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# NEWSLETTER

**September  
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## Story of Fort Laurens--then and now--presented at June chapter meeting

Compatriots viewed a Powerpoint presentation about Fort Laurens at the June meeting. The fort is the only site of Revolutionary War fighting in Ohio.

Built in November 1778 as a staging ground for an attack on Fort Detroit and Indian tribes who were allied with the British, Fort Laurens was located on the Tuscarawas River, near the town of Bolivar.

Shortly after being built, 16 soldiers were ambushed outside the fort and killed by Indians. In 1976 the remains of one soldier were placed inside a tomb to an unknown soldier with full military honors.

Each year in late July several Ohio chapters participate in a ceremony honoring the unknown soldier, as well as the 21 men who died there.

Chuck Finley gave the program.

## Compatriot Charles Ingraham passes

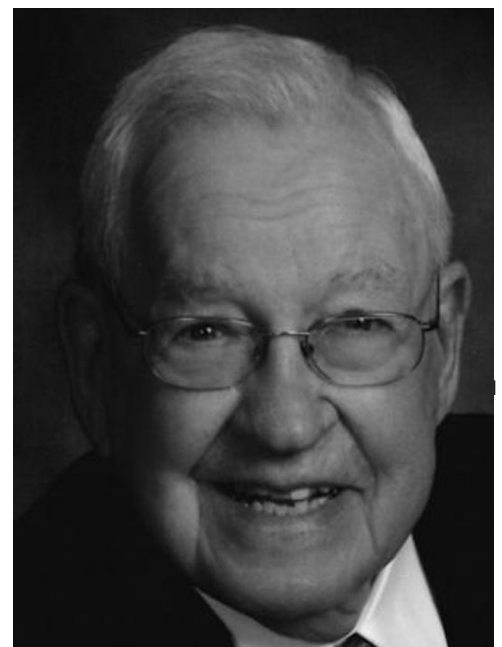
The Benjamin Franklin chapter lost a past president Aug. 19 with the passing of compatriot Dr. Charles Ingraham, 89. Born in Washington County, he was a 1942 graduate of Marietta High School before earning his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from The Ohio State University.

He was an Agricultural Economist and Professor Emeritus at OSU with appointment in teaching, research, and extension.

He received much recognition for his contributions to Agriculture such as Distinguished Service to Ohio Agriculture from Gov. James Rhodes, Ohio Grain and Feed Dealers, COBA/ Select Sires, Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, and Ohio Farm Bureau.

During WW II he served in the Philippines with the 86th Division.

Dr. Ingraham was buried at Valley Cemetery in Washington County.



**Dr. Charles Ingraham**

# George Miller recognized for meritorious service

At the June meeting, Rev. George Miller was presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal for decades of service to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

George has served the Chapter by serving as Chaplain, Secretary, and President. Current Chapter Secretary Chuck Finley appreciates how George made it

easy to take over the duties of Chapter Secretary as he explains, "George's high level of organization and willingness to share the tricks that he had picked up made for a smooth transition."

George, a recently retired Baptist pastor, relocated this summer to South Carolina with his wife.



*Rev. George Miller (middle) receives the Meritorious Service Medal for his contributions to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter. The medal was presented by President David Birlhelmer (second from left). Included in the presentation are past presidents Ed Hamblin, Bill Diehl, and Mark Mahan.*

## September Meeting--Friday the 20th

September is Constitution Month because the Constitutional Convention signed their amazing creation on September 17, 1787. Join your fellow compatriots on the third Friday of the month to hear about the challenge of creating our document of freedom.

12:00 at the Florentine Restaurant, located at 907 West Broad Street



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