

## PERSONAL HISTORY

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### Professional History:

- Deputy Director, AIDS Help, Inc., Key West, FL (Current)
- Section Head, Statewide Museum Services & Public Relations, Division of Historical Resources, Department of State, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida
- Assistant Director, Key West Art & Historical Society, Key West, Florida
- Independent Activities Associated with the Key West Art & Historical Society  
Chairman, U.S. Battleship Maine Centennial Commission:
- Conference Coordinator, National Lighthouse Conference 1999
- Owner/Manager, Lane Gallery Fine Arts, Key West, Florida
- Key West Manager, Tele-Communications, Inc., Key West, Florida
- Evaluation and Fiscal Officer, Office of Federal Employment Programs, Northampton. MA.
- Director, Center for Educational Research, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- Administrator, City of Westfield, Westfield, Massachusetts, Human Services Office

### Awards:

- **Medal of Meritorious Public Service**, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy, Washington, DC, 1998
- **George Washington Medal of Honor**, Awarded by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, received on October 27, 1999.
- **Outstanding Public Service Award**, Monroe County Tourist Development Council, Key West, FL, 1997.
- **President's Award** for Outstanding Accomplishment in Tourism Field, Key West Hotel & Motel Association, December 1998.
- Nominated and Selected, **Citizen of the Year 1998**, by the *Key West Citizen*.
- **Community Innovation Award**, Human Services Office, Massachusetts League of Cities, 1977

### **Professional and Related Activities:**

- Governor's Advisory Board, Western Massachusetts Public Health Hospital, Westfield, MA, 1975-1977
- Organizing & Planning Committee, Office for Children, State of Massachusetts, 1976
- Area Manpower Advisory Board, Western Massachusetts, 1975-1976
- Massachusetts House of Delegates, Easter Seals Society, Boston, MA, 1975-1978
- Western Massachusetts Health Planning Board, Springfield, MA, 1975-1978
- Redevelopment Authority, City of Westfield, MA, 1974-1977
- Chairman, Citizen Advisory Council, Department of Community Affairs, City of Key West, FL., 1986-1990
- Charter Member, Local Human Services Council, Massachusetts League of Cities, 1976-1978
- Notary Public, State of Florida, Tallahassee, FL, 1989-2000
- AIDS Help Inc., Fundraising Committee, 1987-1990
- AIDS Help, Board of Directors, 1989-1995
- AIDS Help, Inc., Honorary Board, 1995-present
- Monroe County Bicentennial Committee, 1990
- Elected At Large City Commissioner, City of Key West, FL, 1991-1995
- Quality Cities Commission, Florida League of Cities, Tallahassee, FL, 1993-1995
- Chairman, Key West Planning Board, City of Key West, FL, 1996-2000
- Symbol of the Summit Committee, Appointment by Publisher of the *Miami Herald*, 1994
- Columnist, *The Pais Report*, *Key West the Newspaper* (weekly), Key West, FL, 1996-2000
- Editorial Board, *The Key West Citizen*, 1998
- Charter Member, Florida Lighthouse Association, 1996-current
- Transportation Disadvantage Committee, Monroe County 1994-96
- Key West Military Memorial Committee, 1999-current
- Fort Zachary Taylor Land Management Plan Advisory Committee, 1998-1999
- Treasurer and Director, Southernmost Homeless Assistance League, Inc., 2001-2003
- Board of Directors, Firehouse Museum, City of Key West, 2002-current
- Appointed City Commissioner, City of Key West, to fill a five month vacancy, June -October 2009.

### **Education:**

State College, Westfield, Massachusetts, B.A.

-History and Secondary Education

-Massachusetts Teachers Certificate

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, M.A. Candidate

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, Ph.D Candidate

### **Publications, Videos & Lectures:**

- Discovery Channel, *Death of the Maine*, October 2002
- PBS WUSF-TV Video, *Search for the U.S.S. Maine*, January 2002
- Master of Ceremonies, Florida State History Fair, May 2000 and 2001
- Author, *The Battleship Maine, A Key West Legacy*, published 1997, Library of Congress
- Editor & author, *The Spanish-American War Times*, published 1998
- Arts & Entertainment, *Sea Tales, A Ship to Remember*, produced in 1997
- *Key West 1898*, Video Production, 1997-98

- Editor & Designer: *First Day Cover, First Day Issue of the Remember the Maine Stamp*, United States Postal Service, 1997
- Maine Public Television, *Remembering the Maine*, produced 1997
- Museum of Florida History Lecture Series, *The USS Maine*, Tallahassee, FL, October 1998
- Palm Beach Maritime Museum, *The USS Maine Legacy*, Palm Beach, Florida, January 1999
- East Martello Museum, Key West, *Our Historical Legacy*, February 1999
- *The Mario Sanchez Collection*, A complete survey of the Folk Art of Mario Sanchez, 1991
- *Historic Structures Report, The Old Custom House of Key West*, 1992
- *Historic Structures Report, East Martello Citadel*, 1990
- *Historic Structures Report, The Key West Light Station*, 1988
- *Report of the Citizen Advisory Task Force, Department of Community Affairs & City of Key West, Florida*, 1988
- *Complex Political & Organization Issues Involving CATV Enterprises in the Dominican Republic*, Tele-Communications, Inc., 1983
- *The Feasibility of Satellite Communications & Microwave Transmissions in the CATV System of the Florida Keys*, Tele-Communications, Inc., 1982
- *Complex Organizational Problems Involving Mainstreamed Youth in Public School Settings*, Educational Research Center, University of Massachusetts, 1979
- *Implications of the Services Integration Initiative for Local General Purpose Governments*, University of Massachusetts 1977

**Military Experience:**

Viet Nam Era Veteran: U.S. Army, United States Signal Corps, Micro-wave Operation & Repair, Duty Station, U.S. Signal School, Monmouth, N.J., and Munich, Germany. (1968-1970)  
 Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Honorable Discharged



February 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

In addition to a letter of sponsorship for his application for a seat on the Citizens Review Board (CRB), this letter is written as a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Key West (GLCC) as to the character and high ethical caliber of Joe Pais.

We have known Joe Pais to be worthy of praise as a dedicated, trustworthy, and conscientious member of our Key West community. From his work at AIDS Help to his performance as city commissioner, Joe Pais has performed his duties in a manner which is to be considered far beyond the perfunctory; his excellence at public service is time-honed, long-standing and well-regarded.

As spokesperson for our organization, please accept this letter of sponsorship (and recommendation) for Joe Pais to serve on the CRB. We are honored to sponsor Joe Pais, and believe he will be an excellent addition to the CRB.

Very Truly Yours,

Mike Mongo  
president  
Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Key West