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~ January 21, Meeting Highlights ~

"Washington's Visit to Barbados" by Author-Historian-Speaker **Nora J. Quinlan** plus the **2020 Chapter Transfer of Leadership Ceremony, Officer Installations, Awards & Recognition**, **Tuesday, January 21 @ 12 Noon** @ the Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB! **RSVP for this event, Bob Boggs, 561-350-5730.**

- **"Washington's Visit to Barbados"** by Author-Historian **Nora J. Quinlan**
- **3-Course 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, DAR Daughters & Friends...

As we begin what promises to be the new “Roaring 20’s decade, it is with pride and humility that I respectfully transfer the office of *President of the Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution* to the newly elected 2020 Chapter Officers.

Our goal during 2019 was to perpetuate the ideals that our founders had as a nation of selfless servants. Your officers strived to promote the core beliefs that the SAR and our country were founded on including, and especially, honoring those who serve our nation, community and teaching our youth that freedom is earned at a great price.

It is with great pride, therefore, that I thank my fellow Officers and Compatriots for all the help and support—from both **SAR** and **DAR**—in promoting these goals. Please join us **January 21** to participate in the special **Chapter Transfer of Leadership** induction ceremony of your **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.**

We will also recognize the important contribution of several **Compatriots** with special awards, and enjoy a remarkable guest speaker, *Author-Historian, Nora J. Quinlan.*

Our **December** meeting put us in the **Spirit of the Season** with our annual **Holiday-Christmas** celebration featuring the award winning **Choir, Dimension 20”!**



In its 45th year, “Dimension 20” is the most advanced choral group from the **Forest Hill Community High School Department of Music** and is nationally renowned for its high standards of excellence, dedication, quality and commitment of its members.

The Chapter donated funds to support the national **Wreaths Across America** Veterans program, with several **Compatriots** joining me at the **Veterans Wreath** placement event held on December 14th at the **South Florida National Cemetery**.



Be sure to join us to welcome additional new members at the **Induction Ceremony** at the **January** meetings to officially welcome **Compatriots Barry & Matthew Clayton, Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Alexander Cromartie,** and **Bill Richards**.

State Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman will induct **Compatriot Bill Richards** into the **Veterans Battalion** in January. All **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 in **WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, & Afghanistan**.



Chapter Compatriots Lanman, Tidwell, Parkinson, McCampbell and **Mangan** delivered Chapter greetings at the December 14 meeting of the **Garcilasco de la Vega DAR Chapter**. **Compatriot Lanman** also recognized **DAR Daughters Sue Bosky** and **Karen Christie** with the **Florida Veterans Foundation Certificate of Veterans Service Appreciation** for their long history of service to our Nation's Veterans.



**** 2020 Membership Dues of \$75 are Past Due. Keep your membership active by mailing a check today 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.***

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 ***January 21 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~

Chapter Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends are encouraged to attend the **Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies** at the *South Florida National Cemetery* to honor 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**. I will publish the 2020 Calendar as soon as it's available.



Compatriots are also requested to actively participate in all 2020 *Chapter* activities including *SAR Chapter* and *State meetings*, *patriotic ceremonies*, *Memorial Day*, *Missing in America*, *Flag Day*, *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.

- **Jan. 21, 2020, Officer Installations, Nora Quinlan Author/Historian**
- **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- Dimension 20 Choir**

~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: Past Presidents are voting Board members**

~SAR Chapter, State & National Events:

- ✓ **PB Chapter Meeting 1/21**
- ✓ **238th Anniversary Cowpens Battle, Spartanburg, SC 1/21**
- ✓ **FLSSAR Board of Management Event, Feb. TBD**
- ✓ **Last Naval Battle Event, Merritt Island, FL 3/7**
- ✓ **Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL 3/28**
- ✓ **Battle of Guilford Court House, NC, March TBD**
- ✓ **Battle of Pensacola Event, Pensacola, FL May TBD**
- ✓ **Missing in America Veterans Event, TBD**
- ✓ **130th SAR National Congress-Richmond, VA 7/15**

Join Chapter Members at all SAR & DAR events!

Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR websites for details.

~Feature Article~



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution!

GERMANY SOCIETY!

Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman, SAR German Society Member



The **Germany Society, Sons of the American Revolution** was established to honor the men of *German Regiments* who fought under the **French Expeditionary Forces of France** commanded by **Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur de Rochambeau** in support of establishing Independence for America. Many of our members also have patriot ancestors of **German** heritage.



Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts Banner

Following the American-French Alliance of 1778, the French committed ground forces to the American cause, first appearing at the *Battle of Saratoga* and later at *Yorktown*. The French expeditionary force was under the command of *Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de Rochambeau*. His force consisted of seven regiments, one of which was the *German Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts*.

The *Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts* was formed in 1757 by *Duke Christian IV of Pfalz-Zweibrucken*. The Duke, indebted to *Louis XV of France*, pledged his army to the French. It served France throughout its existence, even though it came from a *Germanic* region.

In Europe, the "two bridges" area (Deux-Ponts/Zweibrucken) shifted over time between the French and the Germans but the Regiment's loyalty never did. Its blue uniform coat with its yellow facing, by coincidence, happened to be the colors of *George Washington's* uniform during the *American Revolution*.

The Regiment deployed with *Rochambeau's* army, and although composed of big robust men, suffered the loss of nine men during the 72 day crossing to America with more than 450 sick at the time they disembarked.

The Regiment was commanded by *Guillaume Christian, Comte Deux-Ponts*, and was composed of 69 officers and 1031 men. *Rochambeau* had specifically requested the *Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts* because of its fierce fighting reputation. One of the regimental officers, *Baron Ludwig von Closen* was chosen as *Rochambeau's* aide-de-camp.

Facing Hessian troops at *Redoubt 9* at *Yorktown*, *Germans* fought *Germans*. The Regiment suffered its greatest losses at the battle (greater than any other unit in the battle), with 46 killed and 68 wounded. Many more died subsequently of their wounds.

In recognition of their valor, *General Washington* presented the *Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts* with a captured cannon and flags of *General Lord Cornwallis*. The regiment's commander, *Guillaume Christian*, sent the cannon, along with *Rochambeau's* dispatches and the captured *British* colors to the French King.

Following the war, *King Louis XVI* awarded *Guillaume Christian* the prestigious *Order of Saint Louis* and promoted him to Brigadier General. In 1788, at age 35, he was promoted to Major General.

In 1790, the French ceased recruiting **Germans** and the Regiment lost its designation of "Royal." It was then designated as the **99th French Infantry Regiment** and served France through World War I and II, as well as in Lebanon in 1980 and Bosnia in 1990. Its 240 year history concluded in 1997 when, due to down-sizing of the French military, the Regiment was disbanded and its storied colors retired.

In addition to honoring this great **Patriot** Regiment, the **Germany Society** was created to help promote and support the mission of **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** by spreading American patriotism and knowledge of the history of the *American Revolution* and the founding principles our democratic republic. The **SAR Germany Society** also provides financial support to the **NSSAR** through our society contributions to various needs and projects.

The **SAR Germany Society** is always looking for **Compatriots** to join the **SAR Germany Society** and only requirement for membership is to be an active member in good standing in the **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**.



The annual membership dues are just \$10.00 but the rewards of participation are invaluable! For more information and to join visit www.germansocietysar.org.



~December Meeting & Event Pictures~

“Dimension 20” Choir entertained the Chapter for the Holidays! In its 45th year, *D-20* of the *Forest Hill Community High School Department of Music*, is nationally renowned for its high standards of excellence, dedication, and quality.



President Boggs & Registrar Miller welcome new Compatriots Robert Gearing and Glen Mitchell to the Chapter.



President Boggs, President Elect Bright & Compatriot Gearing Place Veterans Wreaths at the South Florida National Cemetery



Gathering of Chapter Presidents Lanman, Wess, Parkinson, Boggs



~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, 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. 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 |
| ➤ 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~

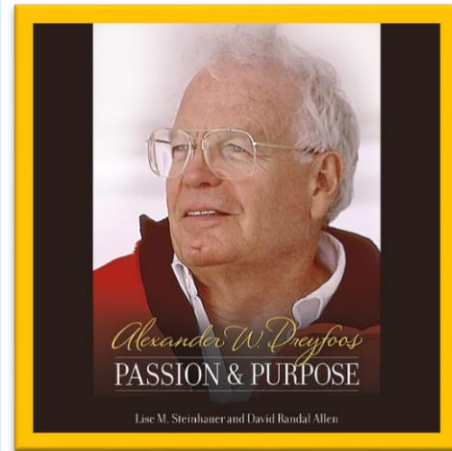
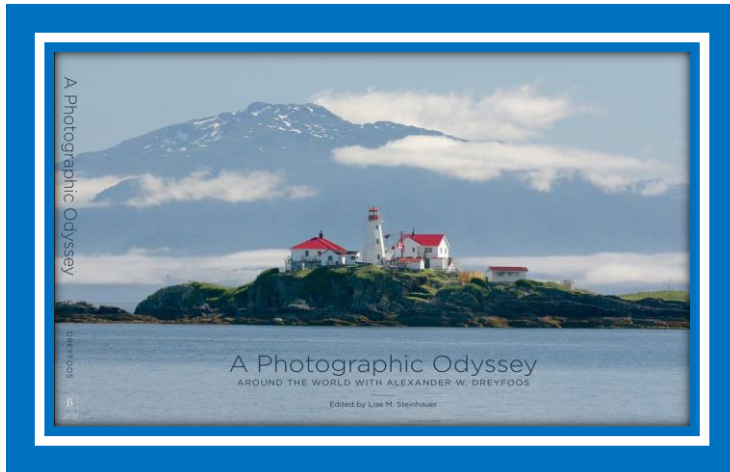
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-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.

JAMESTOWN SOCIETY



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**Gentlemen of the Sons of the American Revolution
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**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	STEPHEN HOPKINS	EDWARD GRENDON
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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(palmstreet@aol.com)**

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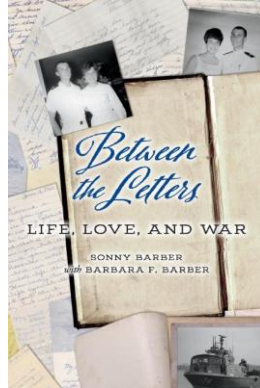
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South Florida Company**

<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~

- 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*....

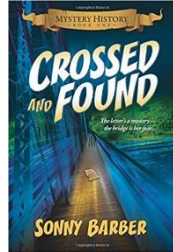
Kay is a normal young teen—normal if that means being unusually curious and having an uncanny knack for putting herself in dangerous situations, which stresses her parents and often tests the relationship with best friend Anna.

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~



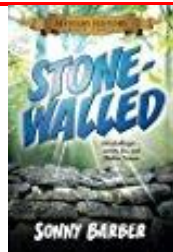
Thirteen-year-old Kay Telfair believes her life is over when she moves with her family a thousand miles to their new home near the Delaware River in New Jersey. But her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Anna and discovers a two-centuries-old letter—a letter that could change American history.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