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September meeting

The Battle of Fallen Timbers and its crucial role Ohio's statehood

The September program will continue the theme of featuring very important events in the history of Ohio before it became a state. Previous programs were so well received that Compatriot Bill Finley will continue to delight members and guests with his unique style.

Although the Revolutionary War should have ended in 1783 with the Treaty of Paris, the British started to recruit several Indian tribes to attack Americans who settled in Ohio to, in effect, keep it under British control.

In response, President George Washington sent three military forces to subdue the Coalition of Tribes, but only the third one, led by (Mad) Anthony Wayne, was successful.

However, the British forces in Canada continued to pay and equip Indian tribes to raid Ohio settlers. By 1794, (11 years after the

Treaty of Paris) Washington had to send Mad Anthony Wayne back to Ohio territory to defeat a new coalition of seven tribes and British soldiers at an area just west of Toledo and near a **British fort on American territory.**

In the battle of Fallen Timbers, Wayne devised a clever plan to gain a decisive victory that forced the Indians to sign the Greenville Treaty that opened up Ohio to settlement and, by 1810, become the 17th state.



Gen. Wayne's battle plan used the cavalry to surprise and rout the enemy.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT
The Next Meeting will be at noon on Saturday
September 15 at the Kingsdale MCL

Membership continues to increase in 2017

With only 2/3 of the year gone, our chapter has already welcomed 15 new members in 2017, and there are more in the pipeline. As of September 4, our membership stood at 264, as we remain the third largest chapter in Ohio.

Five of the 15 are age 15 or younger; however, of the 10 new members who are adults, the average age is 45, which is younger than usual.

It should be noted that many of these new members have expressed a real interest in attending meetings and seeing how they can get involved. Of course, nearly all of them have day jobs and two live outside of Franklin County, so they appreciate that most of the meetings are scheduled at noon on a Saturday.

New members are encouraged to check out the chapter website and also receive two or three recent BFC *Newsletters* by



Five grandsons of Compatriot Randy Walker were inducted at the April meeting. From left: Ben Ambler, Levi Knuth, Gabe Knuth, Nathan Ambler, Samuel Knuth, and Randy.

e-mail to welcome them and introduce them to our chapter.

Our Chapter Registrar Kevin Teaford and his assistant Tim Mills have tried to take the hassle out of the application process by giving advice on where to seek the correct documentation

and actually typing the finished application for them.

It should be noted that our new members who apply through the Ohio Society also receive similar assistance from Troy Bailey, Tim Ward, and Ted Minier.

How many other Patriot Ancestors do you have?

The vast majority of SAR members nationwide have only the one Patriot Ancestor through whom they were able to join. And that's fine.

However, about five years ago, the Jim Shough Era began when he started to find other-Patriot Ancestors and submit one or more Supplemental Applications. Since then, several members have done the same.

If you have started to wonder yourself, just get with Kevin Teaford, Tim Mills, or Chuck Finley to find and recognize your Patriot Ancestors.



2nd V.P. Don Miller represents BFC at Ft. Laurens

On behalf of our chapter, Second Vice-President Don Miller lays a wreath during the SAR ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier at Fort Laurens last July. He also represented the BFC at the quarterly business meeting. This year was the third consecutive year that our chapter participated in this ceremony.