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NEWSLETTER

**March
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George Washington Observance delivers insightful presentation

Dr. Michael Dory's tracing of the transformation of General George Washington from an instrument of the Continental Congress to his own man as Commander-in-Chief of the army was the subject of his presentation.

Dory explained that the Continental Congress wanted a one-year war fought with militia to serve as leverage in convincing Great Britain to address the colonies' grievances. That is to say, their intent was not actually to win independence. These politicians saw the relatively inexperienced Washington as someone whom they could control.

However, in time Washington came to recognize that, with the support of France and Spain, the war could be won. He then ignored the limita-

tions placed on the army by Congress and began the process of forming a large army of well-trained soldiers to serve as long as necessary to win independence.

After his talk, Dory answered several questions from the audience.

Annual reports for the Ohio Societies of the SAR and CAR were presented by Stephen Kelly and Stewart Seely, respectively.

Chapter President David Birthelmer presented this year's Flag Award certificate to Ron Belknap for his display of American flags on the bridge over I-71. He also presented a certificate of Meritorious Service to Joe Carvin for his work coordinating the SAR awards to ROTC, Junior ROTC, law enforcement, fire fighter, and EMS personnel.



LEFT: David Birthelmer presents an appreciation certificate to speaker Dr. Dory. ABOVE: Dave Birthelmer and Henry Shaw present Ron Belknap with the Flag Award

More photos from the dinner



ABOVE: Chapter Registrar Ed Hamblin (right) presents Tony Ruegger with his membership certificate. RIGHT: Steve Kelly reports on his year as Ohio Society President.



March meeting to recognize public servants

The March 15 Benjamin Franklin Chapter meeting will honor a member of law enforcement, the fire department, and the EMS. Each person to be recognized will have been selected by supervisors for exemplary service during the year. A fourth award will be presented to someone in one of the three departments for heroism.

The luncheon meeting will be 12:00 at the Florentine Restaraunt on West Broad Street.

Plans are under way to schedule some meetings at 1:00 on Saturdays in 2013.



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