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NEWSLETTER **April 2014**

Dedicated public employees honored at well-attended March meeting

As is tradition at the March meeting, exemplary public employees were presented awards for their service to the public. This year's honorees are Lt. Theresa Francis of the Columbus Division of Police, Virgil Moore of the Columbus Division of Fire, and David Sholl of the Columbus Division of Fire. Forty of their colleagues were in attendance.

Lt. Francis, a 29-year veteran, received the 2014 Law Enforcement Award for her efforts regarding investigations of juvenile victims of sexual and physical abuse. Through her efforts, the Special Victims Bureau works with child welfare agencies, social workers, medical personnel, and other related disciplines to minimize stress to the victim.

The Fire Safety Award was presented to Columbus Division of Fire Inspector Virgil Moore for his work inspecting above-ground tanks of propane and other fuels.

He was also known as The Pyro Guy for his expertise with pyrotechnics. His team was responsible for the safety of Red, White, and Boom and other fireworks displays in Columbus.

His award was made posthumously because he died Feb. 3.

The Heroism Award went to Fire Fighter David Sholl for rescuing a four-year-old boy from a smoke-filled house. The child was found unconscious under a blanket on his bedroom floor.

TOP RIGHT: David Birthelmer presents the Law Enforcement Award to Lt. Francis. MIDDLE RIGHT: The Fire Safety Award is accepted posthumously by Kayle and Taylor, the daughters of Fire Inspector Virgil Moore. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fire fighter David Sholl receives the Heroism Award.



Benjamin Franklin chapter honors NROTC student

The 2014 recipient of the Silver ROTC Medal is Gerold Haumschild of Olmsted Falls, Ohio. The medal is presented to an outstanding Midshipman in the OSU Naval ROTC graduating class.

Midshipman Haumschild was recognized for his excellent academic record and strong leadership skills.

Upon graduation, he plans to begin flight training at Pensacola, Florida. His first choice of aircraft is the Boeing P-8A Poseidon Sub-hunter. The Poseidon's war-time mission is to locate and destroy hostile submarines. "Of course," he adds, "if they gave me an F-18, that would be just fine."

Achievement-oriented before he came to OSU, he was an Eagle Scout in Troop 201 in Olmsted Falls.

Attending the April 5 Color Ceremony were his parents, Jerry and Jackie Haumschild.



Chapter Historian Bill Finley presents the SAR Silver Medal to Midshipman Gerold Haumschild during the 50th Annual Color Ceremony on the OSU campus April 5.

April meeting will be *fourth* Friday, not the third Friday

Because the third Friday of April is Good Friday, the April meeting will be the fourth Friday, April 25.

Our program will feature Compatriot Bill Heyer whose program last year on colonial architecture was so well received that he was asked to return to delve further into the topic. Bill brings a PowerPoint presentation with many examples of the various classifications of colonial architecture that existed during that period and continue to be built today.

To make it easier for members who work during the day to attend the meetings, the program is presented before the meal is served.

This 12:00 luncheon meeting will be at *The Florentine Restaurant, 907 West Broad Street.*



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ATTENTION: MEETING IS APRIL 25