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June meeting

The Battle of Monmouth: the plan, outcome, significance, and legend

The Battle of Monmouth has been closely studied, not only by military historians, but also by archeologists to better understand why it happened the way that it did.

The conflict was unique in several ways.

- It was the longest lasting battle of the Revolutionary War.

- Not only was it the only major battle of the war in which Washington and his commanders consistently outmaneuvered and surprised the British, his troops were able to match the British in hand-to-hand combat.

- It was the final major engagement to take place in the north.

- It provided yet another example of how Washington put himself in harm's way without getting wounded, much less killed.

Compatriot Don Miller will explain Washington's well-conceiv-

ed strategy for the battle, examine the sequence of the actual events, as well as Washington's moves to blunt Gen. Cornwallis's attempts to turn the patriots' left flank, then right flank, and finally the center -- all to no avail.

Also, the victory at Monmouth quieted even Washington's loudest detractors for the duration of the War and gave us the inspirational story of ...Molly Pitcher.



Molly Pitcher in action

MAKE A NOTE OF IT
The Next Meeting will be at noon this Saturday
June 17 at the Kingsdale MCL

Benjamin Franklin Chapter again recognized at Ohio Society Spring Awards Dinner

At the 2017 Ohio Society Awards Dinner at Blue Ash, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter was awarded the Distinguished Chapter Award for the third time in four years.

Of the 22 SAR Chapters in Ohio, 10 received the streamer to be attached to the top of the Chapter flag standard.

Prior to 2014, the Chapter had gone many years without meeting the criteria by participating in enough activities.

Each year since 2014, the BFC has added at least one new activity that is endorsed by the Ohio Society. In 2017, two criteria involving Color Guard participation were earned with

Compatriot Don Miller's marching with the Hocking Valley Chapter's Color Guard and participating in events sanctioned by the Ohio SAR or National SAR.

Next year, our Chapter is on track to participate in even more activities, so more Distinguished Chapter Awards are expected.



Representatives of the 10 Chapters that received the 2017 Distinguished Chapter Award include from left: Northwest, Benjamin Franklin, Marietta, Hocking Valley, Camp Charlotte, Richard Montgomery, Cincinnati, Firelands, Northeast Ohio, and Western Reserve.

BFC to enter Ohio JROTC 2018 contest



David Birthelmer will head up our Chapter's entry into the Ohio JROTC Contest next year. The Ohio winner will then compete at the national level.

2018 will be the first year for our Chapter to participate.

JROTC Lt. Hailey K. Cydrus receives the 2017 JROTC medal as the most outstanding JROTC cadet in Ohio.

May program proves to be a real winner

Bill Finley's program on Fort Recovery proved to be a crowd pleaser due to his colorful descriptions of how the fort's innovative design and the Army's technology so stunned and overwhelmed the Indians that their alliance of several tribes dissolved, thereby setting the stage for one more victory and the Greenville Treaty.