



# THE NAPLES CRIER

FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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## Luncheon Schedule 2016-2017 Season

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Annual Recognition of Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Service.

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** will be held at Country Club of Naples 185 Burning Tree Drive Naples, FL 34105. ***Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.***  
**Program:** Joint evening meeting with the DAR

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Undetermined.

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Annual JROTC Recognition.

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Officer elections and Charter Day.  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our October meeting, Ed Lary awarded “Years of Service” pins to 14 compatriots. There are several additional



compatriots that will be given their pins as they attend the meetings. Please come and get yours.

As you are aware, we try to recognize various people, organizations and government agencies that appropriately fly the American flag. They must have a flag that is clean and not tattered and is lighted at night. This year we have awarded 8 certificates with four additional certificates pending. If any of you know of qualified recipients, please let our Flag Chairman John McCullough know.

This month we are recognizing our Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS communities. We will be This year we have 14 people we are awarding medals and certificates. We hope you will come and help us show our support to these very deserving people. This has been one of our most popular programs.  
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**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Undetermined.

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** 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:** Undetermined.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the joint DSAR/SAR meeting to be held on December 9th . Again, this will allow those of you that have complained that you cannot make the luncheons to come and meet with other compatriots. As usual, wives and friends are always welcome.

*Michael Garey, President*

## Month in History

### October 13

On October 13, 1812, the first major battle of the War 1812, the Battle of Queenston Heights was fought near Queenston, Ontario. After declaring war on one another, both America and England raced to control the strategic border area near the Niagara River, which separated British Canada and the United States. The U.S. made the first move, launching an assault against the Niagara River town of Queenston, Ontario. The commander of the attack was General Stephen Van Rensselaer, and he commanded a force of New York Militia and U.S. regulars, who had recently been recruited and were essentially untrained.

At 4:00 a.m. on October 13, the Americans set out in boats across the Niagara, with the Militia being led by Colonel Solomon Van Rensselaer, a relative of Stephen, and the regulars by Lt. Colonel John Chrystie. Soon after beginning the crossing, the current swept away some of the troops, including Colonel Chrystie. Almost as soon as the remaining Americans landed on the Queenston shore, British troops began firing crushing volleys at the boatloads of Americans. Colonel Solomon Van Rensselaer was riddled with musket balls as he stepped out of his boat.

Captain John E. Wool of the regulars took command of the remaining U.S. troops, and put in place a plan to flank the British troops, who were positioned on commanding heights above the town, by following an old fisherman's pass. The Americans took this route and easily overpowered the British on the heights. Meanwhile, the commander of British Fort George, General Isaac Brock, one of Britain's finest commanders, was awakened by the gunfire, and quickly rushed to the scene of the fighting just in time to see the British troops fleeing down the heights. He quickly set about rallying the troops and forming them for a counterattack on the American troops.

As the troops reformed and advanced on the heights, Brock, who was out ahead of the men urging them on, was hit on his sword hand by a musket ball, but continued to lead the troops on. Unfortunately, his extravagant uniform set him apart as an officer, and an American sharpshooter quickly noticed him and fired, sticking him directly in the chest. He died almost instantly. This was a terrible loss for the British.

However, the British attacks succeeded and the Americans were driven from the hill, with heavy casualties.

The U.S. troops would later launch another attack on the heights, briefly retaking them, but another attack by the British would finally end the battle, with all the Americans on the heights being captured. Over 1,000 Americans were lost in the fighting, with the British losing little more than 100. The battle left the British firmly in control of the Niagara River and its surrounding area, but they would never be able to recover from the loss of General Isaac Brock.

### **October 19**

On October 19, 1781, during the American Revolution, General Lord Charles Cornwallis officially surrendered his army to General George Washington and French General Count de Rochambeau at Yorktown, Virginia. Cornwallis and his British troops had been hemmed into the coastal town since September, and they were being bombarded by land and sea on a daily basis. Their outer fortifications had been overtaken by French and American troops, and by mid-October only a small ring of defenses still stood around the town.

Recognizing the hopelessness of his situation, Cornwallis surrendered his forces on October 19. The British turned over 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships to the Americans and French. At the official surrender ceremony, as the beaten British and Hessian troops marched from their positions, the redcoat bands struck up the song, "The World Turned Upside Down."

### **October 21**

On October 21, 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel, was launched in Boston Harbor. The vessel was originally built to protect American merchants who were at that time being attacked by pirates from the North African coast. The Constitution served honorably against the pirates in what was called the First Barbary War, and a peace treaty was signed on its deck.

A few years later, during the War of 1812, the Constitution achieved everlasting fame when it fought a ferocious engagement with the British HMS Guerrière, in which it was awarded the moniker "Old Ironsides." This was attributed to witness claims that cannonballs bounced off the hull of the Constitution as if it was made of iron. In the end the Constitution Triumphed over the Guerrière, giving American morale a significant boost at a time when the British navy was thought to be all but invincible.

The Constitution would be retired from battle in 1855, but it continued to serve the navy as a training ship and landmark. In 1934, the vessel was moved to Charlestown naval yard in Boston, Massachusetts where it currently resides today as a museum and educational ship. However, it still retains a commission as a U.S. Naval vessel, and having served for over 200 years, is the oldest of its kind.

### **October 29**

On October 29, 1777, during the American Revolution, John Hancock resigned his position as President of the Continental Congress, citing prolonged illness. Before the revolution began, John Hancock was the richest man in New England, owning a massive mercantile business, and yet he decided to risk it all by

throwing his lot in with the patriot cause. He attended the First Continental Congress as a delegate from Massachusetts, and was eventually elected the body's President in May 1775, following the resignation of Peyton Randolph. During his time as President, he would make an indelible impact on American History by being the first to sign the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. His signature is the most prominent on the document, with his handwriting being almost double the size of the others.

Following his resignation on October 29, 1777, Hancock returned home to Massachusetts, where he continued to be involved with public life, playing an instrumental role in developing the state's new constitution. In 1780, John Hancock would be elected as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' first Governor, serving for five years. Declining to run for reelection in 1785, Hancock went on to serve as President of the Massachusetts ratifying convention for the U.S. Constitution in 1788. As the convention drew to a close, it may have been a stirring speech delivered by Hancock that finally swayed the Massachusetts men towards ratification. John Hancock would eventually be reelected as governor of his native state, serving in that position nearly five more years before his death in 1793.



ED LARY RECEIVING THE "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" \*



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JAMES MCGARITY PRESENTING A STREAMER TO THE CHAPTER



ED LARY RECEIVING THE LIBERTY MEDAL \*



ACEY EDGEMON SENIOR AND JUNIOR



POSTING THE COLORS



DON CAHIL, LARRY FEHRENBAKER, LEN CRAME



PRELUNCH SOCIAL TIME

\*The "Distinguished Service " award is presented annually by the Chapter President to a compatriot in recognition of their conspicuous service to the Chapter during the President's administration. The medal can only be received once.

\*The "Liberty Medal" is given to compatriots that have brought 10 new members into the SAR. Ed has received 5 such awards meaning he has brought over 50 men into the society.

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



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#### LUNCHEON MEETING

#### **RESERVATIONS required for Thursday November 10th @ 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 November 3rd, 2016**