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September meeting **Compatriot Doug Hamilton sheds insight on his Patriot Ancestor**

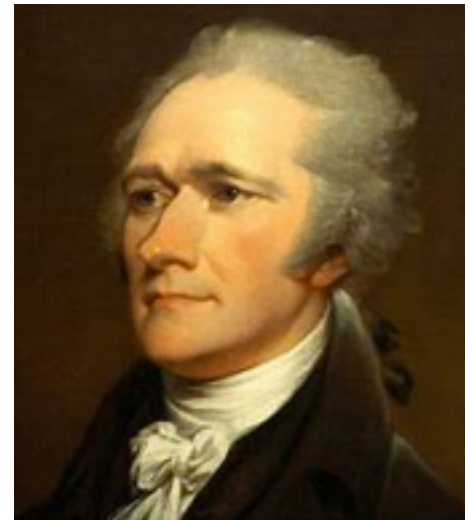
While SAR members think of Alexander Hamilton as being the first Secretary of the Treasury, and a hero of the Battle of Yorktown, the current Broadway musical *Hamilton* has added even more to his celebrity.

Fortunately for members of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Compatriot Doug Hamilton is a sought-after speaker on the topic of this Founder -- as well as being a direct descendant.

For many people, Hamilton is best known for being killed in a duel with Aaron Burr.

Our speaker will address why such a prominent and respected person as Hamilton would agree to a duel with Burr, a politician who was certainly not respected because he openly used his position and influence for personal gain.

Also, the duel itself was witnessed by only the two men who



Alexander Hamilton

served as their seconds, so the exact order of events has not been established. For that reason, Doug will present the three different accounts, answer questions, and let each of us draw his own conclusion.

So, if you think that this program is one not to be missed, you are quite right.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT
September 15 Meeting Saturday
noon at the Kingsdale MCL

BFC represented in two Fort Laurens ceremonies

On July 28, the Ohio Society of the SAR hosted groups from several states at the ceremony honoring the patriots who died at Fort Laurens, Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort. For the past several years, the BFC has been among the groups that place a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier.



Bob Davis, Bob Hill, and Don Miller at the graveside ceremony for Dan Mahaffie.

Dan Mahaffie buried with Color Guard

Compatriot Dan Mahaffie died August 14. However, when it was known that he was dying, his supplemental application was prepared by Compatriot Tim Mills and expedited by Ohio Society Registrar Troy Bailey so that it could be approved in time for Dan to receive his certificate.

At his burial ceremony, in Plain City, Don Miller, dual member Bob Davis, and five members of the Hocking Valley Chapter provided a Color Guard.

Dan was inducted at the September 2013 meeting.

This year, Don Miller again performed that function and also was part of the 21-musket salute.

Then, on Aug. 11, he and dual-



Bob Davis and Don Miller stand at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

member Bob Davis returned to participate with 12 other compatriots in an honor guard consisting of 15-minute one-man shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Don Miller represents the BFC during the placing of the wreaths.

Youth learn about the Revolutionary War

Liberty Camp is a five-day program of three-hour evening sessions in which young people learn about the Revolutionary War by visiting stations for 20-minute presentations on topics such as the events leading up to the War, the hardships at Valley Forge, weapons used, and the roles played by Patrick Henry and other prominent patriots. Liberty Camp runs during the last week of July.



Don Miller and Hocking Valley members share insight on the Revolutionary War with a group of youth at the Liberty Camp.