



# THE NAPLES CRIER

FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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## PROGRAMS 2016

**Thursday, May 12, 2016, Luncheon Meeting** will be held at The Club at Longshore Lake 11399 Phoenix Way, Naples FL. 34119. ***Social Hour @ 11:30 – 12:00 noon; Meeting begins at 12:00 noon***

**Program:** Compatriot Acey Edgemon will give a presentation on the finding and saving of a very valuable document from the Post Revolutionary War era.

**Reservation form is on last page**

**Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14, 2016,**  
FLSSAR Annual Meeting

## Sons of the American Revolution The Naples Chapter FLSSAR

Minutes of the April 14th, 2016  
Luncheon Meeting

The April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Naples Chapter SAR was held at The Club at Longshore Lake in Naples, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chaplain Robert C. Matthews, Jr. at 12:00 noon and the Colors were posted by the (continued on page 2) Bernardo de Galvez Camp No. 13 Color Guard led by Color Guard Commander Donald B. Cahill,

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great luncheon meeting has occurred with Virginia Bailey presentation on America's first National Cemetery.



We have had a lot of positive feedback from those in attendance and appreciate the wonderful program. We have one more luncheon this season on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The final program will be presented by our own Compatriots Acey Edgemon and Ed Lary and their patriot ancestors.

This month we lost our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. He backed out due to personal reasons leaving us with a vacancy. We are now looking to find someone to fill this important position. It is a one year term leading to taking the Presidency next year after my two year commitment expires. If you would like to become involved in the position, please Email me or call.

This year we have the annual Memorial Day Parade and we would like to extend a welcome to anyone who would like to watch it with us. If interested, please let us know.

Look forward to seeing you in May.

Michael Garey, President

assisted by Chapter President Michael E. Garey and Assistant Treasurer Leonard W. Crame.

Chaplain Robert Matthews gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Jim McBath. The America's Creed was led by Compatriot Robert Withey followed by the S.A.R. Pledge led by Compatriot Glenn Holtz.

President Michael Garey gave the opening and welcoming remarks and proceeded to honor Compatriot Harris Tucker for his work on the Naples Crier and for his 60 years of membership and service to the S.A.R. Also honored were State President Larry Fehrenbaker with the Medal of Distinguished Service, and Victoria Garey with the Lydia Darragh Medal.

The following new members were inducted by President Michael Garey and Registrar J. Edward Lary: Compatriot Aaron Caldwell Bailey, Compatriot Richard Thomas Bailey, Compatriot Anthony Robert Kennedy, and Compatriot Henry Fontaine (Memorial).

Immediate Past President John McCullough presented information on the Poster Contest – one poster received, depicting the last naval battle which occurred off the coast of Ft. Pierce, Florida. Will be given a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award of \$30.00. John also advised our essay contestant placed 3<sup>rd</sup> within the state. He also reminded that we need volunteers to present both the JROTC awards and Book awards.

Lunch was served at 12:30 PM.

After lunch Virginia Bailey (DAR) did an outstanding presentation on “America's First National Cemetery” located in Washington D.C.

Out next luncheon will be Thursday May 12, 2016, at The Club at Longshore Lake starting at 11:30 AM.

President Michael Garey closed the meeting at 1:35 PM, with the Benediction given by Chaplain Robert Matthews. The S.A.R. Recessional was led by Compatriot Tony Kennedy.

Submitted by Acey L. Edgemon  
Secretary

### **Congrats to James M. McGarity III, Esq**

We are proud and pleased to announce that Compatriot James M. McGarity III, Esq. has been accepted to the OCS Hall of Fame located at Fort Benning. Following are the links to the selection list and the itinerary:

Selection list:

<https://www.ocsalumni.org/2016-hof.php>

Itinerary:

<https://www.ocsalumni.org/itinerary.php>

We congratulate Compatriot McGarity on this prestigious selection.



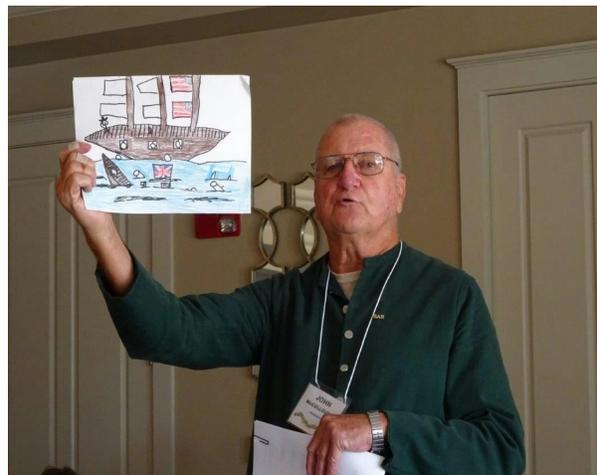
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60 YEAR CERTIFICATE FOR HARRIS TUCKER



JOHN McCULLOUGH WITH 3RD PLACE POSTER WINNER



HOBART RAND, BARBARA RAND



MICHAEL GAREY, WENDY LARY, KATE KENNEDY, TONY  
KENNEDY, VIRGINIA BAILEY

## Dates in History

### March 15

On March 15, 1767, President Andrew Jackson was born in the backwoods between North and South Carolina. During the American Revolution, as a young boy, Jackson served as a courier for Patriot troops and was captured in the process. A British officer ordered young Jackson to clean his boots, an order Andrew insolently refused. Full of anger, the officer swiftly drew his sword and slashed Jackson across the face, leaving the boy with a deep wound and a burning hatred for the British. Jackson first rose to prominence as a General in the War of 1812, during which he famously whipped the redcoats at the Battle of New Orleans, which must have given him untold satisfaction.

This great victory launched his career in politics and by 1828 he was elected President. Seen as a "savior" of the common man, Jackson ushered in a new era of politics in which the everyday man was paramount. He systematically set about eliminating political corruption, limiting the power of wealthy elites, and taking down the Bank of the United States, which was a significant enemy of his. Jackson is also well known for his persecution of Native Americans during the Trail of Tears in which he ordered whole tribes on a forced march to lands west of the Mississippi. After two terms as President, Jackson retired to his home, the Hermitage, where he died at the age of 78. Today Jackson's image is well known to many Americans as being the man on the twenty dollar bill.

### March 16

On March 16, 1751, President James Madison was born near Port Conway, Virginia. Rising to prominence during the American Revolution, Madison attended the First Continental Congress and helped to pass the Articles of Confederation, which kept the colonies together during that tumultuous period. Following the end of the war, Madison became a key player in drafting the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, making him widely regarded as the "Father of the Constitution." In 1801, President Thomas Jefferson appointed him as his Secretary of State, a position in which he served until his election as President in 1809.

Madison's Presidency was largely dominated by the War of 1812, which was fought during a greater part of his first and second terms. During the war Madison would be forced to flee Washington D.C. as the British arrived and captured the city. During a battle in defense of the city, Madison actually became the first and only President to command troops in the field. Even though the capital city was captured the United States still managed to emerge victorious from the war, and Madison immediately set about building a stronger central government, but one which also recognized and protected states' rights. Madison would later retire to his estate in Virginia, where he would die peacefully in 1836 at the age of 85.

### March 22

On March 22, 1765, the Stamp Act was imposed on the American colonies by the British government. Following the end of the French and Indian War in 1763, the British government's treasury was bone dry. Massive amounts of money had been expended defending the American colonies from the French and the Indians and the British government thought that the people they had defended should bear the brunt of the debt. Accordingly, on March 22, the British levied a tax on every material printed for use in the colonies.

This act aggravated the colonists beyond measure. They believed that they should not have to pay extra for the protection guaranteed to British citizens, and, as a result, protests against the tax were carried out with frequency and

vigor. Many boycotted the taxed products and some set about acquiring them through illegal means. Eventually it got to the point that it was costing the British more capital to enforce the Stamp Act than they were making on it. Upon realizing this fact, the British government repealed the Stamp Act. However, the damage had already been done. The turmoil of the Stamp Act had greatly moved the American colonists toward the path of national unity, a path which would eventually lead to Revolution ten years later.

### **March 23**

On March 23, 1775, one month before the beginning of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry delivered his famous speech to the Second Virginia Convention. At the time, many American colonies were awash in defiance to British rule, but most Colonists were still undecided as to whether or not they should rebel against England. Patrick Henry however was decided. In his view, America should be its own independent nation. He only needed to convince his fellow Virginians.

Henry got his chance on March 23 before the Virginia House of Burgesses (representatives), which was meeting to discuss the issues with Great Britain. After spending a few minutes elaborating on the transgressions of the British crown, Henry delivered some of the most famous words in all of American history, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me "give me liberty or give me death!" The many Virginians immediately broke out in shouts of, "To arms! To arms!" and it seemed at the time that Virginia's mind had been made up: America should be free.

### **March 29**

On March 29, 1790, U.S. President John Tyler was born in Charles City, Virginia. Born into the plantation aristocracy of Tidewater Virginia, Tyler's first jaunt into politics came early in life, with Tyler being elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1811. Following a stint in the military during the War of 1812, Tyler served in the House of Representatives, quickly gaining significant political prominence. During the election of 1840, Tyler was chosen by William Henry Harrison as his running mate. The two made it to the White House, but almost as soon as they arrived tragedy struck.

After giving the longest inaugural speech in American History in pouring, howling rain, Harrison caught pneumonia and within thirty days, was dead. Tyler became the first Vice President to succeed to the Presidency. After running for office as a Whig, Tyler's true political beliefs became clear soon after he became president. As a Virginian with a planting background, Tyler was a proponent of state's rights and a supporter of slavery, all beliefs that were the essential opposite of the Whigs. Quickly, Tyler was thrown out of the Whig party.

Instead of linking up with the other political party of the time, the Democrats, Tyler alienated himself from them too, making disparaging remarks about famous Democrat Andrew Jackson. It got to the point that Tyler began receiving death threats from both sides. He was a President without a party. The only major accomplishment the despised Tyler was able to make during his presidency was the annexation of Texas, which he completed just as a new President was being elected. Following his Presidency, Tyler once again came to prominence during the Civil War, at which time he attempted to broker a peace agreement between North and South. Nothing came of this gesture however, and Tyler sided with his home state and fell in with the secession movement. He was elected as a representative to the first Confederate Congress, but he was never able to serve, dying on January 16, 1862.

## **The Naples Crier - Established 1975**

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## **Welcome New Members**

Aaron Caldwell Bailey  
Richard Thomas Bailey  
Anthony Robert Kennedy  
Norman Henry Fontaine (Memorial)  
Richard Ashworth Bailey (Reinstated)

## **Naples Chapter Committee Chairmanships 2016-2017**

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<sup>1</sup> *At-Large Member Board of Directors for (2016-2017)*



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Visit the Naples Chapter website for information about the chapter, events calendar and the members. Current and past issues of *The Naples Crier* may also be found on the website. Your comments and suggestions will be most welcomed.

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#### LUNCHEON MEETING

**RESERVATIONS required for Thursday May 12th @ 11:30 AM**

The Club at Longshore Lake is very accommodating and will provide special diet meals, if advised a week in advance. To enable The Club at Longshore Lake to better accommodate us for both room size and meal quantities, we are asked to provide them with the number of reservations a few days before each meeting. Accordingly, compatriots and others planning to attend the luncheons are asked to let us know by telephone, **email** or by completing the reservation form below and

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\_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon (s) @ \$23 = \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Sugar dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Guest names (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Sugar dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your reservation & payment to be received by Thursday May 5th, 2016**