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# NEWSLETTER **April 2017**

## *April meeting*

# The two Patriots who financed the American Revolution...really

The April program will continue the theme of featuring very important people and events that are not nearly as well known as they should be. And, as such, April will feature Robert Morris and Haym Salomon--two very special Patriots who played an absolutely essential role in winning the Revolutionary War.

Morris and Salomon were among the wealthiest of the American Colonists, but what made them heroic was their willingness to reach deeply into their assets to provide the funds that George Washington desperately needed to pay his troops and purchase the food, gun powder, and other necessities in time to sustain the War. And they did this often.

Because the Continental Congress had no power to impose taxes, it depended upon the individual states to provide the funding needed to wage the war.

However, the states seldom supplied nearly the necessary funding, thereby requiring Washington to request Morris and Salomon to appeal to their wealthy friends or, more often than not, supply very large amounts of their own money.

Even after the Revolutionary War had been won, the new nation needed large sums to repay loans and operate.

Sadly, Morris and Salomon allocated so much of their wealth that they actually went broke and died nearly penniless.

Do not miss this program.



*Robert Morris*

*Haym Salomon*

**MAKE A NOTE OF IT**  
The Next Meeting will be at noon on Saturday  
April 22 at the Kingsdale MCL

# Five exemplary public employees recognized

As is the custom, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter's March program was the presentation of the SAR's Fire Safety, EMS, Law Enforcement, and Heroism Awards.

The 2017 recipients are Fire Lieutenant David S. Haley for the Fire and Chemical Safety Award; Fire Lieutenant Mark E. Hill for the EMS Award; Officer Gary Leister for the Law Enforcement Award; and Fire Fighters Justin R. Butcher and Kevin Johnson for the Heroism Award.

Butcher and Johnson were recognized for responding to an apartment building fire while they were returning to their station from a previous call.

Because they were near the fire's location, they were the first to arrive, so they reported the nature of the fire, entered the building, and went to the third floor where the fire was burning.

Despite zero visibility due to dense smoke, Butcher extinguished the fire while Johnson

rescued a disoriented resident from an apartment on the same floor.

Sergeant-at-Arms David Birtelmer presented the awards.

The meeting was attended by 25 colleagues and supervisors of the award recipients

*LOWER LEFT: Law Enforcement Award Recipient Gary Leister.*

*BELOW: Heroism Award Recipients Justin Butcher and Kevin Johnson.*

*RIGHT: EMS Award Recipient Mark Hill.*

*BELOW RIGHT: Fire Safety Award Recipient David Haley.*



## Fort Hayes JROTC cadet recognized

Compatriot David Birtelmer presents the SAR certificate and medal to Ulysses M. Toy as Fort Hayes High School staff members look on.

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter has a long history of recognizing an outstanding member of the four area ROTC programs as well as numerous area JROTC programs.