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~ March 17, Meeting Highlights ~

Guest Speakers SAR Knight Essay Student Riley Schwartz, & Compatriots Peter Johnston & Buddy Miller "Patriot Ancestor Bios" Tuesday, March 17 @ 12 Noon
@ the Embassy Suites Hotel 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB! **[RSVP ONLINE CLICK Here...](#)** <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egy7izr3d14d6fa&oseq=&c=&ch> **or Call, Don Lanman, 561-315-5073.**

- [Importance of the 14th Amendment, Knight Essay](#) by Author Riley Schwartz
- ["Patriot Ancestor Bios"](#) by [Compatriots Peter Johnston & Buddy Miller](#)
- [3-Course Buffet Lunch, Desserts & Beverages, \\$28 per person Check/Cash](#)
- [Family, Friends & Guests Always Welcome](#)

President's Message:

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

The **Palm Beach Chapter SAR** continues to promote the core beliefs that our country and the SAR were founded upon, especially, teaching our youth 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 advancing these goals.

Join us **March 17** to celebrate **St Patrick's Day** and hear featured guest speakers **SAR Knight Essay Author-Honor Student Riley Schwartz** on the **Importance of the 14th Amendment**, and **Compatriot-Historians Peter Johnston** and **Buddy Miller** share interesting history of their **Patriot Ancestors** service during the **Revolutionary War**.

The highlight of our **February** meeting was **Historian-Author-Compatriot John Stewart** who entertained us with an encore reenactment as the dynamic **Founding Father & 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson**.



We were entertained by John's convincing portrayal of our **3rd President** while benefiting from his extensive knowledge of **Jefferson's** personal life, especially his leadership during the contentious and violent election of 1800. (See Feature Article)

A special highlight of his presentation took the form of an audience **Q & A**, structured like a **Presidential Press Conference!** John's long SAR career includes serving as the Chapter President for both the **Palm Beach** and **St. Petersburg** chapters!

The Chapter also celebrated **His Excellency George Washington's Birthday** with a special **"Washington Toast"** conducted by **NSSAR Deputy Inspector General** and **FMR State/Chapter President, Compatriot Raymond F. Wess**.



FMR Chapter President, Bob Boggs recognized **Compatriots Peter Johnston, Peter Miler, Buddy Miller, Greg Parkinson, and Don Lanman** for their tireless effort, support and contribution to the Chapter's accomplishments in 2019.



FMR President Lanman, in his role on the *Board of Directors* on the **Florida Veterans Foundation**, presented **Veterans Support Certificates of Appreciation** to **DAR Daughters Madeline Chin** (Seminole Chapter) and **Karen Christie** (Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter) in recognition of their donation of a motorized scooter and vehicle scooter lift to disabled **US Army Vietnam Veteran Nurse Lynda Kangas'**

The scooter and lift were delivered to **Vietnam Veteran Kangas** and are already making her life easier. This is another fine example of the **SAR** and **DAR** working together in support of our nation's veterans. **Thank You Patriot Ladies.**



FVF Veterans Certificate Presentation

Madeline Chin

Karen Christie

Chapter Veterans are encouraged to join the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** by providing a redacted copy of their military **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**.



Don't wait to be asked, volunteers are needed for Committees 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!

Call it a Birthday or Holiday Gift-Recruit New Members! The ongoing success of our Chapter relies on increasing membership and the mentoring new members. With the annual turnover of members, we must grow membership by recruiting **Sons, Grandsons, Friends** and civic-minded individuals interested in honoring their Patriot Ancestors and enjoying good fellowship.

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. **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 **March 17 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~

Newsletter Content Request! 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.

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



Please 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.

Compatriots are also requested to actively participate in all 2020 *Chapter* activities including **SAR Chapter, State/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**, and related events.

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

~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, pictures, and general information links.

- **Mar. 17, Special Speakers, R. Schwartz, P. Johnston & S. Miller**
- **April, 21, Police & Law Enforcement Recognition Medals & 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**
- **Feb. 16, Special Guest Speaker, John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson**

~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 National, State, & Chapter Events:

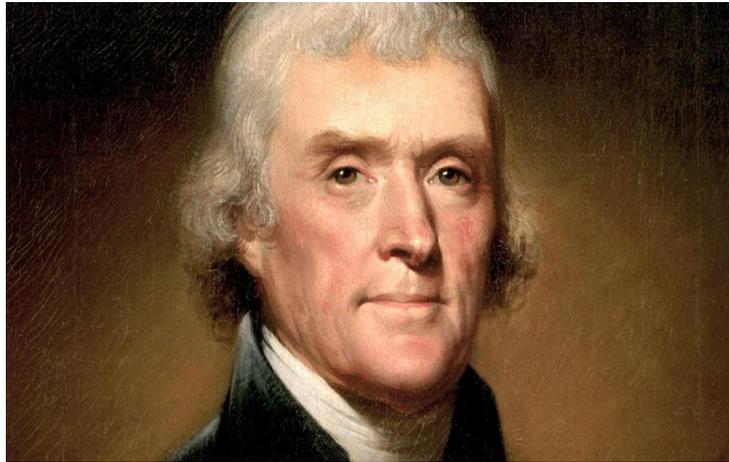
- ✓ **Last Naval Battle Event, Merritt Island, FL 3/7**
- ✓ **Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL 3/28**
- ✓ **DAR Spring Conference-Orlando, FL 3/5-8**
- ✓ **National Vietnam Veterans Day, WPB March 29**
- ✓ **FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting, Orlando May 1-2**
- ✓ **Battle of Pensacola Event, Pensacola, FL May 8-9**
- ✓ **Flag Placement Day S. FL National Cemetery, WPB May 24**
- ✓ **Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Event, WPB May 25**
- ✓ **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/Chapter websites.**

~Feature Article~

Presidential Election of 1800.... As Contentious as 2020!

Researched/Compiled/Edited by FMR Palm Beach Chapter President Don Lanman



The more things change, the more they seem to stay the same... especially when we compare and contrast past presidential elections with the seemingly unprecedented drama unfolding in 2020 election.

On February 17, 1801, **Thomas Jefferson** is elected the third president of the United States.

While the election constituted the first peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another in the United States, it was filled with deep divisions between parties, crude and unseemly conduct by presidential candidates, in fighting between political parties, acrimony, divisions in the populace, and even duels to the death between candidates.

By 1800, when *Jefferson* decided to run for president, he possessed impressive political credentials and was well-suited to the presidency. In addition to drafting the *Declaration of Independence*, Jefferson had served in two **Continental Congresses**, as **Minister to France**, **Secretary of State** under President **George Washington** and as **Vice President** under our second President **John Adams**.

However, vicious partisan warfare characterized the campaign of 1800 between **Democratic-Republicans Jefferson** and **Aaron Burr** and **Federalists John Adams**, **Charles Pinckney** and **John Jay**.

The election highlighted the ongoing battle between the *Democratic-Republican* supporters of the *French*, who were embroiled in their own bloody revolution, and the *Pro-British Federalists* who wanted to implement English-style policies in American government.

The *Federalists* abhorred the French revolutionaries' overzealous use of the guillotine and as a result were less forgiving in their foreign policy toward the French. The Federalists advocated a strong centralized government, a standing military and financial support of emerging industries.

In contrast, *Jefferson's Republicans* preferred limited government, unadulterated states' rights and a primarily agrarian economy. They feared that Federalists would abandon revolutionary ideals on which the United States was founded and revert to the English Monarchical style political process.

As Washington's Secretary of State, Jefferson opposed Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton's proposal to increase military expenditures and plan to launch a National Bank. He resigned when Washington supported the leading Federalist's plan for a national bank.

After a bloodless but ugly political campaign in which candidates and influential supporters on both sides used the press, often anonymously, as a forum to fire slanderous volleys at each other, the then-laborious and confusing process of voting began in April 1800.

Individual states scheduled elections at different times and although Jefferson and Burr ran on the same ticket, as president and vice president respectively, the Constitution still demanded votes for each individual to be counted separately.

As a result, by the end of January 1801, Jefferson and Burr emerged tied at 73 electoral votes apiece. Adams came in third at 65 votes.

This unintended result sent the final vote to the *House of Representatives*. Sticklers in the Federalist-controlled House of Representatives insisted on following the Constitution's flawed rules and refused to elect Jefferson and Burr together on the same ticket.

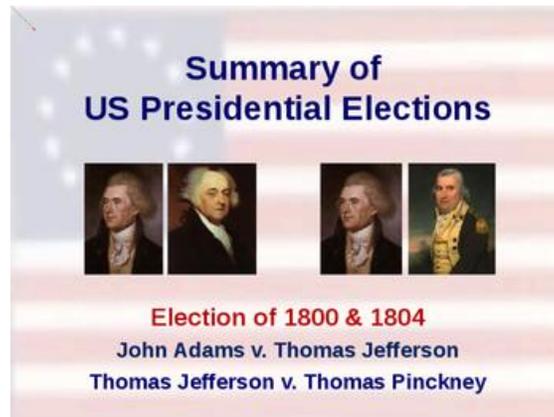
The highly influential Federalist *Alexander Hamilton*, who mistrusted Jefferson but truly hated Burr more, persuaded the House to vote against Burr, whom he called "The most unfit man for the office of president".

This accusation and many others led Burr to challenge Hamilton to a duel in 1804 that resulted in Hamilton's death.

Two weeks before the scheduled inauguration, Jefferson emerged victorious however, and Burr was confirmed as his vice president.

A contingent of sword-bearing soldiers escorted the new president to his inauguration on March 4, 1801, illustrating the contentious nature of the election and the victors' fear of reprisals.

In his inaugural address, Jefferson sought to heal political differences by graciously declaring, ***“We are all Republicans, we are all Federalists”***.



As president, Jefferson made some concessions to his opponents, including taking Hamilton's advice to strengthen the American Navy.

In 1801, Jefferson sent naval squadrons and Marines to suppress Barbary piracy against American shipping.

He reduced the national debt by one-third, acquired the Louisiana Territory, and his sponsorship of the Lewis and Clark expedition opened the west to exploration and settlement.

Jefferson's first term ended in relative stability and prosperity, and in 1804 he was overwhelmingly elected to a second term.

The flawed voting system that was so problematic in the election of 1800, it was later improved by the 12th Amendment, which was ratified in 1804.



~February Meeting & Event Pictures~

FMR President Bob Boggs presents **2019 Chapter Service Appreciation Certificates** to **FMR Treasurer Peter Johnston, Registrar Pete Miller, Historian FMR President Buddy Miller, FMR President Greg Parkinson & FMR President Donald Lanman**



NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Raymond Wess conducts a special **“Toast to Washington”** in honor of **Washington’s Birthday**



*President Bright thanks Author/Historian/FMR Chapter President John Stewart for his remarkable presentation as **Thomas Jefferson** & the election of 1800*



*FMR Presidents Ray Wess, Greg Parkinson, Jim Blackburn & Don Lanman gather to celebrate **Blackburn's 90th Birthday** and **40+ years** in the **NSSAR**. Congratulations Jim*



~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, Richards |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration | -Boggs, Tidwell |
| ➤ American History Teacher | -Boggs, Clayton |
| ➤ Medals/Awards | -Lanman, Bright |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison | - Lanman, Parkinson, Tidwell |
| ➤ 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, 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 SUPPORTER PROMOTIONS...

~GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER
~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS
~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRPHER/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~

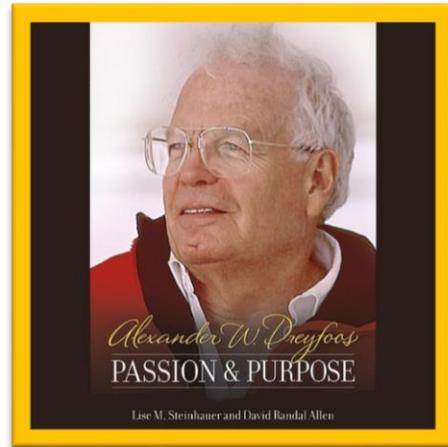
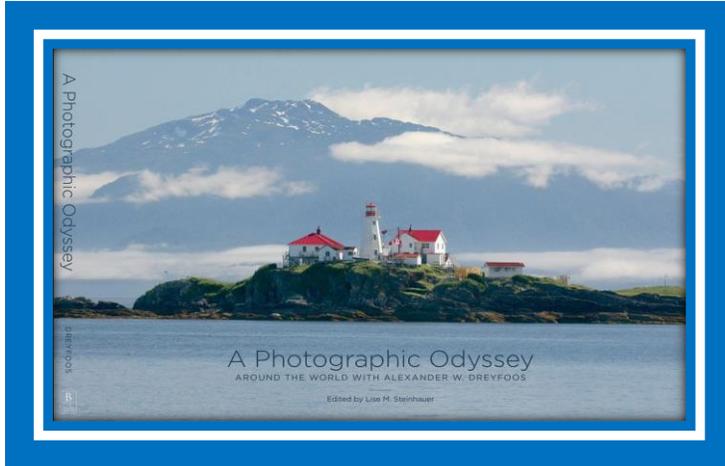
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-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.

~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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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

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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
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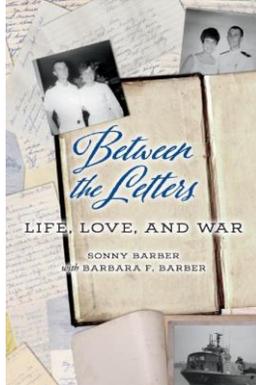
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“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

Life, Love, And War

By Palm Beach SAR Compatriot/Veteran/Author, Sonny Barber and Barbara Barber



*Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriot/Veteran/Author Sonny Barber and his wife Barbara just released their latest book titled “**Between the Letters-Life, Love, And War**”.*

This moving testimonial to the ravages on the Vietnam War and the inspirational power of love is captured in this latest book from the Barbers, and a must read.

Compatriot Barber is also the author of three remarkable American Historical Mystery series for young adults/children titled **“Crossed & Found”**, **“Stonewalled”**, and **“Gold Hush”**.

~ Overview “Between the Letters-Life, Love, And War”~

Separated by war and thousands of miles, a young navy ensign and his nurse fiancée share their everyday experiences from Vietnam and from back home through hundreds of letters, keeping alive their love, hopes and dreams.

Between these letters, the fledgling officer-in-charge of a U.S. Navy Swift Boat shares his first-person stories of life and death in a combat zone.

~Plot Description~

"I miss you!" "Why haven't you written?" "Thank God, you're safe!" These are the beginning lines of some of the hundreds of letters between a freshly-commissioned U.S. Navy ensign and his fiancée, a new nurse graduate, from the start of their relationship until eighteen months later when he returns from Vietnam.

Between these letters are first person accounts of the fledgling naval officer's life in charge of a five-man crew aboard a fifty-foot Swift Boat, patrolling the coastal waters and rivers in "I Corps," the northernmost military operational area of South Vietnam.

The letters and stories show the challenges of life—and death—in a combat zone and provide a glimpse into the stress-filled lives of these two young people, separated by the war and thousands of miles across an ocean and a continent.

~About the Authors~

Sonny and Barbara Barber created this heartfelt memoir as a tribute to their life experience, the impact of separation, and a moving testimonial to the ravages on the Vietnam War and the inspirational power of love.

Soon after graduating college, *Rufus R. "Sonny" Barber, Jr.* joined the U.S. Navy and volunteered for duty in *Vietnam* as an officer-in-charge of a "Swift Boat," a fifty-foot navy patrol craft.

After his four years of active military service, he worked in public relations and corporate communications, concurrently serving as a public affairs officer in military reserve components and retiring as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

In his second career as an author, he's also written several fiction books for preteens and up, which use events in early American history as the basis for modern-day mysteries.

Sonny and wife, *Barbara*, residents of Boca Raton, Florida, have two wonderful daughters, devoted sons-in-law, and four inspiring and amazing grandchildren.

~BOOK DETAILS~

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