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~ March 16 Meetings Highlights~

The Chapter held its 6th "Virtual" meetings **March 16**. **30 Compatriots, DAR Daughters and Guests** joined us for some great fellowship as we conducted a special **Compatriot Service Recognitions, Memorial Service** and enjoyed "**Wicked St. Augustine**" by **Historian-Author, Speaker-Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith, PhD**.

Mark your calendars and join for the next virtual Chapter meeting **April 20 @ 12 Noon** featuring special presentation "**Conversations between Abigail Adams & Thomas Jefferson's**" by **Reenactor-Speakers- John Stewart & Marcea Oetting**. Family & Guests are always Welcome!

President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

Per our 2021 Vision, I am calling on Chapter Officers, Committee Chairs and the entire Chapter membership for help expanding our Service to Veterans programs, Youth Education/Scholarship, JROTC/Scouting, and First Responder recognition programs.

With the tiresome Pandemic, unrest in our country, domestic/international assaults against our Nation's core values so clearly documented in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, its more important than ever for patriotic/lineage societies to work together to embrace and promote the values that the United States and SAR was founded upon.

Most, especially, we must continue supporting those who serve our country, our community, and to teach our Youth a complete and accurate history of our founding, and to make clear that the freedom we enjoy came at a great price, and is easily lost.

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

Mark your calendars and join for the next virtual Chapter meeting **April 20 @ 12 Noon** featuring a special presentation on the 50 year friendship between two of the nation's founders in a lively review of the "**Correspondence between Abigail Adams & Thomas Jefferson**" by **Reenactor-Speakers- John Stewart & Marcea Oetting**.



Compatriot John Stewart and DAR Daughter Marcea Oetting have been interested and intrigued with the relationship between **Abigail Adams** and of **Thomas Jefferson** for many years and frequently lecture on the lives of these Patriots, and their influence on American History to students, youth and civic groups, and business.

John and Marcea are portrayed in the dress, language, and speaking style of the 1700s, so we'll be entertained by their convincing portrayal of these two Patriots, while benefiting from their extensive topic specific knowledge.

The **March** meeting featured a special presentation on "**Wicked St. Augustine**" by **Historian/Author/Speaker-Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith PhD**. Dr. Smith took us on a fascinating journey through history of this famous 450 year old city that's served under 4 different flags. (*Spanish, British, Confederate, American*)



Chapter President Lanman recognized **Compatriots Alex Dreyfoos** and **Ray Wess** for their outstanding service to the Chapter with their support of the Chapter's Youth *History Scholarship* programs.



Former Chapter Registrar Pete Miller was presented with the 2020 **Distinguished Service Medal** at his home by former Chapter President and Chaplain Ben Tidwell.



The **Chapter** and **Compatriots** continue our mission of serving our Military and Veterans with Committee Chairman Richards, Wess and Lanman meeting with the leadership at the **VA, Fisher House** to deliver a donation of \$500 on behalf of the **Florida Veterans Foundation** and **Chapter's FVF Ambassador** duties.



**Wess, Lanman, Richards,
Christie-DAR, FH Director Pickett**

The Chapter received its official induction into the **Florida Governors “Forward March” Ambassador** Program. The FVF Ambassador partnership allows the Chapter to directly support and represent Florida Veterans.

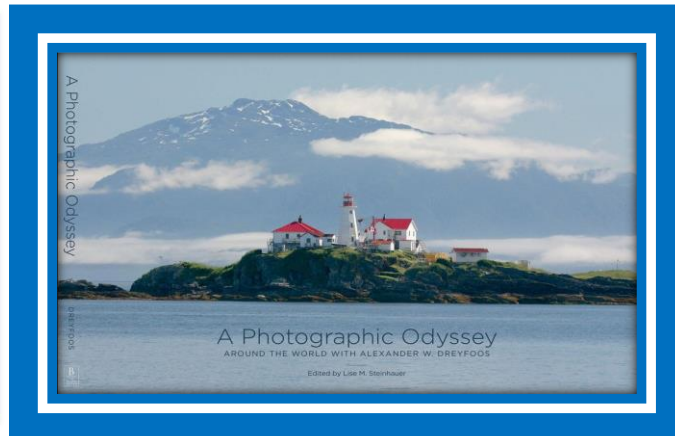
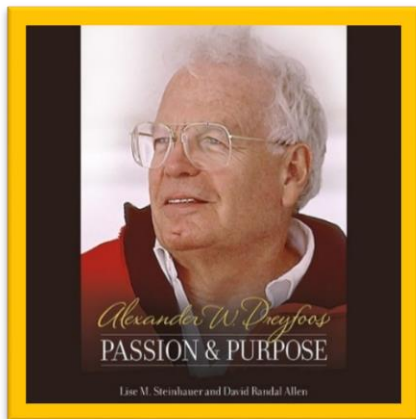


Fellow Compatriots, more **volunteers** are needed to help on the **Veterans Service Committee** as we continue supporting the VA, American Legion, FVF and VFW. Contact Chairman Bill Richards 917-692-1145 or Don Lanman 561-315-5073 to serve!

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

- **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 locales 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!**



To date, 13 books have been sold representing over \$700 for the Scholarship program. Contact Don Lanman (561-315-5073-dlanman258@aol.com) to order your books. **Thank you Alex for your generous donation!**

The **National Headquarters SAR** has introduced a new logo representing the 21st Century. It's modern, stylish, and may be used in all SAR communications.



Chapter President Lanman and FMR President/Chaplin Ben Tidwell conducted a special Memorial Service for one of the Chapter's most revered supporters, DAR Daughter **Judy Mahaffey** of the **Garcilaso de la Vega** chapter. Judy was a loving Wife, Mother, Businesswoman, Community Leader and Patriot. We mourn her loss and shall miss her.

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 2021 with the goal of resuming in person meetings for the **October 19** at the Embassy Suites.

Please support the chapter and attend our online meetings. Our virtual meetings to date have been well attended by 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.**

Help Recruit New Members! The ongoing success of our Chapter relies on increasing membership and mentoring new members. Recruit **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.

Additionally, extend our sincere 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.

Finally to our beloved **DAR Patriot Daughters** we extend our heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter by attending meetings, events, along with 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 **April 20th** for a special presentation **“Conversations between Abigail Adams & Thomas Jefferson”** by **Reenactor-Speakers- John Stewart & Marcea Oetting**. **Family & Guests are always Welcome!**

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 5-10 minute Bio 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**.

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 for general information, newsletters, pictures, and related links.

- 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*
- 2022 January 18, *Officer Installations, Guest Speaker*
- Feb. 15, Special Guest Speaker, *John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson*
- March 15, Special Guest Speaker
- April 19, Special Guest Speaker

~2021 Officers & Board Members:

- President, *President Donald Lanman*
- Vice President, *David Wratlslaw*
- 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](#)
- ✓ [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](#)
- ✓ [131th SAR National Congress, Washington State- July 4-14](#)

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

~Feature Article~

Another Reason... To Admire George Washington...

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

If there were not enough reason to admire “His Excellency” General/President George Washington, I will offer you one more.

We all know the many accomplishments of “His Excellency”, from a young adventurous surveyor to a Virginia Militia Commander and eventually the Commander and Chief of the Continental Army.

We also hold dear to our hearts his tenure as the first President of the United States and his restraint in involving our young nation in another war shortly after beginning his term as Chief Executive. However, few of us really know the extent of his physical and emotional pain, endured on a daily basis from the premature loss of teeth.

During his first inaugural address on 30 April, 1789, President Washington took the oath of office in a mere whisper, barely heard by those standing next to him. He smiled sheepishly at the admiring crowd of well-wishers, guarding his personal secret from the crowd.

Few knew that this very accomplished man had only one natural tooth left in mouth at the time of his inauguration. He desperately tried not to smile or speak loud enough to reveal his secret and an apparent disfigurement resulting from the loss of teeth.

Much has been said or speculated on his dentures later in life. It has always been folk lore that he had wooden teeth. That story is completely false as he never had any teeth made of wood. However, he did have several denture plates made for him of various human and animal teeth and anchored in animal bone or rhinoceros horn held together with wire and springs.



By the age of 26, Washington had survived smallpox, malaria, pleurisy, and dysentery. Bloodletting and ingestion of mercury chloride were common treatments, and the latter led to significant tooth decay. Washington sought dentist after dentist but did not regard their work acceptable until he met John Greenwood (1760 – 1819).

Greenwood's father, Isaac, was the first American – born dentist, and three of John's brothers followed suit.

However, John signed up to serve in the Revolutionary War at the age of 15, as a fifer. After the war, he settled in New York and opened a shop making nautical and mathematical equipment.

Even there, he couldn't escape his legacy. His technical skills impressed a physician friend who asked Greenwood to extract a tooth for one of his patients.

This request and subsequent acts launched Greenwood in the field of dentistry with no formal training. In fact, the first American dental school wouldn't open for about 50 years. Greenwood's first extraction was a success and by 1786, he was running ads for his own dental practice.

His mechanical skill and ingenuity as an instrument maker soon made Greenwood the preeminent denture crafter, and when Washington grinned on his second Inauguration Day, it was with Greenwood's help.

Prior to Washington's death in 1799, Greenwood made Washington four sets of dentures, using lead, gold, rhinoceros tusk, and real teeth, (horse, cow, and human).

Contrary to popular myth, Washington's dentures were never made of wood. When Washington lost his last natural tooth, he gave it to Greenwood, who cherished it in a special case until his death in 1819.



~Meeting & Event Pictures~

*Dr. Roger Smith PhD, delivers a captivating tour of
“Historic & Wicked St. Augustine”*



~Compatriots & DAR Daughters Enjoy Online Fellowship~



FMR President Tidwell presents Pete Miller the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his Registrar’s services



*The Chapter conducted a special Memorial Service
for revealed DAR Daughter Judy Mahaffee*

~SAR MEMORIAL~

Palm Beach Chapter SAR Mourns the loss of a Beloved & Respected DAR Daughter...

~Judy Mahaffey~

- ❖ *Wife, Mother*
- ❖ *Businesswoman, Sunshine Printing*
- ❖ *Civic & Community Leader*
- ❖ *Revered PB Chapter SAR Supporter*
- ❖ *Honored Garcilaso de la Vega DAR Daughter*
- ❖ *American Patriot*



Support Youth Programs...Donate to the President's Brigade

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...

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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

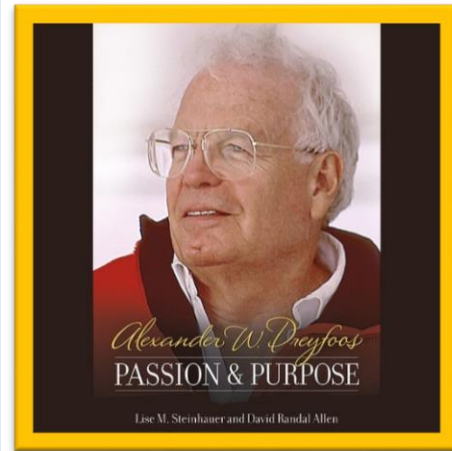
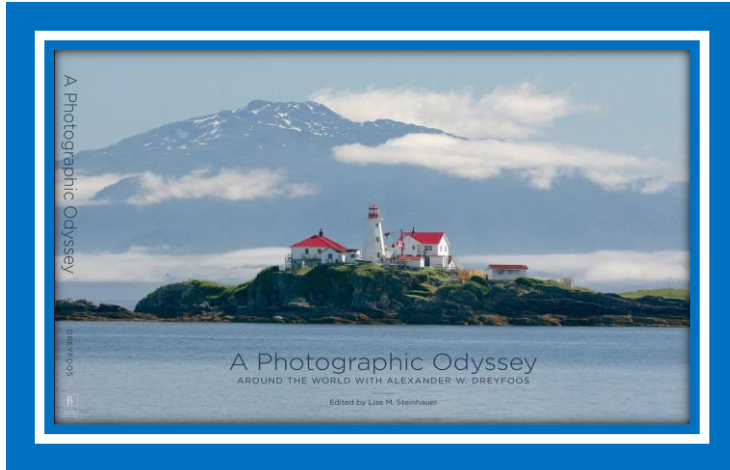
~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER

~HISTORIAN/AUTHOR/VETERAN/PATRIOT

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

~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-



-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY- -PASSION & PURPOSE-

Compatriot Alexander W Dreyfoos, an honored member of the *Palm Beach Chapter Sons of the American Revolution*, noted American entrepreneur, and philanthropist published two remarkable books that should be on every bookshelf. **All Book sale proceeds donated to the Palm Beach Chapter SAR Youth Programs!**

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Get both books, for just \$49.00 (retail \$90)...all proceeds donated to the Chapter. Order today, contact Don Lanman @ dlanman258@aol.com.

~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~

~NSDAR Volunteer Genealogist, Area 9~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

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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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(palmtreat@aol.com)**

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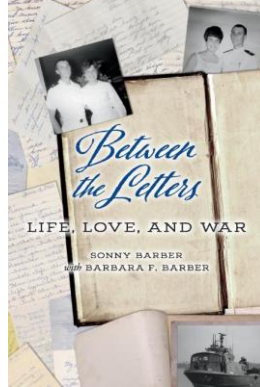
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“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

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>