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Palm Beach Chapter Florida Society



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Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Patriot Friends,

Join us to hear interesting Palm Beach Chapter Patriot Bio Stories, Tuesday October 20 @ 12 Noon @ Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Rd. WPB.

Don't wait RSVP Today, to enjoy good Fellowship & a Delicious 2-Course Buffet Lunch, including 2-Deserts & Beverages @ just $45 cash/check/credit card @ the door. Family & Friends always welcome! RSVP "On Line" or with Don Lanman, dlanman258@aol.com.

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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Patriot Friends…

The ***May 19th*** Chapter meeting featured special guest speakers Honoring First Responder **Fire Fighter *William Murphy*** with the ***First Responder Commendation Medal*** by FMR President Greg Parkinsen & President Garrison.



FMR Chapter President Lanman Honored ***8 Chapter Officers*** with a variety of medals in recognition & appreciation of their **12+ years** of faithful selfless service to the ***Chapter, FLSSAR & SAR***. Medals presented included *Distinguished, Meritorious, Roger Sherman & Good Citizenship service* medals presented to ***Compatriots Johnston, Tidwell, Parkinson, Boggs, Anderson, Bright, Bird & Shea***.



Chapter awarded ***6 DAR Daughters; Christie, Tidwell, Ferrer, Fritz, Mouring & Van Deete*** with the ***SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal*** in recognition & appreciation of their dedicated service to the ***Palm Beach Chapter SAR Community.***



FMR President Lanman was the ***Key-Note Speaker*** at the ***21St Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day*** Ceremony. Presenting in ***Colonial Uniform, Lanman*** delivered a compelling review of ***America's First Veterans*** of *the* ***Revolutionary War***.

Joining Lanman at the podium was ***DAR Honorary Regent Daughter Karen Christie*** with a moving & factual speech on little known facts about the ***Revolutionary War***.



Compatriots Johnston, Parkinson, Lanman, Bright joined ***DAR Daughters*** at the annual Flag Placement Ceremony at the *South Florida National Cemetery* placing over 400 flags at the tombstones of our fallen Veterans.



Compatriots Parkinson, Lanman, Johnston, Shea, Swain represented the Chapter along with ***Ft. Lauderdale, DAR & CAR patriots*** at the ***10th Annual DAR Regents Council Flag Retirement*** *Ceremony* respectfully & honorably retiring tattered *American Flags*.



FMR President Lanman, along with ***DAR Honorary Regent Daughter Karen Christie*** presented two ***Florida Veterans Foundation*** grants to ***2 South East Florida Honor Flight Hubs*** for **$15,000** each as part of a State wide grant of ***$150,000*** for all **10** Hubs.





FMR President Lanman, designed & introduced the ***Chapters 2026 Commemorative Coin*** featuring the ***Chapter's 1938 Founding*** along with all the ***Florida Revolutionary War Battles*** noted on side **A** an ***America 250 Anniversary*** honor on side **B**.

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The Chapter is proud to celebrate our ***Nation's 250 Year Anniversary*** with the **New** ***PB Chapter 250 Commemorative Coin*** at just **$15** each or **2** coins just **$20**. Get yours Today!

HMF DAR Daughter Marjorie Ferrer won the May Chapter drawing and donated her winnings back to the Chapter. Well Done & many thanks ***Patriot Marjorie***.



The Chapter remains committed to supporting the ***SAR Nation's 250 Anniversary*** by honoring ***Compatriots, DAR Daughters*** and other ***Patriots*** with unique ***SAR 250 Bronze, Silver & Gold Medals & Certificates.***

Medals are earned for attending and participating in patriotic events over the year. ***President Bill Garrison*** is the Committee Chair and will track the members who submit their activities to him for recognition.







At the Board/Officers meeting were discussions about the year ahead and the initiatives the Chapter will undertake in addition to our existing civic programs and meetings. Most important of these initiatives is building a "**bench**" of Officers & Committee members.

Plus, 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***.

We have a number of committee volunteer opportunities within our ***Palm Beach Chapter*** including **Youth Programs, First Responder, Law Enforcement** 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.**

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 ***Ambassador's*** supporting the ***Florida Veterans Foundation*** providing direct services to Florida's 1.4 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 benefits Florida Veterans** in need. License plates are available online at www.HelpFLVets.org or at local **Florida DMV**.



Compatriot volunteers are needed to serve on the ***Veterans Service Committee*** as we continue supporting the ***VA, American Legion***, ***FVF*** and ***VFW***. Contact Don Lanman to help!

Compatriots 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.

Assist the Chapter, 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 required, 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, & Patriot Friends, we look forward to seeing you and your guests on ***October 20.***

Patriots, join me in remembering Our Patriot Ancestors,
Dear Departed Compatriots, &
Especially Our Nation's Serving Military, First Responders & Veterans

God Bless You! God Bless the United States of America!

Yours in Patriotism – Bill Garrison, 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 Florida, we're proud of our Chapter whose members includes ***1 National Officer International Inspector General, 1 SAR Minuteman Medal, 2 SAR Gold Citizenship Medals, 2 Color Guard Medals*** and ***10 Patriot Medals.***

My fellow Compatriots, as community leaders, we must commit to attending ***Chapter, State*** and ***National Conferences*** to make our voices heard. So, schedule the time to get involved to protect our heritage.





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

~2026/27 Chapter Officers, Meeting Dates/Topics:

- *October 20, Special Guest Speaker*
- *November 17, Special Veterans Program*
- *2027 January 19, Officer Installations, Awards, Guest Speaker*
- *February 16, Special Guest Speaker*
- *March 16, Special Guest Speaker*
- *April 20, Law Enforcement & Firefighters/EMT Recognition*

~2026 Officers & Board Members:

- *President, Bill Garrison*
- *Vice President, Scott Craig*
- *Secretary, FMR President Bob Boggs*
- *Treasurer, FMR President Peter Johnston*
- *Registrar, Open*
- *Chaplain, FMR President Reeve Bright*
- *Historian, FMR President Donald Lanman*
- *Sgt. @ Arms, FMR President Greg Parkinson*
- *Chapter Genealogist, FMR President David Bird*
- *Patriot Newsletter Editor, FMR President Donald Lanman*
- *Note: Officers & FMR Presidents are Voting Board Members*

~SAR National, State, & Chapter Events 2026:

- ✓ *SAR National Congress, NC July*

~Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!

Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter Websites

~Feature Article~



SAR MEETING & EVENT PICTURES

Your Chapter continues to honor ***America's 250 Years of Freedom*** by introducing its Newly minted ***Chapter 250 Commemorative Coin***, One coin for **$15** or 2 coins for **$20**

FMR Chapter President Lanman installed new **Compatriot, Steve Neumeyer** into the Palm Beach Chapter. Welcome Steve!



The Chapter Honored Palm Beach First Responder **Fire Fighter *William Murphy*** with the ***First Responder Commendation Medal*** by President Garrison & FMR President Greg Parkinsen.



Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Patriots 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 2026 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~

~ Honored Presidents Brigade Members~

- **Bronze Level: $25-$99:**

  M. Anderson, D. Bird, A. Cass, S. Curry, D. Coldwell, J. Dorsey, W. Davis, K. Davis, F. Devitt, J. Harper, J. Kane, 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

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

  R. Bright J. Curry, K. Christie, B. Fritz, W. Johnson, P. Johnston, J. Wynns, W. Warwich

- **Platinum Level: $500+**

  J. Annan, W. Adams, B. Boggs, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, J. Evan, 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 the Chapter President to lend a hand on any of the following committees…

- ***2027 Officer Nominations -Chapter Membership***
- ***JROTC & Boy Scouts -Tidwell, Lanman***
- ***Law Enforcement-Fire Safety -Parkinson, Garrison***
- ***Veterans Affairs -Lanman, Kimler***
- ***Newsletter/Publicity -Lanman, Garrison***
- ***Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration -Tidwell, Boggs***
- ***American History Teacher -Boggs, Bird***
- ***Medals/Awards -Tidwell, Lanman***
- ***DAR-CAR Liaison -Lanman, Parkinson***
- ***Speakers Bureau -Lanman, Bird, Johnston***
- ***Financial Audit -Johnston, Bird, Garrison***
- ***Flag Certificates -Langenstein, Parkinson***
- ***Membership Development/Mentor -Johnston, Garrison***
- ***Liberty Tree -Parkinson, Garrison***
- ***Patriot Bios -Johnston, Lanman***
- ***Web Site-Facebook/Social Media -Anderson, Lanman***

~Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store~

Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin $15 each or 2 for just $20!

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's 250 Anniversary***.

~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~

~Marissa Bevan 1st Vice Regent~

~Debbie McCracken, Registrar~

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