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*Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends,*

Meet & Greet **George & Martha Washington** in a special **Washington's Birthday** presentation by award winning reenactors **Bill & Cara Elder** **Tuesday February 20<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...**

As I accept the gavel from David Bird, I am immediately impressed by the dedication David has displayed along with his fellow officers to make this Chapter what it is today and the challenge that faces me to maintain the standards the officers have established over the years.

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, which you will hear more about at our next meeting, are **Patriot Profiles** and updating the Chapter by-laws.

The **Patriot Profile** will give our members a chance to tell us a little about their patriot in written form and, if so inclined, share their profile with all Compatriots at Chapter meetings. This profile, in turn, can be submitted to the **NSSAR** for inclusion in its database under the **Patriot Biographical Sketch**.

**"Service before Self"**, these outstanding 2024 Officers were formally installed, by **SAR National Inspector General and former Chapter & State President Ray Wess**, during the January meeting;

**President Peter Johnston, Vice President TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Historian, Donald Lanman, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain, Benjamin Tidwell, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Chapter Genealogist, Bob Boggs.**



The **Chapter's 2024 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 and For the People**.

The Chapter will continue to perpetuate our core beliefs that our country and SAR were founded upon, especially, honoring those who serve our country in the military, the community and those teaching the next generation that our 248 years of freedom has come at a great price and is easily lost. We call on all **Chapter Compatriots**, along with our revered **DAR Daughters** and the many other patriotic organizations to join us in perpetuating this vision.

Meet **George & Martha Washington** at our February 20 Chapter meeting. Bill & Cara Elder are remarkable Historians—First-Person interpreters of George and Martha Washington for over 23 years.



The Elders are retired educators who taught history in Pennsylvania and Florida schools for 40 years. Bill and Cara are members of the SAR and DAR. Bill serving as the former President of the *Daytona Ormond Chapter*. Cara is a long term member of the *Colonel Arthur Erwin Chapter, DeLand, FL*

Chapter Secretary Bob Boggs inducted a new Compatriot Odis Kendirck into the chapter.



The Chapter presented FMR President David Bird with the **Bronze Good Citizenship** Medal in recognition of his service to the Chapter, community and country. He also received FLSSAR Certificate of Appreciation for attending at the National Congress in Orlando.



The Chapter continued its commitment to supporting the Nation's Project 250 by honoring 10 Chapter SAR Compatriots and DAR Patriots with the **SAR 250 Anniversary Medal**. Those honored for their history of supporting the project included Compatriots: **Ray Wess, Don Lanman, Peter Johnston, Ben Tidwell, Greg Parkinson, Bob Boggs** and DAR Daughters: **Brenda Fritz, Marjorie Ferrer, Karen Christie** and **Diane Tidwell**. Congratulations all and well done.



**SAR National Inspector General** and **former Chapter & State President Ray Wess** received a **FLSSAR Bronze Appreciation Medal** and **Certificate of Appreciation** for service at the National Congress in Orlando.



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.



**Compatriots, volunteers** are needed to serve on the **Veterans Service Committee** as we continue supporting the **VA, American Legion, FVF** and **VFW**. Contact Don Lanman 561-315-5073 and serve!

**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.

**Volunteers** are needed for **Chapter Committees** for our youth and civic programs including **Historical Oration, Knight Essay, Poster** and **Brochure** contests, **American History Teacher of the Year, Boy Scouts, Police-Firefighter** recognition, **Flag & Liberty Tree,** and **Veterans** services.

**Don't wait to be asked, please step up.**

**Recruit New Members!** The ongoing success of our Chapter relies on increasing membership and mentoring new members. Help your Chapter reach **200** members this year to become the Largest SAR Chapter in Florida.

**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 **February 20.**

***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 Medal winners***

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

- Feb. 20, Special Guest Speaker [George Washington & Martha](#)
- March 19, Special Guest Speaker Author [Robert Watson, PhD](#)
- 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

## ~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:

- ✓ [SAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY 2/29](#)
- ✓ [Last Naval Battle Ceremony, Merritt Island, FL 3/18](#)
- ✓ [Thomas Creek Battle Ceremony, Jacksonville, FL 3/28](#)
- ✓ [Battle of Pensacola, Ceremony Pensacola, FL 5/8](#)
- ✓ [FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting Orlando 5/17](#)
- ✓ [Flags 4 Fallen Veterans, S. FL Nat. Cemetery TBD](#)
- ✓ [Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day 5/27](#)
- ✓ [SAR National Congress, Lancaster, PA July 2024](#)

**~Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!  
Visit [NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter Websites](#).**

## ~Feature Articles~ ~Meeting & Event Pictures~

### **ANOTHER REASON TO ADMIRE HIS EXCELLENCY.....**

**By Ray Wess**

If there were not enough reason to admire “His Excellency” General/President George Washington, I will offer you one more.

We all know the many accomplishments of “His Excellency”, from a young adventurous surveyor to a Virginia Militia Commander and eventually the Commander and Chief of the Continental Army.

We also hold dear to our hearts his tenure as the first President of the United States and his restraint in involving our young nation in another war shortly after beginning his term as Chief Executive. However, few of us really know the extent of his physical and emotional pain, endured on a daily basis from the premature loss of teeth.

During his first inaugural address on 30 April, 1789, President Washington took the oath of office in a mere whisper, barely heard by those standing next to him. He smiled sheepishly at the admiring crowd of well-wishers, guarding his personal secret from the crowd.

Few knew that this very accomplished man had only one natural tooth left in his mouth at the time of his inauguration. He desperately tried not to smile or speak loud enough to reveal his secret and an apparent disfigurement resulting from the loss of teeth.

Much has been said or speculated on his dentures later in life. It has always been folk lore that he had wooden teeth. That story is completely false as he never had any teeth made of wood. However, he did have several denture plates made for him of various human and animal teeth and anchored in animal bone or rhinoceros horn held together with wire and springs.

By the age of 26, Washington had survived smallpox, malaria, pleurisy, and dysentery. Bloodletting and ingestion of mercury chloride were common treatments, and the latter led to significant tooth decay. Washington sought dentist after dentist but did not regard their work acceptable until he met John Greenwood (1760 – 1819).

Greenwood’s father, Isaac, was the first American – born dentist, and three of John’s brothers followed suit. However, John signed up to serve in the Revolutionary War at the age of 15, as a fifer. After the war, he settled in New York and opened a shop making nautical and mathematical equipment.

Even there, he couldn’t escape his legacy. His technical skills impressed a physician friend who asked Greenwood to extract a tooth for one of his patients. This request and subsequent acts launched Greenwood in the field of dentistry with no formal training.



In fact, the first American dental school wouldn't open for about 50 years. Greenwood's first extraction was a success and by 1786, he was running ads for his own dental practice.

His mechanical skill and ingenuity as an instrument maker soon made Greenwood the preeminent denture crafter, and when Washington grinned on his second Inauguration Day, it was with Greenwood's help.

Until Washington's death in 1799, Greenwood made Washington four sets of dentures, using lead, gold, Rhinoceros tusk, and real teeth, (horse, cow, and human). Contrary to popular myth, Washington's dentures were never made of wood. When Washington lost his last natural tooth, he gave it to Greenwood, who cherished it in a special case until his death in 1819.



## SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

**Chapter SAR National Inspector General and former Chapter & State President Ray Wess**, installs 2024 Officers: **President Peter Johnston**, **Vice President TK Krumenacker**, **Secretary, Bob Boggs**, **Treasurer, Peter Johnston**, **Historian, Donald Lanman**, **Registrar, Bob Boggs**, **Chaplain, Benjamin Tidwell**, **Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson**, **Chapter Genealogist, Bob Boggs**.



## 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...**

### **~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS**

***~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRAPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT***

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

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

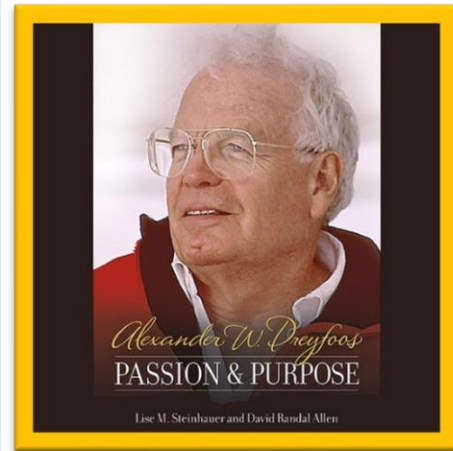
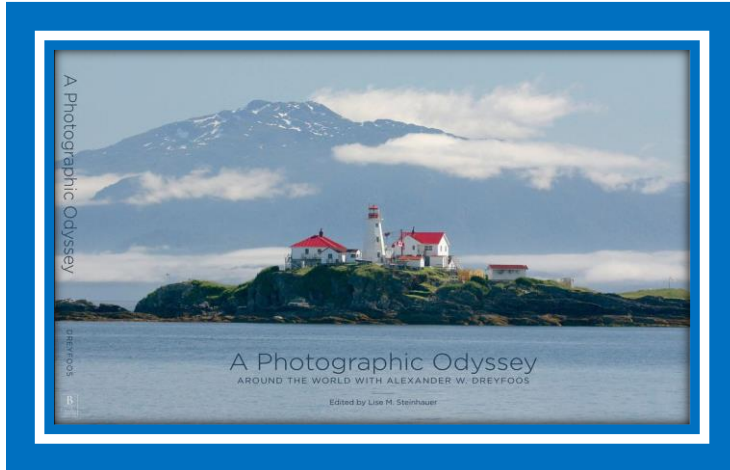
### **~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY**

***~International Lineage Society***

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

## **~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~**

### ***-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-***



### ***-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY-      -PASSION & PURPOSE-***

**Compatriot Alexander W Dreyfoos**, an honored member of the *Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*, noted American entrepreneur, and philanthropist published two remarkable books that should be on every bookshelf. **All Book sale proceeds donated to the Palm Beach Chapter SAR Youth Programs!**

- ***Passion & Purpose*** chronicles a remarkable lifetime of passion with photography, his business, inventions and philanthropic ventures, as well as his adventures above and below the water.
- ***A Photographic Odyssey*** is a remarkable collection of hundreds of stunning pictures from 100,000 photos taken by Alex around the world and bound in an elegant 15" by 10" glossy photographic book. You will travel with Alex around the world, above and below the water, to forests, jungles, glaciers, and deserts in the exotic locals of Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Japan, and Tibet. The subjects are very divergent contrasting palaces and temples with the vulnerability of people, animals, and exotic scenery.

**Get both books, for just \$49.00 (retail \$90)...all proceeds donated to the Chapter.** Order today, contact Don Lanman @ [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com).

### ***~Author/Photographer/Philanthropist, Alexander W. Dreyfoos~***

**Graduating from MIT and Harvard Business School, Alex founded Photo Electronics Corporation (PCS), specializing in photography and video production. Over the decades, Alex earned 10 US patents and invented the Video Color Negative Analyzer for motion pictures earning him an Academy Award for technical achievement. Many inventions, developed by PCS, are on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution. Locally Alex also owned television station WPEC TV-12, the CBS affiliate in West Palm Beach. Alex's many philanthropic achievements include founding the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and gifting a million dollars to the Dreyfoos School of the Arts. Alex also donated a million dollars each to the Palm Beach County biomedical research campus of the Scripps Research Institute and the local Max Planck Florida Foundation for Neuroscience in Jupiter, Florida.**



***~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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**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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