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Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends,

Meet & Greet **President Peter Johnston** in a special **Patriot Bio Historical** presentation **Tuesday March 19th** @ 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.

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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

Our February Luncheon was an overwhelming success with our special guests **George** and **Martha Washington** and a **special presentation of the "Silent Toast" to General Washington by Compatriot Wess.**

We are looking forward to our **March 19th** Chapter meeting where our guest speaker is **Compatriot Peter Johnston** where he will present an amazing **Patriot Historical Bio** and **Genealogical** presentation.

Patriot Profiles give our members an opportunity 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 **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 168 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**.

Over **65** Compatriots, DAR Patriots and guests enjoyed an encore performance of speakers **George & Martha Washington** at our February Chapter meeting honoring **Washington's 292nd Birthday**. SAR and DAR Patriots, Bill & Cara Elder are remarkable Historians—First-Person interpreters of George and Martha Washington for over 24 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.

“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.



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 take the time and step up to help on a committee of particular interest to you.

The Chapter will continue to perpetuate SAR core beliefs that our country was 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.

The Chapter continued its commitment to supporting the Nation’s Project 250 by honoring 2 Patriots; SAR **Compatriot Donald Lanman** and **DAR Daughter Karen Christie** with the **SAR 250 Anniversary Medal**.



Also honored for their long history of supporting the Project 250, during the **January** meeting, includes **Compatriots: Ray Wess, Peter Johnston, Ben Tidwell, Greg Parkinson, Bob Boggs** and **DAR Daughters: Brenda Fritz, Marjorie Ferrer, 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.



Compatriot Wess and members of the **Society of the Cincinnati** presented the Cincinnati Washington medal to **Compatriot Bill Elder** to wear on his Washington uniform when making presentations to represent **General Washington** who was a member of the Cincinnati and its first President.



Compatriot Reeve Bright was presented with his Former Chapter Presidents Pin and Neck Ribbon for his service as a Chapter President.



Danielle Garrison was the winner of the 50/50 Raffle winning \$80. Congratulations.



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 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.

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 **March 19.**

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

- **March 19, Special Guest Speaker Peter Johnston**
- **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**

~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:

- ✓ [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 5/26](#)
- ✓ [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~

Washington's "Badge of Military Merit"

Compiled & Edited By Don Lanman

Following victory of the Continental Army over the British at Yorktown, Washington established his headquarter at Newburgh where he could observe the English army in New York.

Continuing his tireless efforts to improve the condition of his troops and ensure a high state of morale, Washington decided to create an honor to recognize enlisted men who had performed bravely on the field of battle. He called this award, the Badge of Military Merit.

Washington designed the distinctive badge in the form of a purple cloth heart with the word Merit inscribed in the center. The merit badge was conceived as a military order for soldiers who exhibited, "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

General Washington announced the Badge of Military Merit in his general orders to the Continental Army on August 7, 1782 his headquarters in Newburgh.

Washington statement regarding the Badge of Military Merit (see picture):

"The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding.

Not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward.

Before this favor can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in Chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office.

Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels which officers are permitted to do. The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered as a permanent one."

-G. Washington, Commander-in-Chief Continental Army 1782-

*Historians tend to agree that only three soldiers actually received the medal. Two men selected by a board of officers to receive this award were **Sergeant Elijah Churchill** of the 2nd Continental Light Dragoons and **Sergeant William Brown**, a member of the 5th Connecticut Regiment, Continental Line.*

Brown had won praise for his bravery in the storming of Stony Point in 1779 and for gallantry in the trenches at Yorktown. Churchill distinguished himself during attacks against two forts on Long Island.

On 3 May 1783, these men traveled from the Continental encampment at New Windsor and to Washington's headquarters at the Hasbrouck House in Newburgh. There, before an honor Guard Mount of the 1st New York Regiment, Commander-in-Chief Washington awarded Sergeant Churchill and Sergeant Brown the first Badges of Military Merit. (see pictures)

*Surviving records for the period confirm the presentation of only one other Badge of Military Merit to **Sergeant Daniel Bissell** of the 2nd Connecticut Regiment on June 10 1783.*

Following the Revolutionary War, the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse although never officially abolished.

*In 1932, the United States War Department authorized the new **Purple Heart Medal** for soldiers wounded in battle or previously awarded either a Wound Chevron or the Army War Ribbon. It was also mandated that the Purple Heart Medal would be considered the official "successor decoration" to the Badge of Military Merit.*

The original Military Badge of Merit, the pomp, and ceremony, however, symbolized much more than recognition of brave men. The badge represented the climax of the molding of a citizen army of volunteers and militia into a force that had fought on equal terms with one of the world's best armies, and in doing so, had played a vital role securing freedom and independence for their fellow citizens.

*Both the **Badge of Military Merit** and the **Purple Heart** have become symbols of pride in our Country and Military and Patriots from all walks-of-life as a tribute to all those who served and sacrificed at the Altar of Freedom!*

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Washington Presenting First Military Badges of Merit to Churchill & Brown



United States of America Medals of Merit

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 1st Vice Regent~

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**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
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