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## ~ February 16 Meetings Highlights~

The Chapter held its 5<sup>th</sup> "Virtual" meetings February 16. 34 Compatriots, DAR Daughters and Guests joined us for some great fellowship as we conducted a special "Birthday Toast to Washington" Ceremony, Honored Chapter Member Service and enjoyed "Jefferson's View of George Washington" by *Historian-Reenactor-Speaker-Compatriot John Stewart*.

Mark your calendars and join for the next virtual Chapter meeting **March 16 @ 12 Noon** featuring special presentation on the "**Wicked St. Augustine**" by *Historian-Reenactor-Speaker-Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith PhD*. Family & Guests are always Welcome!

**President's Message:**

**Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...**

Our bold 2021 mission is to build chapter membership by 11% to perpetuate the ideals of our founders as the first selfless servants of Freedom!

Through the combined efforts and support of the Officers, Committee and the entire Chapter membership we will also expand our Youth Scholarships, JROTC/Scouting, Veteran services and First Responder recognition programs.

During these challenging times, we will continue to embrace our core beliefs that the United States and SAR was founded upon, especially, honoring those who serve our community and are teaching the next generation on the true history of our founding, and that our freedom has come at a great price, and is easily lost.

I thank you all, in advance, for the help and support from fellow **Compatriots** and revealed **DAR Daughters** in achieving these noble goals.

Don't miss the **March 16** for a special presentation on the **"Wicked St. Augustine"** by **Historian/Author/Speaker-Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith PhD**. Dr. Smith will take us on a fascinating walk through history of this famous 450 year old city that's served under 4 different flags. (*Spanish, British, Confederate, American*)



The February 16 meeting honored **His Excellency George Washington's Birthday** and welcome back for the 6<sup>th</sup> year **President Thomas Jefferson!** **Compatriot** and former PB Chapter President **John Stewart** with his presentation as the dynamic **Founding Father, President Thomas Jefferson** on **"Jefferson's View of George Washington"**.



John has been interested in the life of **Thomas Jefferson** since he was a student at the *University of Virginia* and has lectured on Jefferson's life and his influence on American History to students, youth and civic groups, and business audiences for 32+ years.

**President Jefferson** was portrayed in the dress, language, and speaking style of the 1700s, so we were entertained by John's convincing portrayal of our **3<sup>rd</sup> President** while benefiting from his extensive knowledge of *Jefferson's* personal life, especially his interesting relationship with **George Washington**.



FMR State/Chapter President, NSSAR Deputy Inspector General, **Ray Wess**, conducted a special **“Birthday Toast to George Washington”** Ceremony that was both an instructional and moving tribute to his Excellency. Thank you Ray.

Chapter President Lanman recognized Compatriots for their outstanding service to the Chapter in 2020 including: the **Distinguished Service Medal, Compatriot Peter Miller** for his service as Registrar, **Distinguished Service Certificates, Compatriots Bob Boggs, Ben Tidwell, Greg Parkinson, Buddy Miller, John Stewart, Certificates of Appreciation, Reeve Bright, Michael Anderson, James Mangan. Thank you Compatriots for your outstanding commitment and service.**

Lanman recognized **Junior Compatriot, Spencer Langenstein** for achieving the **Boy Scout “Life Scout”** level. Compatriot Langenstein will be working on his **Eagle Scout** project and is Chairman of the **Chapters US Flag Certificate** committee. Well Done!



**Officers** and the **Chapter's 2021 vision** were introduced during the meeting: **Donald Lanman, President, David Wratislaw, Vice President, Bob Boggs, Secretary, John Workman, Registrar, Peter Johnston, Treasurer, Ben Tidwell, Chaplain, Sonny Barber, Historian, Greg Parkinson, Sgt. @ Arms, Bill Richards & TK Krummenacker Officers @ Large.**

It is interesting to note that **4 of the 2021 Officers** are all former Chapter Presidents including **Lanman, Boggs, Tidwell** and **Parkinson**, who continue to serve as Officers. Thank you gentlemen for your commitment, dedication and service to our patriotic society. **We welcome all members to become officers and committee members.**



The **Chapter** and **Compatriots** continue our mission of serving our honored Veterans with **Committee Chairman Bill Richards** providing an overview of additional service opportunities at the **VA, Fisher House, Homeless Veterans Coalition**, and supporting the **American Legion, VFW** and **Florida Veterans Foundation** and joining the **Governors "Forward March" Ambassador Program.**

Volunteers are needed to help on the **Veterans Service Committee.** Contact Chairman Bill Richards 917-692-1145 or Don Lanman 561-315-5073 to serve!



Chapter Compatriots honored **WW 2 Navy Veteran of Pearl Harbor, John R Somerville** on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, joining DAR Daughters and fellow Veteran supporters in a car drive by salute. ***Congratulations John... Thank you for your service!***

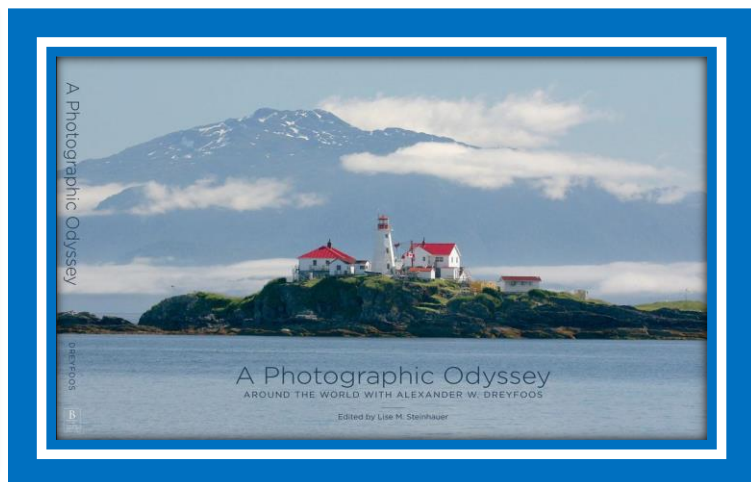
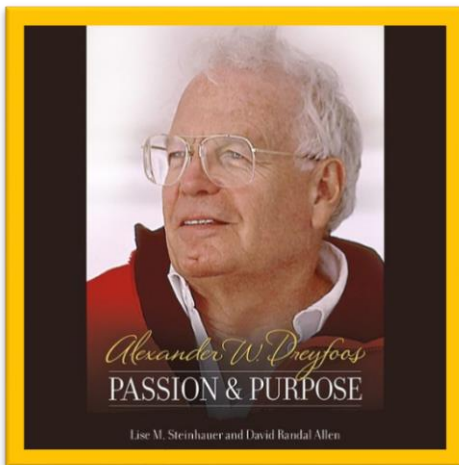


**JR Somerville**

**Compatriot/Author/Philanthropist Alex Dreyfoss**, honored Chapter member, SAR **Gold Citizenship Medal**, noted American entrepreneur and Academy Award winner published two remarkable books that should be on every bookshelf. (see page 18)

- **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.
- **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.

**Compatriot Dreyfoos** is providing both books to Chapter Members, DAR Daughters and Friends @ **Just \$49** (retail \$90)...**All proceeds donated to our Chapter’s youth programs!** Contact Don Lanman dlanman258@aol to order your books. ***Thank you Alex for your generous donation.***



Fellow Patriots, as we reflect on the challenging times we continue to experience, the **Chapter Officers** and **Board** members wish to express our sincere gratitude for the willingness and support of all **Chapter Compatriots** and **DAR Daughters** to keep our great historic and lineage societies vibrant, as a **Patriotic Duty**.

We will continue “**Virtual**” online meetings through May with the goal of resuming in person meetings on October 19 at the Embassy Suites. **Please do all you can to attend the online meetings**. The five meetings to date were well attended with dozens of **Compatriots, DAR Daughters** and **Guests** joining to hear interesting speakers and share soul enriching fellowship!

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. **Don't wait to be asked, please step up.**

**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.

Finally, 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.

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. **Chapter Compatriots** are encouraged to actively support **DAR Chapters** by attending their meetings, fundraising activities and related patriotic events.

**Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters**, I look forward to seeing you and your guests on **March 16** for a special presentation on the “**Wicked St. Augustine**” by **Historian/Author/Speaker-Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith PhD**. Dr. Smith will take us on a fascinating walk through history of this famous 450 year old city.

**Please, join me in remembering our Patriot Ancestors, Dear Departed Compatriots & especially our nation's Military & Veterans.**

**God Bless You & God Bless the United States of America.**  
**Yours in Patriotism – Donald Lanman., President 2021**



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

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

*~LIBERTAS ET PATRIA~*

*~LIBERTY & COUNTRY~*

**Given the Pandemic, I know that You have time on your hands... So Compatriots and DAR Daughters, please assist me with Newsletter Content!** This is a special request for readers to submit newsletter articles in the form of **Patriotic, Revolutionary War, Family Patriot Bios, Family Lore, Ancestors, Genealogy, Veteran Stories, Special Activities, Events** etc.

**Have some Fun...Share your Family history, Ancestor & Patriot Bios!** We all enjoy sharing stories about family histories, don't we, especially about our **Patriot Ancestors** who sacrificed so much for our Nation.

To tell your story of how you became a member of the **SAR** or **DAR**, simply provide your history in a word document to publish and or pick a meeting date and I'll help you develop your 10 minute Bio presentation, contact me @ [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com).



Please submit your content to the **Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor** in an **MS Word document format** to [dlanman258@aol.com](mailto:dlanman258@aol.com). Note, publication of submitted content is not guaranteed, may be edited, and becomes the property of the **PB Chapter SAR**.

Finally, while the pandemic, political and social unrest may continue to test our resolve, it has also brought us together and helped us to appreciate our blessings. Chapter **Compatriots** are answering the call to fellowship through **“Operation Outreach”**, by calling on fellow **Compatriots**, delivering food to homebound seniors and supporting veterans in need.

I encourage everyone to continue to **“Make the Time”** and personally contact as many fellow **Compatriots, DAR Daughters** and **Friends** as possible to offer moral support, exchange stories, provide physical assistance and positive fellowship.

## ~2021-2022 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

Visit the [SAR Palm Beach Chapter](http://www.FLSSAR.org/FLSSAR/PalmBeachChapterSAR) web site @ [www.FLSSAR.org/FLSSAR/PalmBeachChapterSAR](http://www.FLSSAR.org/FLSSAR/PalmBeachChapterSAR) for general information, newsletters, pictures, and related links.

- *March 16, Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Roger Smith on St. Augustine*
- *April 20, Special Guest Speaker, Abigale Adams/Thomas Jefferson*
- *May 18, Special Guest Speaker*
- *October 19, Special Guest Speaker*
- *November 16, Special Guest Speaker*
- *December 4. , Special Holiday Event & Guest Speaker*
- *Jan. 18 2022, Officer Installations, Guest Speaker*
- *Feb. 15, Special Guest Speaker, John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson*

## ~2021 Officers & Board Members:

- *President, President Donald Lanman*
- *Vice President, David Wratishaw*
- *Secretary, FMR President Bob Boggs*
- *Treasurer, Peter Johnston*
- *Registrar, John Workman*
- *Chaplain, FMR President Benjamin Tidwell III*
- *Sgt. @ Arms, FMR President Greg Parkinson*
- *Historian, Sonny Barber*
- *Officers @ Large, Bill Richards & TK Krummenaker*
- *Patriot Newsletter Editor, President Donald Lanman*
- *Note: FMR Presidents are Voting Board Members*

## ~SAR National, State, & Chapter Events 2021:

- ✓ *FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting, Orlando May 1-3*
- ✓ *Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island, FL March 13*
- ✓ *Battle of Thomas Creek Event, Jacksonville, FL March 27*
- ✓ *Flag 4 Fallen Veterans, S. FL National Cemetery, WPB May 30*
- ✓ *Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Event, WPB May 31*
- ✓ *Missing in America Veterans Internment Event, TBD*
- ✓ *131<sup>th</sup> SAR National Congress, Washington State- July 4-14*

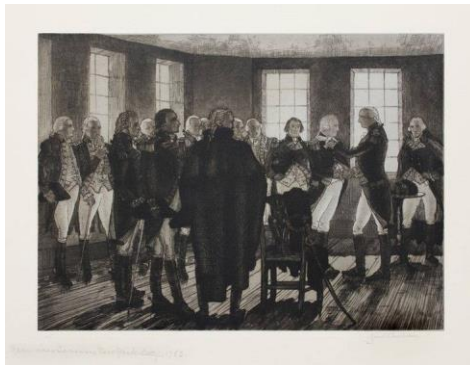
**Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!  
Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter websites.**



## ~Feature Article~

# George Washington's Tears... Silent Toast to General Washington!

~Researched, Compiled/Edited by FMR President, NSSAR Deputy Inspector General Ray Wess~



One of the great traditions of the *Society of the Cincinnati* is its silent toast to General Washington. The tradition comes from the farewell meeting Washington had with his officers at *Fraunces Tavern* in New York City on December 4, 1783.

The war had been won, the army disbanded, and the British had evacuated New York City on November 25 1783. Washington was headed to Annapolis to return his commission, and then finally home to his beloved *Mount Vernon*.

According to the diary of *Col. Benjamin Tallmadge*, the officers “had been assembled but a few moments when his Excellency entered the room. His emotions were too strong to be concealed which seemed to be reciprocated by every officer present.

After partaking of a slight refreshment in almost breathless silence the General filled his glass with wine and turning to the officers said...“***With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable.***”

After the officers had taken a glass of wine General Washington said, “***I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand.***” *General Knox* being nearest to him turned to the Commander-in-Chief who, suffused in tears, was incapable of utterance but grasped his hand when they embraced each other in silence.

In the same affectionate manner every officer in the room marched up and parted with his general in chief. Not a word was uttered to break the solemn silence that prevailed. ***In honor of his 289<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and in the memory and spirit of this poignant moment, please join all Patriots in a silent toast to George Washington.***

## *~Meeting & Event Pictures~*

*In period attire and manner, John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson delivered a riveting presentation of Jefferson's View of George Washington.*



## *~Compatriots & DAR Daughters Enjoy Online Fellowship~*



*George & Martha Washington attend meeting in period Costumes-What Fun*



## **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, 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 your committee of interest.**

It doesn't take much time and is a major help with our many civic and youth initiatives. **Support your Chapter, call Chapter President Don Lanman @ 561-315-5073** to lend a hand on any of the following committees...

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ➤ 2021 Officer Nominations       | -Chapter Membership         |
| ➤ JROTC & Boy Scouts             | -Tidwell, Barber            |
| ➤ Law Enforcement-Fire Safety    | -Parkinson, Wratishlaw      |
| ➤ Veterans Affairs               | -Richards, Lanman           |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity           | -Lanman, Wratishlaw         |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration  | -Boggs, Tidwell             |
| ➤ American History Teacher       | -Boggs, Krumenacker         |
| ➤ Medals/Awards                  | -Lanman, Tidwell            |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison                | -Lanman, Parkinson, Tidwell |
| ➤ Speakers Bureau                | -Lanman, Wratishlaw, Boggs  |
| ➤ Financial Audit                | -Johnston, Wratishlaw       |
| ➤ Flag Certificates              | -Langenstein, Parkinson     |
| ➤ Membership Development/Mentor  | -Wratishlaw, Lanman, Boggs  |
| ➤ Liberty Tree                   | -Parkinson, Krumenacker     |
| ➤ Patriot Bios                   | -Boggs, Wratishlaw, 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.

## **~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/PHOTOGRAPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT***

**~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY**

***~International Lineage Society***

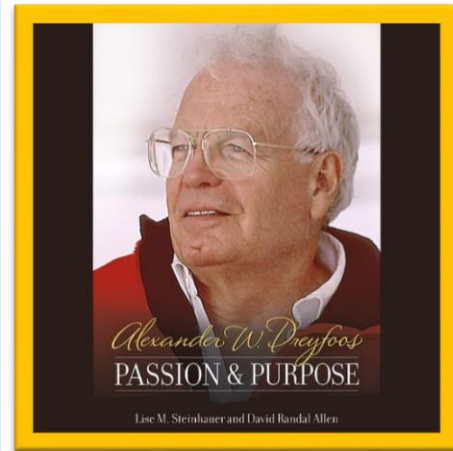
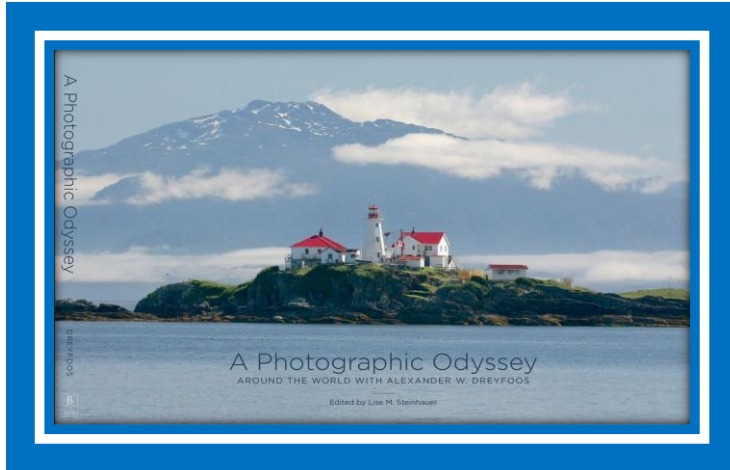
**~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER**

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

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

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

### ***-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-***



### ***-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY-      -PASSION & PURPOSE-***

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### ***~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.***



***~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~***

***~Lake Worth, Florida~***

***~Sheila Zile-Pecoraro, Regent~***

***~Karen E. Christie, Vice Regent~***

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the courageous men and women who braved all to start this great nation.  
Let's add your Ancestor to the list!**

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JOHN ROLFE	ROBERT ELLYSON	COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
WILLIAM HAMPTON	THOMAS PETTUS	ROBERT BEHEATHLAND
JOHN CLAY	JOHN WOODSON	COL. WILLIAM BALL
PETER MONTAGUE	THOMAS EDMUNDSON	WALTER ASTON
JOHN CHEW	FRANCIS EPPES I	CHRISTOPHER BRANCH
RICHARD PACE	JOHN WILKINS	TEMPERANCE BALEY
NICHOLAS MERIWETHER I	THOMAS HUNT	THOMAS JORDAN
RICHARD LEE	THOMAS GASCOIGNE	COL. THOMAS LIGON
ABRAHAM PIERCY	CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON	CAPT. THOMAS HARRIS
ADRIA GURGANAY	WILLIAM SPENCER	JOHN VESSELL
HENRY BATTE	JOHN WEST	ADAM THOROWGOOD
ROBERT "KING" CARTER	EDMUND SCARBURGH II	

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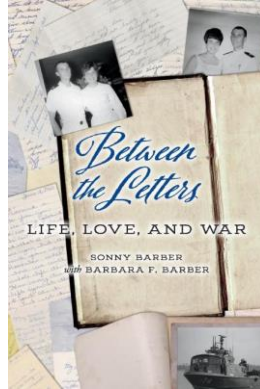
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# ***“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”***

## ***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.

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~

- **Genre: Biography & Autobiography**
  - **Sub-Genre: Personal Memoirs**
  - **Language: English, Pages: 306**
- **Format: Paperback, ISBN:9781543961898**
  - **Book Available; \$13.99 @**
    - [BookBaby.com](https://bit.ly/2JboBRB), <https://bit.ly/2JboBRB>
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