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Palm Beach Chapter



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## ~ December 7, Holiday-Christmas Event Highlights ~

Please join us at our **Special Holiday-Christmas** musical featuring the music of award winning "Dimension 20 Choir", **Saturday, December 7**, 12:00 Noon @ the Embassy Suites 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB.

- **"Dimension 20"~ Forest Hill Community High School Award Winning Choir!**
- **Holiday Buffet Lunch, Desserts & Beverages, \$28 per person Check/Cash!**
- **Reservations** required **RSVP**, **Bob Boggs**, 561-350-5730!
- **Family, Friends & Guests** are always **Welcome!**

## President's Message:

### **Fellow Compatriots & Friends...**

Get into the **Spirit of the Season** with **Holiday Music, Food** and **Fellowship!** Bring the whole family to our annual **Holiday-Christmas** event featuring the vocal music of the award winning **Choir, Dimension 20!**

**"Dimension 20"** is the most advanced choral group in the *Forest Hill Community High School* Department of Music and is nationally renowned for its high standards of excellence, dedication, quality and commitment from its members.

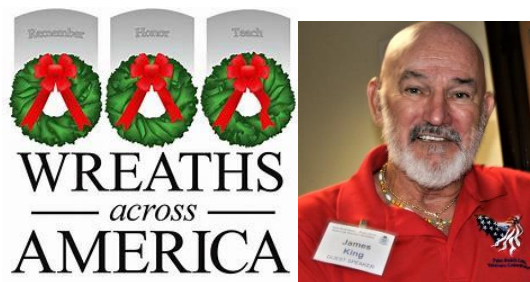
Formed in 1973 to provide a more concentrated experience for the serious and strongly committed choral and music students, its name was derived from a multi-dimensional approach to performance and style of musicianship, versatility, and variety.

**"Dimension 20"** became known with its award winning composition entitled **"In the Beginning God" - God is Love - Love is Dimension 20** and has been the groups theme song since, and continues to bond the choral group as a family.

Now in its **44th** year, **"Dimension 20"** appears numerous times a year both locally and regionally for community, professional, and fraternal organizations.

The November meeting was chaired by *FMR Chapter President Don Lanman* and proved exciting as we welcomed back **Dr. Roger Smith, Revolutionary War Historian/Author/Compatriot**, to share his new research on the **"The Family of Patriot Veterans"**.

**Wreaths Across America** spokesperson *James "Rabbi" King* reviewed the *Veterans Wreath* placement program scheduled for December 14, @ 10 am at the *South Florida National Cemetery*. The Chapter donated funds to support the program and invite interested Compatriots and family members to attend the event.



Lanman opened the meeting for the **2020 Chapter Officer Nominations & Vote**. Chapter members voted the 2020 slate of Officers that include: **President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miler, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton.**

A special new member memorial induction was conducted for **WW 2 Army Veteran Sgt. Walter A. Parkinson** who was also inducted into the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** by **FLSSAR State Officer & Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman** in recognition of his military service to our Nation.

**Compatriot W.A. Parkinson's** SAR Memorial Membership, Veterans Battalion & SAR Memorial Certificates were accepted by his Son, **FMR Chapter President & Sgt. @ Arms Greg Parkinson.**



Additional new member inductions are scheduled for the December and January meetings to formally welcome **Barry Clayton, Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Robert Gearing, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, Bill Richards** and **TK Krumenacker.**

Committee Chairman Lanman inducted **Compatriot James Lanpher** into the **Veterans Battalion** and recognized Chapter friend and **Vietnam Veteran Floyd Chin** for his service. All Chapter **Veterans** are encouraged to join the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** by providing a redacted copy of their **DD-214.**

**Veteran 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 from **WW II to Iraq.**



Fulfilling a primary **SAR Mission** of youth education on the history of our nation's founding, the **Palm Beach Chapter** led a local initiative to raise money to provide books on the **Revolutionary War** to Palm Beach County middle school teachers. The four books, written by **Dr. Roger Smith**, included **The 14<sup>th</sup> Colony, Hope of Freedom** and **Women of the Revolution.**

Compatriot Lanman was the guest speaker at the November meeting of **Henry Morrison Flagler DAR Chapter**. Lanman's topic was the "**Heroines of the American Revolution**", reviewing the exploits and contribution of 32 remarkable women in the Revolutionary War.



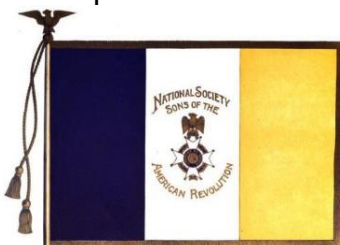
**\*\*\*Compatriots, your 2020 Membership Dues of \$75 are now past due.** Keep your membership active by mailing your check to PB Chapter SAR, PO Box 16735, WPB, FL 33416-6735.



***WE NEED YOU!***

***Don't wait to be asked***, volunteer for a Committee today to support 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 continued success of our Chapter relies on membership development and the mentoring of our new members. With the annual turnover of members, we need all Compatriots to help grow membership by recruiting ***Sons, Grandsons, Friends*** and civic-minded individuals interested in honoring our patriot ancestors and enjoying good fellowship.



***Call it a Birthday or Holiday Gift!!*** ***Compatriots*** and ***DAR Daughters*** can ***Grow Membership*** by enrolling ***Sons*** and ***Grandsons*** in the ***SAR***, along with wives, daughters, and granddaughters into the ***Daughters of the American Revolution***. ***Remember, "We hang together or we hang individually...Ben Franklin 1776.***

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

**Fellow Compatriots**, I look forward to seeing you and your guests at the **December 7 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 – Robert E. Boggs, President 2019**



## **Hear Ye-Hear Ye.....Chapter Editorial**

**Don Lanman-Editor, State Officer & FMR Chapter President**

**~LIBERTAS ET PATRIA~**

**~LIBERTY & COUNTRY~**

**Veterans Month, Chapter Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends** attended the November **Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies** at the **South Florida National Cemetery** to support the internment of the unclaimed remains of our honored **Veterans** and **military spouses** with full military honors including **Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps** and **21 Gun Salutes**. Wonderful support, thank you.



**Chapter Compatriots** are encouraged to actively participate in all **Chapter** activities including **SAR Chapter and State meetings, patriotic ceremonies, Memorial Day, Missing in America, Flag Day, Honor Flights, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America,** and **DAR meetings, programs and events.**

**~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](http://www.sarpbchapter.org) for a meeting calendar, articles, pictures, and general information.

- Dec. 7, **Christmas- Holiday Musical-Dimension 20 Choir**
- Jan. 21, 2020, **Officer Installations, Recognition, Medals & Awards**
- Feb. 18, **Special Guest Speaker, Thomas Jefferson**
- Mar. 17, **Special Guest Speaker**
- April, 21, **Police & Law Enforcement Recognition Awards**
- May, 19, **Firefighter & First Responder Recognition Medals & Awards**
- Oct. 20, **Special Guest Speaker**
- Nov. 17, **Special Guest Speaker**
- Dec. 5, **Christmas-Holiday Musical**

## 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**

## SAR Chapter, State & National Events:

- ✓ **Chapter Annual Holiday Celebration 12/7**
- ✓ **Wreath Across America 12/14**
- ✓ **Chapter Meeting 1/21**

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

## ~Feature Article~

# A Mount Vernon Christmas...

By Samuel "Buddy" Miller, Palm Beach Chapter Historian & Former Chapter President

This is America's first and greatest Christmas story, yet one known only to a few. It is deeply moving and uniquely American. It reveals much of the man and the fledgling nation.

What transpired between late November and Christmas Eve 1783 could not have happened anywhere but America. It shaped our republic in ways being felt today and cemented Washington as the greatest man of his era. In an age filled with hollow hyperbole, this account of the 1783 Mount Vernon Christmas is an authentic feel-good classic to share with the entire family.

During the war years prior to 1783, the Washingtons had not had the luxury of a joyous Christmas celebrated with family and friends. On Christmas Day 1776, Washington was desperate.

That year had been the darkest in American history. He had just endured a succession of military disasters; the morale of his remaining army, starving and freezing, was low; hundreds deserted during the night; he was down to 2,400 troops.

At least one-third of the men had no shoes and they were forced to wrap their feet in burlap during the all night march, leaving a trail of blood in the snow. Faced with impossible odds the American Revolution seemed to be down to one last desperate throw of the dice.

Although Washington's attack on Trenton that Christmas in 1776 was one of the most successful surprise attacks in history, it only bought his army more time. Still to come was the desperate winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. Indeed every winter and Christmas until 1783 was to be the same story of hunger, cold, and privation.

In late November 1783, Washington received word that the peace treaty ending the war had been signed. Only then could he resign his commission and return home to Mount Vernon.

As soon as Washington learned of the treaty, he wanted very much to return to Mount Vernon for Christmas. Except for a few days enroute to Yorktown, he had been away for about eight years.

However, he had less than six weeks with many duties to perform and many miles to travel. This is the story of his incredible 38-day Christmas journey.

Just before learning of the peace treaty, Washington dealt with a rebellion while quartered in Newburgh, New York.

Washington called a meeting, gave a short speech, and then reached for a letter from congress in his pocket to read aloud.

He gazed upon it and fumbled with it without speaking. He then took a pair of reading glasses from his pocket which none had seen him wear. He said, "Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray but almost blind in the service of my country." This moved everyone to tears as they realized the sacrifices Washington had made. The rebellion died instantly.

On November 17, Washington issued his "Farewell Orders." He lauded his troops for their extreme hardship and urged them never to forget the extraordinary events to which they bore witness. He closed by announcing his retirement from service stating, "The curtain of separation will soon be drawn.... And closed forever" meaning for all future offices. Instead of using such an opportunity to promote himself, he appeared above all human ambition.

When his remarks reached *King George III*, he called Washington "the greatest man of his age".

Washington arriving in New York from Newburgh via West Point on November 21 believed it necessary to reoccupy New York but had to wait for the British to evacuate. While there he made sure Tories who had secretly assisted the American cause were shielded from retribution.

He also protected the British withdrawal to prevent untoward actions. Everywhere Washington was greeted as a hero with cheering and enthusiastic crowds. Nearly every home had a drawing or lithograph of him displayed in the window. Receptions and dinners were held nightly in his honor.

On December 4, Washington hosted a farewell reception for his officers at Fraunces Tavern. He realized the inadequacy of any formal address and did not trust his emotions to read one.

When all the glasses were filled, Washington offered a toast, "With a heart filled with love and gratitude, I now take my leave of you. I most devoutly wish your later days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable."

Following the toast, blinded by tears and voice faltering, Washington continued, "I cannot come to each of you but shall be obliged if each of you will come and take my hand." Each officer came forward suffused with tears and unable to utter an intelligible word.



From December 5 through the 18<sup>th</sup>, Washington's journey took him to Philadelphia where he spent several days and then onward, via Wilmington toward Annapolis, where Congress was sitting. At every stop and all along his route (throughout his entire journey) citizens gathered to pay tribute. Always courteous, the general accepted every hand and returned every greeting.

America never before and never again will experience such an emotional outpouring for one man. Every citizen understood he had conducted them through a long and bloody war that achieved glory and independence for their country. All knew viscerally there never again would be such a moment or such a man.

Washington arrived in Annapolis, then the Capitol and seat of Congress, on December 19. From December 20 through the 22<sup>nd</sup> he feted endlessly at lavish dinners and balls always preceded with 13 toasts followed by 13 cannon shots.

On December 23, there was a special session of Congress to honor Washington and to accept his resignation. Attendance overflowed the facility. He closed his address by stating, "I retire from the great theatre of action, and....here offer my commission and take leave of all the employments of public life."

Then he withdrew from his coat pocket the parchment given to him in 1775 that was his appointment as Commander-in-Chief and ceremoniously returned it. Some consider it the most significant address ever delivered in civil society.

Immediately after returning his commission, Washington set out for Mount Vernon, still hoping to arrive in time for Christmas. It was so late on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the days so short that he only got as far as Blandenburgh, Maryland before retiring for the night.

The next morning, Christmas Eve, he rode to the Potomac River, crossed with a ferry to Alexandria, and rode the final miles. It already was dark when he approached Mount Vernon. About a mile away, he could see its many green shuttered windows, now ablaze with Christmas candles.

What a glad Christmas it was for all in that pleasant home on the banks of the Potomac. It was a Christmas to be specially remembered by the retired soldier. It was a day long hoped for by him when engaged in the mighty labors of his official station. Rest, rest he often sighed for, and now the elements seemed to sympathize in his great desire.

An intensely severe winter closed almost every avenue to Mount Vernon, and even neighborly communication was almost impossible. Washington now had plenty of time to rest.

To Lafayette he wrote on the first of February 1784, "on the eve of Christmas I entered these doors an older man by nine years, than when I left. Since that period, we have been fast locked up in frost and snow, and excluded in a manner from all kinds of intercourse."

I have not only retired from all public employments,” he added, “but I am retiring within myself, and shall be able to view the solitary walks, and tread the paths of private life with heartfelt satisfaction.

Envious of none, I am determined to be pleased with all; and this, my dear friend being the order of my march, I will move gently down the stream of life, until I sleep with my fathers.” Little did Washington know how soon his leadership would be needed to guide the new nation safely forward.

## ***Missing in America Project!***

### ***Chapter Compatriots attend Missing in America Ceremonies***



***Greg Parkinson & Don Lanman***



***Don Lanman & Pete Miller***

### ***Colors & Bag Pipes***



### ***Honor Guard***



## ~November Meeting & Event Pictures~

*FMR President Lanman conducts a Memorial induction for Compatriot Walter A. Parkinson. Son Greg accepts Certificate*



*State Veterans Battalion Chairman & FMR Chapter President Lanman inducts Compatriot James Lanpher & Memorial W. Parkinson into the Veterans Battalion*



*FMR President Lanman thanks Dr. Rogers & Christina for an insightful RW Veterans presentation*



*Memorial Service Compatriot WW 2 Army Sgt. Walter A. Parkinson*



*~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* and developing students with character as the leaders of tomorrow.

The *Palm Beach Chapter* honors and expresses its sincere appreciation to the many *Compatriots* who contribute 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, civic activities, 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, J. Blackburn, J. Chataing, A. Cass, C. Coldwell, M. Curry, S. Curry, J. Dorsey, W. Davis, K. Davis, F. Devitt, J. Harper, J. Kane, L. Lassitter, P. Miller, S. Miller, J. Mayne, G. Parkinson, H. Oyer, J. Porter, S. Sears, A. Shea, W. Told, J. Wearn, L. Watkins*

#### **❖ Silver Level: \$100-\$199:**

*J. Curry, D. Coldwell, R. Culpepper, T. Friend, G. Green, F. Green, A. Griswold, W. Johnson, W. Meakin, S. McWhorter*

#### **❖ Gold Level: \$200-\$499:**

*S. Barber, R. Banta, J. Curry, S. Hitt, J. Wynns*

#### **❖ Platinum Level: \$500+**

*B. Boggs, K. Christie, A. Dreyfoos, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, G. Parkinson, B. Tidwell*

***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 and projects. 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 Bob Boggs (561-241-3128) Today** to lend a hand on the following committees...

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

## ~Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store~

### Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin \$10!



The Chapter's **Commemorative Coin** celebrates the founding of the **Palm Beach Chapter in 1938** and honors its 80+ years of historic, patriotic, and civic service in Palm Beach County, 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** guarding *Florida* with the *State* motto of "**In God We Trust**".

This collector's coin includes an inscription listing the four 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 SUPPORT PROMOTIONS...**

**~GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER**

***~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION***

**~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS**

***~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRAPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT***

**~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY**

***~International Lineage Society***

**~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER**

***~HISTORIAN/AUTHOR/VETERAN/PATRIOT***

***~SEE ALL 4 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~***

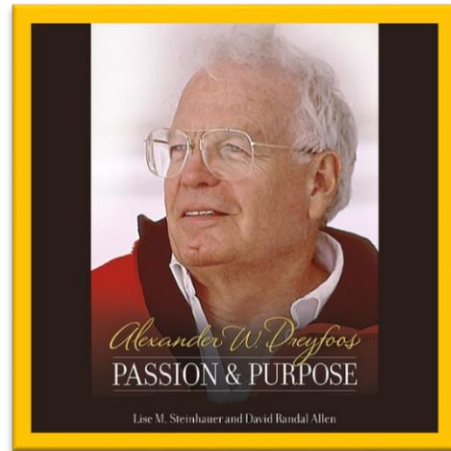
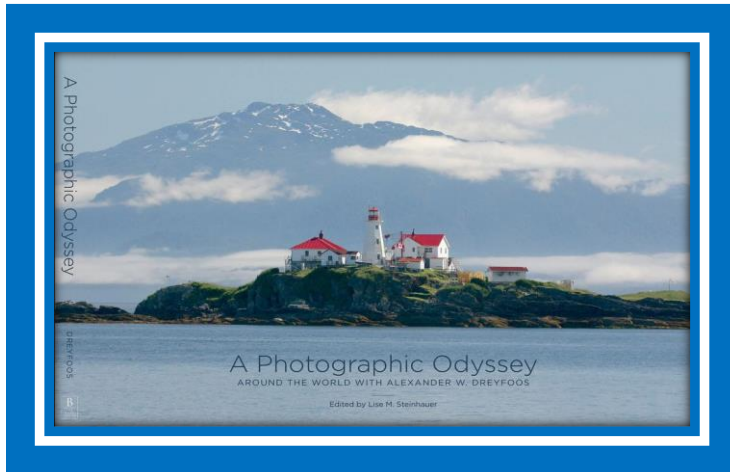
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## **~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~**

### **-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](http://kravis.org/books) or Call 561-651-4329.

### **-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



## Jamestowne Society

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**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 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  
COL. THOMAS LIGON  
CAPT. THOMAS HARRIS  
JOHN VESSELL  
ADAM THOROWGOOD

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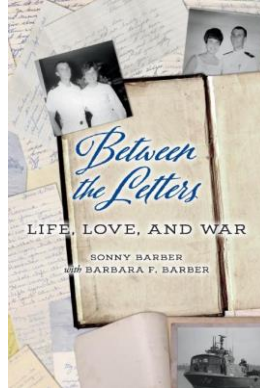
**Jamestowne Society  
South Florida Company**

<http://sites.google.com/site/jamestownesocietysouthflorida/>

# **“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.

In his second career as an author, he's also written several fiction books for preteens and up, which use events in early American history as the basis for modern-day mysteries.

*Sonny* and wife, *Barbara*, residents of Boca Raton, Florida, have two wonderful daughters, devoted sons-in-law, and four inspiring and amazing grandchildren.

## ~BOOK DETAILS~

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**MYSTERY SERIES SUMMARY FOLLOWS....**

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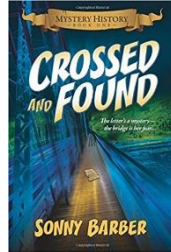
***Kay is a normal young teen—normal if that means being unusually curious and having an uncanny knack for putting herself in dangerous situations, which stresses her parents and often tests the relationship with best friend Anna.***

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**[SAR Palm Beach Chapter Compatriot/Author Sonny Barber](#) developed an interest in American history at an early age, reading and collecting newspapers, magazines and other materials on historic U.S. and world events. He’s coupled that interest with his fiction writing to create a modern-day “mystery history” Series perfect for Preteens to Adults.**

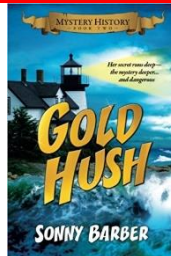


### ~Crossed & Found~



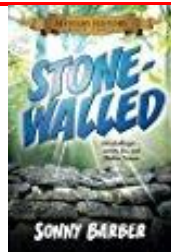
Thirteen-year-old Kay Telfair believes her life is over when she moves with her family a thousand miles to their new home near the Delaware River in New Jersey. But her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Anna and discovers a two-centuries-old letter—a letter that could change American history. Before she unravels the letter's mystery, Kay stumbles headlong into an adventure confronting fears she'd never experienced, stretching the limits of her friendship with Anna, and forcing a test of Kay's physical strength that could save her life.

### ~Gold Hush~



“I’m avoiding any activity that involves excitement...I’ve learned my lesson.” After an adventure-filled June, all Kay Telfair wants is a quiet vacation in Maine with her family and best friend Anna—no drama, no stress. But the thirteen-year-old’s hopes for a tranquil August stay in the village of Prospect Harbor soon fade when the girls compete for the attention of a young boy and Kay makes a startling discovery—a discovery that sends the three teens on a dangerous quest. Ignoring advice—and menacing threats from others—they continue their pursuit, drawing them deeper into a perilous mystery, deeper than Kay ever could have imagined.

### ~Stonewalled~



Kay stared at the gray line of stone walls. “They won’t be too upset to see these knocked down...” A mystery that threatens the relationship with best friend Anna, a battle with Mother Nature at her worst, and the discovery of a tragic secret—not exactly what fourteen-year-old Kay Telfair was looking for in a summer getaway. But that’s what confronts the young teen while helping the owners of Windcrest Farm find a way to stop destruction of nearby farmland and its three-hundred-year-old stone walls. Vacationing with her family and Anna at Windcrest in the quiet, coastal village of Little Compton, Rhode Island, the young teen soon discovers her goal will not be easy. Kay’s prospects for helping preserve the valuable land and stone walls look much better after a surprise visit by a boy from her past. With his help, she pours all her energy and passion into the quest, searching for answers in New England’s Native American and colonial history and learning some important lessons about perseverance and friendship.