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NEWSLETTER June 2015

June meeting will be Thursday night at The Florentine Restaurant

The June meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday June 18 at The Florentine Restaurant. Last June featured a dinner meeting at the Florentine that was very well attended--especially by members whose day jobs prevent their getting to Friday luncheon meetings. An additional advantage to a dinner meeting at The Florentine is that it will be on the ground floor, thereby eliminating the need to use the steps to the basement.

The program will be presented by Chapter Registrar Kevin Teaford, who will follow Don Miller's April program on the first half of the Southern Campaign with an examination of the second half. Kevin will explain how the early British victories in South Carolina and Georgia were dramatically reversed after General Nathanael Greene and Colonel Daniel Morgan were placed in charge of Patriot forces there and put together a string of victories.

Featured in this PowerPoint program will be minor conflicts as well as the major victories of the Battle of Cowpens that eliminated Lord Cornwallis's cavalry, the Race to the Dan that depleted his supplies, and the Battle of Guilford Court House that forced him to abandon the Southern Campaign and march to Yorktown to be transported by ship back to New York.

A rescue that never came.



Col. William Washington's cavalry closes the trap on Col. Banastre Tarleton's force during the Battle of Cowpens--a turning point in the War.

May program traced first stages of the Southern War

The May program began a two-part service on the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War.

Compatriot Don Miller explained why the British turned their focus to the Southern colonies and how that strategy worked well, at first. However, Britain's early successes were followed by a highly effective guerrilla campaign waged by Francis (Swamp Fox) Marion as well as a decisive Patriot victory at Kings Mountain in South Carolina in which Scots-Irish frontiersmen crossed the Appalachian Mountains to defeat newly recruited Loyalists who were intended to become Cornwallis's left flank.

These successes set the stage for the second half of the Southern Campaign that will be the program for the June meeting.

Colonel Francis Marion employed a fighting style that was both unorthodox and highly effective against General Cornwallis.



BF Chapter shatters quota for Patriot bios

An appeal from National SAR headquarters for chapters across the country to supply Patriot Ancestor biographies for the national website was met with enthusiasm by the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

National had set the goal of each Chapter's submitting enough biographies to equal 20% of that Chapter's membership in order to receive a Distinguished Chapter Streamer. For the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, that quota was 27 bios; however, the BF Chapter submitted a whopping 55 Patriot biographies--double the required number.

Hats off to Benjamin Franklin Chapter members whose Patriot biographies can now be found on the National SAR website.

Make a note of it
The June meeting will be
the 18th (third Thursday)
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The Florentine
901 West Broad Street

Meet the SAR's top American history teacher in 2015



Mr. Derrick Lindow, Social Studies teacher at Daviess Middle School, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Every year, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all of its chapters to nominate American history teachers for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The 2015 award winner is Mr. Derrick Lindow, a U.S. history and social studies teacher at Daviess County Middle School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Mr. Lindow has been able to bring the Revolutionary War era to life for his 8th grade students through in-class reenactments of the Second Continental Congress and the siege of Yorktown. He creatively bridges the past and present by having students create an Early Republic era social media project, in which students set up and interact with each other via Twitter, Instagram, and similar platforms using the personas and perspectives of the American founding patriots. Mr. Lindow already has plans to take a group of his students to Washington, D.C. and the Gettysburg battlefield this summer.

He received a \$1,400 stipend from SAR Secretary General Tom E. Lawrence (Texas SAR).

The second and third place winners of the 2015 American History Teacher Award were Ms. Shareefah Mason of Boude Storey Middle School in Dallas, Texas and Mr. Brian Howard of Wilson Central High School in Lebanon, Tennessee, respectively.