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NEWSLETTER **April 2015**

Three Public Service Employees are honored at March meeting

Three Public Service Awards were presented to three exemplary public employees at the March 20 meeting at The Florentine Restaurant.

The EMS Award went to Fire Lieutenant Steve Chesshir, who has been a firefighter for 12 years and a paramedic for seven years. He teaches paramedic courses and plays a key role with the Columbus Firefighters Charitable Committee to coordinate fund-raising events to enable firefighters to assist people in need.

The Fire Safety Award is awarded to those who are tasked with fire prevention. The 2015 recipient is Fire Lieutenant Eddie R. Arnold, who is responsible for all pyrotechnic and fireworks events in the city, including Red, White, and Boom. His inspection responsibilities also include underground tanks, festivals, food carts and trucks, and hotels and motels. In addition, he was instrumental in researching and writing new standards for all food trucks in the city and has Secret Service clearance for Presidential visits.

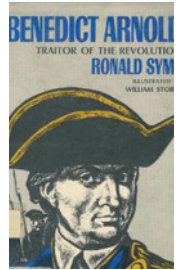
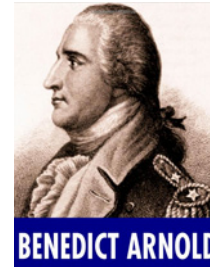
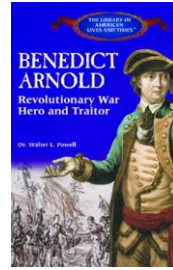
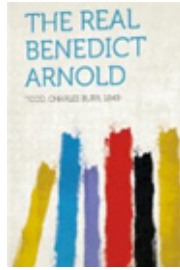
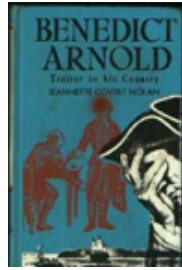
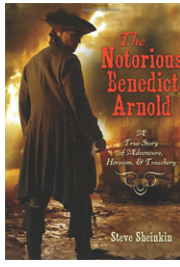
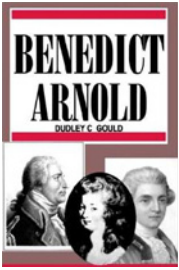
The Heroism Award was presented to Fire Lieutenant Chad Bair who was in his front yard when he noticed smoke rising from behind a wood lot in a distant field. He then asked his wife to dial 9-1-1 while he drove to the location, ran through the woods to get to the car, and pulled an unconscious man from a burning car just seconds before the gas tank exploded, thereby saving his life.

The recipient of the Law Enforcement Award, Sergeant Jeffrey Warbis, was unable to attend the March meeting, so he will receive it at the April meeting Saturday noon, April 18 at The Kingsdale/Upper Arlington MCL.



Chapter Treasurer Bill Diehl presented awards to (from left) Fire Lt. Chad Bair, Fire Lt. Eddie Arnold, and Fire Lt. Steven Chesshir.

April program will answer the perplexing question of why one of Washington's best Generals defected



More than 15 books have been written about Benedict Arnold, and most of them wrestle with the paradox that one of the Continental Army's most fearless, dedicated, astute, charismatic, and brilliant Generals betrayed the Revolution to which he had given so much. It was Arnold who thought of the idea of capturing the guns at Fort Ticonderoga and then did just that, spent his own money to supply his troops, was badly wounded in two separate battles, inspired his men to keep moving forward on the march to Canada, drove the British gun ships from the waters of Lake Champlain, and rallied retreating troops to turn an imminent loss into a glorious victory at the Battle of Saratoga.

And then he plotted to surrender West Point to the enemy.

Well, you can read some of these books, or you can attend the April meeting and learn what made this Patriot betray his country. The April program will look at his distinguished military record and the events of his betrayal. But, you will also come to understand how both series of events were part of the same person.

The April meeting will be at **noon Saturday the 18th at the Upper Arlington MCL Cafeteria** in the Kingsdale Center. We were there last October and had the largest attendance in recent memory, so we will be back.

MAKE A NOTE: SATURDAY NOON, APRIL 18 AT THE UPPER ARLINGTON MCL



OSU Army ROTC honoree

David Birlhelmer presents the SAR Silver Medal to Allen Hoyt at the OSU Army ROTC Recognition Ceremony March 12. After graduation, the Thomas Worthington H.S. alum plans to be part of a forward reconnaissance unit.



March meeting includes guests from three other Chapters

The March meeting included welcomed guests from the Cincinnati, Hocking Valley, and Marietta Chapters. Included were David Nessley, Bob Davis (far left), and Keith Kaufman from Hocking Valley; Paul Wilke and James Schaffer (third and fourth from left) from Cincinnati, and Steve Frash (kneeling center) from Marietta. Keith Kaufman took the photo.

Reminder about biographies of members' Patriot Ancestors

Members are reminded to write a short biography of their Patriot Ancestor and send it to Chapter Secretary Chuck Finley at cfinley@csc.edu by May 1. He will put them into the prescribed format and send the collection onto National Headquarters for placement on the National SAR website to assist men seeking membership. Content should include Ancestor's birth and death dates, patriotic service, spouse's name, and children.