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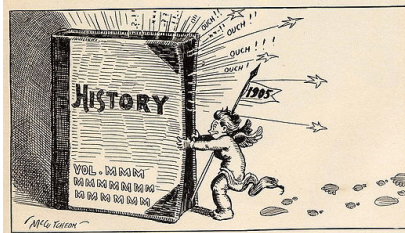
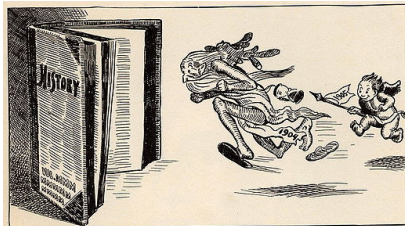


SINCE 1975 ★ NAPLES CHAPTER S.A.R. NEWSLETTER ★ JANUARY 2009

Welcome to the Year 2009!

This is the time when we celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of a new year. Now represents the time when we've welcomed in that new year, just after chasing off the old one. We've reflected on the events and happenings of the previous year, and how it affected us, and what we did or did not do to make those events occur, as well as set our sights anew. The Sons of the American Revolution must do this as well.

Though our goal each year is the same (call it tradition): "to maintain and extend the institutions of American



freedom; an appreciation for true patriotism; a respect for our national symbols; the value of American citizenship; the unifying force of *e pluribus Unum*" - how we achieve these goals will undoubtedly change with the times much like technology and public sentiment does.

There is nothing archaic in the goal of this organization: to promote the spirit of many people as one nation! It is unifying!

Like our great nation, our Chapter has many people in it as well. Many different diverse and interesting people both native and transplant, full and part-time residents, working and retired. We welcome your memberships, but encourage you to give even more of yourself to be "active members". We need your participation! We need to replenish the pool of volunteers to fill the positions of this Chapter which keep it a

functional and goal-fulfilling unit!

There are many different degrees of volunteer participation in the Chapter. The most obvious being the Officers which are nominated in April - they continue the administrative/business end of the organization. Then the boots on the ground (so to speak) the Committees - each event occurs under these subgroups dedicated to a sole purpose (such as Oration Contest, JROTC, Law Enforcement, Charter Day, etc.). This is where you will want to get first involved, and if you like to take charge perhaps you would like to become a Committee Chairman.

As you get involved you will see the enjoyment in the "work" and gain satisfaction in making a great Chapter even better, and ultimately fulfilling our goal as a national organization!

Regards,
Sam Cahill
Newsletter Editor



***"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,
and let each new year find you a better man."***

- Benjamin Franklin, American patriot

Continuing the Legacy of your Patriot Genealogy

The SAR is a "lineage" society, meaning that each of its members has traced their family tree back to a point of having an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774 - 1783.

If you are the "family historian" of your clan or just doing your own casual genealogy then you know how daunting the task of proving a genealogy from yourself back about seven generations is. It is hard enough to just find out the who's who, but fleshing out the details is even more so.

And as much work as goes into truly proving such a lineage there is even more pride in knowing that you have done so without a "shadow of doubt" about it's legitimacy. Our Registrar is here to help facilitate your applications, whether new or supplemental (any proven Patriot lineages beyond the original application).

Verification of the facts is required. As this is archival information for generations to

come they want all leads to be sought out and all blanks filled. Our Chapter Registrar will work with you to verify that your information fits the National requirements.

With progress in technology and the national surge and popularity of genealogy doing family research has gotten much easier, in most cases not even requiring trips to Courthouses and cemeteries. Much verified information and copies of documentation can be accessed online for free or through various subscription services like Ancestry.com. But it all still requires a personal dedication and motivation, and much work on the part of the individual.

As Sons of the American Revolution we pride ourselves on a special link to history and a national pride unparalleled by any other organization. Our families made this country. This is a gift given to us by the founders of not just our families, but this country, to pass down again. If you have any members of your family of male lineage - please consider giving them the gift of your families hard earned history... and make them members of the SAR.

For more information on membership, contact Chapter Registrar Dick Hazen.

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Past Meeting Minutes

The Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution third luncheon meeting of the 2008-2009 Season was called to order at noon on December 4, 2008, with President John L. McCullough presiding. It was held at the Elks Lodge, 3950 Radio Road.

The Colors were posted; Compatriot Don Cahill commanded the flag detail. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chapter Secretary, Compatriot Chuck Sweeney; the SAR Pledge was lead by Compatriot Jim Applegate; and the Invocation was given by Compatriot Charley Cortright. Then President John McCullough welcomed and introduced guests and new chapter members.

November Minutes were approved. Then announcements were made by President McCullough as follows: First, the Big Cypress DAR Chapter will meet at 11:00AM, Friday, December 19, 2008, Country Club of Naples. Next, the Genealogical Society of Collier County has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the

Moorings Presbyterian Church, Moss Hall, 791 Harbor Drive, Naples.

Third, a poll was taken to further support the findings of data that has been submitted to date concerning this year's Charter Day. Accordingly, a consensus exists that the membership supports a picnic style gathering. This year's Charter Day will occur on March 14, during the hours of 11:00AM to 3:00PM, with food being served around noon.

Fourth, Compatriot Fred Buckley will be leaving the Naples Chapter for Miami so he can be closer to family members. Fifth, The National Society SAR encourages all Compatriots to donate at least \$20.00 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Donations in check form should be passed through our Treasurer Compatriot Dick Hazen. Finally, our state society wishes to increase the overall Florida SAR membership. Chapters are encouraged to take action to improve their ranks accordingly.

Treasurer Compatriot Dick Hazen presented for the



record a Naples Chapter SAR Profit and Loss Statement for January 1 through December 4, 2008. Our net income for the stated period is a negative \$605.55; Compatriot Hazen also presented a Balance Sheet as of December 4, 2008. Total Assets are \$8,262.10, and Total Liabilities and Equity are \$8,262.10.

Following the announcements, lunch was served. And following that, President John McCullough and Compatriot Jim Applegate gave a Power Point Historical Presentation that encompassed the period prior to, during, and following General Washington's Campaign at Valley Forge.

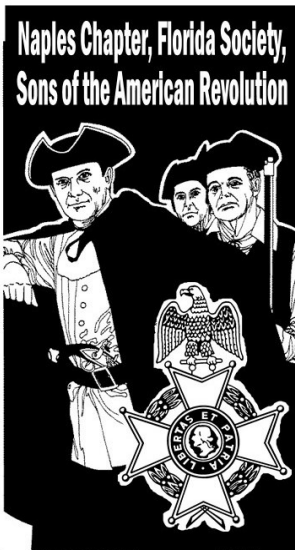
The meeting was closed at approximately 1:40PM, with the SAR Recessional.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary
Charles T. Sweeney



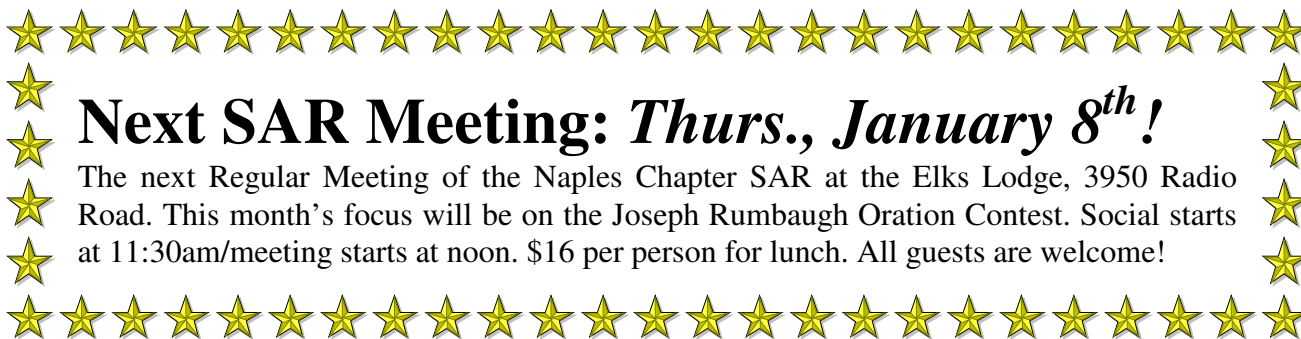
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Calendar of Upcoming Events



Next SAR Meeting: *Thurs., January 8th!*

The next Regular Meeting of the Naples Chapter SAR at the Elks Lodge, 3950 Radio Road. This month's focus will be on the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Social starts at 11:30am/meeting starts at noon. \$16 per person for lunch. All guests are welcome!

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 14th, 2009:** The Myles Standish Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants will meet at 11:30 am at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive, Naples. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by January 9th: Doris Sjostedt, 2034 Prince Drive, Naples, FL 34110.
- ◆ **Friday, January 16th, 2009:** The Big Cypress Chapter of the DAR will meet at 11 am at the Country Club of Naples. Guest speaker will be Carole Peck, Financial Advisor. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by January 9th: Ginny White, 245 Monterey Drive, Naples, FL 34119, or phone (239) 352-7929.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 22nd, 2009:** Board of Director's Meeting of the Naples Chapter SAR. Noon lunch business meeting in the Elks Lodge main dining room. All Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen are urged to attend.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 5th, 2009:** Regular Meeting of the Naples Chapter SAR.