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# NEWSLETTER **October 2018**

## *October meeting*

# The Ohio Valley's volatile history during Pontiac's War in 1763

In keeping with our recent programs about the Ohio territory's on-going conflicts between the whites and Indians, compatriot Bill Finley will look at the period known as Pontiac's War.

After the British Army won the French and Indian War, Ottawa Chief Pontiac formed a coalition of tribes to continue fighting the British in

an effort to keep Ohio and Western Pennsylvania free of whites.

Pontiac was successful in laying siege to several British forts, until Col. Henry Bouquet became Ohio's savior by defeating Pontiac, ending the War, and requiring the return of whites who had been captured. The exchange was made at what is now Coshocton, Ohio.



*Col. Henry Bouquet ends Pontiac's War in the 1763 Battle of Brushy Run.<sup>1</sup>*

**MAKE A NOTE OF IT**  
The October noon Meeting will be Saturday the 20th at the Kingsdale MCL



The September meeting welcomed and inducted six new members, the largest group in many years. They are, from left, James Patterson, John Spoff, Michael Becker, Joseph Becker, Jeffrey Prephan, and Jonathan Havens.

## Six new members inducted at September meeting

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter inducted six new members at the September meeting. They are John Spoff, James Patterson, and Joseph Becker of Columbus; Jeffrey Prephan of Westerville; Jonathan Havens of Delaware; and Michael Becker of Powell.

Not only is the induction and welcoming of six Compatriots in one meeting the first in many years, it is also consistent with the chapter's growth during the last six years.

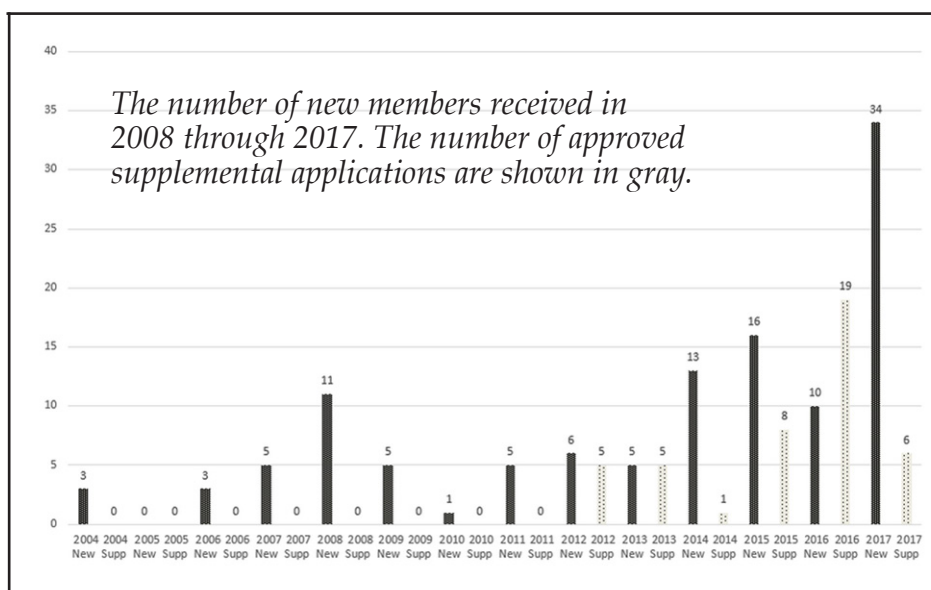
According to the Chapter's file of Record Copies, 2008 was the only year from 2004 to 2013 with new members in double figures (see chart). However, all of that changed in 2014 with the beginning of a pattern of growth that has resulted in the BFC's placing in the top three of Ohio's chapters for new members during 2016 and 2017, as well as regaining its being the third-largest chapter in the state.

This trend appears to be continuing because our chapter received 24 new members during the first six months of 2018.

As also indicated by the chart, the year 2012 saw Jim Shough begin to complete Supplemental Applications for additional Patriot Ancestors. Soon, other members followed suit as evidenced by the BFC web-

site's Patriot Ancestors page. At present, 10 current members have multiple Patriot Ancestors, and one has proven more than 25.

Members who have an interest in making supplemental applications can contact Tim Mills or Chuck Finley.



## BFC represented at Boone County grave marking

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter was among the Ohio SAR Chapters participating in the September 29 Grave Marking Ceremony in Florence, Kentucky sponsored by the Boone County Kentucky DAR Chapter. Don Miller laid wreaths on the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Boone County such as the newly

installed grave marker of Pvt. Daniel Goff, shown below.

