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~ February 18, Meeting Highlights ~

"Thomas Jefferson's Whitehouse" by **Historian-Reenactor-Speaker-Compatriot John Stewart** plus **Compatriot Service Recognition**, **Tuesday, February 18 @ 12 Noon** @ the Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB! **RSVP ONLINE or call, Don Lanman, 561-315-5073.**

- **"Thomas Jefferson's Whitehouse"** by **Compatriot John Stewart**
- **3-Course Buffet Lunch, Desserts & Beverages, \$28 per person Check/Cash!**
- **Reservations Required RSVP Online or call, Don Lanman, 561-315-5073!**
- **Family, Friends & Guests are always Welcome!**

President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

As we move into the New Year, it is with pride and humility that I assume the office of **President of the Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution**. Our 2020 mission is to perpetuate the ideals of our founders, as true and selfless servants of Freedom.

We will continue to model our core beliefs that our country and SAR were founded upon, especially, honoring those who serve our community and teach the next generation that freedom has come at a great price and is easily lost. I thank you, in advance, for the help and support from my fellow *Compatriots* and *DAR Daughters* in achieving these goals.

Be sure to join us on **February 18** to honor **His Excellency George Washington's Birthday** and welcome back, by popular demand, **President Thomas Jefferson!** *Compatriot* and *Former PB Chapter President John Stewart* will entertain us with his encore presentation as the dynamic *Founding Father*, **President Thomas Jefferson**.



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 30+ years.

President Jefferson is portrayed in the dress, language, and speaking style of the 1700s, so we're sure to be entertained by John's convincing portrayal of our **3rd President** while benefiting from his extensive knowledge of *Jefferson's* personal life, especially his leadership in the contentious election of 1800.

A special highlight of the presentation takes the form of an audience **Q & A**, structured much like a modern day *Presidential Press Conference!* So don't be afraid to ask any question of our 3rd President!

John's long SAR career includes serving as the Chapter President for both the *Palm Beach* and *St. Petersburg* chapters! He also serves as the *SAR State Society Chairman* for the youth *Knight Essay Contest* further demonstrating his dedication to historic preservation, teaching the lessons and example set by our *Patriot Ancestors!*

Chaired by **FMR President Lanman**, the January meeting included the formal **Transfer of Leadership Installation Ceremony** of the **2020 Officers: President, J. 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.**



The special **2020 Officer Installation Ceremony** was followed by a new member **Induction Ceremony** to welcome three new **Compatriots: Barry Clayton, TK Krumenacker** and **William Richards**. Both Ceremonies were conducted by **NSSAR Deputy Inspector General** and **FMR State/Chapter President Raymond Wess**.



The Chapter also recognized the important contribution of **Compatriots** with special recognition including awarding the **Chapter Distinguished Service Medal** to **35-Year Member** and **FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson**.



The Chapter enjoyed a wonderful guest speaker, *Author-Historian, Nora J. Quinlan* as she shared the remarkable story of *“Washington’s Visit to Barbados”*.



State Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman inducted *US Army Vietnam Veteran Compatriot Bill Richards* into the *Veterans Battalion*.



All *Veterans* are encouraged to join the *FLSSAR Veterans Battalion* by providing a redacted copy of their *DD-214*. *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, Iraq, & Afghanistan*.

During the meeting, *FMR President Lanman* made a special request for any ideas to help disabled *US Army Vietnam Veteran Nurse Lynda Kangas* obtain a motorized scooter and vehicle scooter lift.

Immediately following the meeting *DAR Daughters Madeline Chin* (*Seminole Chapter*) and *Karen Christie* (*Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter*) offered to donate both items they had in storage.

Both the donated scooter and lift have been delivered to *Veteran Kangas* and are already making her life a bit easier. This is another fine example of the SAR and DAR working together to support our nation's veterans.

Both DAR Daughters will be recognized with a **Florida Veterans Foundation Certificate of Veterans Service Appreciation** for their donations. Thank You Ladies.



Madeline Chin

Karen Christie

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.



WE NEED YOU!

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!!**

To our beloved **DAR Patriot Daughters** we extend heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter at our meetings, events, and their tireless efforts to help grow the **Chapter** by referring new SAR prospects. All **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 **February 18 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~

Chapter Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends are encouraged to review the 2020 Events Calendar in the Newsletter and attend as many events as possible.

Newsletter Content Needed! This is a special request for all readers to provide content for the newsletter in the form of *Patriotic, Revolutionary War, Family Patriot Bios, Family Lore, Ancestors, Genealogy, Veteran Stories, Special Activities, Events* etc.

Please submit any suggested content to the **Palm Beach SAR Chapter Editor** in a MS Word format @ dlanman258@aol.com. Content publication is not guaranteed, may be edited and becomes the property of the **PB Chapter SAR**.



Compatriots are also requested to actively participate in all 2020 Chapter activities including SAR Chapter, State and National meetings, conferences, patriotic ceremonies, Memorial Day, Missing in America, Flag Day, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Honor Flights, July 4th, 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 for general information, newsletters, articles, pictures, and general information links.

- Feb. 18, Special Guest Speaker, **John Stewart aka 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- Dimension 20 Choir**
- Jan. 19 2021, **Officer Installations, Guest Speaker Author/Historian**

~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 Chapter, State & National Events:

- ✓ **General Society Sons of the Revolution Washington's Birthday Cocktail Party 2/22 @ 6PM Palm Beach \$75 p/p 772-546-5286**
- ✓ **Last Naval Battle Event, Merritt Island, FL 3/7**
- ✓ **Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL 3/28**
- ✓ **DAR Spring Conference-Orlando 3/5-8**
- ✓ **Battle of Guilford Court House, NC, March TBD**
- ✓ **National Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29**
- ✓ **FLSSAR Board of Management Event, May 1-2**
- ✓ **Battle of Pensacola Event, Pensacola, FL May 8-9**
- ✓ **Missing in America Veterans Event, TBD**
- ✓ **130th SAR National Congress-Richmond, VA 7-15**

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

~Feature Article~

By George!! It's Washington's Birthday!

~Compiled/Edited by FMR Chapter Presidents Don Lanman & Buddy Miller



George Washington was born 289 years ago in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved **Washington's Birthday** a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

Americans celebrated *Washington's Birthday* long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. The centennial of his birth prompted festivities nationally and Congress established a Joint Committee to arrange for the occasion.

At the recommendation of the Committee, chaired by Henry Clay of the Senate and Philemon Thomas of the House, Congress adjourned on February 22, 1832 out of respect for Washington's memory and in commemoration of his birth.

Prompted by a memorial from the mayor and other citizens of Philadelphia, the House and Senate commemorated the 130th Anniversary of Washington's birth by reading aloud his **Farewell Address**.

In a special joint session held in the House Chamber, the House and Senate, along with several cabinet officials, Justices of the Supreme Court and high-ranking officers of the Army and Navy, gathered to listen to the Secretary of State read the address aloud.

Eventually, the reading of **George Washington's Farewell Address** became an annual event for the Senate, a tradition that is still observed to this day.

Washington's Birthday, however, did not become a legal holiday until January 31, 1879 when Congress added February 22nd to the list of holidays to be observed by federal employees in the District of Columbia. The act did not stipulate that employees were to be paid for the holiday - in fact, some government employees in the District of Columbia were paid while others were not.

In 1885, Congress resolved this discrepancy with legislation that required federal employees to be paid for all federal holidays and made federal holidays applicable to *all* federal government employees, including those employed outside the Washington DC area.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22nd until well into the 20th Century. However, in 1968 Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law to "provide uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays."

By creating more 3-day weekends, Congress hoped to "bring substantial benefits to both the spiritual and economic life of the Nation."

One of the provisions of this act changed the observance of Washington's Birthday from February 22nd to the third Monday in February. Ironically, this guaranteed that the holiday would never be celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than February 21.

Therefore, ***George Washington's Birthday*** is celebrated as a federal holiday on the third Monday in February. It is one of eleven permanent holidays established by Congress.

Moreover, federal holidays apply only to the federal government and the District of Columbia; Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states and each state decides its own legal holidays.

Contrary to popular belief, neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to "President's Day".



Happy Birthday Your Excellency

~January Meeting & Event Pictures~

Transfer of Leadership: Installation Ceremony of the 2020 Officers: **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**, also pictured: **FMR Chapter Presidents Parkinson, Lanman & Wess.**



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FMR President Lanman & NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Wess present the **Chapter Distinguished Service Medal** to **35-Year SAR Member** and **FMR Chapter President & Sgt. @ Arms Greg Parkinson**



State Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman with Deputy Inspector General Wess induct fellow **Army Vietnam Veteran Compatriot William Richards** into the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion & Chapter Band of Brothers.**



FMR Chapter President Lanman presents the SAR Gaval of Authority to 2020 President J. Reeve Bright Esq with wife Anne



~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, Curry |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration | -Boggs, Tidwell |
| ➤ American History Teacher | -Boggs, Clayton |
| ➤ Medals/Awards | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison | - Lanman, Tidwell, Parkinson |
| ➤ 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, Green, Lanman |
| ➤ Web Site-Facebook/Social Media | -Anderson, Lanman |

~Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store~

Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin \$10!



The Chapter's unique **Commemorative 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 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~

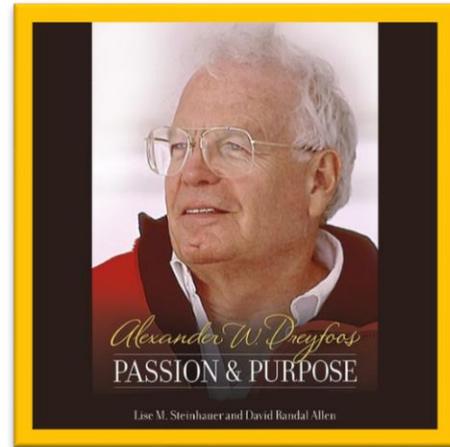
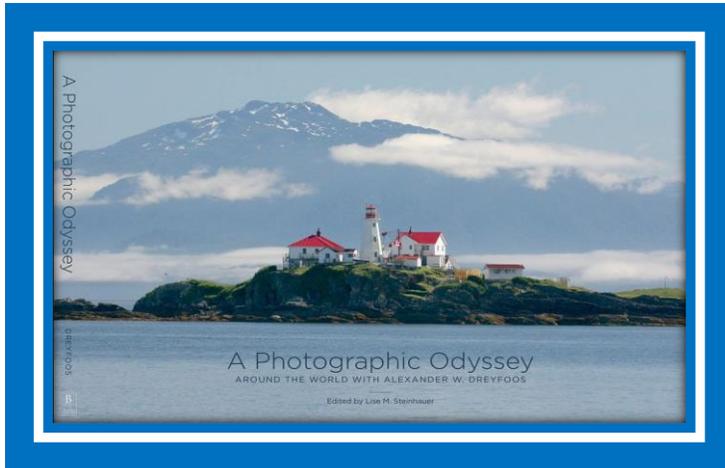
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-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 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.

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the courageous men and women who braved all to start this great nation.
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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

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COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
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TEMPERANCE BALEY
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ADAM THOROWGOOD

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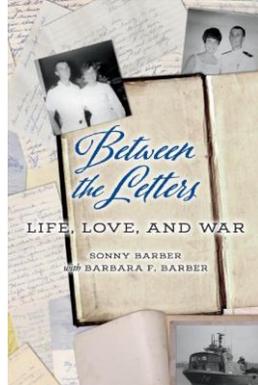
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“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

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>
 - Amazon, <https://amzn.to/2V7s19j>

SONNY BARBER'S OTHER 3 BOOKS...

A PRE-TEEN TO ADULT HISTORICAL MYSTERY SERIES BEGINING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR & TRAVELING ACROSS TIME!

MYSTERY SERIES SUMMARY FOLLOWS....

HISTORICAL MYSTERY SERIES FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR~ACROSS TIME



Follow Kay Telfair across time beginning with *Crossed & Found* followed by *Gold Hush & Stone-Walled*....

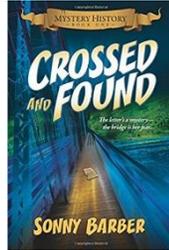
Kay is a normal young teen—normal if that means being unusually curious and having an uncanny knack for putting herself in dangerous situations, which stresses her parents and often tests the relationship with best friend Anna.

The series follows Kay across two intrigue-filled summers on adventures involving events in American history. Join Kay’s journey of adventure steeped in American History through three books that excite all ages. At [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), Barnes & Noble or Chapter meetings. (See [book summaries following page](#))

[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.

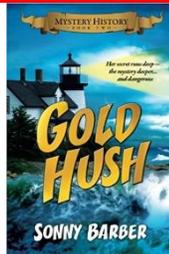


~Crossed & Found~



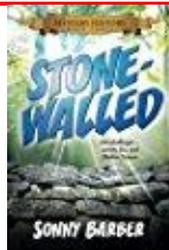
Thirteen-year-old Kay Telfair believes her life is over when she moves with her family a thousand miles to their new home near the Delaware River in New Jersey. But her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Anna and discovers a two-centuries-old letter—a letter that could change American history. 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.