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~ March-April-May Meetings Cancelled~

Per the CDC Pandemic guidelines, [Guest Speakers; SAR Knight Essay Student Riley Schwartz](#), and [Compatriots Peter Johnston & Buddy Miller's "Patriot Ancestor Bios"](#) scheduled for the March meeting, and the [Firefighters/EMS and Law Enforcement Awards Ceremonies](#) scheduled for the April and May meetings are cancelled out of an abundance of caution to protect our members and guests from the highly contagious and deadly COVID-19 Virus.

- [The Next Chapter meeting is scheduled for October 20th Featuring a special Ceremony honoring Firefighters/EMS & Law Enforcement Professionals](#)
- [3-Course Buffet Lunch, Desserts & Beverages, \\$28 per person Check/Cash](#)
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President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

On behalf of *Chapter Officers* and the *Board of Directors*, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the support and willingness of all **Compatriots, DAR** and **Friends** to accept, as a **Patriotic Duty**, the CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing to minimize the spread of the **Covid-19 Virus**.

We also extend our sincere admiration and appreciation to the thousands of **Healthcare Workers, Law Enforcement Professionals, First Responders, Emergency Service Providers, Retail Employees, Supply Chain Teams** and our **Military** who place themselves in danger daily to protect, and sustain us all through this very trying time.

Palm Beach Chapter Compatriots are answering call to service by checking on fellow *Compatriots*, delivering food to homebound seniors and supporting our veterans in need. In the coming weeks, I encourage everyone to **"make the time"** and personally call as many *Compatriots* and *Friends* as possible to offer moral support, exchange stories and provide physical assistance where needed.

While this **Pandemic** may test our resolve, I believe it will ultimately serve to strengthen the core beliefs that the SAR was founded on; that we are a nation of, by and for the people, and that freedom has come at a great price, is often tested and can be easily lost.

I hope you will join all of your fellow *Compatriots* by flying the American Flag with pride to show your support for our great nation. Once the *Pandemic* has passed and life returns to some level of normalcy, let's all go out, visit friends, patronize local businesses, visit the malls, sports events and help our country return to prosperity.

As the **Honorable Benjamin Franklin** remarked in 1776, **"We must all hang together, or most assuredly we will all hang separately"**. Thank you, in advance, for the help and support of my fellow **Compatriots** and **DAR Daughters**.

We had to cancel the March, April and May meetings, including our special annual **Firefighters/EMS & Law Enforcement Awards Ceremonies**, out of an abundance of caution to protect our members and guests from the highly contagious and deadly virus.

However, these important ceremonies have been rescheduled for our **October 20** meeting and given the circumstances will take on a new and very special meaning this year, so please schedule the date now.

While we didn't get a chance to hear guest speaker and **SAR Knight Essay Author-Honor Student Riley Schwartz** on the **Importance of the 14th Amendment**, his essay is included in this newsletter on page 7. This award winning essay is most compelling interesting and informative.

Again this year, **Historian-Author-Compatriot John Stewart** entertained us with an encore reenactment as the dynamic **Founding Father & 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson** at the February meeting.



We were entertained by John's convincing portrayal of our **3rd President** while benefiting from his extensive knowledge of *Jefferson's* personal life, especially his leadership during the contentious and violent election of 1800.

NSSAR Deputy Inspector General/FMR State/Chapter Ray Wess was Honored at the last FLSSAR Board of Management meeting with the prestigious **Gold Roger Sherman Medal** for the 2nd time. Congratulations Ray, you bring honor to our Chapter.



FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Chairman, Don Lanman installed **Compatriot Mark A. Wess** into the Veterans Battalion. **Compatriot Mark Wess**, son of **NSSAR Deputy Inspector General/FMR State/Chapter Ray Wess**, is currently serving on active duty with the *United States Navy*. **Mark** is a credit to the **PB Chapter** and our great Nation.

Veterans Battalion Compatriots are recognized with either the **SAR Military Service** or **War Service Medal** in recognition of their service, and join the **18%** of **Palm Beach Chapter Veterans** who've served honorably in **WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Global War on Terrorism, Iraq, & Afghanistan**. **Chapter Veterans** are encouraged to join the VB.



FMR Chapter Presidents Ray Wess, Greg Parkinson & Don Lanman gather to celebrate **FMR President Jim Blackburn's 90th Birthday** and **40+** years in the SAR. **Congratulations Jim.**



Don't wait to be asked, volunteers are needed for Chapter Committees today 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.



Recruit New Members! The ongoing success of our Chapter relies on increasing membership and the mentoring new members. Help by recruiting **Sons, Grandsons, Friends** and civic-minded individuals interested in honoring their **Patriot Ancestors** and enjoying good fellowship. Call it a Holiday or Birthday gift, no wrapping, and no returns.

To our beloved **DAR Patriot Daughters** we extend our heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter by attending meetings, events, and their tireless efforts to help grow the **Chapter** by referring new SAR prospects. **Palm Beach Compatriots** are encouraged to actively support **DAR Chapters** by attending their meetings, fundraising activities and related patriotic events.

Fellow Compatriots, I look forward to seeing you and your guests at the **Special October 20 meeting!** Please, join me in remembering our **Patriot Ancestors, Dear Departed Compatriots** and especially our nation's **Military** and **Veterans**.

God Bless You & God Bless the United States of America.
Yours in Patriotism – J. Reeve Bright, Esq., President 2020



Hear Ye-Hear Ye.....Chapter Editorial

Don Lanman-Editor, State Officer & FMR Chapter President

~LIBERTAS ET PATRIA~

~LIBERTY & COUNTRY~

Given the Pandemic, You have time on your hands... So please provide me with some 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.

Share your Patriot Bios! We all enjoy sharing stories about family histories 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, just pick a meeting date and I'll help you develop your 10 minute presentation, contact me @ dlanman258@aol.com.



Please submit your content to the **Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor** in an **MS 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**.

Regarding COVID-19, Compatriots are encouraged to follow CDC and government guidelines regarding **Patriotic** activities including **SAR Chapter, State/National meetings, conferences, patriotic ceremonies, Memorial Day, Missing in America, Flag Day, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Honor Flights, July 4th, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, DAR meetings, and other events.**

Please stay safe during this Pandemic, reach out to friends and fellow Compatriots, and help our Nation recover from this dread disease.

~God Bless You & God Bless the United States of America~

~In Patriotism & Heartfelt Comradeship - D. Lanman

~2020/2021 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

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

- April, 21, **Cancelled-Pandemic**
- May, 19, **Cancelled-Pandemic**
- Oct. 20, **Special First Responder/Law Enforcement Honor Ceremony**
- Nov. 17, **Veterans Event, Special Guest Speaker**
- Dec. 5, **Annual Christmas-Holiday Musical- Dimension 20 Choir**
- Jan. 19 2021, **Officer Installations, Guest Speaker**
- Feb. 16, **Special Guest Speaker, John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson**
- March 16, **Special Guest Speaker**
- April 20, **Firefighters/EMS Awards Ceremony**
- May 18, **Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony**

~2020 Officers & Board Members:

- **President, J. Reeve Bright Esq.**
- **Vice President, Anthony Shea**
- **Secretary, FMR President Bob Boggs**
- **Treasurer, James Mangan**
- **Registrar, Peter Miller**
- **Chaplain Father, Sanford Sears**
- **Sgt. @ Arms, FMR President Greg Parkinson**
- **Historian, FMR President Samuel "Buddy" Miller**
- **Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton**
- **Patriot Newsletter Editor, FMR President Donald Lanman**
- **Note: FMR Presidents are Voting Board Members**

~SAR National, State, & Chapter Events:

- ✓ **FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting, Orlando TBD**
- ✓ **Battle of Pensacola Event, Pensacola, FL May 8-9 Cancelled**
- ✓ **Flag Placement Day S. FL National Cemetery, WPB May 24 TBD**
- ✓ **Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Event, WPB May 25 TBD**
- ✓ **Missing in America Veterans Event, TBD**
- ✓ **130th SAR National Congress-Richmond, VA 7-15 TBD**

**Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!
Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter websites.**

~Feature Article~

Historical Importance of the 14th Amendment

**By Riley Schwartz, Palm Beach Chapter SAR Knight Essay Winner
12th Grade Honor Student Boynton Beach Community High School**

The United States Constitution, in and of itself, is one of the most important governmental documents in the United States. Its very existence outlines the concepts of democracy and freedom that this country was built on. There are certainly many highly important parts of the Constitution, from the Bill of Rights, which take credit for the beginning stages of the building of the United States, to the nineteenth amendment, which gives women the right to vote, to the thirteenth amendment, which bans slavery.

However, no amendment in the Constitution is more important than the Fourteenth Amendment, which contains, among other parts, three important clauses: the equal protection clause, the due process clause, and the citizenship clause. Each of these clauses has direct ramifications on the American people which can be seen through landmark Supreme Court cases.

First, the equal protection clause. According to Cornell University's Legal Information Institute, the idea behind the Fourteenth Amendment was to ensure the rights of United States citizens as it pertains to laws passed by individual states. With the Fourteenth Amendment being passed just after the end of the U.S. Civil War, it was important to Congress to ensure that the rights of former slaves were properly stated in the constitution.

The equal protection clause is partly responsible for this. It states “No state shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Nowhere is this idea of equal protection under the law shown better than in the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*. According to the Bill of Rights institute, “...the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in *Brown v. Board of Education* that ‘separate but equal’ was unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.”

The Bill of Rights institute furthers that point by stating that the Supreme Court used psychological tests performed on children learning in environments separated by race, and the ultimate conclusions of those studies as grounds for their decision. The Equal Protection clause, as a result, led to millions of previously unequal school children finally getting the equal education they rightfully deserve.

The Due Process clause is another important part of the Fourteenth Amendment, and also happens to be the only part of the constitution that is repeated twice, once as it applies to the federal government in the Fifth Amendment, and again as it applies to state governments in the Fourteenth Amendment, according to the Legal Information Institute. “Due Process” as an idea has been around since the very beginning of the framing of the Constitution, and continues to be one of the most influential portions of the Constitution today.

Nowhere is that influence greater seen than in the landmark Supreme Court case *Gitlow v. New York*.

The backstory of *Gitlow*, according to the National Constitution Center, is as follows: A socialist named Benjamin Gitlow published an article calling for the overthrow of the American Government, and was arrested for violating a New York state law. Gitlow argued that his First Amendment right to free speech was violated, and pursued a legal case against the state of New York that eventually made its way to the Supreme Court. Even though this is a First Amendment case, the First Amendment would only apply to New York through the Due Process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

This use of the Fourteenth Amendment to apply various other Amendments to states is essentially what the Due Process clause allows, and has since become a very popular tool in a wide variety of Supreme Court and other judicial cases.

Finally, there is the citizenship clause. The United States is part of the unique group of thirty-five countries that grant birthright citizenship, meaning citizenship granted if you are born on the sovereign territory of a country, according to Business Insider.

The citizenship clause, according to the Legal Information Institute, occurs in the very first sentence of section one of the fourteenth amendment, and states the following: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.” This principle that any person born on U.S. soil is a U.S. citizen is a principle called *Jus Soli* citizenship, and an important Supreme Court case which argues the extent of *Jus Soli* citizenship in the U.S. is the case *U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark*.

According to the Oyez Project, a son of two Chinese immigrants named Wong Kim Ark was living in San Francisco and went to China on a trip, and when he returned, was denied entry into the United States on the grounds that he was not a U.S. Citizen based on the principles of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The subsequent Supreme Court case determined that he was a U.S. citizen because he had been physically born in San Francisco, which is part of the sovereign territory of the United States.

The ruling of *U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark* also determined that *Jus Soli* citizenship applied to people born in the United States, even if their parents are non-citizens. While the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment was originally designed to give citizenship to all former slaves in the United States, its broad wording has had far-reaching ramifications, and has allowed for the legal citizenship of millions born in the United States since then.

The Fourteenth Amendment was originally passed as a means to grant basic rights to freed slaves in the United States after the Civil War, and, along with the Thirteenth and Fifteenth amendments, has done just that.

In addition to what the Fourteenth Amendment has done for former slaves, however, it has also become the most influential amendment of the United States constitution.

From the Citizenship Clause, to the Due Process clause, to the Equal Protection Clause, and all the Supreme Court cases that subsequently occurred, it is clear that the Fourteenth Amendment is much more than its humble beginnings.

Therefore, it is without a doubt that the Fourteenth amendment is the most influential amendment ever crafted in the United States Constitution.

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Riley Schwartz, Biography

Boynton Beach Community High School

- **Senior Boynton Beach Community High School Honor Roll.**
- **3.83 GPA-4.99 HPA & Boynton Beach Community H.S. Class Salutatorian ranking.**
- **Enrollments at Palm Beach State College & Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.**
- **Project team leader for the Florida Atlantic Universities 2019 Engineering Week.**
- **Member NASA Astronaut Skype events on the issues of long-term space travel.**
- **Serves on a Science Experts panel, including FAU professors, & Astronaut Steven Swanson, hosting Skype calls with Astronaut Anne McClain on the International Space Station.**
- **Drone Club project leader designing, building, & piloting fixed-wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.**
- **Former chapter president of the Palm Beach chapter of the B'nei B'rith Youth Organization, earning Program of the Year & Most Improved Chapter.**
- **Awarded Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.**
- **Palm Beach Post Pathfinders Scholarship nominee.**
- **Accepted at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science Degree program.**
- **Plays piano, holds a private pilot license, & training for a remote pilot certificate.**
- **Volunteer teaching assistant for 3rd & 4th grade students in the Hebrew language.**

~Meeting & Event Pictures~

FMR President Bob Boggs presents **2019 Chapter Service Certificates** to **FMR Treasurer Peter Johnston, Registrar Pete Miller, Historian FMR President Buddy Miller, FMR President Greg Parkinson & FMR President Donald Lanman**



NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Raymond Wess Honored by **FLSSAR** with the prestigious **Gold Roger Sherman Medal** for the **2nd** time. **Congratulations Ray!**



FMR Presidents Ray Wess, Greg Parkinson & Don Lanman celebrate Jim Blackburn's 90th Birthday and 40+ years in the SAR. Congratulations Jim!



~Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Guests Enjoy Fellowship~



~Join the President's Brigade - Support Youth Programs!

The **Palm Beach Chapter** provides 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 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, and related community civic programs**.

Please Help increase the scholarships this year by donating a few dollars to the **Presidents Brigade** in support of these **"Students of Character"**.

~JOIN THE 2020 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~ **~ Honored Presidents Brigade Members~**

❖ Bronze Level: \$25-\$99:

M. Anderson, R. Bright, J. Blackburn, A. Cass, R. Culpepper, D. Coldwell, S. Curry, J. Dorsey, W. Davis, K. Davis, F. Devitt, J. Harper, J. Kane, R. Linn, L. Lanpher, R. Moore, P. Miller, S. Miller, H. Oyer, G. Odell, G. Scott, A. Shea, J. Wearn, M. Wess

❖ Silver Level: \$100-\$199:

S. Barber, J. Curry, T. Friend, R. Gearing, B. Gunter, G. Green, A. Griswold, W. Meakin, W. Told, R. Warwick

❖ Gold Level: \$200-\$499:

J. Curry, S. Hitt, J. Wynns, W. Richards

❖ Platinum Level: \$500+

B. Boggs, A. Dreyfoos, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, G. Parkinson, B. Tidwell, R. Wess

~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 any 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 Reeve Bright @ 561-573-8186** to lend a hand on any of the following committees...

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ➤ 2021 Officer Nominations | -Chapter Membership |
| ➤ JROTC & Boy Scouts | -Tidwell, Barber |
| ➤ Law Enforcement-Fire Safety | -Parkinson, Green |
| ➤ Veterans Affairs | -Lanman, Richards |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration | -Boggs, Tidwell |
| ➤ American History Teacher | -Boggs, Clayton |
| ➤ Medals/Awards | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison | - Lanman, Parkinson, Tidwell |
| ➤ Speakers Bureau | -Lanman, Bright, Boggs |
| ➤ Financial Audit | -Coldwell, Mangan, Johnston |
| ➤ Flag Certificates | -Miller, Parkinson |
| ➤ Membership Development/Mentor | -Bright, Miller, Lanman, Boggs |
| ➤ Liberty Tree | -Miller, Parkinson |
| ➤ Patriot Bios | -Boggs, Miller, Lanman |
| ➤ Web Site-Facebook/Social Media | -Anderson, Lanman |

~Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store~

Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin \$10!



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.

This beautiful collector's coin is highlighted in **George Washington Military Blue** colors on a stunning **Gold** background personalized with the Chapter's founding date and a **Patriot Minuteman** standing guard over the *Florida State motto "In God We Trust"*.

This collector's coin includes an inscription listing the 4 major **Revolutionary War** battles waged in **Florida** including the battles of **Ft. George-Pensacola, Thomas Creek Massacre, Alligator Creek Battle**, and the **Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War** between the mighty **USS Alliance** vs. the **British HMS Sybil**. The reverse side displays the national **Sons of the American Revolution, Cross of Malta**. The Chapter provides these collector coins for just \$10.

~Classy SAR Lapel Pins \$10~



*Wear the **Gold SAR Lapel Pin** on your clothing beside your **SAR Rosette**. The unique SAR Lapel Pin is part of a national branding program to help promote the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and stimulate new memberships!*

*The **SAR Gold** lapel pin along with the **SAR Rosette** are recognizable public symbols of the SAR providing Compatriots recognition as an honored members of a great Patriotic society, and may spark conversations about SAR that leads to a new member. Wear your pin with pride Today for just \$10.*

~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

~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS
~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT

~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY
~International Lineage Society

~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER
~HISTORIAN/AUTHOR/VETERAN/PATRIOT

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



~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~

~Lake Worth, Florida~

~Sheila Zile-Pecoraro, Regent~

~Karen E. Christie, Vice Regent~

~NSDAR Volunteer Genealogist, Area 9~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

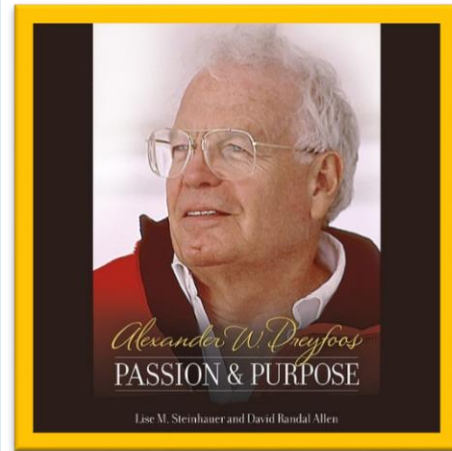
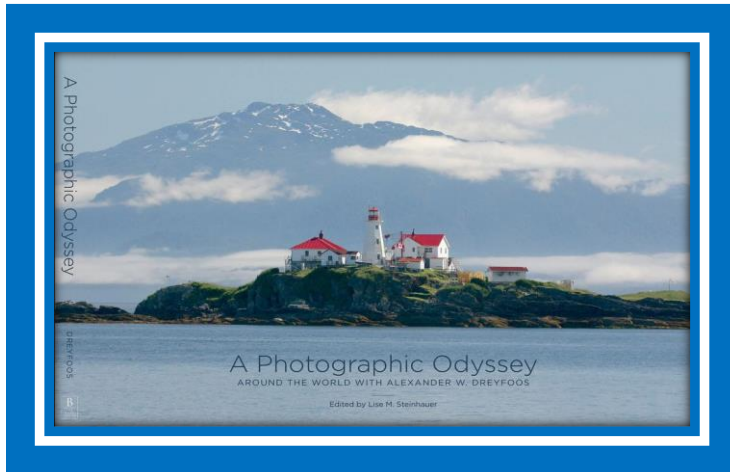
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-



-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY- -PASSION & PURPOSE-

Compatriot Alexander W Dreyfoos, Jr. an honored member of the *Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*, noted American entrepreneur, and philanthropist has published two remarkable books that should be on every bookshelf. **Book sales proceeds donated to local West Palm Beach charities!**

- **Passion & Purpose** chronicles a remarkable lifetime of passion with photography, his business, inventions and philanthropic ventures, as well as his adventures above and below the water. **\$29.95.**
- **A Photographic Odyssey** is a remarkable collection of hundreds of stunning pictures from 100,000 photos taken by Alex around the world and bound in an elegant 15" by 10" glossy photographic book. You will travel with Alex around the world, above and below the water, to forests, jungles, glaciers, and deserts in the exotic locals of Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Japan, and Tibet. The subjects are very divergent contrasting palaces and temples with the vulnerability of people, animals, and exotic scenery. **\$60.00.**
- **Support** your Chapter & local charities! **Get both books, Passion & Purpose & A Photographic Odyssey**, just **\$71.96** @ kravis.org/books or Call 561-651-4329.

~Author/Photographer/Philanthropist, Alexander W. Dreyfoos~

Graduating from MIT and Harvard Business School, Alex founded Photo Electronics Corporation (PCS), specializing in photography and video production. Over the decades, Alex earned 10 US patents and invented the Video Color Negative Analyzer for motion pictures earning him an Academy Award for technical achievement. Many inventions, developed by PCS, are on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution. Locally Alex also owned television station WPEC TV-12, the CBS affiliate in West Palm Beach. Alex's many philanthropic achievements include founding the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and gifting a million dollars to the Dreyfoos School of the Arts. Alex also donated a million dollars each to the Palm Beach County biomedical research campus of the Scripps Research Institute and the local Max Planck Florida Foundation for Neuroscience in Jupiter, Florida.

JAMESTOWN SOCIETY



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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
JOHN ROLFE
WILLIAM HAMPTON
JOHN CLAY
PETER MONTAGUE
JOHN CHEW
RICHARD PACE
NICHOLAS MERIWETHER I
RICHARD LEE
ABRAHAM PIERCY
ADRIA GURGANAY
HENRY BATTE
ROBERT "KING" CARTER

STEPHEN HOPKINS
ROBERT ELLYSON
THOMAS PETTUS
JOHN WOODSON
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
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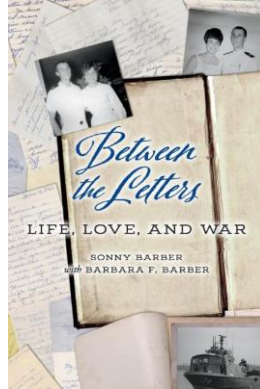
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“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

Life, Love, And War

By Palm Beach SAR Compatriot/Veteran/Author, Sonny Barber and Barbara Barber



*Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriot/Veteran/Author Sonny Barber and his wife Barbara just released their latest book titled “**Between the Letters-Life, Love, And War**”. This moving testimonial to the ravages on the Vietnam War and the inspirational power of love is captured in this latest book from the Barbers, and a must read. *Compatriot Barber* is also the author of three remarkable American Historical Mystery series for young adults/children titled “**Crossed & Found**”, “**Stonewalled**”, and “**Gold Hush**”.*

~ Overview “Between the Letters-Life, Love, And War”~

Separated by war and thousands of miles, a young navy ensign and his nurse fiancée share their everyday experiences from Vietnam and from back home through hundreds of letters, keeping alive their love, hopes and dreams. Between these letters, the fledgling officer-in-charge of a U.S. Navy Swift Boat shares his first-person stories of life and death in a combat zone.

~Plot Description~

"I miss you!" "Why haven't you written?" "Thank God, you're safe!" These are the beginning lines of some of the hundreds of letters between a freshly-commissioned U.S. Navy ensign and his fiancée, a new nurse graduate, from the start of their relationship until eighteen months later when he returns from Vietnam.

Between these letters are first person accounts of the fledgling naval officer's life in charge of a five-man crew aboard a fifty-foot Swift Boat, patrolling the coastal waters and rivers in "I Corps," the northernmost military operational area of South Vietnam.

The letters and stories show the challenges of life—and death—in a combat zone and provide a glimpse into the stress-filled lives of these two young people, separated by the war and thousands of miles across an ocean and a continent.

~About the Authors~

Sonny and Barbara Barber created this heartfelt memoir as a tribute to their life experience, the impact of separation, and a moving testimonial to the ravages on the Vietnam War and the inspirational power of love.

Soon after graduating college, *Rufus R. "Sonny" Barber, Jr.* joined the U.S. Navy and volunteered for duty in *Vietnam* as an officer-in-charge of a "Swift Boat," a fifty-foot navy patrol craft.

After his four years of active military service, he worked in public relations and corporate communications, concurrently serving as a public affairs officer in military reserve components and retiring as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

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