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Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends,

Mark your calendars to meet Award Winning Author Mark Barie for a special presentation of his newest book Havana-Love & Terror followed by a book signing <u>Tuesday October 17</u> @ 12 Noon @ the Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Rd.

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 invitation or contact Don Lanman, 561-315-5073, dlanman258@aol.com.

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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

Welcome back after our summer break! We hope you had the opportunity to attend some of our National, State and Local events. We have a great October 17th luncheon planned featuring an encore engagement by acclaimed author *Mark Barie* so make your reservations early.

Also, there is the Fall State Board of Membership meeting in Orlando this month plus other patriotic events all noted in this newsletter (page 9). Very important the 2024 membership dues notice has been mailed and should be returned as soon as possible as we have to send the dues to SAR State/National in December.

The annual membership fees include SAR National, State and Chapter dues, and your generous donations help fund a number of the Chapter Youth programs, JROTC, Boy Scout, essay programs, scholarships, Law Enforcement and First Responder recognition awards.

I am happy to report that we remain the largest chapter in Florida at 185 members and growing thanks to your support and the support of our DAR Chapters. As we begin the season, we need your help as Officers and as committee volunteers. Let me or one of our Offices know of your particular interest and we will identify an opportunity for you.

Lastly, I would like to recognize and congratulate Don Lanman, former President and Historian of our Chapter as the recipient of the SAR State's Award for publishing the best newsletter in the State. Be sure to congratulate him at our October luncheon.

During the May Chapter meeting we honored our local *Fire Rescue & EMT Professionals*, who put their lives on the line protecting our communities, with *Firefighter Commendation Medals*.

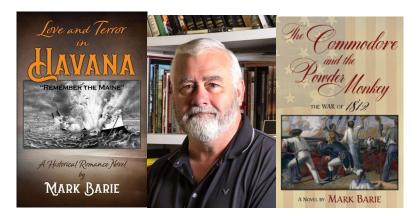
In addition, as part of our *Compatriot Patriot Ancestor Bio* presentations program we welcomed the *Garcilaso de la Vega DAR Chapter Regent, Karen Christie* who presented a *Patriot Ancestor Bio* on her ancestor, *Massachusetts Militia Captain Caleb Pillsbury,* who fought at battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775.



We encourage all *Compatriots* to share a brief presentation of their Patriot Ancestor(s) during Chapter meetings. To help make the process easier, *Compatriot Lanman* has volunteered to assist with the development of the presentations.

In July, our own *State SAR Society* hosted the *133rd National SAR Congress* in Orlando. The Congress was a major success and credit to our State Society and Chapter as we were well represented at the Congress.

Register today for our first meeting of the season on **October 17**th to meet **Award Winning Author Mark Barie** for a special encore presentation featuring his newest book titled **"Havana-Love & Terror"**, Mark will be available for a special book signing following his presentation.



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FMR Chapter/State President & SAR National Inspector General Raymond Wess inducted retired Law Enforcement professional *William Garrison* into the Palm Beach Chapter SAR.



FMR Chapter President & FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Director *Donald Lanman* inducted two *Compatriots David Harden & Robert Angstadt-Shearer* into the *FLSSAR Veterans Battalion*. 23% of the Chapter Compatriots are now registered in FLSSAR Veterans. Provide a copy of your DD214 to be inducted into the Veterans Battalion. A complete list can be found on the FLSSAR web site at <u>www.flssar.org</u>.



David Harden

Compatriot Ben Tidwell presented **8** JROTC medals, **1** Knight Essay Contest medal and **1** Eagle Scout medal.



From the generous donations of our Compatriots, the Chapter continued its commitment to youth higher education with its annual *Compatriot Alex Dreyfoos History Scholarship* donating \$2,000 to the *Palm Beach Atlantic University History Major* program. The Chapter's 2023 scholarship represents over 20 years and \$20,000 in scholarships provided for university students.



Members of 4 FLSSAR Chapters attended a special Veterans Burial Service for WW 2 US Army Pvt. Roy J. Searle including FLSSAR President Steve Fields, Palm Beach Chapter Compatriots Lanman, Parkinson and Johnston along with Compatriots from Caloosa, Saramana and Ft. Lauderdale Chapters along with members of the DAR & SAR Woman's Auxiliary. WW2 US Army Pvt. Roy J. Searle was laid to rest with Full Military Honors Wednesday September 13 at the South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth FL. The grave site ceremony included an Army military honor guard, 21-gun salute, honor flag ceremony, taps and prayers.

Private First Class Roy Searle of Graniteville, RI, entered the Army in October of 1942 and served in Company D, 1st Battalion, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division in the European Theater during the Second World War. He was mortally wounded during enemy engagement on December 9, 1944 and was reported to have died of his wounds near Rehlingen, Germany. His remains were not identified during the war. In 1946 to 1950 his remains and those of others were transferred from a civilian cemetery in Germany to the United States Military Cemetery St. Laurent, France, now the Normandy American Cemetery.

In June of 2021, the Department of Defense and American Battle Monuments Commission exhumed the remains which were then sent for testing. On September 27, 2022 the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that U.S. Army PFC Roy J. Searle, <u>22</u>, was accounted for and transferred to West Palm Beach for burial.



Over the summer, Chapter Compatriots Bird, Lanman, Wess, Parkinson and Johnston were represented at 3 several events including *Flags 4 Fallen Vets* placing American Flags at Veteran Tombstones, *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day* wreath laying ceremony, the *DAR Regents Council American Flag Retirement Ceremony*.



There are a number of committee volunteer opportunities within our *Palm Beach Chapter* including *Youth Programs, First Responder recognition, Veterans Services, Flag Certificate* program and many more. Please contact David Bird or Don Lanman to help on a committee of particular interest to you. Remember, the *Chapter's 2023 Vision* is 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*.

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 <u>www.HelpFLVets.org</u> 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**, **DAV, FVF** and **VFW**. Contact Don Lanman 561-315-5073 and serve!

The Chapter's Own, Compatriot Malcolm McCampbell won the *FLSSAR* drawing for the limited-edition bronze sculpture titled the *"Sons of Liberty"* (#10/50) crafted by world famous sculptor *James N. Muir.* Valued in excess of *\$6,000*, the drawing was held at the 133 Congress in Orlando. Congratulations Malcolm.



Sons of Liberty Statue

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.

<u>Volunteers</u> 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. <u>Don't wait to be asked, please step up</u>.

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 <u>Age 0 to 100+</u>. 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 2024

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters, we look forward to seeing you and your guests on <u>October 17</u>.

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



~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 @ <u>dlanman258@aol.com</u>.

Please submit your content to the *Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor* in a <u>Word</u> <u>document format</u> to <u>dlanman258@aol.com</u>. *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.



~2023-24 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

Visit the SAR Palm Beach Chapter web site @ www.FLSSAR.org/palmbeachSAR for general information, newsletters, pictures, and related links.

- > October 17, Guest Speaker Famous Author Historian Mark Barie
- > November 21, Special Veterans Day Program
- > <u>2024</u> 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

~2023 Officers & Board Members:

- > President, President David Bird
- > 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

~<u>SAR National, State, & Chapter Events 2023</u>:

- ✓ 2024 SAR Membership Dues currently payable
- ✓ FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting, Orlando 10/19
- ✓ MIAP South Florida National Cemetery, 10/19
- <u>NASSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY 10/21</u>
- ✓ 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.





No Vet Left Behind... Missing in America Project!

By Don Lanman, US Army Veteran & Former President Palm Beach Chapter SAR

"I can't promise you that I will bring you all home alive. But this I swear, before you and before Almighty God, that when we go into battle, I will be the first to set foot on the field, and I will be the last to step off, and I will leave no one behind. Dead or Alive, we will all come Home together. So, help me, God."

~General Hal Moore before the Bloody Battle of the La-Drang Valley Vietnam 1965... "The Battle that changed the War in Vietnam"

*No Vet left Behind...*has been an eternal promise and profound commitment to all *American Veterans* from *Bunker Hill* to the blood-soaked killing fields of the *Civil War* and *Vietnam*, to the desolate deserts of *Iraq* and *Afghanistan...* "*Dead or Alive, We all come Home!*"

Founded in 2006, the national *Missing in America Project (MIA, www.miap.us)* is a veteran remains recovery program with the noble mission to locate, identify and inter, with full military honors, the <u>unclaimed</u> cremated remains of *American Veterans* through the joint efforts of volunteers, private, civic, state and federal organizations.

While it's difficult to comprehend, one state hospital reported over 3,500 unclaimed cremains sitting on their shelves, yet to be identified, and representing a time span from the 1890s to 1971. It is estimated that thousands of these cremains are veterans. This tragedy is happening in every state.

Now through a nation-wide effort, the *MIA Project* continues its mission to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of our forgotten veterans through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of the *American Legion, VFW*, Veteran and, service organizations, local funeral homes, *State Funeral Commissions, State* and *National Veterans Administration Agencies, State* and *National Veterans Cemetery Administrations*.

Working together, these organizations assure that all local, state and national laws are followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the unclaimed veterans' remains, to assure that these forgotten veterans, who served our country, are buried with the honor, dignity and respect they earned.

Since 2006 the *MIA Project* has contacted over 2,100 funeral homes, located 15,259 unclaimed cremains, identified and interred, with full military honors, over 3,200 Veterans, but the work continues. The *Palm Beach Chapter SAR* and local *DAR Chapters* have supported the *MIA Project* for several years providing escorts and related support at each of the military internment ceremonies for these forgotten heroes. In honor and with respect for those Veterans who served our country, *Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriots* attend all of the *Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies* to help inter the unclaimed cremated remains of our honored *Veterans* and *military* spouses with full military honors including *Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps* and 21 Gun Salutes.

**<u>All Chapter Compatriots, DAR. & Friends are encouraged to join us on 10/19 at 9 am at</u> the South Florida National Cemetery to Honor the 17 Veterans from WW 2 & Korea.



SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

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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 *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 2023 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~ ~ Honored Presidents Brigade Members~ & Bronze Level: \$25-\$99:

M. Anderson, R. Bright, 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. Wratislaw

* Gold Level: \$200-\$499:

J. Curry, W. Johnson, TK Krumenacker, J. Wynns, W. Warwich

Platinum Level: \$500+

J. Annan, W. Adams, B. Boggs, A. Dreyfoos, 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...

- > 2024 Officer Nominations
- > JROTC & Boy Scouts
- > Law Enforcement-Fire Safety
- Veterans Affairs
- > Newsletter/Publicity
- Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration
- > American History Teacher
- Medals/Awards
- > DAR-CAR Liaison
- > Speakers Bureau
- Financial Audit
- > Flag Certificates
- > Membership Development/Mentor
- > Liberty Tree
- > Patriot Bios
- > Web Site-Facebook/Social Media
- -Chapter Membership -Tidwell, Lanman -Parkinson, Wess -Lanman, Tidwell, Kimler -Lanman. Bird -Tidwell, Boggs -Boggs, Bird -Tidwell, Lanman, Boggs -Lanman, Parkinson, Tidwell -Lanman, Bird, Boggs -Bird, Tidwell, Lanman -Langenstein, Parkinson -Bird, Krumenacker, Bright, -Parkinson, Krumenacker -Bird, Johnston, Lanman -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...

~<u>GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER</u> ~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

~<u>JAMESTOWN SOCIETY</u> ~International Lineage Society

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



~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~ ~Lake Worth, Florida~

~<u>Teresa Bevan, Regent</u>~

~Laura Bolyard, 1st Vice Regent~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

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JAMESTOWN SOCIETY



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

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