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Chapter honors four public servants for their superb accomplishments

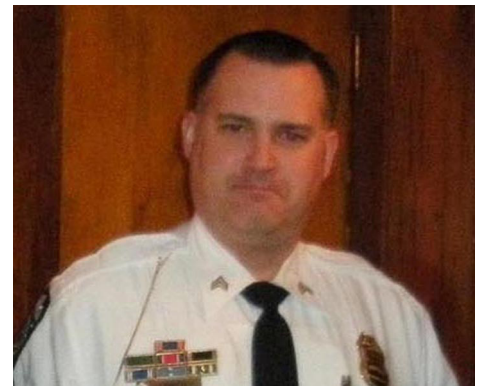
At the March meeting, the Benjamin Franklin chapter continued its annual recognition of four public servants who distinguished themselves on the job. The Columbus Police Department, Division of Fire, and Emergency Medical Services each identified an employee for recognition. Also, a fourth person from one of these divisions received the Heroism Award.

This year's Law Enforcement recipient is Sgt. Michael B. Smith for his significant work in the on-going effort to get drunk drivers off our streets and highways.

The Division of Fire's recipient is George S. Rickman, a fire inspector tasked with ensuring the safety of all of the city's day-care centers.

The EMS recipient is Lt. Richard D. Cosmar, supervisor of paramedics in the busy sector of NW Columbus.

The Heroism Award went to Fire Battalion Chief John M. Vingle. On Feb. 7, with only a rope tied around him, he entered an icy pond in an attempt to rescue a child who had fallen through the ice and a heroic teenager who tried to save the child. Sadly, his act of heroism was in vain.



Sgt. Michael Smith, recipient of the 2013 Law Enforcement Award.



Pictured from left are award recipients Lt. Rickard D. Cosmar, Battalion Chief John M. Vingle, and Fire Inspector George S. Rickman.

Memorial service for Bill Wilt will be this Thursday

A memorial service for Compatriot William B. Wilt will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday April 4 at the Schoedinger North Chapel 5554 Karl Road. Calling hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Bill died February 14 in Tucson, Arizona where he and his wife Connie had wintered for the last few years.

Bill graduated from Ohio State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in education. For a total of 31 years, he taught speech, drama, and English at South and Brookhaven High Schools. He also was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Ohio Historical Society, and worked at Ohio Village.

Donations in Bill's name can be made to The Alzheimers Association, Central Ohio Chapter, 1379 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio; Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or the OSU Foundation-College of Education HE, 1480 West Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43221.



**Compatriot
Bill Wilt**

Harpers Ferry—before John Brown

The April 19 meeting of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter will feature Compatriot Jim Slough's program on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry.

Jim will dispel the notion that the story of Harpers Ferry is all about John Brown's raid. Built in 1791 by George Washington, the facility produced a large volume of ordnance for the new American nation, supplied the weapons needed for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, developed the bullet that replaced the round musketball, and engineered production methods to standardize the manufacture of munitions so that parts could be interchangeable.

Want to know more? Then join your fellow compatriots to hear Jim at noon Friday April 19 at the Florentine Restaurant, 907 West Broad Street.



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