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An Editor's Introduction

Goodbye witches and demons, pirates and ninjas, Jedi knights and Clone troopers - Halloween and October are done and all the creatures of fantastic alternate worlds can go back into the closet until next year!

I'd like to acknowledge that our regular Editor-in-Chief, Commander Paul Young, is down with the blues - actually he's flying high on all the medication his doctors prescribed after his recent surgery and didn't feel quite stable enough to tickle the ivories of the computer keyboard. So he invited me back to the Newsletter Department to knock out one for old-times sake.

As you'll see in the various articles within the Naples Chapter has been quite busy over the past weeks since we returned from our summer recess. Which for some of us time didn't stand still too much this summer as we had a number of SAR activities

to keep us busy.

Also by the time this publication reaches your door we'll have hosted the Fall Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee and just to do a bit of prognosticating - I'll go ahead and say that it was a huge success!

We have two regular meetings coming up in November and no December meeting (see details within). We look forward to seeing you at both and have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

*Sincerely,
Sam Cahill
2nd VP & Guest Editor*



The Next Chapter Meeting

The next meeting of the Naples Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be Thursday, 02 November 2006 at NOON at the Elks Lodge, located at 3950 Radio Road, next to Naples Lumber. All guests welcome.



At This Time During The American Revolution

November 28, 1775 - The American Navy is established by Congress. The next day, Congress appoints a secret committee to seek help from European nations.

November, 1776 - More victories for the British as Fort Washington on Manhattan and its precious stores of over 100 cannon, thousands of muskets and cartridges is captured by General Howe. The Americans also lose Fort Lee in New Jersey to General Cornwallis. Washington's army suffers 3000 casualties in the two defeats. General Washington abandons the New York area and moves his forces further westward toward the Delaware River. Cornwallis now pursues him.

November 15, 1777 - Congress adopts the Articles of Confederation as the government of the new United States of America, pending ratification by the individual states. Under the Articles, Congress is the sole authority of the new national government.

November 11, 1778 - At Cherry Valley, New York, Loyalists and Indians massacre over 40 American settlers.

November 10, 1782 - The final battle of the Revolutionary War occurs as Americans retaliate against Loyalist and Indian forces by attacking a Shawnee Indian village in the Ohio territory.

November 30, 1782 - A preliminary peace treaty is signed in Paris. Terms include recognition of American independence and the boundaries of the United States, along with British withdrawal from America.

November 2, 1783 - George Washington

delivers his farewell address to his army. The next day, remaining troops are discharged.

November 25, 1783 - Washington enters Manhattan as the last British troops leave.

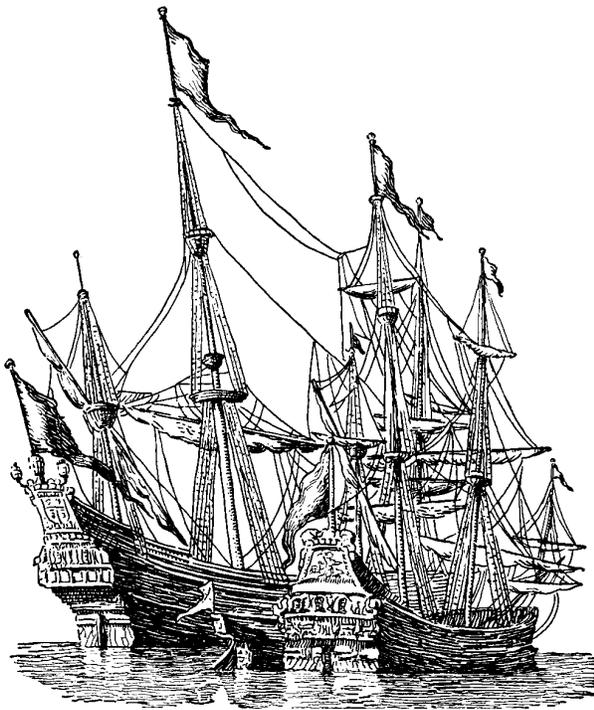
November 26, 1783 - Congress meets in Annapolis, Maryland.

November 1, 1788 - The old Congress, operating under the Articles of Confederation, adjourns. The U.S. is temporarily without a central government.

November 21, 1788 - North Carolina endorses the Constitution by a vote of 194 to 77.

November 26, 1789 - A Day of Thanksgiving is established by a congressional resolution and a proclamation by President George Washington. ★





The Caribbean in the American Revolution

by Dr. James A. Van Fleet

The American colonies in rebellion extended from the Maine territory of Massachusetts to southern Georgia, a distance of some 1,500 miles, but did not continue further about 500 miles over the Florida peninsula into the Caribbean Sea. So why is the Caribbean so important in American Independence?

The Caribbean contained numerous islands producing agricultural products with great demand in European markets. Foremost among these was sugar, but others included spices, dyes and the much sought-after tobacco and coffee. These products, combined with the slave trade that was considered necessary for the success of plantations, made

the small tropical islands of the Caribbean more valuable than the immense colonies on the North American mainland.

The colonies benefited tremendously from the existence of Caribbean plantations. Many slaves imported to the south came not from Africa, but from the Caribbean, notably Cuba. Molasses, the primary product of sugar cane production, was imported to make rum in New England, as well as to be refined as white and brown sugar. Exports of American food products to the islands fed their dense populations and ensured the trade that made all participating lands prosperous in the process.

Notably these islands belonged to various countries, particularly the French, Dutch and Spanish as well as the British, meaning that trade was entirely international although technically not always legal. The relationships that developed, however, lasted well into the Revolutionary War period and provided the flow of goods to America that were curtailed by trade with Britain, and guaranteed the financial relationships and moral support for our Cause that helped bring about a successful outcome to the War.

The Dutch provided “the first salute” to the American flag and thus recognition of our Independence in 1776, and the French supported the United States with troops and its navy beginning in 1778. The fleet that tipped the fight against Cornwallis at Yorktown in favor of the Revolutionaries came from the Caribbean. Even a brigade of free blacks from Haiti fought for the American Cause, as did many Caribbean and Gulf Coast Spanish directly and indirectly, providing assistance to win our Freedom. So the Caribbean played and continues to play a major role in our country, a fact we must always remember as Americans and as Floridians. ★

The President's Column

Welcome back to those of you stragglers who weren't at our October meeting! We hope you will attend our meeting the second day of November. This upcoming meeting is our opportunity to recognize our deserving Law Enforcement individuals and learn more about how they operate. This time we will be informed about our State troopers. Compatriot Edward T. Ferguson, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, is in charge of our program.

We will be celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the victory at Yorktown on Wednesday, November 29th, 2006 at 5:30pm at the Country Club of Naples. This is a joint meeting with the Big Cypress D.A.R. Chapter and us. Please send your dinner reservation in early – it's \$32.50 per person and due on November 22nd. We have an outstanding program and entertainment by Bill Schustik "an American Troubadour". Bill will be in Colonial attire and discussing the period as well as providing music and song. Bill is very good and we will enjoy his presentation. This will be a great meeting to bring guests and prospective members.



Dr. Phil Ballou has mailed everyone a notice that your annual Dues are due. It makes a lot of unnecessary work for the Treasurer and Secretary if we are late paying our dues. Also the Chapter get's a small rebate if we get our money to the State Society on time. Please mail back your check or bring it to our meeting.

By the time you get this

newsletter some of us will be attending the Fall Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee October 27th – 28th. Our Chapter is hosting this event which means we handle the registration as well as the hospitality room. Let's thank those members who are working hard to do us proud!

Respectfully,
Donald "Don" Cahill
Your Chapter President

Member Dues are Due!

Treasurer Phil Ballou says that both National and State are looking for the dues checks early this year. The dues notices have been mailed to the membership and Dr. Phil requests that you please send in your yearly dues payment by November 2nd or bring them to the next Chapter meeting on THAT day. Help your Treasurer get his job done and get those dues in now. There are fees for reinstating your membership once you've been dropped from the roll. Be thrifty – pay today! ★

Oration Contest

Oration Contest Committee Chairman and Chapter Chaplain Charlie Cortright would like to announce that the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest is scheduled for presentation at the January 2007 Chapter meeting, pending participation. Any member who knows a high school student who is interested in making some easy scholarship money please forward them to Charlie who will let them know the details of the contest, which includes a five minute speech presentation on an American Revolution-related topic. ★

Revolutionary Quotes

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969).

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniencies attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.

Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826).

If men and women are in chains, anywhere in the world, then freedom is endangered everywhere.

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963).

It is rather for us, the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people by the people for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), November 19, 1863

An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948) ★

Past Meeting Minutes

Our first meeting for the Fall season of the Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution came to order at noon on 05 October 2005. Chaplain Charles Cortright called the meeting to order followed by a Color Guard presentation of the flags. The Color Guard led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and the S.A.R. Pledge, followed by the Invocation given by Chaplain Cortright. The Color Guard, members of Camp #13 Bernardo de Galvez, consisted of uniformed Compatriots Dr. Phil Ballou, Ed Lopus, John McCullough and Don Cahill.

President Don Cahill welcomed all our returning members and introduced all the present guests. He followed with a number of announcements including the dates for fellow lineage societies. Genealogical Society of Collier County will meet Tuesday, October 10th at St. John's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Crayton Road and Park Shore Drive. Big Cypress Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on October 20th at the Country Club of Naples at 11:00 am.

Treasurer Phil Ballou gave his report about the current status of the Chapter's funds and immanent expenses.

Following lunch a number of reports were

given by various Compatriots and friend's of the Naples Chapter.

Dr. Ballou once again spoke but this time about the Chapter's annual Book Award program and it's success and generating enthusiasm and interest in American history. At each of the communities high schools a book is awarded (this past season was McCullough's 1776) to a graduating senior who excels in the academic studies of history and government. Compatriots, generally dressed in period uniform, attend the awards ceremony and present the student with his/her award – a unique experience and usually the highlight of the student's evening.

Compatriot Ed Lopus presented the Chapter with two Proclamations presented to the Naples Chapter to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the S.A.R. Congressional Charter. A number of Compatriots visited both Naples City Hall and the Collier County Government Complex, in uniform, to receive the documents. Ed's wife Fran read aloud one of them to the audience.

Past President Jim Applegate gave his report of the Independence day Parade that occurred on July 4th downtown. A number of uniformed Compatriots and spouses participated in the annual event with our Color Guard marching the colors through an enthusiastic crowd celebrating our nation's birth.

Newly assigned Webmaster Sam Cahill gave a report on the Chapter's newest website and what content you will find when you visit the site at: naplesSAR.org as well as what we can expect in the future. He also encouraged the membership to contribute ideas and suggestions on what they would like to have in it.

President Cahill discussed what other S.A.R. activities he had been up to this summer. He attended the D.A.R. Constitution Week

Celebration on September 12th at Hunter's Ridge Country Club. This meeting is put on by the SWFL Regent's Council every year and includes participation from all the area D.A.R. Chapters from Charlotte to Marco Island. As Southwest Regional V.P. Don also attended S.A.R. Chapter meeting in Sarasota (Saramana Chapter), Port Charlotte (Charlotte) and Fort Myers (Caloosa). He found this very insightful and intends to implement some of the information he gained on these visits.

President Cahill informed the Chapter that we will be hosting the Fall Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee on October 27th – 28th and encouraged the participation of anyone who could come up. The Chapter will be handling the Registration and the Hospitality Room, as well as putting on a Continental Breakfast for the Ladies' Auxiliary. The Ramada Inn Gateway gave the S.A.R. an excellent rate which could make for a good excuse to bring the grandchildren to visit Mickey Mouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. after Ralph Cramer led the Chapter in the S.A.R. Recessional. There were 22 members and guests in attendance.

*Respectfully
submitted,
Sam Cahill
2nd Vice
President*





December Meeting on November 29th!!!

We will be having our regular December Chapter meeting at the end of November - so we WILL NOT have a meeting in the month of December! We will have another Chapter meeting at the end of this month on November 29th, but not just a regular meeting - a joint meeting with the Big Cypress Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the victory at Yorktown! There will be food, entertainment by Bill Schustik "an American Troubadour" and women! That's right this is a joint S.A.R. and D.A.R. meeting with a great program. The meeting starts at 5:30pm at the Country Club of Naples. Please make your dinner reservations with John McCullough early - it's \$32.50 per person and RSVP due on November 22nd. Contact John at 642-6545. Guests are encouraged as well as prospective members. ★

Did you know?!

Of the 64 members in the Naples Chapter 85% (or 54) live in Collier County. Also 20% (or 13) of the members have the same surname as their Patriot Ancestor. ★

Join the Color Guard!

Color Guard Commander Paul Young would like to welcome any interested Compatriots to join Camp Bernardo de Galvez - the ceremonial arm of the Naples Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter will sponsor you to buy a colonial period outfit or uniform with our 50% reimbursement program. THAT'S RIGHT! We'll reimburse you for 50% of the cost of your colonial outfit! Just buy the pieces from the vendor of your choice (see Commander Young for his recommendations) and return your receipts to the Commander, who will make sure that the Treasurer swiftly gets 50% of the money back to you! A better offer you will not find. It's fun to get in the revolutionary state of mind, plus everyone loves a man in uniform - even if it is 200 years old! ★

Chapter Website

The Naples Chapter has a website of it's own on the internet aptly addressed:

naplesSAR.org.

Online we have upcoming events, meeting reminders, Officer phone numbers, and even some Chapter history. Come by, check it out, let us know what you think we can do to make it a regular stop when you visit the web. ★