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# NEWSLETTER January 2019

## *Major change for 2019*

# George Washington's Birthday Observance moved to a luncheon

The 2019 George Washington's Birthday Observance will be a Saturday, Feb. 23 noon luncheon at the 94th Aero Squadron on Sawyer Road, just east of John Glenn Columbus Airport.

This annual event gives members of our SAR chapter and members of several local DAR chapters the opportunity to honor and learn about George Washington.

Our speaker for the event, Dr. Mary Stockwell, retired professor from Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, will look at "Mad" Anthony Wayne, the Revolutionary War General on whom Washington was able to depend during several battles.

Eleven years after the War, President George Washington called on his old and trusted friend to come out of retirement and succeed where two other Generals had failed -- defeat the coalition of Indian tribes whose vicious attacks and massacres had made the Ohio Territory entirely too dangerous to be settled.

In 1784, Wayne led his well trained army from Cincinnati north to build and staff Fort Recovery.

He then proceeded farther north



*General "Mad" Anthony Wayne*

to where he decisively defeated the Indian coalition at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, which led to the Greenville Treaty and the opening up of Ohio for settlement.

Dr. Stockwell will look at the traits that made Wayne such a successful commander and also share insights into the relationship between this imperfect hero and both General Washington and President Washington.

**A Registration Form for the luncheon is on the back of this newsletter.**



*Compatriot Tim Mills places a wreath on the grave of a veteran in the cemetery of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church.*

## BFC honors vets on rainy Saturday

On January 15, the Benjamin Franklin Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony, during which graves of veterans nationwide were honored with a wreath.

Hosted by the Worthington Chapter of the DAR, the event decorated three Worthington cemeteries -- Flint Road, Walnut Grove, and Saint Thomas Episcopal Church; the last of which includes the graves of two Revolutionary War veterans.

Prior to the grave decoration, a patriot ceremony was presented in the basement of Worthington Presbyterian Church that honored all of our nation's veterans.

# Kroger Rewards program proves beneficial to BFC's mission

Prior to our chapter's participating in the Kroger Rewards program, our only source of income was chapter dues.

Many members will recall the years before the Benjamin Franklin Chapter was represented at all State SAR meetings and became as active in the community as we have in the last five years -- as demonstrated by our having won the Distinguished Chapter Award four times.

Of course, participating in more SAR-sanctioned programs hosting the George Washington's Birthday Observance and bringing in more speakers for our monthly meeting programs are examples of the many costs associated with being a much involved chapter. At the same time, we do not want to increase chapter dues.

Fortunately, the chapter has

become involved in the Kroger Community Rewards program. So, when our members shop at a Kroger store, the chapter can receive points that translate into income.

The good news is that since 2016, our chapter has earned over \$600. However, only 19 members have enrolled. Imagine the income that we could be receiving if only one-half of our 167 members were to get on board.

So, if you shop at Krogers, please let Don Miller know that you want to participate so that he can help you get registered. Then, every time to go to Krogers, your purchase will automatically generate Kroger Rewards points that will provide much needed income for our chapter to sustain our programs and also keep our chapter dues at only \$12.

## January meeting to feature Eagle Scout Essay contest winners and a surprise

Our February meeting will be noon, Saturday 19 at the Kingsdale MCL. The program will feature the two winners of the SAR Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

Each Scout will read his Essay, while members take heart that patriotism still exists in the younger generation.

The first-place Eagle Scout will represent our chapter at the Ohio Society competition.

In addition to the fellowship that is part of each meeting, there will be the election of officers, and a surprise is planned, so be sure to mark your calendar for the third Saturday of the month.

<b>REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2019 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE</b>			
Number of persons attending <u>   </u> x \$24.00 = Total <u>   </u> Please send check made payable to the <i>Benjamin Franklin Chapter</i> for the total amount and mail this form to:			
<b>Don Miller 5927 Taylor Road Gahanna, OH 43230</b>			<b>DUE FEB. 15</b>
Names of those attending: 1. _____ 2. _____			
3. _____ 4. _____			