

# 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 4 Local EMT & Firefighters**  
**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</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 **May 21<sup>st</sup>** to honor 4 local **EMT, Firefighters, First Responders** and hear *their exciting stories of service*. We'll show our appreciation for these professionals who run into danger as others are running out with **Commendation Medals**.

As a Historical Perspective, its interesting to re-read a warning from a Founding Father regarding the danger of the nations' government using the legal system to impede on the rights of its citizens. His warning could have been written today! **In 1784 Alexander Hamilton wrote the following warning:**

*“Nothing is more common than for a free people, in times of heat and violence, to gratify momentary passions, by letting into the government, principles and precedents which afterwards prove fatal to themselves. Of this kind is the doctrine of disqualification, disfranchisement and banishment by acts of legislature.*

*The dangerous consequences of this power are manifest. If the legislature can disfranchise any number of citizens at pleasure by general descriptions, it may soon confine all the votes to a small number of partisans, and establish an aristocracy or an oligarchy;*

*if it may banish at discretion all those whom particular circumstances render obnoxious, without hearing or trial, no man can be safe, nor know when he may be the innocent victim of a prevailing faction. The name of liberty applied to such a government would be a mockery of common sense.”*

**-A. Hamilton 1784**

The **April** meeting was an overwhelming success with a special presentation honoring local **Law Enforcement Professionals with Commendation Medals**. **Assistant Chief Salvatore Abruscato** and **Patrol Officer Edward Manak** of the **Town of Lake Clark Shores PD** were honored for their community service.



**FMR President Don Lanman** inducted **Compatriot US Army Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Allen** into the **Veterans Battalion**. **Compatriot PBCSO Colonel Robert Allen** accepted the **Veterans Battalion Qualification Certificate** for his Son.



**National Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President, Ray Wess** inducted **Compatriot Robert Allen** into the Chapter. **Compatriot Allen** serves as a Law Enforcement Officer with the **PBCSO**.



**Chapter Compatriots Wess, Lanman, Krumenacker, Tidwell, Parkinson, Bright,** pending chapter members **Charlie** and **Edward Wood** along with **DAR Daughters Christie, Ferrer** and **Fritz** were invited guests of the **Harmonica Masonic Lodge 138 F.A. & M** to speak on the virtues of the **SAR/DAR**.



**FMR FLSSAR President General** and **Palm Beach Chapter Associate Member Mike Tomme** along with **First Lady Cilla** joined us at the April Law Enforcement meeting.



**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.

In these turbulent times 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 a 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. These initiatives include Veteran Services, Scholarships, Community Service Projects, **Patriot Profiles** and updating the **Chapter by-laws**.

We have a number of Officer and Committee volunteer needs in **Palm Beach Chapter** including **Youth Programs**, **First Responder** recognition, **Veteran** services, **Flag Certificate** program. **Please help as an officer or on a committee Today.**

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.

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 will benefit Florida Veterans in need.

The license plate program has already raised \$400,000 for Veteran Services. 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 **May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

***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.

- 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, **Law Enforcement Recognition**, Special Guest Speaker
- May 20, **First Responder/EMT Recognition**, 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:

- ✓ **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**
- ✓ **DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony, Lake Worth, 6/9**
- ✓ **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~

***“I HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT”***

Researched by Don Lanman FMR Chapter President & Historian



April 23, 1778, **Commander John Paul Jones** led a small detachment of two boats from his ship, the USS *Ranger*, to raid the shallow port at *Whitehaven, England*, where, by his own account, 400 British merchant ships are anchored.

**Commander Jones** was hoping to reach the port at midnight when ebb tide would leave the ships at their most vulnerable. Jones and his 30 volunteers had greater difficulty than anticipated rowing to the port, which was protected by two forts. They did not arrive until dawn.

His team of **Patriots** in the first boat successfully took over the Southern Fort, disabling its cannons, the other boat however returned without attempting an attack on the Northern Fort after the sailors claimed to have been frightened away by noises.

To compensate, **Commander Jones** set fire to the Southern Fort, which subsequently engulfed the entire town of *Whitehaven* scoring an important patriot victory of the *Revolutionary War*.

Commander Jones, one of the most daring and successful naval commanders of the *American Revolution*, was born in Scotland on July 6, 1747. He was apprenticed to a merchant at the age of 13 and soon went to sea from *Whitehaven*, the very port he returned to attack on this day in 1778.

In *Virginia* at the onset of the Revolution, Jones sided with the Patriots and received a commission as a First Lieutenant in the **Continental Navy** on December 7, 1775.

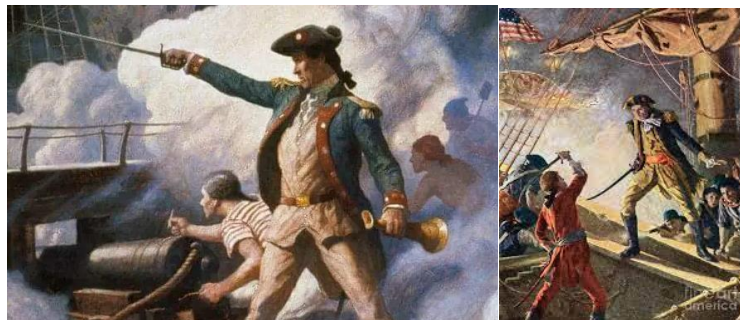


After the raid on *Whitehaven*, Jones continued to his home territory of *Kirkcudbright Bay*, where he intended to abduct the British ally, the **Earl of Selkirk**, then exchange him for American sailors held captive by **Britain**. Although he did not find the Earl at home, Jones' crew was able to steal all his silver, including his wife's teapot, still containing her breakfast tea.

From *Scotland*, Jones sailed across the Irish Sea to *Carrick Fergus*, where the **USS Ranger** captured the **HMS Drake** after delivering fatal wounds to the **British** ship's Captain and First Lieutenant.

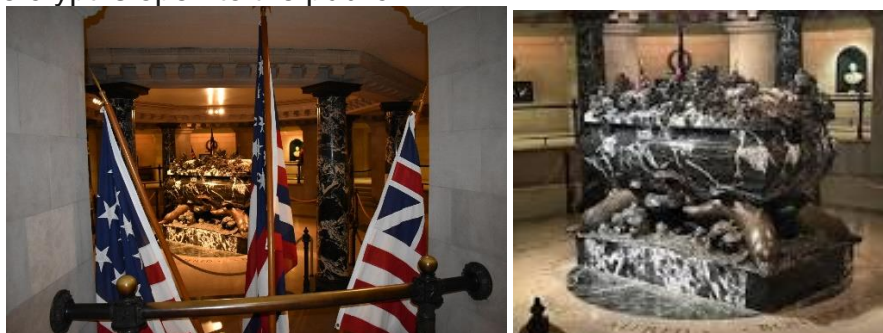
In September 1779, Jones fought one of the fiercest battles in naval history when he led the **USS Bonhomme Richard** frigate, named for **Benjamin Franklin**, in an engagement with the mighty 50-gun **British** warship, **HMS Serapis**. The **USS Bonhomme Richard** pounded by the enemy cannons caught fire and started taking on water.

When the *Captain* of the **Serapis** ordered Jones to surrender, Jones famously replied, **"Sir, I have not yet begun to Fight!"** A few hours later, the captain and crew of the mighty **HMS Serapis** surrendered and Commander Jones took command of the British warship.



**Commander Jones** went on to establish himself as one of the great naval commanders in history; he is remembered, along with **John Barry**, as a **Father of the American Navy**.

**Commander Jones** is buried in a crypt in the **U.S. Naval Academy Chapel** at **Annapolis** where a **US Marine Corp Honor Guard** stands at attention in his honor whenever the crypt is open to the public.



# SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

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# Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Fiends 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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**Governor**

**Jamestowne Society  
South Florida Company**

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