 2 years

Frank Dillard Jr. - 3 years

Robert Dillard - 3 years

Nathanial Robinson - 6 years

Chad Nusbaum - 9 years

Bill Lies - 13 years

Jacob Boring - 14 years

Desmond Castro - 15 years

John Matthews - 16 years

Nelson Lantz - 18 years

Don Fowler - 18 years

Charles Spear - 18 years

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

Upcoming Events

September 16	Chapter Meeting First Responders Awards
September 19	N.B. Cook History Night NB Cook Elementary
October 11-12	FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers Orlando
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
December 16	Chapter Meeting Officer Elections

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