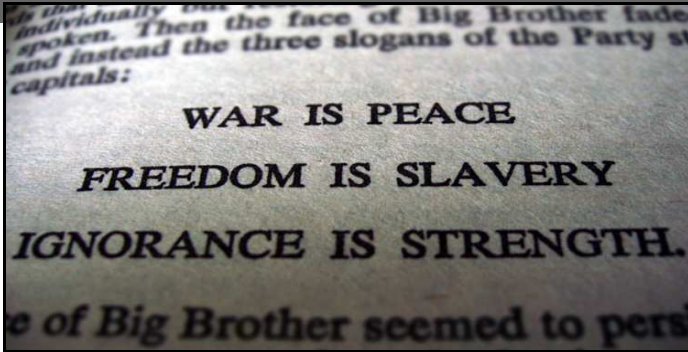


# LIBERTY TREE

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## DOING GOVERNMENT WORK?



### LEAVING PEOPLE IN IGNORANCE SUSTAINS TYRANNY, NOT LIBERTY.

By Dick Greb

Save-A-Patriot Fellowship was founded in 1984 by John Kotmair to be a vehicle for re-establishing the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, and restoring the republic left to us by America's founding fathers. The idea was for Patriots to *come together* in the cause of individual liberty and limited government. By combining their resources and talents, they become a more effective force against those — particularly in government — who are trying to parlay the legitimate (limited) powers granted by the Constitution into a full-blown tyranny, exercising unlimited power over every aspect of the lives of the people. Thus, SAPF's motto: *Together we stand, or separately you will be stood on!*

The main thrust of SAPF's efforts were directed against the Internal Revenue Service, not only because it was recognized as one of the major players (or 'tentacles,' as the late Tommy Cryer of *Truth Attack* referred to it) in the push for more federal control, but also because it so often takes illegitimate actions against the citizenry. It is also the federal agency with which most people are likely to become adversaries at some point in their lives. This is especially true of Patriots, because their greater interest in studying the scope, application and constitutionality of the laws that governments claim apply to them often results in finding that these things are not always as claimed.

So Save-A-Patriot Fellowship assisted Fellowship members in their encounters with the bloated tax behemoth, by developing correspondence to document illegalities in IRS' processes, and to obtain copies of the underlying documentary evidence upon which the IRS claimed to be relying. Needless to say, this made the Fellowship, as well as John himself, somewhat *persona non gratae* in the eyes of the IRS, and of the government in general.

As a result, the IRS attempted to silence them by raiding the Fellowship offices and John's residence in the winter of 1993. They took all manner of Fellowship property, including filing cabinets, computers and other office equipment, as well as some operating funds.<sup>1</sup> Naturally, without its office equipment, Fellowship activities were temporarily sup-

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## Truth Attack's *Tayra Antolick*



On Tuesday evenings, 6 PM EST (3 PM PST), Tayra Antolick lights up the Truth Attack Hour, where "religion, politics, and the law are mentioned all in one breath." A native-born Cuban and naturalized American citizen, Tayra has a wide range of life experience and a unique perspective on freedom. Here is a part of her personal story, and next month she will write about her journey to constitutional awareness. Hear her explain the news every Tuesday at [lwrrn.net](http://lwrrn.net)!

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It was a night in September, 1953, around 9 o'clock p.m. With a hammer and a knife, my father chiseled off his ankle cast so he could carry my very pregnant mother down three flights of apartment stairs to take her to the hospital. On the way down, he told her, "You will have this baby on my birthday.

1. One result of the suit for return of this property was U.S. District Judge Marvin Garbis' declaration that the Fellowship could operate as an unincorporated association, and had no requirement to keep records for government purposes.



In 1993, the IRS raided the SAP Fellowship offices and John Kotmair's home. Of course, the media was informed in advance so that they could create the buzz of publicity the IRS so desires to keep the citizenry in abject fear. Patriots rallied around SAPF and kept the offices open while SAPF sued the IRS for the return of confiscated equipment, materials, and donations.

pressed, although eventually the office equipment was returned. But in the breach, the members rallied to support the Fellowship, and sent in funds and new equipment to replace that which had been stolen by the IRS. In fact, seeing the lengths to which it would go to shut SAPF down created a renewed vigor in the membership, and through active recruitment efforts, our numbers swelled – for a time.

This cycle of fervor (when attacked) and torpor (in times of perceived calm) has repeated itself many times, but whenever the chips were down, the SAPF membership would always realize the value of what the Fellowship was doing, and come to its rescue once again. In 2008, the federals – with the active participation of a corrupt judiciary – finally managed to impose an injunction against the Fellowship, unconstitutionally restricting our right to speak our minds, or to distribute the books, video seminars, newsletters and other mate-

rial which were the fruits of our years of research. The injunction also prohibited the Fellowship from assisting members in their correspondence with the IRS. This was a real blow to SAPF because it simultaneously prevented us from providing the services many members relied upon in their fight against government tyranny, while severely curtailing the Fellowship's operating funds, since the majority of those funds were generated from those services and educational materials now prohibited by the injunction. Nevertheless, faithful Patriots came to the rescue again and kept the Fellowship alive while preparations were being made to re-launch Liberty Works Radio Network, the new central focus of Fellowship activities.

**PROCLAIMING LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND!**

In May 2009, LWRN finally hit the airwaves again on WIFL-FM in central Florida, but in December of 2010, that station was forced into bankruptcy. However, the network continued to broadcast its programming on the internet, while looking for another station that would step up as an LWRN affiliate. WSDT-AM, on the outskirts of Chattanooga, Tennessee is that station. In conjunction with the LWRN live stream<sup>2</sup> and the Android mobile app,<sup>3</sup> which everyone with a computer can listen to, WSDT provides Chattanooga-area radio listeners with some of LWRN's enlightening programs, like the *Truth Attack Hour*, *Institute on the Constitution* and David Carmichael's *Preservative Talk Radio*. Go to [libertyworksradionetwork.com/jml/index.php/hosts](http://libertyworksradionetwork.com/jml/index.php/hosts) and take a look at these and the other programs LWRN is broadcasting.

**ASK NOT WHAT YOUR FELLOWSHIP CAN DO FOR YOU ...**

Long-time members should be aware of this history of the Fellowship, but some newer folks may not be familiar with it. The reason for laying it out is to illustrate the cycles of waxing and waning support that have been a part of SAP Fellowship operations for most of its existence. But the injunction and the subsequent change of focus to Liberty Works Radio Network as the means for educating the public at large brought a new factor into that old equation. With the forced reduction of member services the Fellowship could offer,<sup>4</sup> many previous members simply let their membership lapse, and otherwise stopped supporting the LWRN effort. Naturally, there were plenty of them who were forced to find other assistance with their tax situations because the injunction left them in the lurch too. And although there's no way to really know, it's tough to shake the feeling that for many of them, any interest in restoring the republic came in a distant second to their interest in

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2. [radio.securenetsystems.net/radio\\_player\\_large.cfm?stationCallSign=LWRN](http://radio.securenetsystems.net/radio_player_large.cfm?stationCallSign=LWRN)  
 3. Download the free app at <https://play.google.com/store/apps>. Just type "LWRN" in the search bar, and the app will come up for loading.  
 4. Not all services were enjoined, however. SAP can still assist members with IRS Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act requests, non-tax federal matters, and any state matters, including state tax issues. If you need any such assistance, contact the Fellowship office, and if you're not already a member, join today.

You have to have this baby on my birthday!” Sure enough, I was born in La Habana, Cuba on my father’s birthday.

When I was about six years old, playing hopscotch on the sidewalk one afternoon, I heard the loud honk of a Jeep full of kids. The man driving asked my mom if my sister and I could attend the Little Rays of Sunshine children’s group at a local Baptist church. We had such a great time there that, before long, we attended church on a regular basis. I remember sitting in the first pew; my eyes glued on the preacher. I was so mesmerized by the power of his preaching that I promised myself I would marry somebody just like him. Before my seventh birthday, I made a profession of faith and belief in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.

Around the same time, however, there were strange things happening around me I did not understand. The names Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, and Camilo Cienfuegos dominated conversations in hidden places. My dad left for long periods of time. Often, there was machine-gun fire in the night, and my mom would wake my sister and me and make us go next door to hide under a table with a mattress on top.

*¡Viva la Revolución!* Fidel Castro took the reins of power from Fulgencio Batista’s hands at the close of 1959. One day in school after that, all the students were given ice cream with an oral vaccine in it. The teacher told us we must thank Castro for giving us this ice cream with medicine that will make us be healthy. As a Christian girl, I thought, “I’m not going to thank him for anything! I only thank God.”

As a little girl, I couldn’t understand why we now had to wait in a long line at the grocery store to get our food.

We could only get the amount of food a little book told us we could have. Gum was not in the little book, so I had to ration my last piece. One day, the tropical blue sky over my house turned black after the *La Coubre* explosion.<sup>1</sup> In my mind, the tropical blue skies never returned while I lived in Cuba.

My parents began secretly removing our furniture in the middle of the night, giving it to our neighbors. In March 1962, my family boarded a plane at Havana International Airport. From high up, I saw the big, lush, green island moving away from under me. It only took 30 minutes for my life to change forever.

Once in Miami, Florida, our family had to report to a pink building on Biscayne Boulevard called the Freedom Tower: the southern version of Ellis Island. Then we moved to Astoria, Queens in New York — where for the first time I saw snow and frozen laundry hanging on pulley-drawn clotheslines strung between buildings for — to New Haven, Connecticut, and finally back to Miami, where in eighth grade, studying American history, I fell in love with this country America. When I read about the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving, how they thanked God for His abundance and protection, I was in amazed awe. I fled my own country because I couldn’t even carry my Bible openly on the way to church, and yet here is a country that actually acknowledges the existence of God from its infancy.

Ministry was on my mind since I was a young teenager, so I attended Miami Christian College (MCC). At that time, the charismatic movement, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war protests, the hippie movement, just to mention a few, were in full swing. I experienced my own rebellion of sorts — I was expelled from the college as a “Baptist,” and told to reapply as “Charismatic” because I had reported having attended

Maranatha Community Church more than once. I enrolled at Miami-Dade Jr. College on a music scholarship, a blessing to my parents who could not afford to put me through school, and finally reapplied to and graduated from MCC. By singing in churches, I was able to afford college, and my singing career led me to my husband, Charlie, who has supported me through, among other things, an M.A. in Theology and my awakening to the loss of freedoms in America. I am committed to doing my part to keep America from going the way of Cuba.



Tayra standing in front of the school she attended as a child in Cuba (the building on the left) in 1999. The house to the right once belonged to her great aunt, a novelist.

1. The freighter *La Coubre*, carrying tons of munitions, exploded in March 1960 while being unloaded in Havana harbor. According to Wikipedia, the explosion is often attributed to the CIA, who wished to overthrow Castro, and the files of the French shipping company’s investigation are currently sealed under a 150-year embargo.

having the Fellowship attend to their personal tax problems.

It's not difficult to understand this attitude, but it can be disheartening just the same. Because after all, the taxation issues we're dealing with are merely symptoms of the larger problem – the undermining of constitutional limitations on government power. Simply put, the path of usurpation we're currently following leads inevitably to abject slavery for us all. And unless enough people can be made to understand that simple fact, and work together to change our course, that is what we will see in our future. Or worse yet, what our children will see because of our inaction. And that's the bottom line: we're fighting not just for ourselves, but for our children and grandchildren too. Our founding fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to establish the freest form of government the world had ever seen. But what are we willing to pledge to keep it?

#### ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP!

Getting a critical mass of people to understand just how dire our circumstances are, and how restoring constitutional safeguards against the ambitions of power-hungry politicians is the logical path to correcting them, is what Liberty Works Radio Network is all about. The idea is to get freedom-oriented programming into the ears of folks who may not otherwise have occasion to hear it. That's one of the beauties of radio. People scanning through stations on their car radios on the way to and from work hear just enough of some LWRN program to pique their interest, and the next thing you know, they're regular listeners. The more they listen, the more understanding they get of what's really going on in our country, and this impels them to spread the news to their families and friends. Once these people begin to listen regularly, they will no doubt eventually be driven to the website ([lwrn.net](http://lwrn.net)) and internet stream, and will hopefully want to support the network so that others will be able to follow the same path to enlightenment.

This is a key point in supporting Liberty Works Radio Network. In contrast to the benefits of SAPF, which were primarily realized by the supporter himself, and secondarily by the public at large, the benefits of LWRN are realized primarily by the public, and only secondarily by the supporter. In other words, your support funds the opportunity for unknown others to start getting the political education you've already received. You're not paying so that *you* can hear LWRN; you can already hear all the LWRN programs you want by listening online. You're paying so that *others* can hear! The benefit to you comes about through the awakening of these new listeners, and with their added support, many more like them. And it will take many more to obtain the critical mass needed to effect our ultimate goal of restoring liberty.

So, what can you do to support the LWRN effort? The most obvious – and at this time, the most critical – is financial support. Without that, Liberty Works Radio Network will not be able to continue operations. You've no doubt received some of our previous pleas for funds and pledges of continuing donations. Unfortunately, we're in the midst of one of those cycles of wanting support, and too few people are responding to those pleas. But that small number of faithful supporters can't do it all. As the old proverb says: Many hands make light work. If more hands do not join with us, LWRN will lose its voice. The government's work of silencing another critic will be done. That's right, by sitting on their hands (and wallets), Patriots will be doing the government's work for them!! Can we really afford to let that happen?

Another way to support the network is to encourage others to listen to LWRN, and ultimately to become supporting members themselves. A good place to start is by subscribing to the email list (if you're not already), and then forwarding the emails you receive to friends and family, especially the daily *Truth Attack Hour* announcements that describe the guests and subjects of that day's program. Who knows? That subject might be just the one that gets them to listen the first time. And once people get an earful of truth, they'll likely want to come back for more. Think about your own awakening, and the zeal generated from that first encounter. And don't forget to listen yourself! If you're not listening to LWRN programs, then it's time to start. Let the hosts know that you're listening too. When you're broadcasting to an unseen audience, it's good to get some indication that your show is not also *unheard*. You can even let your views be heard, by calling into the *Truth Attack Hour* and *Preservative Talk Radio*. Check the schedule at the link above for times and for the listing of our other programming. You might also add a link to LWRN in your email signature.

If you're a member of a Patriot group, talk to them about supporting LWRN, whether through hosting or sponsoring a show, or by advertising your group and its events, products or services. Contact the Fellowship for information on how to do it. Or if you know of someone who would like to host their own show, have them contact John Kotmair ([john@lwrn.net](mailto:john@lwrn.net)). Broadcast fees are very reasonable.

We certainly understand that the current state of economic affairs may prevent some of you from being able to contribute funds at this time. But don't forget there's power in prayer, so please remember LWRN in your prayers. Finally, if there's some reason why you *won't* support Liberty Works, we'd still appreciate hearing from you. Your response could help us formulate better strategies or otherwise improve what we're doing. The bottom line is to do what you can to make Liberty Works Radio Network a success. Let's not do the government's dirty work through our apathy.

