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### 2009–2010 Naples Chapter Meetings

**Saturday, April 10: Annual Charter Day Picnic, noon to 2 pm**, 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)

Friday, **May 7 through 9**, Florida State SAR Spring Board of Management Meeting and Annual Dinner with **President General Edward F. Butler**.

Friday, **August 27 & 28**, Florida State SAR Summer Board of Management Meeting and Dinner

### ANNUAL ELECTION

It is that time of year to exercise your right and privilege to elect the compatriots to lead the Naples Chapter in the coming year. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President John McCullough, is interviewing candidates for the numerous offices in the Naples Chapter. A list of current officers will be found on page 3 of this issue. If you would be willing to be a candidate or know a compatriot that you would like considered, please contact John McCullough via telephone: (239) 642-6545; or email: [jmccullough1@peoplepc.com](mailto:jmccullough1@peoplepc.com).

### CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

The Naples Chapter was founded 37 years ago. The Charter was issued April 30, 1978. To celebrate this historic date, the Naples Chapter is hosting a picnic party on April 10, 2010, from noon to 2 PM at Veteran’s Park, Naples. Veteran’s Park is south off Immokalee Road between Airport-Pulling and Goodlette-Frank Roads.

Don Cahill and John McCullough are promising another enjoyable picnic with great food from Rib City. The menu will include sliced pork, beef, BBQ chicken and ribs. Cole Slaw, rolls, potato chips, ice tea (sweet & unsweetened), sodas, and dessert items (cookies, etc.). The idea for a picnic type meeting to foster fellowship, camaraderie and an informal gathering to enjoy each others company is not new. The Chapter’s first such event took place at Lowdermilk Park May 9, 1973. Members are welcome to bring guests and family members (including children).

Cost: \$15 Adults and \$7 for children.  
**Please make your reservations by April 7th with John McCullough via telephone: (239) 642-6545; or email: [jmccullough1@peoplepc.com](mailto:jmccullough1@peoplepc.com).**  
Checks may be sent to John McCullough at 285 Stella Maris Drive S., Naples, FL 34114-9622; or checks or exact change may be paid at the picnic.



### NAPLES CHAPTER HISTORY

On October 1972, William J. Porter, Sr, an SAR member contacted Florida State and National officers about starting a chapter in Naples. Porter arranged to put advertisements in the local newspapers to contact other local SAR members and to promote an organizational meeting of these members and anyone interested in becoming members. Porter hosted a luncheon meeting at the Naples Holiday Inn on Saturday, Novem-

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ber 4, 1972.

Compatriot Mathew Sellers, Senior Vice-President of the Florida Society from Fort Lauderdale presided at the meeting. Other State Officers in attendance were Compatriot Carl K. Hoffman, Chancellor of the Florida State Society and member Miami Chapter, FL; Compatriot Marshal E. Barton, St. Petersburg, FL, Vice-President General of the South Atlantic District; Compatriot George Sprinkle, Genealogist of the Miami Chapter; and Compatriot H.D. McKesson also Genealogist of the Miami Chapter; and Compatriot Sidney S. King, Jr., Sponsor from the Caloosa Chapter SAR of Fort Myers. Also in attendance was Mrs. Bruce Schaefer, Regent of the Big Cypress Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1972, State and National dues were \$11.00 per annum. After discussion, it was moved by Compatriot Porter and approved that Naples Chapter dues be set at \$5.00 per annum. Today, Chapter, State and National dues are \$75.00.

There was some discussion regarding the name of the local chapter. Compatriot Sellers recommended that the chapter be called "Naples" because this has been the pattern in Florida; and, the naming of chapters by their city names makes for easier identification and avoids confusion. At the time of the American Revolution, Florida was bordered by the Mississippi River and was governed by Bernardo De Galvez, who helped our revolutionary forces.

Temporary officers were elected at this meeting:

President—Joseph H. Bishop, Jr.

Secretary—Carl O. Moody

Treasurer—Edward G Snyder

Genealogist and Registrar—Joseph W. Hart, Sr.

December 11, 1972, was the first scheduled meeting with 16 prospective members for the new chapter in attendance. (see page 5 for a list of these men)

The "Naples Chapter" charter application was dated January 29, 1973, and signed by 18 members. The application was approved on March 31, 1973, and Charter issued April 30, 1973. Joseph Bishop was elected Charter President.

From March 31 until November 2, 1973, 25 more members joined. The Charter Banquet was held on November 2, 1973, at the Naples Beach Club at which time Charter Memberships were closed at 43.

The first annual meeting December 10, 1973 was held at the William Talley House at 2355 Tamiami Trail North, later known as Hospitality House and today the Red Lobster Restaurant. Elections were held and the following officers installed:

President - Joseph W. Hart, Sr.

1st Vice President - Raymond J H Garrison

2nd Vice President - George G. Huntoon

Secretary - Charles A. Young

Treasurer -Marvin R. Hoover

Historian -Nelson H. Smith

Chaplin -Joseph W. Hart, Jr.

Genealogist -Joseph W. Hart, Sr.

Chancellor -John K. Wise

Registrar -James E. Price

By the June 10, 1974 meeting the membership had grown to 80 members and the Naples Chapter was the eighth largest chapter in Florida. Regional Vice President George Morris presented President Hart with the Gavel and Bell Award signifying the inauguration of a new Chapter President. We continue the practice at meeting today. Also present at this meeting was Sidney King, Charter President of the Caloosa Chapter (Fort Myers) and a major supporter for the establishment of the Naples Chapter.

The first BBQ picnic was May 9, 1973, at Lowdermilk Park with 40 compatriots, wives and guests.

The all-time high membership was 91 members in 1978. Currently the membership is at 58.

One of our outstanding Members was Ralph Cramer, who in 1989 was both President of the Naples Chapter president and President of the Florida Society.

Past President Paul Young founded the project to man a voting precinct which continues to be the chapter's main source of funds for the chapter's educational projects. The Chapter's Color Guard continues to participate in the Naples Fourth of July Parade and many school activities including JROTC, Rumbaugh Oration Contest and Good Citizen Recognition.

Of the original forty-three Charter Members enrolling in 1973, two remain active today:

Compatriot Walter James Smith

Compatriot John Roger Swihart

The Naples Chapter commends and salutes these men for their commitment to the Sons of the American

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### Committee Chairmen 2009-2010

Awards: John L. McCullough  
Ceremonies: John L. McCullough  
Membership Data Base: Charles T. Sweeney  
Color Guard: Donald B. Cahill  
Eagle Scout Program: Donald B. Cahill  
Email: I. Harris Tucker and Charles T. Sweeney  
Law Enforcement: Edward T. Ferguson  
Membership: W. Richard Hazen  
Newsletter Editor: I. Harris Tucker  
Publicity: I. Harris Tucker  
JROTC: John L. McCullough  
Sunshine: Charles E. Cortright  
Webmaster: I. Harris Tucker  
Yearbook Editor: Charles T. Sweeney

#### Need for 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.

#### Volunteers needed for Elections Polls

The major source of funding for the Naples Chapter community activities comes from the volunteer hours of compatriots working at the election polls for the primary and general elections. March is the month for recruiting and submitting names to the Collier Board of Elections for acceptance and scheduling. The more participants the Naples Chapter provides, the greater the income for the Chapter's projects. This year the Election Worker project is chaired by

### Florida Society NSSAR, Board of Management and Annual Spring Meeting

will be held **May 7 to 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.

Immediate Past President John McCullough. Please contact Compatriot McCullough via telephone (239) 642-6545 or email "jmccullough1@peoplepc.com" to have your name added to this prestigious group. August 24, 2010 is Primary Election Day; and, November 2, 2010, is General Election Day. Training sessions are scheduled throughout the summer to accommodate all potential workers. If you go north for the summer, there will be training dates available in October.

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### Naples Chapter of the N.S.S.A.R Officers (2009–2010)

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Chancellor: James M. McGarity, III

Chaplin: Charles E. Cortright

Registrar: W. Richard Hazen

Historian: Donald B. Cahill

Sergeant-at-Arms: John L. McCullough

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Revolution over the past 37 years.

*Special thanks to Don Cahill, John McCullough and Chuck Sweeney for assembling this information. Editor Naples Crier*

### Meetings of Interest

**The Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets April 13, 2010, the second Tuesday of the month at The Moorings Presbyterian Church, Moss Hall, at 7:30 pm. The 26th Anniversary dinner at 6:15pm precedes the meeting. Reservation by April 5th with payment of \$16 per person. Program: The Lighter Side of Genealogy. Email Jackie: [gsc@naples.net](mailto:gsc@naples.net)

**Big Cypress Chapter, DAR**, April 16, 11:30 at The Country Club of Naples.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Your comments and suggestions will be most welcomed. Email correspondence may be addressed to

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### Active Past Presidents of the Naples Chapter NSSAR

1989 Ralph Norman Cramer, Sr.

1991 W. John Chesney, Jr.

1993 Andrew Barry Crook Nicholls III

1998-1999 Dr. Philip Edwin Ballou

2000-2001 James Madison McGarity III

2002-2003 Charles Edgar Ransom, Jr.

2003-2004 Paul Franklin Young

2004-2006 James Bennett Applegate, Sr.

2006-2007 Donald Barton Cahill

2008-2009 John Logan McCullough

2009 Samuel O. Cahill

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