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Sons of the American Revolution**
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November Meeting

Worthington's Underground R.R. and Anti-Slavery Society legacy

Our chapter will be in for a treat when Steffanie Hauelsen of the Worthington Historical Society presents a program about the local Anti-Slavery Society, Underground Railroad, and the life of Worthington-area African Americans before and after the Civil War.

Because Columbus was settled by many people from Virginia and Kentucky, in the 1830s there was a pro-slavery component. In contrast, most of the residents of Worthington, Flint, and environs had come from New England, and brought their anti-slavery convictions. Therefore, Worthington played a major role in advocating for the end of slavery and

served as an important link in Ohio's highly effective Underground Railroad.

If this sounds like a great program, you are absolutely correct.

**November meeting
Noon Nov. 15 Kingsdale MCL**



The Underground Railroad was in operation long before the Civil War.

Jim McCune talks about his Patriot Ancestor



After his induction and presentation of the War Service medal for his tour in Afghanistan, Jim McCune talks about his Patriot Ancestor Andrew Emerick.

BFC gets 50 new members in the last 22 months

Starting at the beginning of 2018 and going to October 26, 50 men have joined the Benjamin Franklin Chapter. To put that into perspective, 50 is more than the total membership of some Chapters in Ohio.

Our current membership stands at 179, which is third among Ohio's SAR chapters.

It is hoped that all of our new Compatriots will value the SAR and its role in enhancing our young people's knowledge of and appreciation for the Patriots who sacrificed and supported our country's independence, Compatriots who take their membership seriously by attending meetings, looking for ways to enhance the Chapter, and certainly paying their 2020 dues in the next few weeks.

Compatriots who do not pay their dues are automatically dropped from membership, and we do not want to lose you. So, if you have not already done so, please pay your dues this week.

Four Chapter offices up for January vote

Four offices will be up for a vote at the January meeting. Members interested in being an officer can choose from President, First VP, Second VP, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

These members can contact President Don Miller.



Compatriot Mark Mahan receives award for 50 years of continuous membership

At the October meeting, Don Miller presented Mark Mahan with a certificate in recognition of having been a member in good standing for 50 years. Mark also served our Chapter with a term as President and is on the Board of Management.

Looking forward to Washington Luncheon

Members who attended last February's George Washington's Birthday Luncheon will be pleased to know that plans are already underway to ensure another exemplary event on February 22, 2020.

It will again be at the 94th Aero Squadron and will feature a buffet with the following choices:

sliced sirloin of beef, chicken marsala, baked salmon with red pepper sauce, fresh garden salad, fresh fruit salad, vegetable medley, baby red potatoes, rice pilaf, rolls and butter, dessert buffet, unlimited soda, coffee, and tea. Adult beverages will



also be available at a separate cost.