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Participation In Year Ahead

Compatriots hello, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family are all doing well. As we are nearing the end of the year and this will be the final newsletter for 2020. I want to wish you all the best for 2021.

This has been a very trying year for the Country, the SAR and the Chapter. As you know, we have not been able to hold an in-person meeting since February and the last two months we have held our chapter meetings via Zoom. I hope the new year will bring an end to the pandemic so we can all get back to life as we've lived it.

For the last four years the chapter has participated in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This program donates a percentage of your grocery purchases back to the chapter. The chapter has a membership of 218 members and only 19 households are participating in this program. If you are participating in this program already and have your rewards going to another organization great, keep it there and if not please have your rewards go to the chapter.

The Community Rewards are different from your fuel rewards and in no way will it affect your fuel points but it is attached to your Kroger loyalty card. If you have the Loyalty card already you must go on line and sign up for an online account so you can designate where you want your Community rewards to go. If you shop online with Kroger now you already have the online account. It only takes 5 minutes or less to do this.

Once you have the online account setup look for the Community Rewards tab and follow the instructions, our rewards code is HG251. Since the chapter has been receiving rewards we have received about \$100 every quarter. Just think if we had 40 households participating in this program what income the chapter would be receiving. Other than chapter dues the chapter receives no other income.

This income supports all the chapters outreach programs such as the Police & Fire awards, ROTC/JROTC awards, Poster, Brochure and Essay contest, Wreaths Across American, guest program speakers and membership awards.

If you have any questions on signing up for the Kroger Community Rewards program please get with me and I'll help you sign up.

I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting the chapter for the year 2020 and your participation in 2021. – Chapter President Don Miller

Chapter Meeting Will Be November 21 - Virtually

Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020. It will be held at Noon Eastern Time on Zoom. Members should have received a link and codes in a separate e-mail from Don Miller. Colonial Currency and Coinage will be the bonus topic presented by Don Miller.

No Meeting in December 2020

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.

Chapter Officers to Be Elected in January for 2021

In January there will be an election of chapter officers, each for two years. The Nominating Committee has identified the following:

Secretary -	Bill Findley, reappointment
Treasurer -	Bill Diehl, reappointment
Registrar -	Jim McCune
Chaplain -	Scott Derick
Historian -	Open

Any member seeking to serve the chapter contact Don Miller, Chapter President by e-mail by December 1, 2020.

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

Chapter awards presented at the October zoom meeting.



Tim Mills - Chapter Distinguished Service medal for 2019

Bill Diehl - Chapter Distinguished Service medal for 2020

James Hilton - War Service medal

Nathan Dana - War Service medal

Tim Mills - Liberty medal (Ohio Society awarded)

Steve Kelley - Silver Roger Sherman award (Ohio Society awarded)

Bill Diehl - Silver Roger Sherman award (Ohio Society awarded)

Chuck Finley - Silver Roger Sherman award (Ohio Society awarded)

All the below received a certificate of appreciation for their service to the chapter except where noted.

Bill Johnson - ROTC/JROTC

Jim McCune - ROTC/JROTC

Nathan Dana - ROTC/JROTC

Dale Lehmann - zoom meeting management

Steve Kelley - Chapter newsletter

William Lyman - Washington Birthday program and dues notice layout

Michael Nimocks - promoted to Captain in the Fort Laurens Regiment (Ohio Society award)

Tim Mills - Second place in the Ohio Society as the first line signer of new Society member applications

Membership pins; 45 year Tom Arend, Tom Sherrill, Richard Ellsworth

40 year Henry Shaw, Matt Weekly

35 year Steve Altic, Jeff Boston,

30 year Ray Sharritts

25 year David Birthelmer

20 year George Miller, Fred Lowry, Steve Brubaker, Bill Diehl

The 2020 Flag Certificate was presented to Mark Wahlberg Chevrolet.

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.

Wreaths Across America – Dec. 19

Wreaths Across America is set for Saturday, December 19, 2020. The Benjamin Franklin Chapter will be joining the John Hoover DAR Chapter at the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery at noon. The chapter is sponsoring ten wreaths.