



Christopher J. Bradley Summit

Press Kit

E Pluribus Unum — Out of Many, One Name

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The Christopher J. Bradley Summit

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WHAT

The first-ever gathering of everyone in America named Christopher J. Bradley

WHEN

July 4-5, 2026 (America's 250th birthday)

WHERE

Northwest Florida (specific venue TBA)

GOAL

Bring together as many of the estimated 2,287 American CJBs as possible

WORLD RECORD

2,325 (Ivans in Bosnia, 2017)

CHARITY

Proceeds benefit veteran housing organizations

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Precedent

- **Josh Fight (2021):** ~1,000 attendees, \$14,000 raised, CNN/BBC/ESPN/WSJ coverage
- **Phil Campbell Convention (1995, 2011):** Documentary "I'm With Phil"
- **Nigel Night (2019):** 434 Nigels gathered in England

REGISTRATION

Founder Bio

SHORT BIO (100 WORDS)

Christopher J. Bradley is a Gulf War veteran, lawyer, and civic educator based in Northwest Florida. After years of personal upheaval — including a painful estrangement from his daughter — he spent nearly a decade living on a sailboat, where he photographed over 2,000 sunsets and developed his guiding philosophy: "Love everyone, start with you." He's the author of a 28-book children's series on constitutional values and founder of several civic education platforms. The CJB Summit is his attempt to explore what connects people — starting with the 2,287 Americans who share his exact name.

Long Bio (350 words)

Christopher J. Bradley knows something about disconnection.

A Gulf War veteran who served with the 1st Cavalry Division driving a tank in combat at 19, Bradley returned home to build a life — law school, a legal career, a family. Then it fell apart. A difficult divorce led to estrangement from his daughter, a separation that persists to this day. The systems meant to protect families failed him, a story he documented in his memoir "The Citizen's Compass: A Journey Through American Principles and Personal Reckoning."

In the aftermath, Bradley did something unexpected: he moved onto a 36-foot sailboat docked along Florida's Northwest Gulf Coast. For nearly a decade, he lived on the water, often anchored less than a mile from where his daughter attended high school — close enough to hope, too far to reach.

During those years, he photographed over 2,000 sunsets from the same vantage point. The practice became a meditation on impermanence, beauty, and the stubborn persistence of showing up. He emerged with a simple philosophy: "Life is simple. Love everyone, start with you."

That philosophy now drives his work. Bradley is the author of "Liberty's Principles Pals," a 28-book children's series teaching constitutional values to young readers. He's built nine interconnected platforms focused on civic education, family strengthening, and intentional living — including The Citizen's Compass, The Art of Citizenship, and Love Everyone.love.

The Christopher J. Bradley Summit represents something new: an experiment in connection.

Quotable Quotes

Pre-approved quotes from Christopher J. Bradley for media use:

"I've spent years thinking about what connects us and what divides us. This is the most literal version of that question I could imagine — 2,000 strangers who share nothing but a name, coming together to see what else we have in common."

"I lived on a sailboat for nearly a decade. I photographed over 2,000 sunsets. I wrote 28 children's books. Now I'm gathering everyone in America who shares my name. My life doesn't follow a straight line — but it all connects."

"E Pluribus Unum — out of many, one. Usually that refers to states. For us, it's about people. What unites 2,287 strangers beyond three words on a birth certificate? That's what we're going to find out."

"The sailboat years taught me something: you can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails. This summit is me adjusting my sails — building something about connection after years of learning what disconnection feels like."

"One of our namesakes is a Navy veteran from Florida who was severely injured in service. When we gather, we're not just celebrating a name — we're honoring the stories behind it."

"Love everyone, start with you. That's the philosophy I developed on the boat. This summit is one way I'm trying to live it out."

Story Angles & Key Statistics

Story Angles for Journalists

Human Interest / Feature

A man who experienced profound disconnection — from his daughter, from his expected life — builds something fundamentally about connection. The irony is the point.

Trend Piece

The growing phenomenon of name-based gatherings. Josh Fight, Phil Campbell, Nigel Night — and now this.

America 250 Angle

E Pluribus Unum with a twist. What unites Americans beyond the obvious?

Veteran Story

Gulf War veteran rebuilds his life through civic education and community building. Summit honors injured Navy veteran namesake.

Lifestyle / Second Act

A decade on a sailboat, 2,000 sunsets, and finding purpose after loss.

Genealogy Angle

Crowdsourcing the search for the first Christopher J. Bradley in American history.

Local Florida Angle

Northwest Florida resident's unusual journey — from sailboat to civic educator to gathering organizer.

Key Statistics

2,287

Estimated CJBs in
America

50

States represented

250

Years of independence

2,325

Current world record

Contact & Resources

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High-Resolution Photos

Available upon request. Includes headshots, sunset photography from the sailboat years, and event graphics.

Interviews

Christopher J. Bradley is available for phone, video, and in-person interviews. He can also connect journalists with other registered Christopher J. Bradleys for additional perspectives.

Related Projects

- **The Citizen's Compass** — thecitizenscompass.com
 - **Liberty's Principles Pals** — libertysprinciplespals.com
 - **Love Everyone** — loveeveryone.love
 - **Sunsets for the Soul** — sunsetsforthesoul.com
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