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Meet & Greet

JULY 1ST, 2021

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED

TO AN OPPORTUNITY

TO GET TOGETHER

PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB

4:30 - 6:30 PM

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GIFT BASKET DRAWING

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POW LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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Flag Day

Celebrated on June 14

Did You Know ... ?



1. Flag Day in the United States is celebrated on June 14, commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the American flag on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.
2. Waubeka, Wisconsin is the city that claims to be the national birthplace of Flag Day when Bernard J. Cigrand held the first recognized formal observance of Flag Day at the Stony Hill School in 1885.
3. Sarah Hinson, a school teacher in Buffalo, NY, began Flag Day exercises, teaching the children to salute the flag and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to instill respect for the flag in her students in 1891.
4. Historians credit two early designs of the U.S. flag to an author, judge, and composer who was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Francis Hopkinson.
5. The 48-star flag was in effect for 47 years. The 50-star flag is the longest used version and has been in use for over 60 years. It was ordered by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 21, 1959.
6. In accordance with Flag Code Sec. 7(m), the President and the Governor of a state are the only persons who can legally order a flag to be flown at half-staff in mourning of a highly regarded figure.
7. The blue rectangle containing 50 stars is known as the "Union." The flag's stripes represent the 13 British Colonies that declared independence.
8. Modern scholars do not generally accept the story that Betsy Ross was hired by a group of American founders to design the flag. However, it is documented that Ross produced uniforms, tents, and flags for the Continental forces.
9. The week of June 13 - 19, 2021, is designated as National Flag Week.
10. Mary Young Pickersgill received the contract to make the large flag flown over Ft. McHenry during the 1814 British attack. It was 30 x 42 feet and weighed 50 pounds.

Introducing Pensacola's 2020 National Award Winners

Even though we had to postpone our award banquet until March 2022 due to COVID restrictions, we want to recognize our Award Winners now. We are proud to announce that out of the 27 National Awards presented, Pensacola's Chapter nominees received 9 of them.



PO Kwame Kusiappiah,
USN

Adult Community - George Washington Honor Medal

PETTY OFFICER KWAME KUSIAPPIAH, USN - Logistics Specialist First Class (Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare) Kwame Kusiappiah, USN, is a well-rounded model Sailor and leader. His remarkable selfless contributions in volunteerism are truly impressive. His goal to improve the partnership between the United States Navy and the Santa Rosa and Escambia County communities is an ongoing vigorous effort. Throughout the year, Petty Officer Kusiappiah has volunteered in a wide variety of organizations throughout the local community. He certified, recruited, organized, and participated in events reaching every socio-economic demographic in the community through Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Pensacola (BBBS), Naval Air Station Pensacola, United Service Organization (USO) and Elementary Schools. As the only Command President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) Certifying Official, he personally organized and

certified more than 3,000 volunteer hours, rewarding seven PVSAs to service members. Petty Officer Kusiappiah is the exact testament of extraordinary leadership in action and is highly deserving of being recognized by the awarding of the George Washington Honor Medal.



Officer Mary Williams-Green

Adult Community - George Washington Honor Medal

OFFICER MARY WILLIAMS-GREEN - For the past 5 years she has been the SRO, the School Resource Officer at Pensacola High School. Principal David Williams commented, "Our students don't see her as a police officer, but someone who cares... they don't see that she is in a uniform or has a gun. She has done a great job building a relationship between the school and the Pensacola Police Department." Officer William-Green has arranged a coordination with Manna Food Bank to provide needy children with food that has been expanded as a best practice for the entire state of Florida. She has collected dresses for young ladies to wear to Prom night, and this year arranged for hair and make-up as well. Mary has also arranged a special night of skating at a local skating rink, just

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OFFICER MARY WILLIAMS-GREEN -

for high school seniors. She was presented with the Florida 2019 Police Officer of the Year, recognized by the Florida Senate in Tallahassee at the opening of the session, and featured in a local TV show. Officer Williams-Green has a reputation of excellence and has highlighted what it means to be a female law enforcement professional.



Adult Community - George Washington Honor Medal -

FAVOR HOUSE - Healing Domestic Abuse Victims -

SUE HAND and MARCIA TRAVIS, have worked for 35 years

providing guidance, shelter and support - both physical and emotional to parents and children in the Escambia/Santa Rosa County area. In 2019, they housed 400 women and children in the shelters and served another 800 with counseling. A 24-hour crisis telephone line is located

within the shelter facilities and at two outreach centers. In addition to providing security, Favor House administers a scholarship program for career development. The second part of their mission is to hold offenders accountable. Favor House attorneys represent victims and petition the court for orders of protection at no charge.

PENSACOLA NAVY LEAGUE



Citizens in Support of Our Sea Services



Adult Community - George Washington Honor Medal -

PENSACOLA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE -

CAROLE MONROE, as the project coordinator, answered the plea to secure COVID 19 masks for the incoming students, staff and other base personnel attending the Naval Air Station Pensacola Naval Aviation return from patrol. All in all, over 2,300 masks were made and distributed for the active duty military personnel that serve us each day.

In less than one week, an initial inventory of 700 masks were hand-made and delivered to NASC. In addition, requests came in from the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter DECISIVE, prior to her return from patrol. All in all, over 2,300 masks were handmade and distributed for the active duty personnel that serve us. This team effort could not have been possible without the oversight of Carole Monroe.

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Jalen Benson

Adult Community - George Washington Honor Medal -

JALEN BENSON, a first year medical student at Harvard Medical School, was sent home to Pensacola in March of 2020 due to the coronavirus. Wanting to help healthcare workers and learn from the pandemic, he founded the National Student Response Network (NSRN), to connect healthcare students around the country to areas where volunteers were needed. In a matter of weeks, the program grew to over 5,000 student volunteers, who were delivering PPE equipment, contact tracing, providing food delivery for the elderly and phlebotomy. NSRN directors in all 50 states worked to connect with public health departments, hospitals and nonprofits to provide volunteers.



Bonny Shiflett

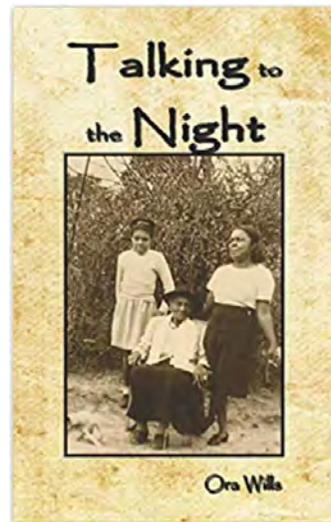
Educator - George Washington Honor Medal

BONNY SHIFLETT is a third grade teacher at Lipscomb Elementary School whose passion for United States history and sharing it with her students is infectious. She was selected as Escambia County's Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the year in 2018. She is making a difference at her school and reaching out to other teachers district-wide to share her love of history and our nation. Mrs. Shiflett has embraced the idea of teaching literacy and American history through the use of novels. Her students research American Patriots and the research and presentation skills they acquire in this process build the foundation that enables them to research and compete in our district's history fair in 5th grade and beyond.

Public Communications - George Washington Medal -

TALKING TO THE NIGHT

ORA WILLS has given our country the gift of her voice and the legacy of its vibrant narrative. She has devoted thousands of hours researching and documenting the life experiences of African-American residents as well as nearly half a century educating young people who would go on to make impacts of their own. Now, as a retired teacher, she continues to devote her time and energies in work that chronicles the struggles of southern families that survived the heinous Jim Crow era and its atrocities to emerge resilient and accomplished. Her extensive research and requests of local African-Americans to share their family stories resulted in the publication of 5 volumes of non-fiction stories and poems. Her latest offering is a compilation of her own poetry in *Talking to the Night*.



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Youth Community - George Washington Medal

PACK-A-SACK

GRACIE COLEMAN AND RAEGAN JONES, two local high school students deeply involved in sports and social clubs, have redirected their energy and focus to a cause not often tackled by teens - hunger among the



homeless population. Paper sacks are filled with nutritious items that include a sandwich, bottled water, oranges, chips, cookies, and sanitary wipes. Each bag is decorated with a personal cheerful note of hope and support. Pack-a-Sack began with 20 bags and quickly grew to 50. When asked about the project's goal, the young organizers quickly responded, "as many as possible." They recognize that the pandemic will eventually fade, but hunger will not.

Raegan Jones and Gracie Coleman

Youth Essay –George Washington Honor Medal on Neck Ribbon

AMY ZHANG - This year's topic was **The Indispensable Right of Citizens to Challenge Laws.**

Amy argues that it is the right of citizens to protest against laws that do not showcase justice and support the bestowed rights of citizens. Citizens who challenge an unjust law possess the highest appreciation and regard to laws. She quotes the Fourteenth Amendment "No State shall make or enforce any law which ... deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Changes in laws are essential for the improvement of the lives of Americans.

Youth Essay Certificates

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Total amount \$ _____

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