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# NEWSLETTER February 2019

## *Change is well received* **Moving Washington Observance from dinner to luncheon is a winner**

Working with feedback from several members, Chapter President Don Miller broke from tradition and moved the Washington's Birthday Observance from a Friday dinner to a Saturday luncheon.

Two other changes are that the venue has been moved from the Clintonville Woman's Club to the 94th Aero Squadron and the choice of four entrees has been replaced by a buffet.

So, how are those decisions working out?

Based on the number of reservations already received, those decisions have proven to be right on the money. As of Feb. 4, there are 74 reservations, which far exceeds that of past years.

However, members who have yet to place their reservations can still do so by using the form located on the bottom of the back page.



*The 94th Aero Squadron is located on Sawyer Road, just west of Hamilton Road.*

## Long-time Compatriot Dr. Mark Saylor dies at Florida residence

Dr. Mark Louis Saylor joined the Benjamin Franklin Chapter in 1982 at the age of 61 and remained a member in good standing until his death on Jan. 12 at the age of 98. His National Number was 120058.

He was an exemplary member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Descended from Germans who lived in and around Berks County, Penn-

sylvania, he diligently prepared supplemental applications to identify and recognize a total of 12 Patriot Ancestors.

In addition he served our Chapter by holding several offices, including President.

He was as a prominent surgeon in urology, and he was affiliated with Riverside, Children's, and Mount Carmel West hospitals.

In 2006, he and his wife, Ann, moved to Cape Canaveral, Florida.

### Eagle Scout reads his winning essay

Gabriel Walker read the essay that contributed to his winning first prize in the Eagle Scout contest at the January meeting and will compete at the State.

## George Washington: what traits made him the right person for Commander-in-Chief as well as our nation's first President?

With the birthday of George Washington only a few days away, we should think about what it was that made this Virginia planter the man chosen to not only take command of the Continental Army, but also lead it to victory.

What's more, he was the clear choice to become the new nation's first President, then be re-elected; an amazing achievement considering that military leaders seldom become great Presidents.

Fortunately, Dr. Joanne Free-

man, Professor of history at Yale University, has identified five such characteristics that inspired the respect and trust needed by a leader.

1. He inspired respect by carrying himself in an imposing manner.
2. Although he very much had a temper, he developed a remarkable degree of self control that kept him from behaving badly.
3. He had a modest, reserved demeanor that made him approachable.

4. He was very skilled at sizing up a situation and reacting appropriately. For example, when he was offered command of the Continental Army, he said that he did not consider himself up to the challenge, but would do his best and ask for no pay-- establishing that he did not want to profit from the task.
5. He was willing to reconsider. When the Generals on his staff would argue against his battle plan, he would listen, think about it, and sometimes change his mind.

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**REGISTRATION FORM** Yes, I will be attending the George Washington's Birthday Luncheon 12 noon, Saturday, February 23. Enclosed is a check made payable to *Benjamin Franklin Chapter* for \$24 x the number of people in my party.

My name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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