



Benjamin Franklin Chapter
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September Chapter Meeting Will Be Virtual

Yes – Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26, 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/79588398109> . Meeting ID should have been included in the e-mail.

Speaker will be our own Bill Finley and his topic will be “Lord Dunmore’s War”

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, September 26, 2020 at Noon

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Noon

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Noon

No Meeting in December 2020

Look forward to seeing you all at the Zoom Meeting on September 26, 2020. (The Ohio Society and many Chapters have successfully held meetings on Zoom.)

New Members Since March 2020

Samuel Peck	Jeremy Davis	Robert Dunham	Donald Erskine Jr
Rodney Keller	John Todaro	Scott Wynia	Peter Beckwith
Charles Funk	Charles Funk II	Charles Funk III	
William Johnson, Jr.	Robert Colby	William Comisford Jr	

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

Police & Fire Awards were presented to Officer Don McCray – L.E. Medal, Fire Fightger Kyle Hunt – EMS Award, Lt. William Loper – Fire Safety Award and Capt. Richard Biancone – Heroism Award. After multiple attempts for a meeting during the pandemic, their awards were presented through the community departments they serve.

ROTC Awards were made at OSU to Army Cadet J. Cronk, Navy Midshipman T. Adams, and Air Force Cadet W. Walker.

JROTC Awards were made across the region to Highlands HS Cadet H. Wilson, Neward HS Cadet L. Cartel, Hayes HS Cadet W. Bobot, Columbus South HS Cadet C. Hartmen, Franklin Heights HS Cadet T. Henderson and Young Marines B. Carlson.

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.

Chapter Housekeeping

In January 2021, the chapter will have elections for the Chapter Office positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, and Chaplin. The final Tri-semester of 2020 is upon us, please start considering these important chapter positions.

In October the SAR dues for 2021 will be sent out via e-mail. The Chapter needs to turn the collected dues into the State Society which turns in the national dues all before December 31, 2020. It is important to stay a current paying member

Chapter Travels

On Saturday, August 15th the Kentucky Society SAR held their 15th annual memorial service for the Battle of Blue Licks. Due to the pandemic onsite attendance was limited and most attended virtual. The Kentucky Society put in a lot of time and effort to make this happen so that all that wanted to pay their respect to the 66 Patriots who lost their life on 19 August 1782, the day of the battle. Chapter President, Don Miller attended virtually like other Chapters and Societies.

If you would like to see this presentation it can be seen on youTube, search "15th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service".



On the 12th of September, Chapter President, Don Miller will travel up to Allen County, Ohio (Lima Area) to honor three patriots - Joseph Deford, Simon Cochrun and William Rodgers.

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. Enjoy the outdoor activities of the summer and be sure to follow all the local recommendations.