



THE BELLRINGER



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Meet & Greet

July 14, 2022

Members and Guests are Invited

To a Get Together

PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Finger Food

No Host Bar

Gift Basket Drawing

RSVP

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Save the Date

POW LUNCHEON
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

37th Annual Awards Recipients 2020 & 2021

We are happy to recognize our community members who received Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's National George Washington Honor Medals Awards in 2020 and 2021.



Chief Petty Officer Kwame Kusi Appiah,
USN

Adult Community

For his extraordinary leadership in action and his selfless volunteerism here in Pensacola, and wherever his Navy career takes him.

Jalen Benson
Adult Community

For his ingenuity and skillfulness in establishing the National Student Response Network which matches medical student volunteers with a variety of local organizations. (Jalen's Mom, Camellia Benson, accepted).



William and Deidra Johnson
Allen Community Development and
Services Center, Inc. (ACDSC)
Adult Community

For their altruism and outreach to various community needs, including meals for seniors, homeless individuals and needy families, AIDS testing sites, and collection of socks for hurricane ravaged communities in the Bahamas.

Gracie Coleman and Raegan Jones Youth Community

For serving their community by attending to the immediate needs of those less fortunate among us with snack-filled bags and positive messages of moral support, through their Pack-a-Sack program.



Captain Timothy F. Kinsella, Jr. Public Communications

For his efforts to strengthen the bonds between our military and civilian communities through his honest and insightful editorials published in our daily local newspaper, the Pensacola News Journal. (NAS PAO, Jason Bortz, accepted)

Ora Wills Public Communications

For her significant and profound impact on the preservation of the rich and diverse history of Northwest Florida through her writings and activism on behalf of under-served populations.



Carol Monroe Pensacola Council, Navy League, US Adult Community

Ms. Monroe and her assembly of volunteers from the Pensacola Council of Navy League for responding to the needs of our military personnel in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic by orchestrating the home-grow production of face masks, which was integral to the smooth and safe operation of local military life.

Marsha Travis
Favor House
Adult Community

Ms. Travis and the dedicated staff and volunteers for providing safe shelter, healing, and a productive path forward to victims of domestic violence.



Officer Mary Williams-Green
Adult Community

For her outstanding service to young people, for establishing positive relations between the community and Law Enforcement, and for generously giving of herself to improve the lives of so many young people as a high school Resource Officer.



Melanie Hendrix
Educator

For her dedication to the education of our children in American History and her civic involvements that model the very definition of engaged citizenship.



Bonnie Shiflett
Educator

For ensuring that our public school students are given opportunities to research and learn the rich history of our country, and then practice the ideals of citizenship from a very young age.



Dr. Marion Williams
Special Events
“Middle Passage to Pensacola Marker”

For spearheading the committee that successfully brought the Middle Passage Marker to the City of Pensacola, and in so doing increased our understanding of the whole of our American history.



Pat Crawford
Local Hero

For his significant and profound impact on the city of Pensacola as Executive Director of WUWF, local public radio, and as an engaged citizen, involved in many projects that result in the betterment of our community.

History Fair

FFVF Pensacola Chapter Award
Recipients, Escambia County History Fair

Senior Division Website
Grace Williams

Junior Division Historical Paper
Ananya Chaki





**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

**Pat Crawford
Beverly Reinschmidt**

**THANKS FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

FOR RENEWALS, SEE PAGE 9

Community Activities

Raise the Bar

Escambia County Schools provided extended training opportunities for district school teachers. In addition to teacher presentations, community organizations that support the educational system had an opportunity to share their services. FFVF Pensacola Chapter shared *Constitution* booklets, information about the annual Youth conference held in Valley Forge, PA, and information for Graduate program opportunities for teachers. We also provided energy boosting cookies for attendees.



WE CHALLENGE ALL TO REJECT APATHY AND GET INVOLVED

Did You Know ... ?

The Great Experiment for the Love of Liberty

Reference to America as “an experiment in democracy” or a “great experiment” conjures up contradiction. America has existed for nearly 250 years. How can something centuries old still be an experiment? Or could this idea be a warning as to the fragile nature of what our Founding Fathers had created?



As we explore the phrase as part of America’s Future series on our country’s founding documents, laws, traditions, symbols and icons, we are reminded that our founders were men of faith and deeply suspicious of human nature. As former royal subjects of Britain, they were well aware that all governments would tend toward tyranny if unchecked, and that it would be the depth of this new nation’s citizens’ love of liberty and freedom over generations that would be tested time and time again.

The phrase first appears to be found in a 1790 letter by the father of our great country, George Washington to Catharine Macaulay, a British historian and advocate of liberty, following her visit to America in 1784-85, when she stayed with Washington and his family at Mount Vernon and met with many of the Founding Fathers and veterans of the War of Independence.

In the letter to her, Washington wrote: “The establishment of our new Government seemed to be the last great experiment for promoting human happiness.” Later, Thomas Jefferson, known as the Father of the Declaration of Independence and a primary author of the U.S. Constitution, used the word “experiment” in reference to the birth of the nation when he wrote in 1804, “No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact that man may be governed by reason and truth.”

What these visionary leaders meant by “experiment” is the fact that America, having been created as a new nation founded on individual rights and limited government, had never been done before. The idea that free men could both protect their freedom while establishing a government that could function effectively was unheard of. Certainly, they knew that nation states come and go. And yet, they were willing to risk everything, even their lives, on this experiment because of their great love of liberty and deep desire that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people could endure the test of time.

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate its 250th anniversary of independence. The cautionary words of those courageous fighters for freedom so many years ago still ring true for our nation today. At America’s Future, we embrace our Founding Fathers foresight in their warning to never quit the fight for freedom and dedicate our work so that this great experiment – called America – survives for future generations to carry the torch of freedom onward.

Reference: <https://www.americasfuture.net/newsletter/the-great-experiment-for-the-love-of-liberty/>

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APPLICATION FOR PENSACOLA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

2022

Please Print Clearly

Name (Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Dr.) _____ Date _____
 _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____
 _____ Telephone _____

Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Desired

Patriot (Basic)	\$30.00 - Membership + newsletter
Dual Patriot	\$45.00 - Membership + newsletter
Family Patriot	\$60.00 - Membership + newsletter
Patriot Academic (Full time student)	\$15.00 - Membership + newsletter
Patriot Military (Active Duty).	\$25.00 - Membership + newsletter

Scholarship Fund Donation: Will be used exclusively for sending students to Valley Forge Youth Conference. \$ _____

Other donation \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

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