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~November 19 Meeting Highlights~

Dr. Roger Smith shares new insights on the "**The Family of Patriot Veterans**"
Tuesday **November 19, 12 Noon** @ the Embassy Suites 1601 Belvedere Rd.!
RSVP Today [Email/Call Don Lanman, 561-315-5073 DLanman258@aol.com.](mailto:DLanman258@aol.com)

- **Revolutionary War Historian/Author/Compatriot Roger Smith PhD**
- **4-Course Buffet Lunch, 2-Special Desserts & Beverages**
- **\$28 per person Check/Cash at the Door**
- **Family, Friends & Guests are Always Welcome!**
- **RSVP, [Email/Call Don Lanman, 561-315-5073 DLanman258@AOL.com](mailto:DLanman258@AOL.com)**

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

We kicked off the season at the October meeting with the renowned **Genealogist & Author, Miles Myer** who shared new online research ideas and sources for "**Finding Patriot Ancestors**" using the robust database, **Family Tree** and related resources.

In honor of *Veterans Month*, the November 19th meeting promises to be exciting as we welcome back **Dr. Roger Smith, Revolutionary War Historian/Author/Compatriot**, to present his new research on the "**The Family of Patriot Veterans**" Reserve your spot today to learn from this terrific speaker.

We will also hear from **Wreaths Across America** spokesperson James "Rabbi" King to review the Veterans' Wreath placement program for 2019 at the *South Florida National Cemetery*.

In addition, the floor will open for **2020 Chapter Officer Nominations** that will be voted on at the *December 7th* meeting. Currently nominated for office include, for **President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miler, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton**.

President Boggs conducted a special new member induction ceremony to formally welcome new **Compatriots Jim Mangan, James Lanpher** and **William Welsh** into the *Palm Beach Chapter*.



New member inductions are scheduled for the **December 7** meeting to formally welcome **Barry Clayton, Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Walter Parkinson (Memorial), Robert Gearing, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie** and **TK Krumenacker**.

Compatriot & Veteran Reeve Bright was inducted into the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** by **FLSSAR State Officer & Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman** in recognition of his military service to our Nation. **Compatriot Bright** is now authorized to wear the **SAR Military Service Medal**. Congratulations **Reeve**, and **Thank You** for your service.



All Chapter **Veterans** are encouraged to join the **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion** by providing the **Veterans Committee Chairman Lanman** with a redacted copy of their **DD-214**. All **Veteran Battalion Compatriots** are recognized with either the **SAR Military Service** or **War Service Medal** in recognition of their service, and join the **18%** of **Palm Beach Chapter Veterans** who've served honorably from **WW II** to **Iraq**.

The Chapter honored **Compatriots & WW II USMC Veterans, John F. Busby** and **Edward S. Buckley IV** with a special memorial service. **Compatriot Buckley** also served as **Chapter President 2006 & 07**, was a member of the **SAR Veterans Battalion** and the recipient of the prestigious **SAR Patriot Medal**.

Compatriot Buckley & Family @ the Patriot Medal Awards Ceremony



Fulfilling a primary SAR mission of youth education on the history of our nation's founding, the **Palm Beach Chapter** led a local initiative to raise money to provide books and lesson plans on the **Revolutionary War** to Palm Beach County middle school teachers as part of **Constitution Week**.

Joining the **Palm Beach Chapter** in providing funds to purchase the books were four local **DAR Chapters** including **Garcilaso De La Vega, Henry Morrison Flagler, Seminole** and **Estahakee**. The four books, written by Dr. Roger Smith, included "**The 14th Colony, Hope of Freedom** and **Women of the Revolution**."

Compatriot Lanman with HMF & GdIV DAR Daughters



Palm Beach Chapter continued its annual tradition of providing scholarships to deserving history students at **Palm Beach Atlantic University**. **FMR Chapter Presidents Lanman** and **Parkinson** delivered a \$1K check to **PBAU** students as part of its annual **Scholarship Day** event.



*****Compatriots, your 2020 Membership Dues of \$75 are now payable. Mail checks to PB Chapter SAR, PO Box 16735, WPB, FL 33416-6735.**



WE NEED YOU!

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

Recruit New Members! The continued success of our Chapter relies on membership development and the mentoring of our new members. With the annual turnover of members, we need all Compatriots to help grow membership by recruiting ***Sons, Grandsons, Friends*** and civic-minded individuals interested in honoring our patriot ancestors and enjoying good fellowship.



Call it a Birthday or Holiday Gift!! ***Compatriots*** and ***DAR Daughters*** can ***Grow Membership*** by enrolling ***Sons*** and ***Grandsons*** in the ***SAR***, along with wives, daughters, and granddaughters into the ***Daughters of the American Revolution.*** ***Remember, "We hang together or we hang individually...Ben Franklin 1776.***

Our beloved ***DAR Patriot Daughters*** have our heartfelt appreciation as they continue to support our Chapter at meetings, events, and their tireless efforts to help 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.

Fellow Compatriots, I look forward to seeing you and your guests at the ***November 19 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~

Happy Veterans Day...Thank You for Honoring our Nations Heroes...

This ***Veterans Month***, ***Chapter Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Friends*** attended the November ***Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies*** at the *South Florida National Cemetery* to support the internment of the unclaimed remains of our honored ***Veterans*** and *military* spouses with full military honors including ***Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps*** and ***21 Gun Salutes***.

Over the summer ***Compatriots*** also honored our ***Veterans*** at many ***Patriotic*** events including placing **1,400** flags at *Veterans Tombstones* at the *South Florida National Cemetery* during the ***Veterans Flag Placement Day*** event, the ***14th Annual Forgotten Soldiers, "A Day to Remember"*** ceremony, ***DAR Regents Flag Retirement*** ceremony and the ***Gold Star Family***, support fundraiser. Wonderful support, thank you.



Chapter Compatriots are encouraged to actively participate in all *Chapter* activities including *SAR Chapter* and *State meetings*, *patriotic ceremonies*, *Memorial Day*, *Missing in America*, *Flag Day*, *Honor Flights*, *July 4th*, *Veterans Day*, *Wreaths Across America*, and *DAR meetings*, programs and events.

Also Compatriots, please support our Chapter leadership by serving on one or more of the many ***Chapter Committees*** to help with their missions, and whatever you do, don't wait to be asked...rather.....

Ask What -You can do to Help the Chapter!

~God Bless You ~ God Bless the United States of America.

~In Patriotism & Heartfelt Comradeship - D. Lanman

2019/2020 Chapter Meeting Dates/Topics:

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

- Nov. 19, *Dr. Roger Smith-Veterans of the Revolution*
- Dec. 7, *Christmas- Holiday Musical-Dimension 20 Choir*
- Jan. 21, 2020, *Officer Installations, Recognition, Medals & Awards*
- Feb. 18, Special Guest Speaker, *Thomas Jefferson*
- Mar. 17, Special Guest Speaker
- April, 21, *Police & Law Enforcement Recognition Awards*
- May, 19, *Firefighter & First Responder Recognition Medals & Awards*
- Oct. 20, Special Guest Speaker
- Nov. 17, Special Guest Speaker
- Dec. 5, *Christmas-Holiday Musical*

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:

- ✓ *MIA Event, 11/6*
- ✓ *Veterans Day 11/11*
- ✓ *Chapter Meeting 11/19*
- ✓ *Chapter Annual Holiday Celebration 12/7*
- ✓ *Wreath Across America 12/15*

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

~Feature Article~

No Vet Left Behind...

Missing in America Project!

By Don Lanman, US Army Veteran & Former President Palm Beach Chapter SAR

"I can't promise you that I will bring you all home alive. But this I swear, before you and before Almighty God, that when we go into battle, I will be the first to set foot on the field, and I will be the last to step off, and I will leave no one behind. Dead or Alive, we will all come Home together. So help me, God."

*~General Hal Moore before the bloody Battle of the La-Drang Valley Vietnam 1965...
"The Battle that changed the War in Vietnam"*

No Vet left Behind... has been an eternal promise and profound commitment to all **American Veterans** from **Bunker Hill** to the blood soaked killing fields of the **Civil War** and **Vietnam**, to the desolate deserts of **Iraq** and **Afghanistan**... **"Dead or Alive, We all come Home!"**

Founded in 2006, the national **Missing in America Project (MIA)** is a veteran remains recovery program with the noble mission to locate, identify and inter, with full military honors, the unclaimed cremated remains of **American Veterans** through the joint efforts of volunteers, private, civic, state and federal organizations.

While it's difficult to comprehend, one state hospital reported over 3,500 unclaimed cremains sitting on their shelves, yet to be identified, and representing a time span from the 1890s to 1971. It is estimated that over 1,000 of these cremains are veterans. This tragedy is happening in every state.

Now through a nation-wide effort, the **MIA Project** continues its mission to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of our forgotten veterans through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of the **American Legion**, **VFWS**, **Veteran** and, service organizations, local funeral homes, **State Funeral Commissions**, **State and National Veterans Administration Agencies**, **State and National Veterans Cemetery Administrations**.

Working together, these organizations assure that all local, state and national laws are followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the unclaimed veterans' remains, to assure that these forgotten veterans, who served our country, are buried with the honor, dignity and respect they earned.

Since 2006 the **MIA Project** has contacted over 2,100 funeral homes, located 15,259 unclaimed cremains, identified and interred, with full military honors, over 3,200 **Veterans**, but the work continues. The **Palm Beach Chapter SAR** and local **DAR Chapters** have supported the **MIA Project** for several years providing escorts and support at each of the military interment ceremonies for these forgotten heroes.

In honor and with respect for those Veterans who served our country, *Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriots* attend all of the *Missing In America Veteran Internment Ceremonies* to help inter the remains of our honored Veterans and military spouses with full military honors including *Honor Guards, Flag Ceremony, Taps* and *21 Gun Salutes*.

These forgotten heroes served honorably in all our Nation's armed conflicts from *World Wars I & II, Korea, and Vietnam*, to the *Cold War*, and from all branches including the *Army, Marines, Airforce* and *Navy!*

Chapter Compatriots Support Missing in America Ceremonies



Greg Parkinson & Don Lanman



Don Lanman & Pete Miller

Colors & Bag Pipes



Honor Guard



~October Meeting & Event Pictures~

President Boggs inducts Compatriots Welsh, Mangan & Lanpher



State Veterans Battalion Chairman & FMR Chapter President Lanman Inducts Compatriot Reeve Bright into the Veterans Battalion



Vice President Hayes thanks speaker Miles Meyers for an insightful presentation



*~Special Memorial Service~
Compatriots John F. Busby & Edward S. Buckley IV*



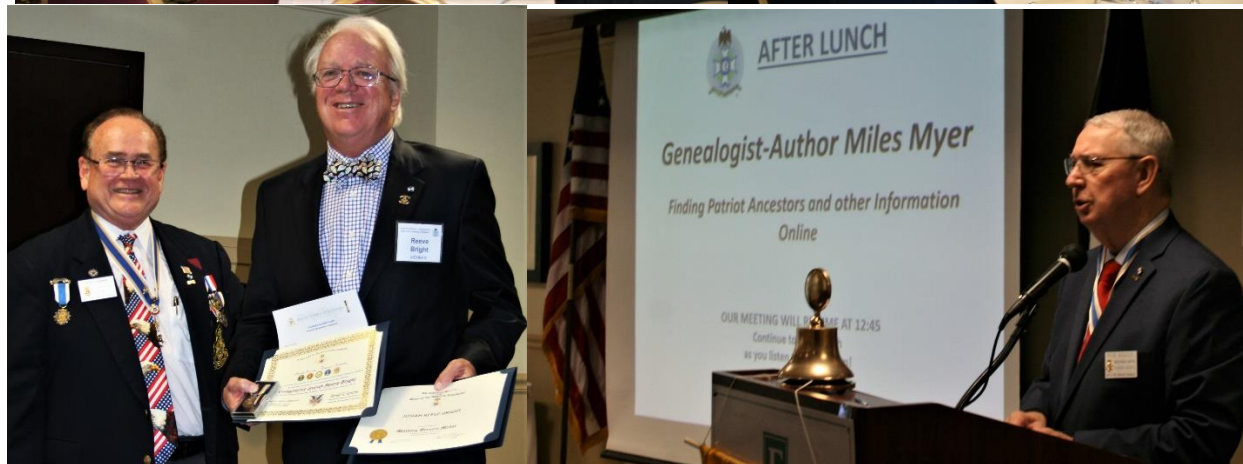
State Officer & FMR Chapter President Don Lanman joins HMF & GdIV DAR Daughters @ Constitution Week



FMR Chapter President Lanman & Parkinson present annual Chapter Scholarship to Palm Beach Atlantic University Students



~Compatriots, DAR Daughters & Guests Enjoy Fellowship~



Chapter Compatriots join DAR Daughters at Summer Patriotic Events with Wreaths & Placing Veteran Tombstone Flags



Join the President's Brigade - Support Youth Programs!

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

The *Palm Beach Chapter* honors and expresses its sincere appreciation to the many *Compatriots* who contribute to the *President's Brigade*.

The dedicated members of the *President's Brigade* donate "*Extra Dollars*" in support of the Chapter's many youth programs, scholarships, civic activities, award certificates, police/firefighter/EMT medals, veterans' projects, and related community civic programs.

Please Help increase the scholarships this year *by* donating a few dollars to the *Presidents Brigade* in support of these "*Students of Character*".

~JOIN THE 2020 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS BRIGADE ~ **~ Honored Presidents Brigade Members~**

❖ Bronze Level: \$25-\$99:

M. Anderson, J. Blackburn, 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, J. Curry, S. Hitt, J. Wynns

❖ Platinum Level: \$500+

B. Boggs, A. Dreyfoos, K. Christie, J. Damron-Fritz, D. Lanman, G. Parkinson, B. Tidwell

Thank You for Supporting Chapter Youth & Civic Programs

Chapter Committees, Chairs & Members:

Fellow Compatriots.....The Chapter expresses its sincere appreciation to those members who volunteer to serve on our committees 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, 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** 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.

Contact Don Lanman 561-315-5073 for AD information today!

CHAPTER SUPPORT PROMOTIONS...

~GARCILASO DE LA VEGA, DAR CHAPTER

~DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

~COMPATRIOT ALEXANDER DREYFOOS

~AUTHOR/PHOTOGRAPHER/VETERAN/PATRIOT

~JAMESTOWN SOCIETY

~International Lineage Society

~COMPATRIOT SONNY BARBER

~HISTORIAN/AUTHOR/VETERAN/PATRIOT

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



~Garcilaso De La Vega Chapter, NSDAR~

~Lake Worth, Florida~

~Sheila Zile-Pecoraro, Regent~

~Karen E. Christie, Vice Regent~

~NSDAR Volunteer Genealogist, Area 9~

~Dianna Stoffer, Registrar~

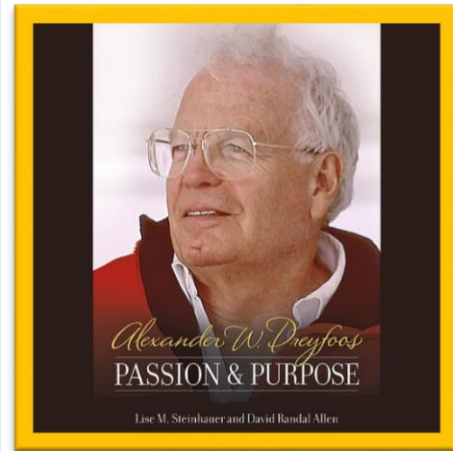
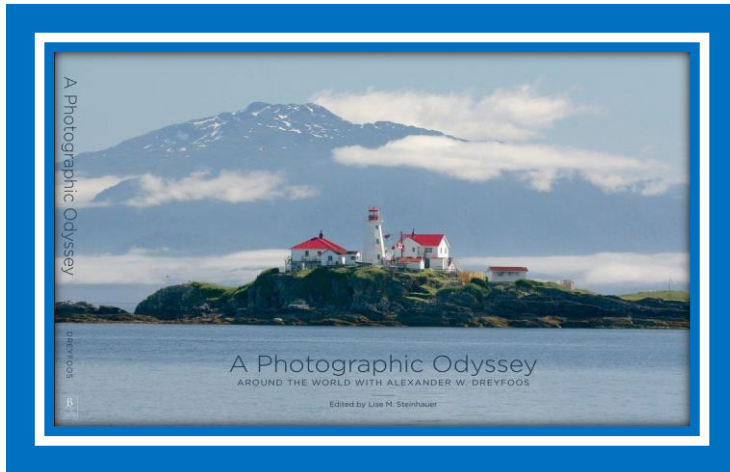
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~TWO GREAT BOOKS-ONE GREAT MAN~

-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-



-A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY- -PASSION & PURPOSE-

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

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

-Alexander W. Dreyfoos-

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

JAMESTOWN SOCIETY



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**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
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
EDMUND SCARBURGH II

EDWARD GRENDON
COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
ROBERT BEHEATHLAND
COL. WILLIAM BALL
WALTER ASTON
CHRISTOPHER BRANCH
TEMPERANCE BAILEY
THOMAS JORDAN
COL. THOMAS LIGON
CAPT. THOMAS HARRIS
JOHN VESSELL
ADAM THOROWGOOD

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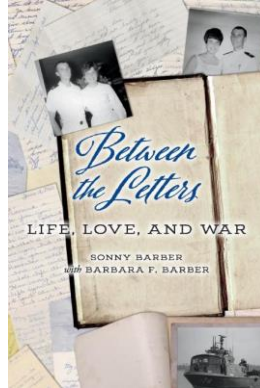
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<http://sites.google.com/site/jamestownesocietysouthflorida/>

“BETWEEN THE LETTERS”

Life, Love, And War

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

~Plot Description~

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

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

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

~About the Authors~

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

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

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

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

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

~BOOK DETAILS~

- Genre: Biography & Autobiography
 - Sub-Genre: Personal Memoirs
 - Language: English, Pages: 306
- Format: Paperback, ISBN:9781543961898
 - Book Available; \$13.99 @
 - [BookBaby.com](https://bit.ly/2JboBRB), <https://bit.ly/2JboBRB>
 - Amazon, <https://amzn.to/2V7s19j>

SONNY BARBER'S OTHER 3 BOOKS...

A PRE-TEEN TO ADULT HISTORICAL MYSTERY SERIES BEGINING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR & TRAVELING ACROSS TIME!

MYSTERY SERIES SUMMARY FOLLOWS....

HISTORICAL MYSTERY SERIES FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR~ACROSS TIME



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

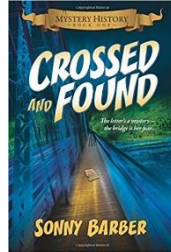
Kay is a normal young teen—normal if that means being unusually curious and having an uncanny knack for putting herself in dangerous situations, which stresses her parents and often tests the relationship with best friend Anna.

The series follows Kay across two intrigue-filled summers on adventures involving events in American history. Join Kay’s journey of adventure steeped in American History through three books that excite all ages. At [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), Barnes & Noble or Chapter meetings. (See [book summaries following page](#))

SAR Palm Beach Chapter Compatriot/Author Sonny Barber developed an interest in American history at an early age, reading and collecting newspapers, magazines and other materials on historic U.S. and world events. He’s coupled that interest with his fiction writing to create a modern-day “mystery history” Series perfect for Preteens to Adults.

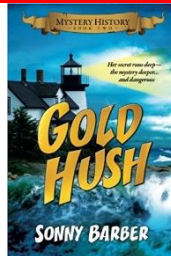


~Crossed & Found~



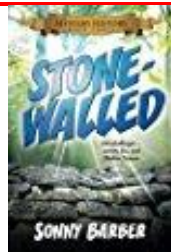
Thirteen-year-old Kay Telfair believes her life is over when she moves with her family a thousand miles to their new home near the Delaware River in New Jersey. But her life takes an unexpected turn when she meets Anna and discovers a two-centuries-old letter—a letter that could change American history. Before she unravels the letter's mystery, Kay stumbles headlong into an adventure confronting fears she'd never experienced, stretching the limits of her friendship with Anna, and forcing a test of Kay's physical strength that could save her life.

~Gold Hush~



“I’m avoiding any activity that involves excitement...I’ve learned my lesson.” After an adventure-filled June, all Kay Telfair wants is a quiet vacation in Maine with her family and best friend Anna—no drama, no stress. But the thirteen-year-old’s hopes for a tranquil August stay in the village of Prospect Harbor soon fade when the girls compete for the attention of a young boy and Kay makes a startling discovery—a discovery that sends the three teens on a dangerous quest. Ignoring advice—and menacing threats from others—they continue their pursuit, drawing them deeper into a perilous mystery, deeper than Kay ever could have imagined.

~Stonewalled~



Kay stared at the gray line of stone walls. “They won’t be too upset to see these knocked down...” A mystery that threatens the relationship with best friend Anna, a battle with Mother Nature at her worst, and the discovery of a tragic secret—not exactly what fourteen-year-old Kay Telfair was looking for in a summer getaway. But that’s what confronts the young teen while helping the owners of Windcrest Farm find a way to stop destruction of nearby farmland and its three-hundred-year-old stone walls. Vacationing with her family and Anna at Windcrest in the quiet, coastal village of Little Compton, Rhode Island, the young teen soon discovers her goal will not be easy. Kay’s prospects for helping preserve the valuable land and stone walls look much better after a surprise visit by a boy from her past. With his help, she pours all her energy and passion into the quest, searching for answers in New England’s Native American and colonial history and learning some important lessons about perseverance and friendship.