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~ January 19 Meetings Highlights~

The Chapter held its 4th Zoom "Virtual" meetings January 19. 37 Compatriots, DAR Daughters and Guests joined us for great fellowship as we inducted the 2021 Chapter Officers, Conducted a Memorial Service, Honored Chapters "Veterans" and enjoyed an informative "Patriot Bio" on the famous RW battle of Oriskany NY, by DAR GdIV Vice Regent Karen Christie.

Mark your calendars and join us at the next virtual Chapter meeting February 16 @ 12 Noon featuring special "Birthday Toast to Washington" and "Jefferson's View of George Washington" by Historian-Reenactor-Speaker-Compatriot John Stewart. Family & Friends 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 once again assume the office of **President of the Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution**. Our 2021 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 teaching 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 revealed *DAR Daughters* in achieving these goals.

Be sure to join us on **February 16** 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** who will entertain us with his encore presentation as the dynamic **Founding Father, President Thomas Jefferson** with an encore 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 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 formation of our great Republic.

A special highlight of the presentation takes the form of a virtual 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*!

We should all reflect on what a remarkable and challenging year 2020 has been, and on behalf of **Chapter Officers** and **Board** members, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the willingness and support of all Chapter **Compatriots** and **DAR Daughters** to keep our great societies vibrant, as their **Patriotic Duty**.

So 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.

We 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.

Finally, we believe that despite the unprecedented challenges of 2020, they will ultimately serve to strengthen our **SAR** core beliefs that we are a nation of, by and for the people, and that freedom has come at a great price, is often tested and can be easily lost.

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

We will continue conducting the **“Virtual”** online meetings for the next several meetings using the Zoom online service. Our four meetings to date were well attended with dozens of **Compatriots, DAR Daughters** and **Guests** joining us for interesting speakers and soul enriching fellowship!

Chaired by **FMR State/Chapter President, NSSAR Deputy Inspector General, Ray Wess**, the January meeting included the formal **Transfer of Leadership Installation Ceremony**.

2021 Officers: Donald Lanman, President, David Wratishaw, 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 important 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 great patriotic society.



The Chapters annual **January** meeting was highlighted by special guest speaker **Garcilasco de la Vega, Vice Regent, Karen Christie** who delivered a powerful and informative **Patriot Bio** on her three relatives at the famous **Revolutionary War Battle of Oriskany**. **Be sure to read Ms. Christie's interesting article on female Loyalist Mohawk Leader Molly Brant (page 8)**. **Thank you Karen.**



The Chapter conducted a special **Memorial Service** for **FMR Chapter President Elwyn L. More** who passed away November 23 at age 90. Our Chapter sincerely mourns the loss of this beloved Compatriot, Veteran and Patriot.



Chapter Compatriots Lanman, Tidwell, Boggs, Parkinson, Richards and **Wratislaw** joined **DAR Daughters** at the **Wreaths Across America** project to place wreaths at the graves of honored Veterans at the So. FL. National Cemetery on December 19.



Don't wait to be asked, volunteers are needed for Chapter Committees today for our youth and civic programs including **Historical Oration, Knight Essay, Poster** and **Brochure** contests, **American History Teacher of the Year, Boy Scouts, Police-Firefighter** recognition, **Flag & Liberty Tree**, and **Veterans** services.

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

To our beloved **DAR Patriot Daughters** we extend our heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter by attending meetings, events, and their tireless efforts to help grow the **Chapter** by referring new **SAR** prospects. **Chapter 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 our **February 16** meeting for a special tribute honoring **Washington's Birthday** by **FMR State & Chapter President, & National SAR Deputy Inspector General Raymond Wess**. And guest speaker **John Stewart** aka **Thomas Jefferson**.

We wish you all a safe, healthy New Year!

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 – 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, You have time on your hands... So please provide me with some Newsletter Content! This is a special request for readers to submit newsletter articles in the form of **Patriotic, Revolutionary War, Family Patriot Bios, Family Lore, Ancestors, Genealogy, Veteran Stories, Special Activities, Events** etc.

Share your Patriot Bios! We all enjoy sharing stories about family histories especially about our **Patriot Ancestors** who sacrificed so much for our Nation. To tell your story of how you became a member of the SAR, just pick a meeting date and I'll help you develop your 10 minute presentation, contact me @ dlanman258@aol.com.



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

~2021 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

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

- **Feb. 16, Special Guest Speaker, John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson**
- **March 16, Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Roger Smith on St. Augustine**
- **April 20, Special Guest Speaker**
- **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**

~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:

- ✓ [FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting, Orlando May 1-3-2021](#)
- ✓ [Battle of Pensacola Event, Pensacola, FL May TBD](#)
- ✓ [Flag Placement Day S. FL National Cemetery, WPB May TBD](#)
- ✓ [Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Event, WPB May TBD](#)
- ✓ [Missing in America Veterans Event, TBD](#)
- ✓ [131th SAR National Congress- TBD](#)

**Join Chapter Compatriots at all SAR & DAR events!
Visit [NSSAR/FLSSAR/Chapter websites](#).**

~Feature Article~

Molly Brant, Mohawk Leader & Loyalist!

~Researched, Compiled/Edited by GdIV DAR Vice Regent, Karen Christie~



Mary (Molly) Brant ([c.](#) 1736 – April 16, 1796), also known as **Konwatsi'tsiaienni**, and **Degonwadonti** ("Someone Lends Her a Flower") was a very influential [Mohawk](#) leader in New York and Canada during the [American Revolution](#).

Raised in *Canajoharie, New York* in a *Mohawk* culture that had absorbed many cultural influences from their Dutch and English trading partners.

Molly lived in a substantial colonial-style frame house, used European household goods and was baptized in

the [Church of England](#). While she was fluent in [Mohawk](#) and English, it's not clear whether she whether she could read and write.

English General, [Sir William Johnson](#), Superintendent for Northern Indian Affairs for the British, often stayed with Molly's *Mohawk* stepfather *Brant Kanagaradunkwa*.



After Johnson moved into Ft. Johnson, he and Molly Brant became intimate. In September 1759, she gave birth to their first of their 8 children. Molly lived with Johnson at [Ft. Johnson](#), and following the 1763 British defeat of the French in the [French and Indian War](#), at [Johnson Hall](#) in Johnstown, New York.



Johnson died in July 1774, leaving Molly and their children 25,000 acres of land, money and slaves. Following Johnson's death, Molly and her children returned to [Canajoharie](#), further west on the *Mohawk River* in New York.

A passionate Loyalist during the **Revolutionary War**, Molly provided food and assistance to Loyalists fleeing from New York to Canada. She lived at *Canajoharie* for the first two years of the war.

In 1777 **British** forces invaded New York from Canada, laying siege to **Patriot-held Ft. Stanwix**. In August, Molly learned that a large **Patriot** militia was on its way to relieve the fort and sent *Mohawk* runners to alert the **British** commander of their plan. As a result, a **British, Mohawk, and Seneca** forces ambushed the **Patriots** and their **Oneida** allies at the famous **Battle of Oriskany**.

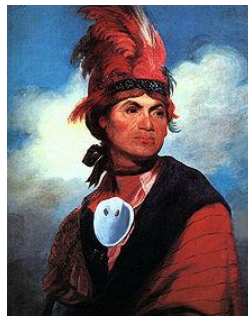
The *Iroquois* were divided in their loyalties. The *Oneida* allied with the **Patriots**, while most bands of the other four nations allied with the **British**. Following the Oriskany battle, in which *Iroquois* warriors of these nations fought on both sides, the war in the Mohawk Valley became particularly brutal.



The **Oneida** and **Americans** retaliated against Molly and her Indian followers by pillaging *Canajoharie* and causing Molly to flee with her children to *Onondaga, New York*.

At *Onondaga*, the leaders of the *Iroquois* nations held a council to decide what to do. Most of the nations and their leaders favored assisting the *British*, but following the *Battle of Saratoga*, it seemed unlikely that the **British** could win the war.

As a result of the Saratoga battle, the *Seneca* chief, *Sayenqueraghta*, urged the nations to withdraw from the war. Molly criticized his advice and convinced the council to remain loyal to the **Crown**.



According to *Daniel Claus*, a British Indian agent and General Johnson's son-in-law, Molly was "in every respect considered and esteemed by the *Iroquois* as Johnson's widow, quoting "one word from her is more taken notice of by the Five Nations than a thousand from any white man without exception".

In addition to her influence from her connections to General Johnson and stepfather *Brant Kanagaradunkwa*, the *Iroquois* matrilineal kinship society gave her more political influence than most women in patriarchal societies. Molly has been described as the "Head of the Six Nations Matrons".



In late 1777, Molly moved to *Fort Niagara* and worked as an intermediary between the **British** and the *Iroquois*, rendering, according to the British, "inestimable assistance there as a diplomat and stateswoman".

In 1779, the **Americans** began the "*Sullivan Expedition*" in retaliation for Indian attacks in *Cherry Valley, New York* and attacked 40 *Seneca* and other *Iroquois* villages throughout central western New York, destroying crops and winter stores.

Molly fled to *Carleton Island* and continued her loyalist work as an intermediary. The British commander considered Molly's influence "far superior to that of all their Chiefs put together".

Throughout the war, Molly played important roles as a negotiator, mediator, liaison, and advocate for *Mohawk* and *Iroquois* peoples at *Fort Niagara, Montreal, and Carleton Island*.

In 1783, Molly moved to *Kingston, Ontario, Canada*, where the **British** government built her a house, gave her an annual pension of £100 and provided Molly and her family compensation for their losses in the **American Revolution**.

Hoping to make use of her influence with the nations, the United States offered Molly compensation if she would return with her family to the *Mohawk Valley*, but she refused.

As a result, the *New York* legislature ruled that Molly and her children, as Indians, could not own the land bequeathed to them by **Sir William Johnson**, so the property reverted to the state and was sold to settlers and speculators.

While Molly has been criticized for being pro-**British** at the expense of the *Iroquois*, like many of the male leaders, she believed that the *Mohawk* and other *Iroquois* nations' best chance of survival lay with the **British**.

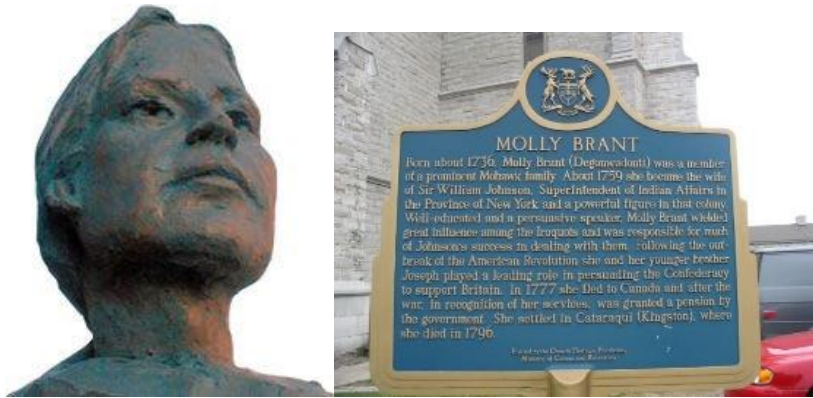
It's clear that she had identified first as *Mohawk* and made strategic choices that she believed would best benefit her people.

Molly died in *Kingston, Ontario* on April 16, 1796, at about age 60, and was buried in *St. Paul's Churchyard*, the settlement's first burial ground.

In 1996 the City of Kingston proclaimed Molly Brant Commemoration Day. The *Mohawk Nation*, City of Kingston, and the Historic Sites of Canada agreed to commemorate her life with the creation of a bust representing Molly Brant, along with an historic monument in Kingston.

John Boxtel was commissioned to make the bust. The memorial sculpture was unveiled on *Molly Brant Commemoration Day*.

The commemoration began with a service at *St. George's Cathedral*, a traditional *Mohawk* tobacco burning and a wreath-laying ceremony at *St. Paul's Anglican Church*. The sculpture of Molly Brant was unveiled in the eastern courtyard

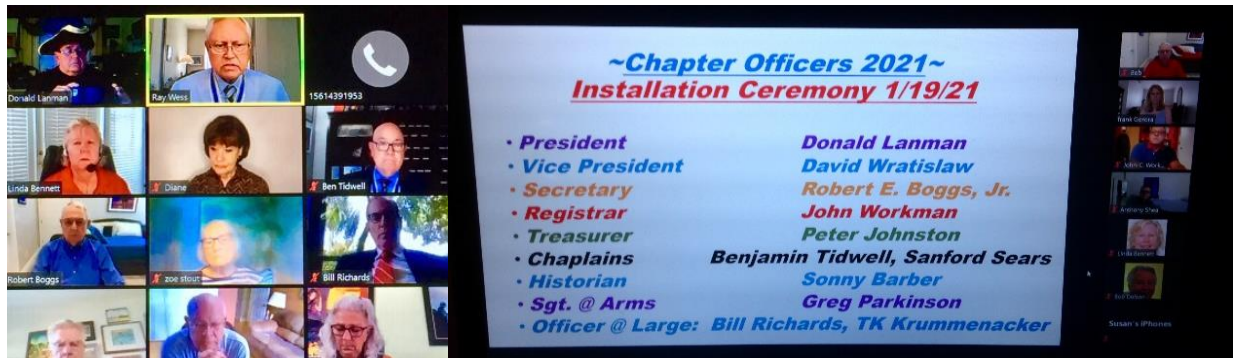


In addition **Molly Brant** has been honored in Canada as a *Person of National Historic Significance*, including her image on Canadian stamps and planned 100 dollar bills. The *Johnson Hall State Historic Site* in New York includes presentation and interpretation of Molly's public and private roles.

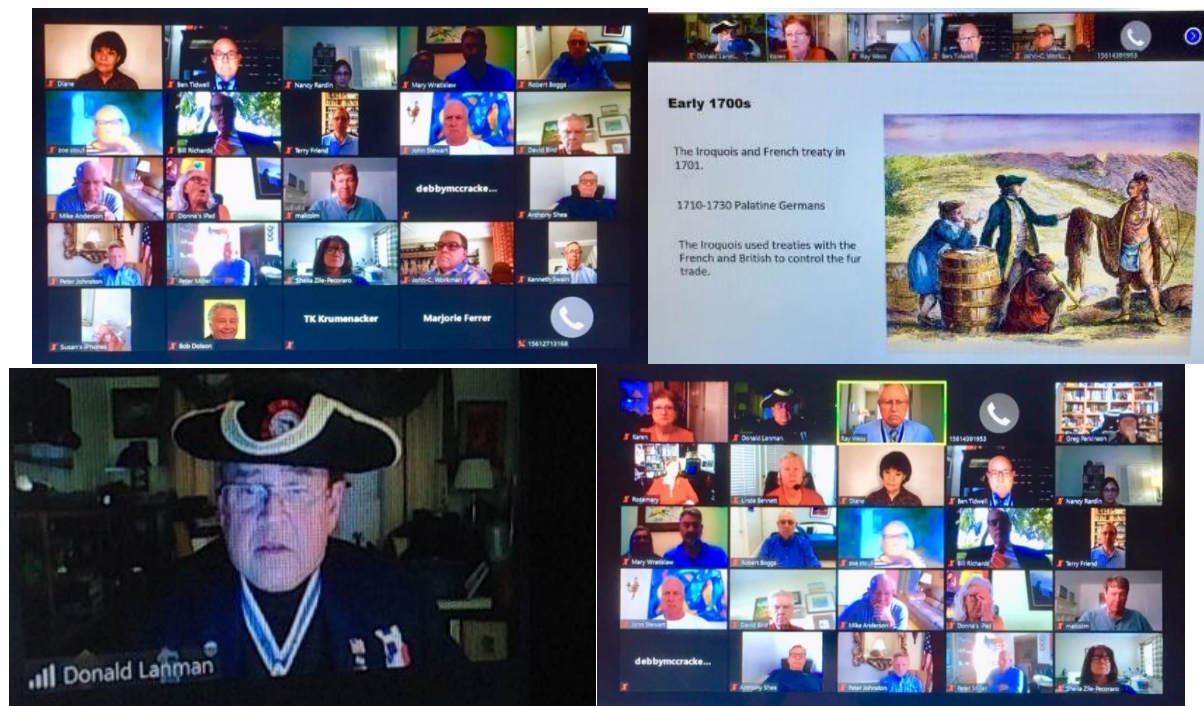


~Meeting & Event Pictures~

2021 Officers installed; **Donald Lanman, President, David Wratlslaw, 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.**



~Compatriots & DAR Daughters Enjoy Online 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

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❖ Gold Level: \$200-\$499:

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❖ 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...

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ➤ 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.....***



~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~

~Lake Worth, Florida~

~Sheila Zile-Pecoraro, Regent~

~Karen E. Christie, Vice Regent~

~NSDAR Volunteer Genealogist, Area 9~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

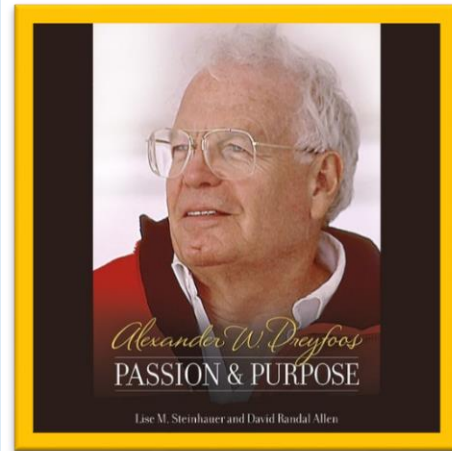
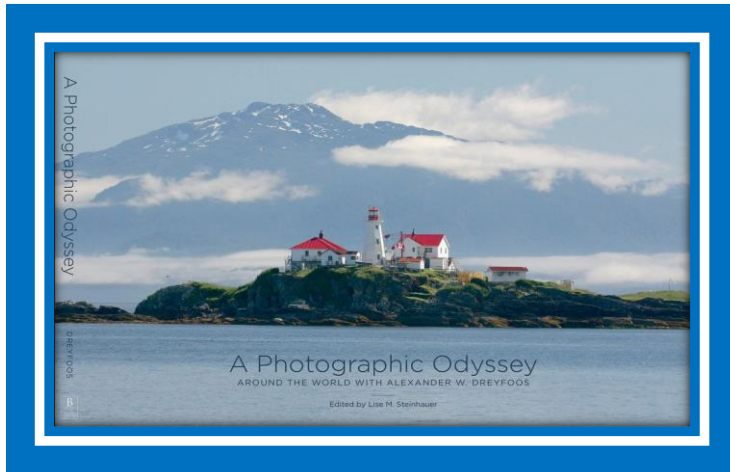
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-



-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY- -PASSION & PURPOSE-

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

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

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

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

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the courageous men and women who braved all to start this great nation.
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WILLIAM HAMPTON
JOHN CLAY
PETER MONTAGUE
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RICHARD PACE
NICHOLAS MERIWETHER I
RICHARD LEE
ABRAHAM PIERCY
ADRIA GURGANAY
HENRY BATTE
ROBERT "KING" CARTER

STEPHEN HOPKINS
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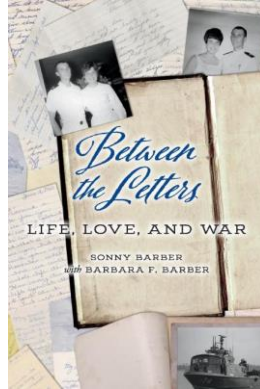
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“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

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.

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