



THE NAPLES CRIER

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LAST CALL FOR 2018 DUES!! DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAR? IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MAILED IN YOUR 2018 DUES, YOU NEED TO DO THAT ASAP! SEND CHECKS TO LEONARD CRAME OR EMAIL HIM. EMAIL AND POSTAL ADDRESSES ARE THE SAME AS SHOWN ON THE LAST PAGE FOR YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS. THANK YOU, BUT HURRY, BEFORE YOU ARE DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Please join me in this Holiday Blessing excerpted from General Washington's prayer book, written at his Winter Camp in Middlebrook, New Jersey following our victory at the Battle of Trenton on Christmas Day:

"O kind Father, continue Thy mercy and favor to me this day and ever hereafter. Preserve and defend our rulers in Church and State. Bless the people of this land. Be a father to the fatherless, a comforter to the comfortless, a deliverer to the captives and a physician to the sick. Let Thy blessings be upon our friends, kindred and families. Amen."

The Battle of Trenton was a small but pivotal battle during our War for Independence that took place on the morning of December 26, 1776, in Trenton, New Jersey. General George Washington crossed the Delaware River with some 2,400 Continental Soldiers to engage Hessian soldiers garrisoned at Trenton. After a brief battle, over 890 Hessian mercenary soldiers were captured, with negligible losses to the Americans. The battle significantly boosted the Continental Army's flagging morale, and inspired re-enlistments.

This small but decisive battle, as with the January 17, 1781, Battle of Cowpens, in South Carolina, had an effect disproportionate to its size. Colonial efforts were galvanized, and the Americans overturned the psychological dominance achieved by the British troops in the previous months. General Howe was stunned that the Patriots so easily surprised and overwhelmed the Hessian garrison.

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Chapter News:

On December 8, 2017, we held our monthly meeting in conjunction with the Big Cypress Chapter, DAR. Vice President Leonard Crame presided alongside Chapter Regent, Ruth Ann McGarity MacLean. Our Bernardo de Galvez Camp 13 Color Guard and several Compatriot members were in attendance. The program included a Veteran's Recognition Ceremony followed by dinner guest speaker Tim Nance on "The Declaration of Independence".

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Upcoming events:

Our next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Texas Tony's Rib & Brew House, 4519 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112

Our next Chapter Meeting will be: Thursday, January 11, 2018, will be held at The Club at Longshore Lake, 11399 Phoenix Way, Naples, FL 34119. Social Hour @ 11:30 - 12:00 noon; Meeting begins promptly at 12:00 p.m. Program: guest speaker, Commissioner Bill McDaniel, The Role of the County Commissioner. ***Please RSVP your attendance to Vice President Leonard Crame by January 3, 2018. See the Reservation Form on the last page.***

For those interested and who may be able to attend I strongly recommend the **Battle of Cowpens Anniversary:** January 13, 2018 / 9:30 AM - 11:00 a.m. at Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, SC 29341. I have been able to attend three time previously and am always impressed by the significance of the observance. If you are interested to attend and can go please let me know.

I would like to wish everyone a safe Holiday Season, a Happy Hanukah and a very Merry Christmas.

Best regards,

J.M. McGarity
President, Naples Chapter

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**RESERVATIONS required for THURSDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2018 @ 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

mailing your check payable to **Naples Chapter SAR**:

**Mail c/o: Leonard Crame, Asst Treasurer
P.O. Box 990190
Naples, FL 34116-6067**

Tel: (239) 455-7295

Email: cramelw@embarqmail.com

_____ Luncheon (s) @ **\$25.** = _____

Your name (Print) _____ Non-Sugar dessert

Guest names (Print) _____ Non-Sugar dessert

Additional names:

Send your reservation request & payment to be received by Thursday, January 3, 2018