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Palm Beach Chapter



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends,

RSVP Now for the **2024 Officer Installation, New Member Inductions & Awards Ceremony** with a **Special Guest Speaker Tuesday January 16** @ 12 Noon @ Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Rd. WPB.

This special event fills up fast so **Register Now** to enjoy **Good Fellowship & a wonderful 2-Course Buffet Lunch, 2-Deserts & Beverages @ just \$35** cash/check/credit card @ the door. **Invite family & friends too!** **RSVP using the Online Registration or contact Don Lanman dlanman258@aol.com.**

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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

As we welcome the **New Year**, it is with pride and humility that I thank you for the high honor of serving as your President for the past year. Supported by a most amazing team of committed Chapter Officers, we have continued to exceed chapter goals and expectations, and despite trying times of national discord, the loss of beloved **Compatriots Alex Dreyfoos, Jim Blackburn** and **Bill Told** the **Palm Beach Chapter SAR** prevailed, grew and produced some admirable accomplishments.

As reported by **FMR President & Historian, Don Lanman**, over the past 10 years, Chapter accomplishments include; growing chapter membership to 185 compatriots, averaging an annual membership renewal rate of 85%, promoting over 80 JROTC, BSA awards and Youth Essay programs, recognizing over 75 Law Enforcement/First Responders with medals, awarding 11 scholarships to local University History majors and supporting over 80 Veterans related events and programs.

During the past 10 years the Chapter has, by any reasonable definition, set a standard for other SAR Chapters from conducting well managed interesting meetings to a Chapter that includes **2 National Officers, 1 SAR President General, 1 SAR National/International Inspector General, 1 SAR Minuteman Medal, 2 SAR Gold Citizenship Medals** and **10 Patriot Medal winners**.

Now, as I transfer the gavel of authority to the incoming **President** for the **Palm Beach Chapter National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**, I enjoin upon him the duty of wielding it with dignity, impartiality and courtesy, never forgetting that, although as Officers we are temporarily the chiefs among our **Brethren**, we have only emerged for a brief time from the ranks and to those ranks we all soon return.

As I return to the ranks, I encourage all **Chapter Compatriots** to remember that the **Palm Beach Chapter** is blessed with a large number of qualified and exceptional leaders, and I have every confidence that **President Johnston** and the **2024** team of Officers will lead our Chapter to new levels of success. I intend to continue my Chapter service as our Treasures Peter Johnston's assistant treasurer during 2024.

"Service before Self", your outstanding **2024** Officers include; **President Peter Johnston, Vice President T K 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 **2024 Chapter Officers** will be formally installed, by **SAR National Inspector General & Former Chapter & State President Ray Wess**, during the **January 16th** meeting.

During the November meeting, the Chapter celebrated **Veterans Month** where we honored all **Veterans** from the original **American Veterans** of **1776** to the present day.

Revolutionary War Soldiers
America's First Veterans



We honored the 23% of our membership who are *Veterans*, and heard from **Chapter Veterans** as they shared interesting stories of their **Military Service** from **Korea** to the deserts of the **Middle East**, as part of our annual "**Soldiers Voice**" program.

Veteran's Voice speakers included; **Compatriots Richard Linn USN, Robert Boggs USMC, Benjamin Tidwell III USA** and **Donald Lanman USA**.



The Chapter remembered the passing of beloved **Compatriot William H. Told Jr.**, age 93, with a heartfelt **Memorial Service** during the November meeting. Compatriot Told was a retired **Businessman, Philanthropist, Korea War Era USAF Veteran** and a loyal devoted **33-Year** member of the **Palm Beach Chapter SAR**.



Chapter Compatriots also honored and celebrated the life of our beloved **Compatriot** and **USAF Korea War Era Veteran Alexander W. Dreyfoos**, during a special ceremony at the **Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, "Dreyfoos Hall"** in West Palm Beach.



The **Palm Beach Chapter** joined **DAR Daughters** to honor our Veterans by supporting the **Wreaths Across America Veterans Wreath** placement program in December. **Compatriots Johnston** and **Garrison** placed an **Honor Wreath** at the grave of Veteran and SAR **Compatriot Jim Blackburn**.



23% of the Chapter Compatriots are now registered in **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion**. Interested members can provide a copy of their DD-214 to be inducted into the Veterans Battalion. A full list of **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** members is on the FLSSAR web site at www.flssar.org.

Ongoing Chapter **Veterans Service** programs include providing Volunteers and donation 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 benefits Florida Veterans in need. License plates are available online at local Florida vehicle offices.



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

There are a number of committee opportunities within our **Palm Beach Chapter** including **Youth Programs**, **First Responder Recognition**, **Veterans Services**, **Flag Certificate** program and many more. Please contact Peter Johnston or Don Lanman to help on a committee of particular interest to you.

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, ***but we always 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 each of our meetings.

We need your help on 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 remain 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. The Chapter will also be updating the Chapter By-Laws and nominating Officers for 2025.

Remember, 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 as encapsulated in the ***Constitution*** and ***Bill of Rights.***

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters, we look forward to seeing you and your guests on **January 16.**

Fellow 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 – David Bird, Chapter President 2023



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-minute Bio presentation, contact me @ dlanman258@aol.com.

Please submit your content to the ***Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor*** in a Word document format to 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 2nd 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 SAR National/International Inspector General, 1 SAR Minuteman Medal, 2 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** web site @ www.FLSSAR.org/palmbeachSAR for general information, newsletters, pictures, and related links.

- **2024** January 16 **Officer Installations, Awards, Guest Speaker**
- Feb. 20, **Special Guest Speakers, George Washington & Martha**
- March 19, **Special Guest Speaker**
- April 16, **Law Enforcement Recognition, Guest Speaker**
- May 21, **Firefighters/EMT Recognition, Guest Speaker**
- October 15, **Guest Speaker**
- November 19, **Special Veterans Day Program**

~2024 Officers & Board Members:

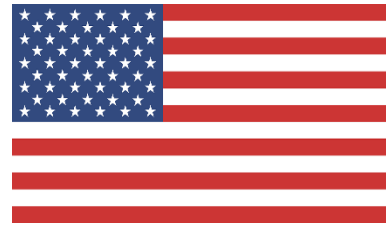
- **President, President Peter Johnston**
- **Vice President, TK Krumenacker**
- **Secretary, FMR President Bob Boggs**
- **Treasurer, Peter Johnston**
- **Registrar, FMR President Bob Boggs**
- **Chaplain, FMR President Benjamin Tidwell**
- **Historian, FMR President Donald Lanman**
- **Sgt. @ Arms, 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:

- ✓ **Last Naval Battle, Merrit Island, FL 3/1/24**
- ✓ **Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL 3/23/24**
- ✓ **SAR National Congress, July 2024**

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

~Feature Article~



“The American Creed”

106 Years of Patriotism!

Compiled & Edited by Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriots Sonny Barber & Don Lanman

April 3rd 2024 is the 106th Anniversary of the Revered American Creed!

The American Creed represents a concise statement of the defining elements of American identity. It was first formulated by *Thomas Jefferson* and elaborated on by other American Patriots. The creed’s message includes *liberty, equality, individualism, populism, and laissez faire*.

The American Creed resulted from a nationwide contest in 1917 for writing a “*National Creed*”, which would embody and represent a summary of the American political faith founded upon ideas fundamental in American history and tradition.

The contest was the idea of *Henry Sterling Chapin*, Commissioner of Education of New York State, and from over 3,000 entries, **William Tyler Page** was selected as the winner. Page’s winning entry went on to become the official “*American’s Creed*” as the result of a resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

~THE STORY BEHIND PAGE & THE AMERICAN CREED~

William Tyler Page (1868–1942), was a descendant of *John Page*, who came to America in 1650 settling in Williamsburg, Virginia. Another Page ancestor, *Carter Braxton*, signed the *Declaration of Independence*, and ancestor, *John Tyler*, served as the Governor of Virginia, a US Senator and the 10th President of the United States.

William Tyler Page came to Washington at the age of thirteen to serve as a Capitol page. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building and served in that capacity for almost sixty-one years.

In 1919, he was elected clerk of the House. Thirteen years later, when the Democrats again became a majority party, they created for Page the office of minority clerk of the House of Representatives where he served for the remainder of his life.

In the words of *William Tyler Page*, “***The American Creed is a summing up, in one hundred words, of the basic principles of American political faith.***”

It is not an expression of individual opinion upon the obligations and duties of American citizenship or with respect to its rights and privileges.

It is a summary of the fundamental principles of American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions and by its greatest leaders."

Page's sources for key phrases in ***"The American's Creed"***:

~ ***"The United States of America"*** ~ Preamble, Constitution of the United States

~ ***"A Government of the people, by the people, for the people"*** ~ Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

~ ***"Whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed"*** ~ Declaration of Independence

~ ***"A sovereign Nation of many sovereign States"*** ~ Article IV, US Constitution

~ ***"A perfect Union"*** ~ Preamble to the US Constitution

~ ***"One and Inseparable"*** ~ Daniel Webster

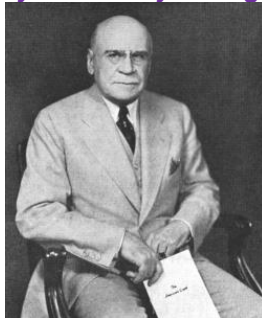
~ ***"Established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes"*** ~ Declaration of Independence

~ ***"I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it"*** ~ "The Man without a Country", Edward Everett Hale novel

~ ***"To obey its laws"*** ~ Article VI, US Constitution

~The American Creed~

By William Tyler Page



"I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

The *American Creed* has held a special place in the hearts of *National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Compatriots* and *Daughters of the American Revolution* Patriots not simply for its stirring words, but because *William Tyler Page* was both a descendant of our patriot ancestors and fellow *Compatriot* of the *Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution*.

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SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

Chapter Veteran's Voice speakers included *Compatriots Richard Linn USN, Robert Boggs USMC, Benjamin Tidwell III USA* and *Donald Lanman USA*.



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Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends 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 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, R. Bright, D. Bird, A. Cass, R. Culpepper, J. Dorsey, W. Davis, K. Davis, F. Devitt, J. Harper, J. Kane, P. Johnston, R. Linn, P. Miller, R. Miller, G. Scott, P. Spencer, W. Richards, M. Wess

❖ Silver Level: \$100-\$199:

S. Barber, S. Curry, T. Friend, B. Gunter, G. Green, A. Griswold, S. Langenstein, P. Miller, M. McCampbell, H. Warwick

❖ Gold Level: \$200-\$499:

J. Curry, W. Johnson, TK Krumenacker, J. Proctor, J. Wynns, W. Warwick

❖ Platinum Level: \$500+

J. Annan, W. Adams, B. Boggs, A. Dreyfoos, J. Damron-Fritz, E. Jonas, 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 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 | -Bird, Tidwell, Lanman |
| ➤ Flag Certificates | -Langenstein, Parkinson |
| ➤ Membership Development/Mentor | -Bird, Krumenacker, Bright |
| ➤ Liberty Tree | -Parkinson, Krumenacker |
| ➤ Patriot Bios | -Bird, 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, 1st Vice Regent~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

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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

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|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 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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South Florida Company**

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