



# Benjamin Franklin Chapter

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Constitution Month

## Judge Amy Salerno to speak at September 18 lunch meeting

Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Amy Salerno will present the program for the September meeting. The topic of her talk, "The Law of the 21st Century: Compare and Contrast," should be very appropriate for Constitution Month.

Appointed to the bench in 2005, she was elected in 2007 to the current term.

Judge Salerno received her law degree from OSU in 1982 and was in private practice for 21 years.

From 1997 to 2002, she represented the 23rd District in the State Legislature.



Judge Amy Salerno



### State SAR honors tomb of unknown soldier at Fort Laurens

The Ohio Society of the SAR hosted its annual Fort Laurens Memorial Service on July 25 at the historic site of Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort. During the winter of 1778-79, the newly erected fort was attacked by Indians and British troops that then laid siege. Before the fort was relieved, more than 20 American patriots had died and were buried without identification. Each year, several Ohio SAR chapters and other organizations honor their sacrifice with a color guard and 21-musket salute. This year, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter participated in the ceremony.

# June program traces second part of the Southern War

The June program concluded a two-part series on the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War.

Chapter Registrar Kevin Teaford picked up the Southern Campaign by examining Gen. Daniel Morgan's brilliant strategy at the Battle of Cowpens to deprive Cornwallis of his cavalry.

These successes were followed by Generals Greene and Morgan enticing Cornwallis to expend resources chasing them through the Carolina back country before escaping to safety across the Dan River. The next spring, Greene mauled Cornwallis's army at Guilford Court House, forcing him to retreat to Yorktown, Virginia, where his army was trapped and had to surrender--thereby ending the War.

The May and June programs combined to make clear that the War was won in the Carolinas by commanders such as Isaac Shelby, Daniel Morgan, Francis Marion, and Nathaneal Greene.



*Gen. Greene's army stands firm against the British at the Battle of Guilford Court House.*

## Chapter earns flag two flag pole streamers

At the Ohio SAR Board of Management Summer Meeting on July 25, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter was awarded two flag pole streamers.

One streamer is for having submitted enough Patriot Biographies to the National SAR website. In fact, the 55 biographies were more than double the number required for recognition.

The second streamer is for participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Fort Laurens tomb of the unknown soldier on the same day.

In addition, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter is currently on pace to earn the Distinguished Chapter Award for 2015, which will constitute four awards in three years

**Make a note of it**  
**The September meeting**  
**will be**  
**the 18th (third Thursday)**  
**at 12 noon**  
**at The Florentine**  
**901 West Broad Street**



## Ohio winner takes first at National

*Sophia Zupanc, shown winning the Ohio SAR Oration Contest, went on to take first place at the National level. She is shown with Ohio Oration Contest Chairman Steve Kelley. Sophia was sponsored by the Western Reserve Society.*



## BF Chapter participates in Ft. Laurens event

*Chapter Historian Bill Finley bows after placing a wreath at the unknown soldier at Fort Laurens July 25.*