



**PAS MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

**TUES, JUNE 8, 7:00 PM**

**Spain's Defense of Pensacola**

**and**

**the Fortifications Left Behind in 1821**

Carrie Williams-Hannah, Cultural Resources Officer for Naval Air Station Pensacola, will present this month's program. This presentation will review Spanish efforts to fortify Pensacola against the relentless attacks by American forces in the years prior to final transfer to the United States in 1821, and what fortifications remained.

**Register For the June meeting:**

<http://bit.ly/JunePAS2021>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://pasfl.org>

June 8, 2021 PAS Zoom Membership meeting

Since their first settlement in 1559, the Spanish were determined to possess Florida to ensure control of the Gulf Coast and exclusive access to valuable resources discovered in the New World. Fortifications in Pensacola helped secure Spanish control for many non-contiguous years until

American expansion finally forced Spain out of Florida for the last time.

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Carrie Williams—Hannah has been Cultural Resource Officer at Naval Air Station Pensacola since 2010. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Alabama, and a MA in Historical Archaeology from the University of West Florida. She worked in the private sector for over 10 years, mainly on Department of Defense contracts in the Southeast and for the U.S. Forest Service in Louisiana for a couple of years. As the Cultural Resources Manager for NAS Pensacola she manages 90 archeological sites located across more than 8,200 acres, nearly 200 historic facilities, and 8 historic districts, one of which is a National Historic Landmark District.

## **RENEW YOUR PAS MEMBERSHIP**

Our year is January through December. If you have not renewed in 2021, this is your last newsletter. Mail in your renewal to:

PAS, PO Box 13251, Pensacola, FL 32591. Regular-\$15, Family-\$20, Student-\$6 or use PayPal

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

UWF and FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LABS– are closed until further notice.

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

### **MEETING LINK TO REGISTER FOR JUNE 8:**

<http://bit.ly/JunePAS2021>

Meeting links will be available on our website, Facebook and in this newsletter. Additionally, the link to register for each presentation will be emailed to PAS members. Advance registration is required to join each meeting. Need more ZOOM INFO - there are tutorials on Zoom

## **FPAN INFORMATION**

The Florida Public Archaeology Network has canceled all public events until further notice. FPAN is continuing their “virtual” activities. Check the website for details.

Visit FPAN’s newsletter online and website for more information.

Destination Archaeology Resource Center is open Thurs, Fri, & Sat.

**Pensacola Archaeology Society**  
**Honors the Bicentennial Commemoration of**  
**Florida Becomes a Territory of the United States**  
**1821-2021**

**What Was Happening in Pensacola in 1821?\***

\*June 8: Carrie A. Williams- Hannah, Cultural Resources Manager, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, will discuss NAS Forts of 1821.

July 13: Dr. Brian Rucker, Professor of History, Pensacola State College, will present the local and regional history of 1821

July 17: Ceremony commemorating Spanish to US transfer. See p. 5.

Aug. 10: Margo Stringfield, UWF Archaeology Institute,

ALL VIRTUAL LECTURES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM. SEE THE PAS FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE FOR HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING. ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

★ OTHER 200th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE *VISIT PENSACOLA WEBSITE*  
[visitpensacola.com/200th](http://visitpensacola.com/200th)

\*This year we will continue our programs through the summer. Usually we take a summer break, but we have so much to celebrate and we will include more programs this year. Since we can view the presentations on line, we can see them even if we are far from home. Enjoy!

## Celebrating Escambia County's 200th Anniversary!

Escambia County turns 200 years old Saturday, July 17, 2021. Created on the same date in 1821, Escambia and St. Johns counties were Florida's two original counties, covering the entire territory within modern state boundaries. The Suwannee River was the border between Escambia and St. Johns counties, which follows a winding path from the northern border of the state to the Gulf of Mexico. Essentially, the Escambia County government had jurisdiction over the "panhandle" and "big bend" areas, and St. Johns over the remainder of the entire state.

The 200th Anniversary Commission has planned many activities for this celebration. These have included a series of stories in the Pensacola News Journal highlighting every aspect of Escambia County's history and growth as well as lectures and other performances.

The finale will be on July 17 at Museum Plaza. At sunrise, the Santa Rosa Creek Tribe will offer a blessing at Museum Plaza. Escambia County refers to the blessing as "a gracious and poignant reminder that today, we gather in respect for all people and to honor those who came before us." \*\*All are welcome to attend; however, filming, recording and photography are not allowed.

Then later that morning, a formal program will take place in the Historic Pensacola Village of Museum Plaza, exactly 200 years after the exchange of Spanish and American flags, and Navy musicians will play The Star Spangled Banner. Hispanic musicians will drift through the village and performers of African descent will dance in the Plaza just as they did 200 years ago .

Programming is structured to reflect the community's rich and diverse heritage that makes Pensacola what it is today.