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~May 21 Meeting Event Highlights~

**Join us @ the "Firefighter- First Responder Recognition & Awards Ceremony",
Tuesday May 21, 12:00 Noon @ the Embassy Suites 1601 Belvedere Road, WPB!
RSVP Email/Call Bob Boggs 561-350-5730, Bobbogs1@gmail.com.**

- **"Firefighter-EMS First Responder Recognition & Awards Ceremony"**
- **4-Course Buffet Lunch, 2-Special Desserts & Beverages**
- **\$28 per person Check/Cash at the Door**
- **Family, Friends & Guests are Always Welcome!**
- **RSVP, Bob Boggs, 561-350-5730, Bobbogs1@gmail.com!**

President's Message: Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends...

As your *President*, it's been a very productive first four months in office including great speakers, events and programs. I really look forward to our special meeting honoring our local **Firefighters-First Responder** professionals for their dedication and service.

As we prepare for the summer break, I encourage *Officers, Committee Members, Compatriots* and our beloved *DAR Daughters* to continue finding new members for our two great societies, and to attend Patriotic events throughout the summer.

Special thanks to all *Committee Members* including *Compatriots Ben Tidwell and Sonny Barber* for their work with local High School *JROTC Cadets, Greg Parkinson and Gary Green* for the *Law Enforcement/First Responder* programs, *Michael Anderson and Don Lanman* for our social media, and much appreciation to all *SAR and DAR Patriots* supporting the Chapter by attending meetings and referring new members.

Join us to honor our **Local Heroes** who run into **Danger** while others are running out at the annual **"Firefighter-EMS First Responder Recognition & Awards Ceremony"** on May 21st! We'll share stories of their *dedication, heroism and community service*, and recognize several **First Responders** from *Palm Beach County* with the prestigious **SAR Fire Safety-EMS Commendation Medals**.



April was an exceptional meeting as our Chapter Honored four local law enforcement professionals with the prestigious **SAR Law Enforcement Commendation & Heroism Medal** for **Officers Elizabeth Waldkoetter, Adrian Rackauskas, Chief Frank Kitzerow**, and the **"Chapter's Own" Compatriot & State Department Special Agent Jeffrey Joyner**.



Chapter Compatriots were most active in April attending the **SAR Battle of Thomas Creek** event, **Missing in America Veterans** event plus several DAR Chapter meetings including Estahakee, Garcilaso de la Vega, Henry Morrison Flagler, Palm Beach and a special **Civil War Veterans Memorial Service** held at Appomattox, Virginia.



We welcomed four new members to our growing Chapter including **Compatriots Spencer Langenstein, Malcolm McCampbell, William** and young son, **Harrison Warwick** taking the chapter to over 176 members, the largest SAR Chapter in Florida.



Two **Compatriots** have honored our Chapter! **Compatriot David Wratilaw** will graduate from the prestigious **Citadel Military College** in South Carolina, and **Compatriot Mason Stowell** won an **International Karate Championship Award** for **Combined Mixed Marital Arts** at the **39th Quebec Open** in Canada. Congratulations Gentlemen...you bring honor to your Chapter.

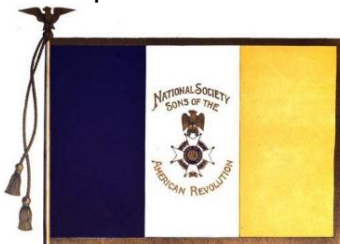




WE NEED YOU!

Don't wait to be asked, help on 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.***

Our beloved ***DAR Patriot Daughters*** have our heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter at meetings and events! We sincerely appreciate their tireless efforts to help us grow the Chapter by referring new SAR prospects. All Palm Beach Compatriots are encouraged to support ***DAR*** Chapters by attending their meetings, fundraising and related patriotic events.

Compatriot Veterans are encouraged to join the ***FLSSAR Veterans Battalion*** by providing the ***Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman Lanman*** with a copy of their ***DD-214***. Members are recognized with the ***SAR Military Service*** or ***War Service Medal*** and join the 18% of ***Chapter Vets*** who've served honorably from ***WW II*** to ***Iraq***.

Fellow Compatriots, I look forward to seeing you at the ***May 21st 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~

Fellow Compatriots, DAR Daughters, Friends & Veteran Supporters,

Compatriots are cordially invited to join fellow **Chapter Patriots** to **Honor Memorial Day** at both the annual **Flag Placement Day, May 26** at the **South Florida National Cemetery** Section 35 at 9:00 am to place flags at each Veterans tombstone, and the **Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day** event on the following day, **May 27**.

All Compatriots, families and friends are Welcome at the **Annual Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** organization's **"A Day to Remember" May 27** 11:30 am at the **Palm Beach Memorial Park** (3691 Seacrest BL, Lantana, FL).

The **Palm Beach SAR Chapter** will present an **SAR Honor Wreath** at the May 27 ceremony that includes; **Emcee Jim Sackett, Military Guest Speaker Army General Wayne P. Jackson, POW/MIA Tribute, Wreath Ceremony, Military Display, Patriotic Music** and a **Ceremonial 'Release of the Doves'**. **Bring the whole family**, especially the children for complimentary Hot Dogs/Chips, and to teach them about Patriotism and honoring our nations Veterans. **No RSVP needed...See you there!**



Compatriots...Stand up, Join in and Participate in all Chapter activities including SAR meetings, patriotic ceremonies, MIA, Memorial Day, Honor Flights, Flag Day, July 4th, Veterans Day and DAR meetings, programs and patriotic events.

Encourage and support our Chapter leadership and Committees with their responsibilities, but don't wait to be asked...**Just ask what -You can do to Help.**

God Bless You and **God Bless the United States of America.**

~In Heartfelt Comradeship & Patriotism - D. Lanman

2019 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

Visit the **SAR Palm Beach Chapter** web site @ www.sarpbchapter.org for a meeting calendar, articles, pictures, and general information.

- Jan. 15, 2019, **Officer Installations, Recognition, Medals & Awards**
- Feb. 19, Special Guest Speaker, **Thomas Jefferson**
- Mar. 19, Special Guest Speaker, **Dr. Donald Gladney-Cyber Security**
- April, 16, **Police & Law Enforcement Recognition Awards**
- May, 21, **Firefighter & First Responder Recognition Medals & Awards**
- Oct. 15, Special Guest Speaker
- Nov. 19, Veterans Month Program, Special Guest Speaker
- Dec. 7, **Christmas-Holiday Musical**

2019 Officers & Board Members:

- **President Robert Boggs**
- **Vice President Thomas Hayes**
- **Secretary, FMR President Gary Green**
- **Treasurer Peter Johnston**
- **Registrar Peter Miller**
- **Chaplain Father Sanford Sears**
- **Sgt. @ Arms Peter Miller**
- **Historian, FMR President Samuel "Buddy" Miller**
- **Officer @ Large, FMR President Greg Parkinson**
- **Patriot Newsletter Editor, FMR President Donald Lanman**

SAR Chapter, State & National Events:

- ✓ **May 10-11: Spring Board of Management Annual Meeting, Orlando**
- ✓ **May 26: Veterans Flag Placement Day, South FL National Cemetery**
- ✓ **May 27: "A Day to Remember", Palm Beach Memorial Park**
- ✓ **July 5-10 NSSAR 129th National Congress, Costa Mesa, CA.**
<https://www.sar.org/annual-sar-congress>
- ✓ **August 9: Atlantic Middle States Association Conference**
- ✓ **October 4-6: Fall Board of Management Meeting-Orlando**

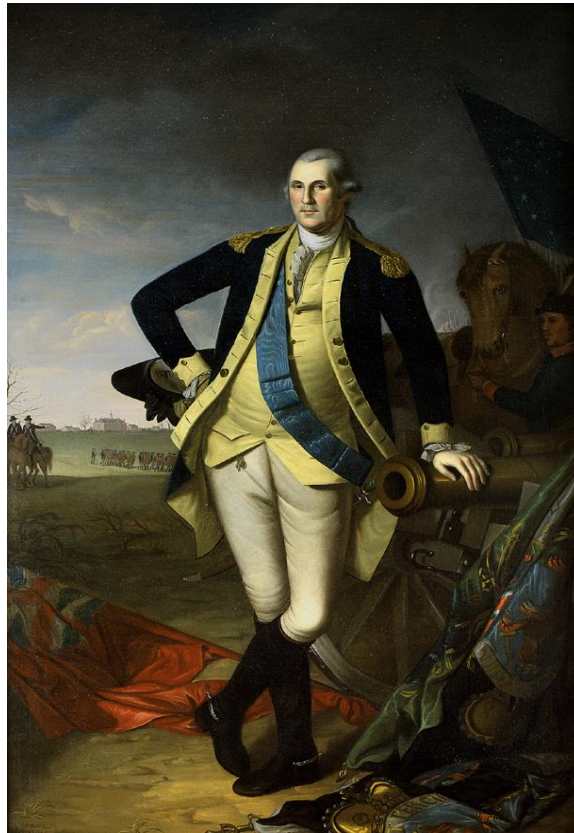
**Join Chapter Members at all SAR & DAR events!
Visit NSSAR/FLSSAR websites for details.**

~Feature Article~

“**Washington @ Princeton**”

The Portraits Hidden Messages!

Compiled-Edited-Written by Don Lanman, Palm Beach Chapter SAR President 2017-2018



American artist **James Wilson Peale** was commissioned by the state of *Pennsylvania* in 1779 to create this historic full-length portrait of **General Washington** following the battle at Princeton, New Jersey. The bright colors and clean outlines in this iconic painting are characteristic of James's style containing profound symbolism and hidden messages.

The original painting of our Founding Father, “**Washington at Princeton**” was commissioned by the *Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania* for its council chambers in *Independence Hall* in *Philadelphia* as an expression of respect, confidence and admiration for *General Washington*.

Peale made eight copies of the painting. The original, now owned by the *Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts*, was completed in early 1779 when **General Washington** sat for Peale in *Philadelphia*.

Six of the paintings are in several *United States* institutions including the *United States Senate*; the *Metropolitan Museum of Art*; *Yale University Art Gallery*; *National Portrait Gallery*; *Colonial Williamsburg*; *Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts*; and *Princeton University Art Museum*.

In January 2005, one painting sold for \$21.3 million, and set a record for the highest price paid for an American portrait.

After the **Continental** forces, assisted by the *French*, triumphed over the **British** at *Yorktown* in 1781, *James Peale* sketched the battle site, including a view of the harbor showing the protruding masts of sunken ships.



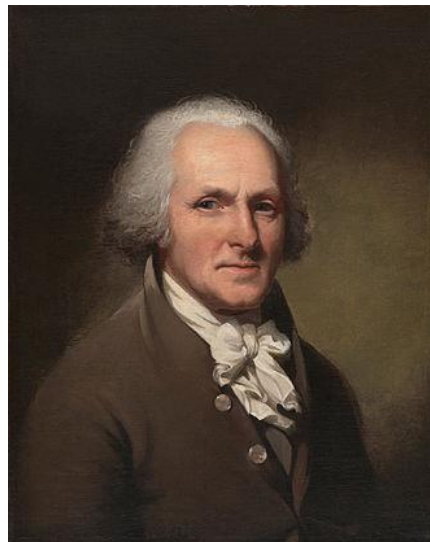
In addition to the **French** and **American** flags flying above **Washington** and the banners of the conquered at his feet, there are many other hidden symbols in the portrait including:

1. **The blue banner with 13 white stars in the circle was **General Washington's** personal flag as Commander-in-Chief of the combined army of the thirteen colonies of the Continental Army.**
2. **Washington, shown relaxed and in control, wears the blue coat with buff trim of the **Continental Army**. The stars on his shoulders along with the blue sash identify him as the Commander-in Chief. His riding boots, spurs and sword show him to be a "**Gentlemen Officer**".**

3. *In the background is Nassau Hall, home of the **College of New Jersey** (later Princeton University). About 200 **British** soldiers barricaded themselves in the building until blistering American artillery fire forced them out. You can see captured **British** soldiers under **Colonial** guard in the field.*
4. *Two cannons under the command of **Patriot Captain Joseph Moulder** halted the **British** charge at Princeton, New Jersey, and gave General Washington time to rally his forces onto victory on January 3, 1777.*
5. *At **General Washington's** feet, is an **English Imperial** flag laying on the ground as a symbol of confidence in the general's ability to defeat the **British Army**.*
6. *Other banners lying on the ground represent the captured colors of **Hessian Regiments** hired by **King George III** to fight in America. **Washington** defeated these German Mercenaries at the famous **Battle of Trenton** New Jersey on December 26, 1776.*

In addition to being a famous artist of American icons, **James Wilson Peale** was a **Revolutionary War Soldier, Scientist, Inventor, Politician** and **Naturalist**.

While *Peale* is best remembered for his many portrait paintings of leading figures of the *American Revolution*, he also established one of the first professional national museums in the *United States of America*.



~Patriot James Wilson Peale~

~April Meeting & Event Pictures~

President Boggs & FMR President Parkinson with Law Enforcement Medal Recipients Rackauskas, Waldkoetter, Joyner, Kitzerow



FMR President Parkinson presents L/E Commendation Medal to Compatriot Jeff Joyner



**President Boggs Inducts Four New Chapter Compatriots
Spencer Langestein, Malcolm McCampbell, William & Harrison Warwick**



**Compatriots David Wratlslaw & Mason Stowell
Bring Honor to the Palm Beach Chapter**



FMR Chapter President & JROTC Committee Chairman Tidwell Awards SAR Bronze Leadership Awards to Cadet Major Ryan Beldon, Atlantic HS, Cadet Command Sgt. Major Luis Gomez, Forest Hill Community HS & Cadet Ignacio Perez-Suarez, Seminole Ridge HS



FMR Chapter President Lanman, GdIV DAR Daughter Karen Christie & State SVP Popham Deliver Greetings at Thomas Creek Battle Event



~Compatriots DAR Daughters & Guests Enjoy Fellowship~



Support Youth Programs, Join the President's Brigade Now!

The *Palm Beach Chapter* provides Scholarships to colleges and universities like the ***Palm Beach Atlantic University*** and ***Palm Beach State College***. These colleges educate our youth on the values of *Patriotism, God and Country* and help develop students with character for the leaders of tomorrow.

The Palm Beach Chapter honors and expresses its sincere appreciation to the many *Compatriots* of 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 2019 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~

~Honored Presidents Brigade Members~

❖ Bronze Level: \$25-\$99:

M. Anderson, J. Blackburn, B. Boggs, J. Chataing, A. Cass, C. Coldwell, M. Curry, S. Curry, J. Dorsey, W. 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 , E. Buckley, J. Curry, S. Hitt, W. Meakin, J. Wynns

❖ Platinum Level: \$500+

B. Boggs, A. Dreyfoos, K. Christie, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, 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 and projects. 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 Bob Boggs (561-241-3128) Today** to lend a hand on the following committees...

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|---|------------------------------|
| ➤ 2020 Officer Nominations | -Chapter Members |
| ➤ JROTC & Boy Scouts | -Tidwell, Barber |
| ➤ Law Enforcement-Fire Safety | -Parkinson, Green |
| ➤ Veterans Affairs | -Lanman, Curry |
| ➤ Newsletter/Publicity | -Lanman, Boggs |
| ➤ Knight Essay/Rumbaugh Oration | -Boggs, Tidwell |
| ➤ American History Teacher | -Boggs, Hayes |
| ➤ Medals/Awards | -Lanman, Boggs |
| ➤ DAR-CAR Liaison | -Tidwell, Lanman, Parkinson |
| ➤ Speakers Bureau | -Lanman, Boggs, Hayes |
| ➤ Audit | -Coldwell, Boggs, Johnston |
| ➤ Flag Certificates | -Miller, Hayes, Parkinson |
| ➤ Membership Development/Mentor | -Hayes, Boggs, Lanman, Green |
| ➤ Liberty Tree | -Hayes, Miller, Parkinson |
| ➤ Patriot Bios | -Miller, Hayes, Green |
| ➤ Web Site-Facebook/Social Media | -Anderson, Lanman |

Palm Beach Chapter SAR Store

Palm Beach Chapter Commemorative Coin \$10!



The Chapter's **Commemorative Coin** celebrates the founding of the **Palm Beach Chapter in 1938** and honors its 80+ years of historic, patriotic, and civic service in Palm Beach County and Florida.

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** guarding *Florida* with the *State* motto of "**In God We Trust**".

This collector's coin includes an inscription listing the four 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**.

Call Don Lanman 561-315-5073 for AD information.

CHAPTER SUPPORT PROMOTIONS...

~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS

~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRAPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT

~GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER

~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY

~International Lineage Society

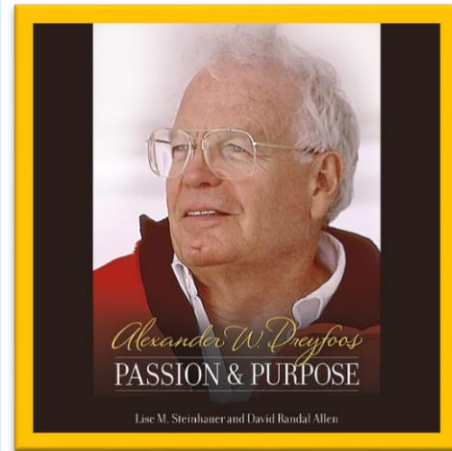
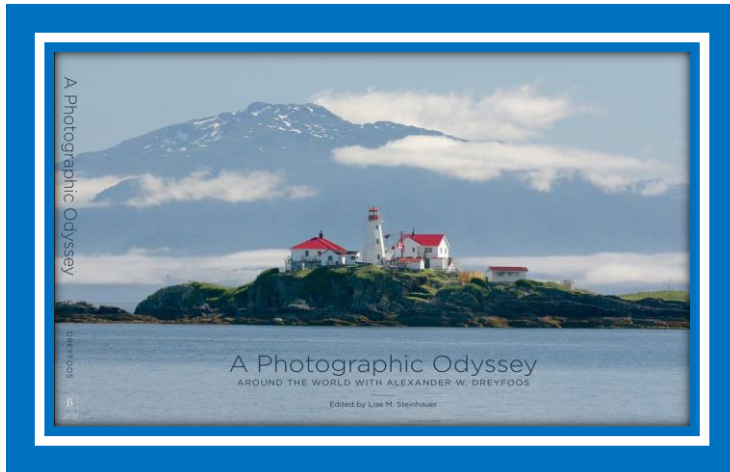
~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER

~HISTORIAN/AUTHOR/VETERAN/PATRIOT

***SEE ALL 4 PATRIOT ADS ON THE
FOLLOWING PAGES.....***

~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.



~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~
Lake Worth, Florida

~Michelle Robertson, Regent~

~Karen Christie, Registrar~

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**There was Jamestowne
The First Permanent English Colony in North America**

**Gentlemen of the Sons of the American Revolution
and Ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution:**

**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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Governor

**Jamestowne Society
South Florida Company**

<http://sites.google.com/site/jamestownesocietysouthflorida/>

HISTORICAL MYSTERY SERIES FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR~ACROSS TIME



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

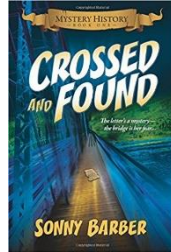
Kay is a normal young teen—normal if that means being unusually curious and having an uncanny knack for putting herself in dangerous situations, which stresses her parents and often tests the relationship with best friend Anna.

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.

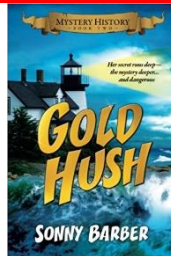


~Crossed & Found~



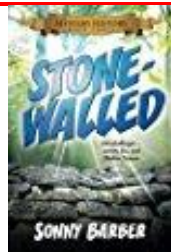
Thirteen-year-old Kay Telfair believes her life is over when she moves with her family a thousand miles to their new home near the Delaware River in New Jersey. But her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Anna and discovers a two-centuries-old letter—a letter that could change American history.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