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Happy 36th Birthday Chapter!

This coming March 14th, 2009 the Naples Chapter Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate the 36th year of it's Charter and it's founding! We will celebrate this special occasion with a BBQ picnic at Veterans Community Park! This should be a fun event and I encourage all Compatriot's to participate! See Page 4 of this Newsletter for all the details on this wonderful event!

March is also known as the month to celebrate that Irish national holiday St. Patrick's Day! So if you're feeling the spirit of the season show it by "wearing the green!"

The Irish brought Saint Patrick's Day to the American Colonies with the first public celebration taking place in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. This included the first organized Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies on 17 March 1737 put on by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston . New York City held it's first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1756, but it's first parade wouldn't

happen until 17 March 1762 when Irish soldiers in the British Army marched.

Gen. George Washington, who commanded many soldiers of Irish descent in the Continental Army, allowed his troops a holiday on 17 March 1780 "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence." This event became known as The St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780.

So have a great month, a pint of Guinness if you like, and we hope to see you at our Charter Day BBQ on March 14th!

*Regards,
Sam Cahill
Newsletter Editor*

At This Time During the Revolution

March 15, 1783

After anonymous letters float amongst the officers of the Continental Army suggesting that the United States Government (Congress) has lied to them and has no intention of keeping their promises to the soldiers of the army, General George Washington holds a meeting with his officers and manages to keep the military from taking over the newly established entity and destroying everything they had fought for all along.



***"An oppressed people are authorized whenever they can
to rise and break their fetters."***

- Henry Clay, Senator for Kentucky & Founder of Whig Party

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009!



Chapter Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 14th, 2009:

The Naples Chapter invites all members to attend the annual **Charter Day Celebration** this year held at Veterans Community Park in North Naples. The luncheon will only cost \$16! See Page 4 for detailed flyer!

Thursday, March 26th, 2009:

All Chapter Officers will meet for the monthly **Board of Directors Meeting** at the Elks Lodge at noon. Committee Chairmen may also attend.

Thursday, April 2nd, 2009:

The next **Chapter Meeting** for the Naples Chapter SAR at the Elks Lodge, 3950 Radio Road, Naples. This month we will return with a new slate of officers. Social starts at 11:30 a.m./meeting starts at noon. \$16 per person for lunch. All guests are welcome!

Other Related Events

Wednesday, March 11th, 2009

The Myles Standish Colony of the **Society of Mayflower Descendants** in the State of Florida will meet at the Country Club of Naples at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Naples Chapter SAR President John McCullough on Valley Forge. The cost is \$20 per person, please make RSVPs to Ellen Full, 455 Cove Tower Drive #1202, Naples, FL 34110.

Friday, March 20th, 2009

The Big Cypress Chapter of **Daughters of the American Revolution** will meet at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Hecker, Natural Resource Policy Manager for the Conservancy. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP with Ginny White, 245 Monterey Drive, Naples, FL 34119.

Friday, April 24th-26th, 2009:

The winter meeting of the FLSSAR **Board of Management** will meet at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL 34747 (Exist 64B off I-4). Special hotel pricing is available for SAR. For more details and pre-registration go to <http://flssar.org/Meet.html>.

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Past Meeting Minutes

The Naples Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution fifth luncheon meeting of the 2008-2009 season was called to order at noon on February 5, 2008, with President John L. McCullough presiding. It was held at the Elks Lodge, 3950 Radio Road.

Compatriot Don Cahill led the Chapter in The Pledge of Allegiance; the SAR Pledge was led by Compatriot Roy Richardson; and the Invocation was given by Compatriot Charley Cortright. Then President John McCullough welcomed chapter members and introduced guests. Special guests included the Senior JROTC Instructors and their Honored Cadets. These guests, and the Collier County High School from which they came are as follows: (1) Barron Collier High School. Major Ruben Gonzalez, USA (Ret.) and Cadet William Beaudoin. (2) Golden Gate High School. Lt. Col. Paul Garrah, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Alexandra Morris. (3) Gulf Coast High School. Lt. Col. Terry Coker, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Tyler J. Blajian. (4) Immokalee High School. Lt. Col. Robert Hine, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Jesus Vidaurri. (5) Lely High School. Lt. Col. David Price, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Robert B. Townsend. (6) Naples High School. Lt. Col. Robert Parker, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Ethan Dennison. (7) Palmetto Ridge

High School. Major John Sarnecky, USA (Ret.) and Cadet Ory Bell.

The January Minutes were approved, and the Treasurer's report was given. The Naples Chapter's Current Assets and Total Liabilities & Equity are in balance at \$5,554.36. Following these administrative details, induction new members occurred. Compatriots Dale Dalton, Chuck Brook and Rob Withey received their respective certificates from The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; each new Compatriot was given a Member Rosette. Then lunch was served.

The announcements of the day included words from President Compatriot McCullough concerning the following: First, our 36th Charter Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 14th at Veterans Community Park. Chapter compatriots, Big Cypress DAR, family members, and guests are welcome. The cost is \$16.00 per person. The program includes a BBQ lunch of ribs and chicken; and a JROTC Drill Squad demonstration of their competition routine. The celebration will take place during the hours of 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food will be served from 12:00 to 2:30 PM. Next, the Big Cypress DAR Chapter will meet at 11:00 AM, Friday, February 20, 2009, at the Country Club of Naples. Third, the Genealogical Society of Collier County is

scheduled to meet at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, February 10th. They will meet at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, Moss Hall, 791 Harbor Drive, Naples. Fourth, the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at the Port of Cape Canaveral.

Fifth, Compatriot Don Cahill gave a summary of the January Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, Florida. He highlighted the support National is seeking for "The Center for Advancing America's Heritage" in Louisville, Kentucky. Finally, Compatriot Jim Applegate announced that Chapter SAR nametags can be ordered through him. The cost is \$15.00.

Following the announcements, each honored cadet, as noted above, was called to the podium by our JROTC Chairman, Compatriot Tom Loving. There, each honoree was awarded a SAR Bronze JROTC Medal and given a certificate to commemorate his or her achievement.

The meeting was closed at approximately 1:53 PM, with the SAR Recessional.

Respectfully submitted,
Chapter Secretary
Charles T. Sweeney



Naples Chapter SAR 36th Charter Day Celebration Picnic

Naples Chapter, Florida Society
of the Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Veterans Community Park,

11:00AM to 3:00PM

[food being served at noon]

\$16.00 per person

SAR Compatriots, DAR members,
family members, and guests are welcome.

BBQ lunch buffet will include:
Rib City Ribs, Chicken and Sliced Pork
BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw and Rolls
Various Desserts, Coffee and Soft Drinks

At 1 PM there will be a
JROTC Drill Squad demonstration
of their competition routine



Location and Directions: Veterans Community Park is located on the south side of Immokalee Road at 1895 Veterans Park Dr., Naples, FL 34109, (239) 566-2367. One approach to the picnic area is to drive via Tamiami Trail (US Route 41), either from the North or from the South. At the stop light located at the intersection of Tamiami Trail and Immokalee Road, turn East onto Immokalee Road. Pass through the light at the Goodlette-Frank intersection. Then take the first right to head South on Veterans Park Drive. Once in the park, take the first right. Pavilion Number 1 is a short distance on your left.

RSVP: Respond via check made payable to Treasurer Naples Chapter SAR by March 7, 2009. Mail your check to Compatriot Dick Hazen, 2011 Gulf Shore Blvd N. #52, Naples, FL 34102. Questions and/or verbal commitments can be addressed by calling either President Compatriot John McCullough at 239.642.6545 or Secretary Charles Sweeney at 239.566.3307.