



**Benjamin Franklin Chapter  
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# NEWSLETTER **June 2014**

## Dinner meeting scheduled for June to include members with day jobs

**PROBLEM:** Compatriots who have day jobs have long been unable to attend Chapter meetings scheduled at noon on Fridays.

**SOLUTION:** Schedule some evening meetings and some Saturday meetings during the year.

This month's meeting will be the first to break from the traditional luncheon meeting and will be a 6:00 p.m. dinner meeting Wednesday June 18 at The Florentine Restaurant (907 West Broad Street).

Chapter President Chuck Finley announced the initiative at the April meeting, explaining that the Board of Management understands the need to make it easier for a greater portion of our membership to attend meetings and become more involved.

"It is sad to see new members attend a meeting to receive their certificates and rosette, but then not see them again." Finley explained. "In fact, many new members cannot even attend that one meeting, so their materials must be mailed to them."

"After checking the websites of other Ohio chapters talking with attendees at the at the SAR Spring Board of Management meeting, I learned that ours was the only medium-to-large chapter that met exclusively at noon."

He went on to say, "Therefore, we are counting on our younger members to take advantage of this opportunity and provide a good showing."

The June meeting will feature a strong program featuring the Commander-in-Chief's Guards, the hand-picked troops that were chosen in 1776 to guard Gen. Washington until the war's conclusion in 1783.

This elite unit represented as many regiments as possible, accompanied Washington throughout the War, and played a pivotal role in training the troops at Valley Forge. In addition, Washington had no qualms about throwing these men into critical situations during battles.

**JUNE MEETING: 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 18 at The Florentine**

# Benjamin Franklin Chapter recognized by State



*Chapter President Finley (second from right) holds the streamer signifying that the Benjamin Franklin Chapter was one of 16 to earn Distinguished Chapter honors at the Ohio Society Board of Management Meeting in May.*

## At Motts Museum, members access exhibits not yet available to public

The May meeting allowed compatriots and a guests special access to a new wing not yet available to visitors as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the NYC fire engine that saved the lives of its crew from the collapse of a building during the attack on the World Trade Center.

When the engine arrived at the scene, its crew entered a building and started climbing the stairs. However, the shaking of the building forced them to leave.

Because they could not outrun a falling building, the crew crawled under their truck just before parts of the building rained down and covered most of it.



*Compatriots see and hear about the fire truck that saved the lives of its crew during 9-1-1.*



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