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NEWSLETTER January 2017

George Washington Birthday Dinner **Dr. Sims will focus on Washington as our nation's first President**

The 2017 George Washington's Birthday Observance will be Friday, Feb. 17. Once again the venue will be the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3141 North High Street. However, it will begin a half-hour later at 6:30 p.m. to give attendees more time to get through Friday rush hour traffic.

This dinner is the big event for the BFC and includes members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters and the Children of the American Revolution Chapter.

Last year's event was a glowing success, so we are working to repeat that level of satisfaction.

This year's speaker is Dr. Kevin Sims, Professor of History at Cedarville University.

Historically, when the topic is George Washington, the speaker usually looks at his role as the Commander of the Continental Army, but Dr. Sims will examine George Washington as the first President of the United States.

His topic is particularly interesting because, as the first elected President of a national republic in the history of the world, Washington had no one to emulate; and, even worse, no one's mistakes to learn from; so, everything he did set a precedent.



Dr. Kevin Sims will be the featured speaker at the 2017 George Washington's Birthday Observance.

Nonetheless, his instincts were good enough that his two terms were so successful that his administration served as a model for the many presidents who followed him.

Dinner Details:

Guests will once again be able to choose from three entrees—Prime Rib of Beef (\$29); Baked Salmon with hollandaise sauce (\$27); or Chicken Florentine (\$27).

All meals will include two chef's choice side dishes, a house tossed salad, and a dessert buffet.

January program: The Legend of Lewis Wetzel

Before and during the Revolutionary War, the upper Ohio Valley was being settled by a few hardy families who were regularly attacked by Indians before a teenage boy named Lewis Wetzel became the protector of the settlers in what is now the West Virginia panhandle and the part of southeastern Ohio that is north of Marietta.

The amazing exploits of Lewis Wetzel as an Indian hunter became well known to readers of three of Zane Grey's books about this area.

He was known to the Indians as "Deathwind" because how

fast he could run, as well as their belief that his rifle was always loaded.

He was so fearless that he grew his hair down to his waist to entice the Indians to try to get his scalp.

At the January 20 meeting, Mark Mahan will present a very interesting program that will reveal how one man was able to protect Upper Ohio Valley settlers from Indian attacks.

THE JANUARY 20 MEETING WILL BE NOON AT THE KINGSDALE MCL



Lewis Wetzel

Two compatriots receive 60-year certificates, pins

Recently, compatriots DeLloyd Roush and Hiram Van Buren received pins and a certificate to commemorate their having been members of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter for 60 years. They also flew war planes in the Pacific theater of World II.

Marine pilot Roush flew the Vought F4U Corsair, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying many ground support missions to assist Marines who were fighting entrenched Japanese forces. In fact, the Japanese referred to the Corsair as "whistling death." He also received the Air Medal with five stars.

Navy pilot Van Buren flew the twin-engine Catalina seaplane on night missions in search of Japanese submarines that would surface at night to charge their batteries. "Our plane was painted black and we would

look for the submarine's wake because it would be the only thing that was not black against the darkness."

Hiram also piloted the four-engine B-24 Liberator heavy bomber and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on two occasions.

After the war, DeLloyd worked for an insurance company, and Hiram was an architect.

DeLloyd's Patriot Ancestor is Private George Roush who served in the Virginia Militia.

Hiram's Patriot Ancestor is 2nd Lt. John Ellis, who served in the Massachusetts Line.



Former World War II pilots Hiram Van Buren (left) and DeLloyd Roush each received an SAR 60-year pin and a certificate.