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# NEWSLETTER May 2017

## *May meeting program*

### **Fort Recovery: Its major importance in the history of Northwest Territory**

The May program will explain how Ohio's Fort Recovery played a very critical role in not only the history of Ohio, but also of the entire Northwest Territory, and, therefore, the United States.

This period was a time when our new nation's boundaries were being seriously threatened.

Although the Treaty of Paris had officially ended the Revolutionary War, Britain had not given up hope of annexing portions of the Northwest Territory; and to that end, it had enlisted several Indian tribes to attack Ohio settlers.

In 1791, President Washington sent Gen. Arthur St. Clair with more than 1,000 troops to quell the Indians, but his force was annihilated near what is now the Ohio-Indiana border.

Three years later, Washington appointed Gen. "Mad" Anthony Wayne to lead another force against the Indians. Wayne led

them to the exact location of St. Clair's defeat and built a fort that he named Fort Recovery, with the intention of recovering control of the Ohio and Indiana territories.

On June of 1794, a coalition of several Indian tribes launched an attack against the fort. What happened next started a chain of events that had a profound effect on the history of the region and ultimately secured the Northwest Territory for the United States.

Compatriot Bill Finley will present this excellent program.



*Rebuilt Fort Recovery*

**MAKE A NOTE OF IT**  
The Next Meeting will be at noon Saturday,  
May 20, at the Kingsdale MCL

# Westerville native wins SAR Silver medal



Ryan Buck was the recipient of the SAR Silver Medal presented to a member of the 2017 OSU Naval ROTC graduating class who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skill and academic success.

A graduate of Westerville Public Schools, Ryan is a mechanical engineering major who became interested in the ROTC during his freshman year.

This summer he will be participating in an aviation cruise, but at this point he sees his career being in the Submarine Corps.

*David Birthelmer presents the 2017 SAR ROTC Silver medal to Naval midshipman Ryan Buck.*



## 2017 New Members

Our chapter is pleased to welcome the following members who were approved in 2017:

- Brian Brinkerhoff, son of Compatriot John Brinkerhoff.
- Christopher Finley, son of Compatriot Bill Finley.
- David Drollinger, descendant of Capt. Jacob Bockoven, New Jersey militia.
- Douglas Ullum, Pvt. Benjamin Tallman, Col. Armand's First Partisan Legion.

## BFC loses Compatriot Drew Hinkle in April

Dr. Andrew Hinkle died peacefully Saturday, April 15, at Riverside Methodist Hospital at age 74.

Drew's first BFC meeting was June of 2014, when he explained that he had tried to become a member more than a decade earlier when he gave his family history and documentation to a chapter officer who lost it. Nonetheless, Drew had decided to make another attempt to become a member and, fortunately for me, I helped him with his application. I say fortunately because that is how I got to know Drew.

He was an interesting gentleman -- somewhat reserved, interesting, knowledgeable, articulate, soft spoken, personable, and a good listener.

Drew had been a psychologist, so when I was preparing a program on Benedict Arnold, I turned to him for insight in what psychological condition would explain Arnold's betrayal of his country.

Periodically, Drew would send me an e-mail with an attached interesting article about something related to the Revolution.

Compatriots who had the opportunity to talk with him at meetings could count on having an interesting and pleasant conversation.

I was very fortunate to get to know Drew Hinkle, and I miss him already.

*Chuck Finley*