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2009–2010 Naples Chapter Meetings

Thursday, **March 4**: Chapter Meeting, 11:30 Fellowship, noon Luncheon, Country Club of Naples

Saturday, **April 10**: Annual Charter Day Picnic, Veteran's Park (2010-2011 Officer Nominations)

Thursday, **May 6**: Chapter Meeting, 11:30 Fellowship, noon Luncheon, Country Club of Naples (Election of officers for 2010-2011 year)

Florida Society Board of Management



Color Guard

The Florida Society NSSAR held its Winter Board of Management meeting and dinner in Kissimmee, Florida, at the Ramada Resort and Gateway Hotel on Friday and Saturday January 15 & 16. The Naples Chapter was represented by Past Presidents Don Cahill and John McCullough; President Roy Richardson and 1st Vice President Harris Tucker.

A series of informative seminars were held in the afternoon of Friday and members of the Ladies Auxiliary provided a table of souvenirs and historical brochures. A social hour and banquet with a large color guard brought attendees together from across the state for great conversation and a guest speaker.

Next Board of Management Meeting: May 7 to 9th. Plan to attend this Annual Meeting and Dinner.



JROTC Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, March 4, 2010, the Naples Chapter, NSSAR will honor the Senior JROTC Instructors and their Honored Cadets from the local high schools at a luncheon to be held at The Country Club of Naples.

The Naples Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to sponsor a program that recognizes the personal growth and community participation of so many deserving young people.

On page 2 is a reprint of an article that appeared January 22nd in the Naples Daily News about one senior JROTC instructor and the students of Golden Gate High School.

The March luncheon meeting offers us an opportunity to show our support for the instructors and students in the JROTC program.

JROTC teacher named Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year

Lt. Col. Paul Garrah has always taught his JROTC students at Golden Gate High School about community support.

“Our students have the least of everyone, but they give the most,” he said.

Doing things for the community makes the JROTC student better citizens and now Garrah is getting honored for that.

Garrah was named the Florida Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year for ninth through 12th grades by the Florida VFW. Garrah was nominated for the award by senior Cindy Rivas, who saw the nomination form at the bottom of a Voice of Democracy Contest form Garrah had given her so she could enter that contest.

“He deserves it,” Rivas said. “He has changed the lives of so many people. Since I have been in JROTC, I volunteer more. The love that he has for this nation, he gives to us.”

In addition to the recommendation from a student, Garrah had to put together a portfolio of his work with the students that reflect how he teaches them about citizenship. He had to get letters of recommendation and attach any recognition the JROTC had received for its work.

Donna Howard, president of the District 13 VFW Ladies Auxiliary, said the Golden Gate Post 7721 received the nomination and judged it against other entrants. Once Garrah was declared the winner, he went through the district selection process and then the state process. Howard said Garrah’s nomination is now at the national level to be judged against instructors from high schools around the nation.

“He is going to win,” Howard said, “adding the winner would be announced sometime within three weeks. “I am positive. And he deserves it.”

Garrah said the award is not about him. He said the award is about the good things Golden Gate High School students are doing.

“They are out in the community, they are supporting others. They are doing what they can to make

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Committee Chairmen

The Naples Chapter of the N.S.S.A.R has undertaken many community projects designed to educate children and adults on the history and principles of our Revolutionary ancestors.

Your Chapter needs compatriots to assist in these projects.

Please contact one of the officers to let the Chapter know where your talents and interests might best be applied.

While the Chapter maintains a number of projects, many do not require a great deal of time when shared by Compatriots.

this nation better,” he said.

Garrah said he loved every minute of his 22 years in the US Army, but said he loves being a JROTC instructor at Golden Gate even more.

“No one should be as lucky as I am,” he said. “And I don’t know if this would be the best job if I

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**Active Past Presidents of the Naples
Chapter NSSAR**

1989 Ralph Norman Cramer, Sr.

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2003-2004 Paul Franklin Young

2004-2006 James Bennett Applegate, Sr.

2006-2007 Donald Barton Cahill

2008-2009 John Logan McCullough

Meetings of Interest

Society of Mayflower Descendants, March 10,
12 Noon at The Country Club of Naples.

The Collier County Genealogy Society meets
March 9, 2010, the second Tuesday of the month at
The Moorings Presbyterian Church, Moss Hall, at
7:30 pm

Florida State SAR Annual Spring Meeting May 7
thru 9, 2010, at Kissimmee, Florida.

The Naples Crier will gladly share meeting informa-
tion dates for any patriotic or historical organization.

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were at another school with other students. There is something special about the kids here.”

Howard said the thing about Garrah that stood out to the committee was his devotion to his students.

“He is not just their teacher. He is their friend,” she said. “He guides them. He leads them down the right path. He is always there for whatever. All

you have to do is say his name and their faces light up. He is one of those people who always thinks of others before he thinks of himself.”

Garrah is referred to by some of his students as a “2nd father.”

“He has changed my life,” said senior Alex Morris, 17. “His ability to relate to the kids. He cares a lot more. I will have teachers tell me to apply for something, but if he wants you to do it,

he is on your butt every day. He wants us to better ourselves as people.”

Rebecca Dolce, a senior and the battalion commander for the JROTC at Golden Gate High School, said Garrah goes beyond the hours he is paid for his students. She said he helps students more than he knows.

“If I was not in JROTC, I would be a wreck,” she said. “He

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is always there to listen, to give input. He connects with the cadets on a personal level.”

Rebecca said Garrah is very deserving of the award.

“I am proud of him,” she said. “I feel he doesn’t give himself the accolades he deserves. He is a father figure to 140 kids. He wants to make us better people.”

Senior Nathan Heckelman, 18, said Garrah is a role model.

“He is amazing. Because of everything he has done for his country, we see that and it is easy for us to give a few hours.”

Sgt. Maj. Bill Barchers said he has seen many JROTC programs, but few as good as Golden Gate’s. He attributes that to Garrah, who has headed the program since the school opened about 5 ½ years ago.

“He is great to work with and great to work for,” Barchers said. “He cares. He feels about this program the same way I do. This job is like poetry at the end of your career. It is more important than any other work I have done. He is willing to do the work. He is willing to do whatever it takes for these kids.”

This article was written by Katherine Albers (kalbers@naplesnews.com) and published in the January 22, 2010 edition of the Naples Daily News. Ms Albers gave her permission for us to reprint her article.

Florida Society NSSAR, Board of Management and Annual Spring Meeting

will be held May 7-9, 2010, at Kissimmee, Florida. **President General Edward F. Butler’s** attendance will be a highlight at this Spring Meeting.

Seminars and dinner will offer excitement and great conversation.

Board of Management (BOM) meetings are held quarterly in Kissimmee, a location selected for its central position in Florida.

These meetings offer seminars and discussions to assist chapters in developing and promoting the ideals and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A formal business meeting provides an opportunity for all Florida members to share information about the activities of the State Society and its various chapters.

The Color Guard, comprising all revolutionary costumed members, is a highlight of the dinner. However, socializing among members, their wives and guests makes for an unforgettable evening.

If you have not attended a BOM meeting, you are encouraged to attend the Spring BOM.

Any Naples Chapter officer will be happy to answer questions you might have.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Enewsletters not only arrive sooner; but, also save the chapter the cost of printing and postage .

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The Star-Spangled Banner

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous
fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the
deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream;
Tis the Star - Spangled Banner! Oh long may it
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollu-
tion.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph doth
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a na-
tion.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: **'In God is our trust.'**
And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph shall
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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The Naples Crier may also be found at
the web site.

Your comments and suggestions will be
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A Word From Past President John McCullough

At the Saturday morning continuation of
the Winter BOM meeting in January a
discussion of BOM seminars was on the
floor. I suggested we consider a Seminar
on how to Return the Congress to the
People as a subject. This caused a stir in
the crowd and in the Board; however, it
was decided that I should submit a re-
quest for this seminar.

John McCullough



George Washington