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October Meeting

How the 1780 Battle of Peckuwe made Central Ohio safe to settle

Was West Central Ohio the site of a Revolutionary War battle? As strange as it may sound, the answer is yes because 14 months before the Battle of Yorktown, George Rogers Clark led 970 Militia into the western theatre of the war to attack the British-aligned Shawnee north of Springfield, Ohio. The battle that ensued was furious and costly to both sides.

Compatriot Bill Finley will re-

veal how Clark managed the battle, how it turned out, and how it paved the way for settlers to come to Central and East Ohio to establish villages such as Newark, Lancaster, Zanesville, Circleville, and especially Franklinton and Columbus.

**Noon Oct. 18
MCL Kingsdale**



Before the Battle of Yorktown essentially ended the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Rogers Clark led nearly 970 Kentucky Militia (including Daniel Boone) in the battle that made Central Ohio safer for settlers.

Benjamin Franklin Chapter gains 20 members in four months

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter is setting the pace for membership growth as it received 20 new members during the four months of June, July, August, and September.

As would be expected, these gentlemen represent a wide and rich range of careers, education, and experiences.

We very much welcome these new Compatriots and look forward to their contributions to the Chapter's several activities and service to our local communities.



FROM LEFT: John Spehr, Steven Simpson, Nathan Dana, David Rose, David Mansperger and Bill Tate. John Spehr is transferring his membership from the Florida Society to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.



Representing the Ohio Society of the SAR in 2019 are (from left) Bob Hill (Hocking Valley), Don Miller (BFC), Bob Davis (Hocking Valley), Jeff Walt (Hocking Valley), and John Brendenforder (Cincinnati).

BFC participates in Battle of Point Pleasant Parade

Although the Battle of Point Pleasant was fought a few months before the beginning of the American Revolution, it is considered a part of the Revolution by the SAR. The vicious battle pitted the Virginia Militia against Ohio's Shawnee Tribes, with the Militia winning the fight and forcing the Shawnee to retreat back into Ohio.

Each fall, the battle is commemorated with a downtown parade featuring the Ohio and West Virginia Societies of the SAR.

Why it is crucial to pay SAR dues

At its inception, the Sons of the American Revolution became an active organization dedicated to ensuring that American citizens remain aware of:

1. The reasons for the American Revolution.
2. The patriots, famous and obscure, who risked the hangman's noose to participate in the American Revolution.
3. The founding documents that have protected our hard-won freedom.
4. The millions of veterans of wars that have been waged against those who would deny us those freedoms.
5. The need to remain vigilant of current threats to those freedoms.

Your Chapter, Ohio Society, and National SAR continue to advance these patriotic causes as stated in the SAR pledge.