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October Chapter Meeting Will Be Virtual

Yes – Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020. It will be held at Noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time on Zoom. Members should have received a link and codes in a separate e-mail from Don Miller.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85976751021> . Meeting ID should have been included in the e-mail.

Looking out across the 2020 calendar and all the changes, The Chapter President with the support of the Board of Management announced that the fourth quarter of 2020 will be all Virtual. The schedule will be:

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Noon

No Meeting in December 2020

Look forward to seeing you all at the Zoom Meeting on October 24, 2020. (Individual Members will be receiving recognition.)

The September Zoom Meeting was a huge success! Twenty-One people signed in from all over the state of Ohio. Bill Findley gave a presentation on Dunmore's War and the Fort Gower Resolves in late 1774.

2021 Dues Notice Sent-Out, Need Payment by Nov 30

The Chapter Dues, which includes chapter, society and national shares have been sent out electronically. Please send payment of \$57.00 made out to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter to Chapter Treasurer Bill Diehl in Grove City before November 30, 2020. This process works from the bottom-up, so the chapter needs to act early so that all payments are made in a timely fashion.

Look -Up Chapter Website

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter website is changing with the times. Steve Powell has been adding and expanding the website. Look-Up <http://www.bfc-sar.org/>. Pages have been created for the Calendar, Officers, Members, Ancestors, Joining SAR, Gallery, Outreach Education, Chapter Links and Other Links. This website is updated regularly and has the latest information.

Chapter Awards Presented

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter was recognized by The Ohio Society as a Distinguished Chapter with a 2019 flag streamer. In addition the Chapter received a patriot grave streamer for participating in the Grave marking in Allen County. The Chapter received recognition for its new member recruitment in 2019 and a certificate recognizing the Chapter participation in the 2019 Wreaths Across America.

Chapter members also received Ohio Society Certificates for their roles in Society activities. Tim Mills for new member sponsorship, Ray Sharritts for Society Service, and Michael Nimrocks received the designation as Captain in the Ohio Society Fort Laurens Regiment.

New Members to Chapter Received

While it is difficult at this time to see new members – please welcome:

William Mayberry

Scott Derick

William Lyman

Compatriot Ellsworth Recognized for Military Service

Compatriot Richard Ellsworth was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Ellsworth served in the U.S. Army between 1943 and 1946 as a communication chief in Central Europe during World War II.

After his Army service and education, Ellsworth served for five decade as pastor of Central College Presbyterian Church on Sunbury Road in Northeast Franklin County. In addition, Ellsworth has served over three decades as Chaplain to both Columbus Police and Fire Department as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He did service at Ground Zero in New York City after 9/11.

Compatriot Ellsworth became a member of the Chapter in 1971. Using his father's application to the Western Reserve Society dated May 1958 the family is a descendant of Aaron Ellsworth of New Hampshire who fought at the battle of Bennington.

Donations are Welcome – Money Pays for Community Awards

Any Direct Donations to the Chapter are Appreciated and Welcomed. The money will be used for the Community Awards including: Police & Fire, ROTC/JROTC, Poster, Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout. Dues do not cover all the Chapter costs for the awards, Please consider the Chapter in your Donation schedule. Checks should be made out to BFC with a notation in the memo section what awards to be supported and should be sent to the Chapter Treasurer William Diehl at 3341 Big Run South Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

Reminder : You + Kroger = Chapter Funds

\$111.75 was the total last quarter by 19 households from the Kroger Community Awards. That helps the chapter a lot but think of the amount if all 180 members were to participate in the program!

It is an automatic program once you agree at the check-out. Ask the Check-out clerk how to sign up. No one wants to pay more in their dues so we have come up with a painless way to raise funds. The Kroger Community Rewards program is separate from their Fuel Rewards Program.

Other than chapter dues the chapter takes in no other funds and this is a painless way to help maintain the strength of the chapter and expand our outreach services.

Also, A reminder to sign-up for Smile.Amazon. The process is outlined on the Chapter Website.

Recognizing Patriot Mathias Dague – Spring 2021

Mathias Dague buried in Northeast Franklin County in Jefferson Township will be honored in Spring 2021 with an updated VA headstone and SAR marker. Chapter President Don Miller is working with the VA and Township Officials to honor a revolutionary patriot and a franklin county commissioner. The Dague Cemetery is near the intersection of Johnston Road (U.S. 62) and Morse Road.



Chapter Travels



The Northwest Chapter on the 12th of September, honored three patriots - Joseph Deford, Simon Cochrun and William Rodgers in rural Allen County. Chapter President, Don Miller joined other members of the Ohio Society Color Guard, including the Hocking Valley Chapter members, to honor the three patriots.

Stay Safe

History is repeating itself – Please Stay Safe. Over 100 years ago the Flu swept through the United States and Tens of Thousands of People died due to the complications. In 1918, Philadelphia experienced so many deaths that mass graves were dug to bury the bodies!

This COVID-19 virus is real and it kills. Please wear a mask and keep six feet apart while in groups of people. Be sure to wash your hands or at least sanitize them if you are away from running water. Do not be a statistic or a story that we tell in the future.

The Chapter is adapting – virtual meetings and e-mails are now normal. Together, we can make a difference that will benefit all of us and the future.