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***“Suppressed I Rise”* brings home the Gold!**

The Florida Authors and Publishers Association, FAPA, is the principal organization for authors, independent publishers, illustrators, editors, printers, and other professionals involved in the publishing industry. It is the leading Florida literary group that evaluates books written by local authors.

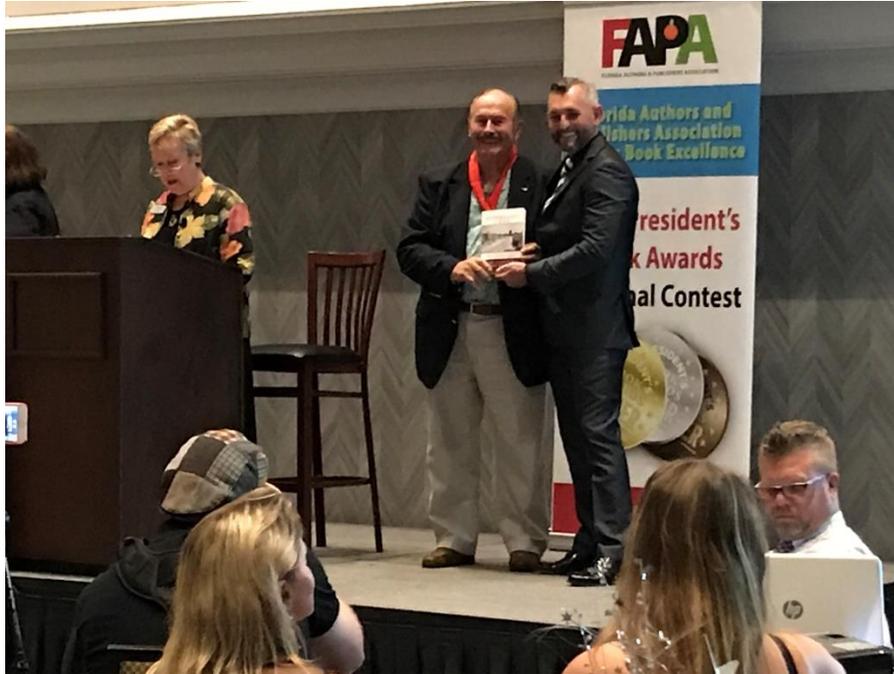
Each year the Florida Authors and Publishers Association sponsors the FAPA President’s Book Awards, which recognizes book publishing excellence and creativity in design, content, and production for North American authors and publishers. Books by North American authors or publishers in 45 categories may be nominated. Librarians, book industry professionals, and educators judge content, theme, layout, and cover design elements.

On Saturday evening, August 5, 2017, FAPA announced and presented awards to the 2017 medalists at the FAPA President’s Book Awards Banquet that was held in the Hilton Hotel at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Captain Hank Bracker’s book *“Suppressed I Rise”* is the true story of Adeline Perry and her daughters’ saga in Nazi Germany. Evading evil forces that almost proved to be overwhelming, it begins when she left South Africa, her native country, and accompanied her German husband to a strange, foreboding and foreign country. Adapted from Adeline Perry’s original notes and manuscripts and her daughters’ reflections, Captain Hank Bracker, originally from Germany, reveals how the young mother survived through bombings and dangerous situations with her two children. *“Suppressed I Rise”* was recognized with three awards at the FAPA Banquet: a Bronze Medal for “Nonfiction for Young Adults,” a Silver Medal for “Political/Current Events” and the coveted Gold Medal for “Biography.”

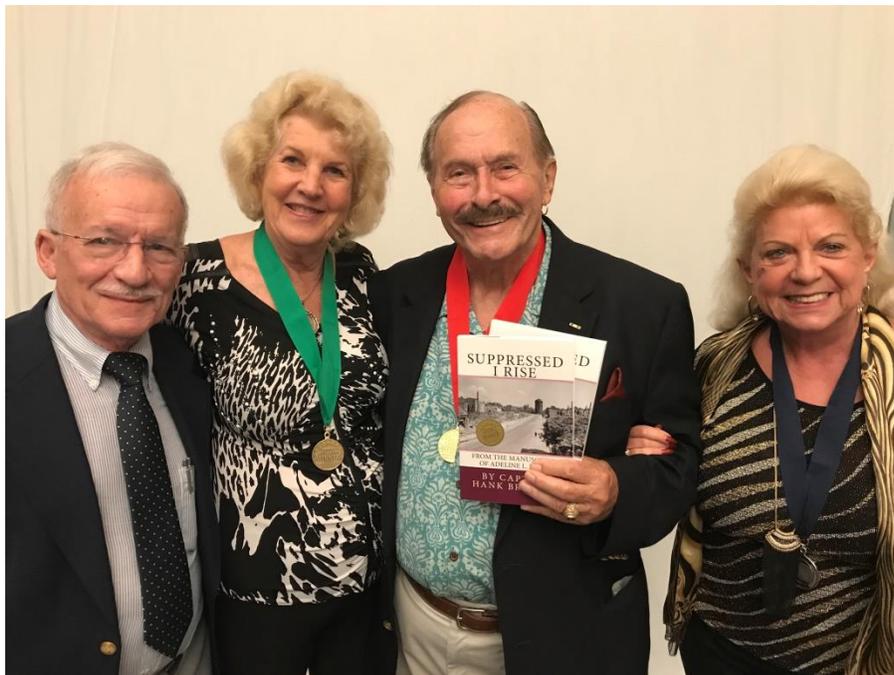
Captain Hank Bracker of Holiday, FL, is a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and was formerly a Ship’s Captain. After over 40 years of military service, he retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve and the U.S. Army, as a Military Intelligence Officer. He was also an educator for 25 years. Currently he is a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Council of American Master Mariners, and is now a nationally recognized award-winning author. In 2016 his book *“The Exciting Story of Cuba,”* an easy-to-read history of the Island Nation, was awarded two silver medals by FAPA and is at the libraries of all of the United States Military and Maritime Academies, as well as the White House and the American Embassy in Havana. In July of 2016, Captain Hank Bracker was author-of-the-month for Hillsborough County, Florida. Now in addition to writing books, he maintains active daily blogs in Facebook, Goodreads and his Website.

Photo Captions: Captain Hank Bracker brings home the gold! & Captain Hank Bracker & Team

Captain Hank Bracker’s books are available from Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble.com, BooksAMillion.com and Independent book stores everywhere.



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