

# Sons of the American Revolution

Palm Beach Chapter



Florida Society



## The Patriot

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*Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends,*

Join us for a special program to **Honor 2 Local Law Enforcement Officers Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>** @ 12 Noon @ Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Rd. WPB.

Don't wait **RSVP Today as** this event fills up fast, **enjoy good Fellowship & a wonderful 2-Course Buffet Lunch, 2-Deserts & Beverages @ just \$35** cash/check/credit card @ the door. **Bring your friends too! RSVP On Line or Don Lanman, [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com).**

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## President's Message:

### **Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...**

Join us on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** to honor 2 local **Law Enforcement Officers** and hear their exciting stories of service. We'll show our appreciation for these professionals who put their lives on the line to keep us safe with **Law Enforcement Commendation Medals**.

The April meeting was an overwhelming success with a special **Patriot Profile** by **President Peter Johnston** detailing his **Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors** from Virginia and West VA clearly illustrating the contribution of the Scot/Irish/Germans who populated the area.

Johnston's presentation included stimulating stories of settlements, Indian raids, famous RW battles plus a series of pictures of the ancestors and their homes in Virginia, many that are still standing.



**Patriot Profiles** give our members an opportunity to tell us a little about their patriot ancestors in written form and, if so inclined, share their profile with all Compatriots at Chapter meetings.

This profile, in turn, can be submitted to **NSSAR** for inclusion in its database under the **Patriot Biographical Sketch**. Compatriot Lanman has volunteered to assist any Compatriot with their Patriot Bios.

Due to the hard work of Chapter Officers, Compatriots, and DAR referrals, we currently have 170 members with another 12 in the pipeline as we continue to grow in both number and stature.

The **Chapter's Vision** remains to perpetuate the ideals of our nation's founders, as true and selfless servants of individual Freedom, and a country of laws encapsulated in the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** for a republic **Of, By & For the People**.

At our recent Board/Officers meeting we discussed the year ahead and some initiatives we would like to undertake in addition to our existing civic programs and meetings. Two of these initiatives are Veteran Services, Scholarships, Community Service Projects, **Patriot Profiles** and updating the Chapter by-laws.

We also have a number of committee volunteer opportunities within our **Palm Beach Chapter** including **Youth Programs**, **First Responder** recognition, **Veteran** services, **Flag Certificate** program and many more. Please step up to help on a committee of particular interest to you.

The Chapter continues to support the **Nation's Project 250** by perpetuating the SAR core beliefs that the United States was founded upon, especially, honoring those who serve our country in the military, the community and those teaching the next generation that our **249** years of freedom has come at a great price and is easily lost.

**FMR President Ben** Tidwell presented the **Eagle Scout Award, Medal** and a check to **Sasha DiMare**, who is also the winner of the SAR State competition as well.



**Chapter Secretary Bob Boggs** inducted **Compatriot Steve McGillicuddy** into the Chapter. McGillicuddy is a Law Enforcement Officer with the Jupiter PD.



**Chapter Jr. Compatriot Beau Kimler** honored the Chapter by completing his term as a State Senate Page in Tallahassee. Congratulations Beau, well done!



**Compatriot Pete Miller** was the winner of the 50/50 Raffle and donating his winnings to Eagle Scout Sasha DiMare. Congratulations Pete and thank you!



Ongoing Chapter **Veterans Service** programs include providing Volunteers supporting the *West Palm Beach VA Hospital, Fisher House*, VA Veterans homeless food projects and serving as an **Ambassador** and supporter of the **Florida Veterans Foundation** providing direct services to Florida's 1.6 Million Veterans.

As an **FVF Ambassador**, the Chapter is supporting **Florida Veterans Foundation Gadsden Flag "Don't Tread on Me" Specialty Florida License Plate**, fundraising program. **\$25** from each license plate sold will benefit Florida Veterans in need. License plates are available online at [www.HelpFLVets.org](http://www.HelpFLVets.org) or at local Florida vehicle offices.



**Help your Chapter by attending all meetings.** While our meetings continue to be well attended by dozens of **Compatriots, DAR Daughters** and **Guests** to hear interesting speakers and share soul refreshing fellowship, **we need more guests** to meet the **minimum** required by the Hotel or the Chapter Loses Money. **So please**, personally attend all meetings, invite family members and friends to join you at our meetings.

**DAR Daughters**, thank you for Recruiting **Husbands, Sons, Grandsons, Friends** and civic-minded men interested in honoring their **Patriot Ancestors** and enjoying good fellowship. **Remember SAR membership is open to all males from Age 0 to 100+.** **Call it a Holiday or Birthday gift**, no wrapping, and no returns. **All Chapter Compatriots** are encouraged to actively support all **DAR Chapters** by attending their meetings, activities and related patriotic events. **Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters**, we look forward to seeing you and your guests on **April 16.**

***Patriots, join me in remembering our Patriot Ancestors, Dear Departed Compatriots & Especially our Nation's Military & Veterans  
God Bless You! God Bless the United States of America!***

***Yours in Patriotism – Peter Johnston, Chapter President***



## Hear Ye-Hear Ye....Chapter Editorial

*Don Lanman-Editor & FMR Chapter President 2016,17,21,22*

*~LIBERTAS ET PATRIA~*

*~LIBERTY & COUNTRY~*

***My Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters and Friends, I know that you all have time on your hands... So, will you please assist me with Newsletter Content!***

This is a special request for readers to submit newsletter articles in the form of ***Patriotic, Revolutionary War, Family Patriot Bios, Family Lore, Ancestors, Genealogy, Veteran Stories, Special Activities, Events*** etc.

***Join the Fun... Share your Family history, Ancestor & Patriot Bios!*** We all enjoy sharing stories about family histories, don't we, especially about our ***Patriot Ancestors*** who sacrificed so much for our Nation.

To tell your story of how you became a member of the ***SAR*** or ***DAR***, simply provide your history in a word document to publish and or pick a meeting date and I'll help you develop your 5–10-minute Bio presentation, contact me @ [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com). ***Please*** submit your content to the ***Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor*** in a Word document format to [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com).

***Note:*** publication of submitted content is not guaranteed, may be edited, and becomes the property of the ***PB Chapter SAR***.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest and one of the largest Chapters in the State we're proud of our Chapter whose members includes ***2 National Officers, 1 SAR President General, 1 National/International Inspector General, 1 SAR Minuteman Medal, 3 SAR Gold Citizenship Medals*** and ***10 Patriot Medals***.

***My fellow Compatriots***, as community leaders, we must commit to attending all Chapter, State and ***National Conferences*** to make our voices heard. So, schedule the time to get involved to protect our heritage.



## ~2024 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

Visit the **SAR Palm Beach Chapter** web site @ [www.FLSSAR.org/palmbeachSAR](http://www.FLSSAR.org/palmbeachSAR) for general information, newsletters, pictures, and related links.

- April 16, **Law Enforcement Recognition**, Guest Speaker
- May 21, **Firefighters/EMT Recognition**, Guest Speaker
- October 15, **Special Guest Speaker**
- November 19, **Special Veterans Program**
- **2025** January 21 **Officer Installations, Awards**, Guest Speaker
- Feb. 18, **Special Guest Speaker**
- March 18, **Special Guest Speaker**
- April 15, **Special Guest Speaker**

## ~2024 Officers & Board Members:

- President, **Peter Johnston**
- Vice President, **TK Krumenacker**
- Secretary, **FMR President Bob Boggs**
- Treasurer, **Peter Johnston**
- Registrar, **Bob Boggs**
- Chaplain, **FMR President Benjamin Tidwell**
- Historian, **FMR President Donald Lanman**
- Sgt. @ Arms, **FMR President Greg Parkinson**
- Chapter Genealogist, **FMR President Bob Boggs**
- Patriot Newsletter Editor, **FMR President Donald Lanman**
- Note: **Officers & FMR Presidents are Voting Board Members**

## ~SAR National, State, & Chapter Events 2024:

- ✓ **Missing In America Project, So. FL. Nat. Cem., 4/25**
- ✓ **Battle of Pensacola, Ceremony Pensacola, FL 5/8**
- ✓ **FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting Orlando 5/17**
- ✓ **Flags 4 Fallen Veterans, S. FL Nat. Cemetery 5/26**
- ✓ **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day 5/27**
- ✓ **SAR National Congress, Lancaster, PA July 2024**
- ✓ **DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony, Lake Worth, TBD**

**~Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!  
Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter Websites.**

**~Feature Articles~**  
**~Meeting & Event Pictures~**



***Lt. Colonel Samuel Elbert***



***Ambush at Thomas Creek***

# **“Thomas Creek Massacre”**

**Revolutionary War's Southernmost Battle In Florida**

**By Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman**

Officers and members of the National, State and Palm Beach Chapters of SAR and DAR honored the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the southernmost battle of the Revolutionary War at the battle site on Florida's *Seaton Creek Historic Preserve* near Jacksonville, Florida.

When the American War of Independence began residents of the new British colonies of Northern Florida did not seek separation from England as did the 13 colonies. As a result, Florida remained comparatively free of serious fighting throughout the Revolutionary War.

However, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1777, Americans initiated a land and sea invasion of East Florida in retaliation for loyalists' incursions into Georgia and with a goal of capturing St. Augustine with its port and supplies.

The American expedition was composed of 300 Continental Army regulars from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Regiments commanded by Lt. Colonel Samuel Elbert and supported by 100 Georgia militia cavalry led by Colonel James Baker.

The British East Florida St. Augustine garrison under the command Brigadier General Augustine Prevost included battle hardened British Regulars, loyalist rangers, militia cavalry, and local "Creek" Indian allies.

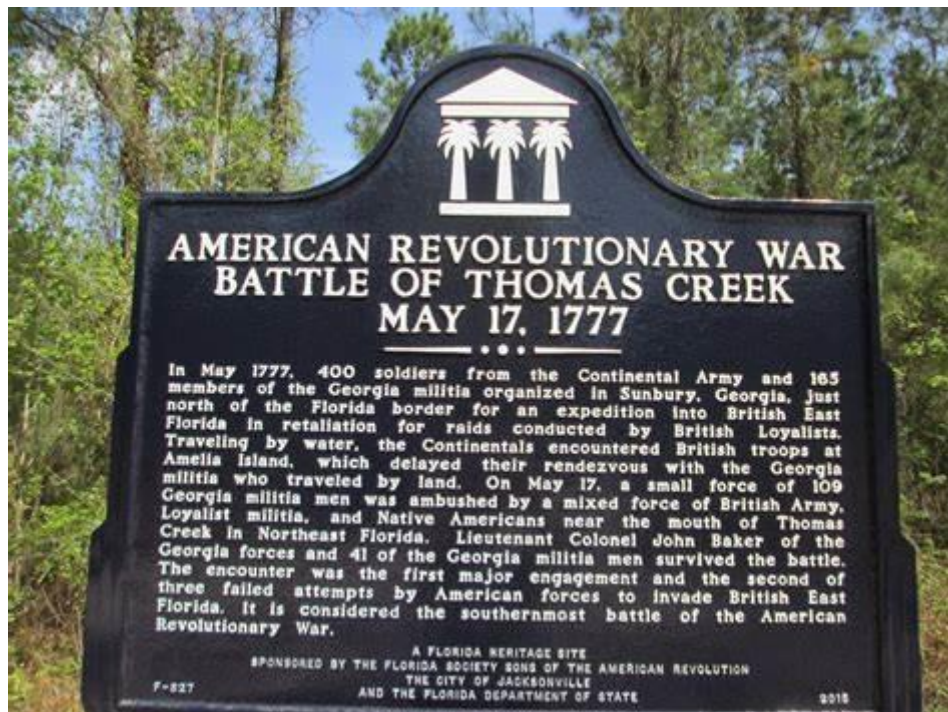
The British received advance knowledge of the pending invasion and on May 17th, the land element of the Colonial army was attacked by British Regulars commanded by Major J.M. Prevost supported by loyalist rangers and Indians commanded by Colonel Thomas Brown.

Known as the "Battle of Thomas Creek", or the "Thomas Creek Massacre", the battle took place at Thomas Creek near the Nassau River. The successful British ambush surprised and routed the Continentals who were outnumbered due to the flotilla failing to reach its rendezvous point.

After suffering heavy casualties, the American forces, discouraged by the ambush and failure of the flotilla to provide needed troops and supplies, retreated from Florida. In 1778 another Colonial expedition against the East Florida garrison also failed to capture St. Augustine at the "Battle of Alligator Bridge".

While the battle itself was a minor engagement in the scope of the Revolutionary War, the failed attempts to capture St. Augustine prompted the British to send forces from New York, supported by the St. Augustine garrison, in December of 1778 to capture Savannah and reestablish royal authority in Georgia.

**Note:** The Thomas Creek Battle site is located on the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park near Jacksonville, FL. Traveling south on I-95 at Exit 366 head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles north of the Jacksonville airport). GPS N30.521109; W81.670325



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# SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

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# Compatriots & DAR Daughters Enjoy Fellowship...



## **Join to the President's Brigade, Support Youth Programs...**

The **Palm Beach Chapter** provides the **Alex Dreyfoos History Scholarships** to colleges and universities including **Palm Beach Atlantic University** and **Palm Beach State College**. These colleges educate our youth on the values of **Patriotism, God** and **Country**, train them for productive careers in our community and help develop their character as the leaders of tomorrow.

The **Palm Beach Chapter** honors and expresses its sincere appreciation to **Alex Dreyfoos**, and the many **Compatriots** who contribute financially to the **President's Brigade**.

The dedicated members of the **President's Brigade** donate **"Extra Dollars"** in support of the Chapter's many **youth programs, scholarships, award certificates, police/firefighter/EMT medals, veterans' projects, community and civic programs. Help** increase the scholarships this year by donating a few dollars to the **Presidents Brigade** in support of these **"Students of Character"**.

### **~JOIN THE 2024 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~**

#### **~ Honored Presidents Brigade Members~**

##### **❖ Bronze Level: \$25-\$99:**

*M. Anderson, D. Bird, A. Cass, R. Culpepper, S. Curry, D. Coldwell, J. Dorsey, W. Davis, K. Davis, F. Devitt, J. Harper, J. Kane, P. Johnston, R. Linn, P. Miller, McCampbell, R. Miller, G. Odell, G. Scott, A. Shea, P. Spencer, Watkins, J. Wearn, M. Wess*

##### **❖ Silver Level: \$100-\$199:**

*S. Barber, S. Curry, T. Friend, B. Gunter, G. Green, A. Griswold, E. Jonas, P. Miller, W. Meakin, W. Richards, T. Smith, W. Told, D. Wratishaw*

##### **❖ Gold Level: \$200-\$499:**

*R. Bright J. Curry, W. Johnson, TK Krumenacker, J. Wynns, W. Warwick*

##### **❖ Platinum Level: \$500+**

*J. Annan, W. Adams, B. Boggs, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, G. Mitchell, G. Parkinson, B. Tidwell, R. Wess, C. Wetherill*

**Thank You for Supporting Chapter Youth & Civic Programs**

## Chapter Committees, Chairs & Members:

**Fellow Compatriots.....**The Chapter expresses its sincere appreciation to those members who volunteer to serve on our committees. As you can see a few Compatriots are serving on multiple committees and could use some extra support! **Just choose your committee of interest.**

It doesn't take much time and is a major help with our many civic and youth initiatives. **Support your Chapter, call Chapter President Don Lanman @ 561-315-5073** to lend a hand on any of the following committees...

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ➤ 2025 Officer Nominations       | -Chapter Membership         |
| ➤ JROTC & Boy Scouts             | -Tidwell, Lanman            |
| ➤ Law Enforcement-Fire Safety    | -Parkinson, Wess            |
| ➤ Veterans Affairs               | -Lanman, Tidwell, Kimler    |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity           | -Lanman, Bird               |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration  | -Tidwell, Boggs             |
| ➤ American History Teacher       | -Boggs, Bird                |
| ➤ Medals/Awards                  | -Tidwell, Lanman, Boggs     |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison                | -Lanman, Parkinson, Tidwell |
| ➤ Speakers Bureau                | -Lanman, Bird, Boggs        |
| ➤ Financial Audit                | -Johnston, Bird             |
| ➤ Flag Certificates              | -Langenstein, Parkinson     |
| ➤ Membership Development/Mentor  | -Bright, Bird, Krumenacker  |
| ➤ Liberty Tree                   | -Parkinson, Krumenacker     |
| ➤ Patriot Bios                   | -Boggs, Johnston, Lanman    |
| ➤ Web Site-Facebook/Social Media | -Anderson, Lanman           |

## ~Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store~

### **Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin \$15!**



The Chapter's unique **Commemorative Collectors Coin** celebrates the founding of the **Palm Beach Chapter** in **1938** and honors our 80+ years of historic, patriotic, and civic service in Palm Beach County, State of Florida and our Nation.

## **~Compatriot Sponsored Promotions~**

Compatriot sponsored newsletter Ads are important to the Chapter as they represent additional funds in support of Chapter projects including; *Scholarships, Boy Scout & JROTC medals, Rumbaugh & Knight Essay Youth contests, Police-Firefighter-EMT medals, Americanism & community civic programs!*

***Support your Chapter...sponsor an Ad for 8 issues at a modest cost: Business Card \$50, Half-Page \$100, Full-Page \$250. Your promotional Ad donation will also qualify you for membership in the Chapter's Presidents Brigade. Contact Don Lanman 561-315-5073 for AD information today!***

## **CHAPTER SUPPORTER PROMOTIONS...**

**~GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER**

***~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION***

**~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY**

***~International Lineage Society***

***~SEE ALL PATRIOT ADS ON THE  
FOLLOWING PAGES....***



***~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~***

***~Lake Worth, Florida~***

***~Teresa Bevan, Regent~***

***~Laura Bolyard 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent~***

***~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~***

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# JAMESTOWN SOCIETY



## Jamestowne Society

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**Thirteen Years before the "Mayflower"**

**There was Jamestowne  
The First Permanent English Colony in North America**

**Gentlemen of the Sons of the American Revolution  
and Ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution:**

**We know how much fun you had in finding your Patriot Ancestor -  
Let us look back a few more generations and see if you descend from  
the courageous men and women who braved all to start this great nation.  
Let's add your Ancestor to the list!**

### South Florida Company Member's Ancestors

POCAHONTAS	STEPHEN HOPKINS	EDWARD GRENDON
JOHN ROLFE	ROBERT ELLYSON	COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
WILLIAM HAMPTON	THOMAS PETTUS	ROBERT BEHEATHLAND
JOHN CLAY	JOHN WOODSON	COL. WILLIAM BALL
PETER MONTAGUE	THOMAS EDMUNDSON	WALTER ASTON
JOHN CHEW	FRANCIS EPPES I	CHRISTOPHER BRANCH
RICHARD PACE	JOHN WILKINS	TEMPERANCE BALEY
NICHOLAS MERIWETHER I	THOMAS HUNT	THOMAS JORDAN
RICHARD LEE	THOMAS GASCOIGNE	COL. THOMAS LIGON
ABRAHAM PIERCY	CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON	CAPT. THOMAS HARRIS
ADRIA GURGANAY	WILLIAM SPENCER	JOHN VESSELL
HENRY BATTE	JOHN WEST	ADAM THOROWGOOD
ROBERT "KING" CARTER	EDMUND SCARBURGH II	

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