

Calvin Alexander Ramsey and PCC

After receiving an email from former PG Joe Dooley introducing playwright and Florida Society Compatriot Calvin Ramsey who was planning to visit Philadelphia the following week, Frank O'Donnell and Bill Baker met with Compatriot Ramsey for a quick lunch at The Plough and Stars Irish pub on Second Street on Friday 21 Jan 2022. After listening to Frank and Calvin trading stories about life in the Virgin Islands, we headed to the Museum of the American Revolution where we enjoyed a portion of the permanent exhibits upstairs, then headed downstairs to see the special exhibit, Liberty: Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War.

Calvin Ramsey lives in Sarasota, Florida and spends a lot of time in New York City pursuing his goal of a Broadway play. His business card shows a photo of a table and chair inside a gable window for which he has received an award. When I asked him about his photography he said his primary interest is actually in landscape photography.

One of Calvin's friends in Florida asked him about his ancestry. Calvin replied that his great-grandfather's name is Epps, part of the Epps family from Virginia. His friend replied that Epps is a big family name in Virginia, but it wasn't until a couple of months had passed that she got back to Calvin regarding his ancestor's service in the Revolutionary War. This led to Calvin's reassessing his current project, then joining the Sons of the American Revolution in Florida, and the rest is history. Calvin enjoys attending a number of different Florida SAR chapters and explains that each chapter is quite different from the others.

It turns out that Calvin Ramsey will be spending a lot of the year 2022 visiting Philadelphia. Calvin is very interested in the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, and expressed interest in attending our meetings and functions while he is in the area. When asked, he immediately expressed interest in speaking at our March Zoom chapter meeting. While it is difficult to predict the future, it appears that many PCC Compatriots will have the opportunity to get to know Calvin Ramsey and for him to get to know many of his Philadelphia Compatriots.

Calvin Ramsey was featured on the cover of the Fall edition of *SAR Magazine*, and an article with more detail can be found on pages 12-13 at https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SAR_FALL-2021.pdf. Other links for Calvin Ramsey:



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- Relative to his photography: <https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/Calvin-Alexander-Ramsey-Photo-Exhibition-Announced-at-June-Kelly-Gallery-20210629>, and
- Calvin Ramsey's website: <http://calvinalexanderramseysr.com/>.