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NEWSLETTER June 2018

June meeting

The Penobscot Expedition: What happens when amateurs go to war

The Revolutionary War had many instances of victories being won through American cunning and military know-how.

However, when in 1779 the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts decided to launch their own military operation of 19 warships and 1,000 soldiers to expel the British from a fort in Maine, the effort was a dismal

failure due to a combination of an inept commander as well as officers (such as Paul Revere) who had practically no military training.

Bill Finley will bring his much-appreciated irreverent style to this program, which will demonstrate what happens when politicians decide to pretend that they are military strategists.



Ships of the Royal Navy sail into Penobscot Bay to put a quick end to the effort by Massachusetts to thwart the British attempt to create a colony of Loyalists in Maine, which was then part of Massachusetts.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT
June 15 Meeting Friday
noon at the Kingsdale MCL

BF Chapter receives another Distinguished Chapter Award and other accolades at 2018 Ohio Society Spring Meeting

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter was once again prominent at the Spring Meeting and award ceremonies May 4-5.

President Don Miller accepted the Distinguished Chapter Award, as well as the Second Place Award for Chapter Membership Growth, and a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf

of Compatriot Jeffrey Myers for his support of the JROTC recognition program.

Chuck Finley was presented

a certificate and medal for serving as State Chairman of the Brochure Contest for the last two years.

Author/historian draws big crowd at May meeting



Don Miller accepts a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Jeffrey Myers from Central District VP Bob Fish.



Tom Arend recognized

At the May meeting, Tom Arend was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the Fort Laurens project.



Alan Fitzpatrick

Historian and author of four books about the early history of the Upper Ohio River, Alan Fitzpatrick, drew a big crowd and did not disappoint as he painted a vivid picture of what awaited white settlers who migrated to the wilderness of western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Topics addressed at the May meeting included the kidnapping of women and children by Indians to become members of the tribe. Of interest was that most of the women preferred living with the tribe because women were equal to the men.

After the program, many members purchased one or more of his books, as well as artwork that he and his wife had painted.



New and not-so-new members inducted

Compatriots Richard Kaufman and Aaron Mills are inducted at the May meeting by President Don Miller. Aaron has been a member for over a year but had not been formally inducted.