



# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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### **Patriot Grave Marking – June 19, 2021**

June Chapter Meeting will be Grave Markings in Northeast Franklin County. They are scheduled for June 19, 2021 at Noon. The first will be at 4758 Johnstown Road, Gahanna. The second where three patriots will be remembered is at 2591 Darling Road in Jefferson Township/Gahanna. The first is Patriot Mathias Dague Sr. buried at the Johnstown Road location. The second site will remember, Thomas Ayers, John Johnson and Andrew Hanna in the Jefferson Township Cemetery, known as Ayers Cemetery, no more than 4 miles from Mathis will be honored.

The first location is on the east side of SR 62 next to the Barn at Rock Creek Restaurant, just south of the Morse Road/ Johnstown Round About.

The Ohio Society Color Guard will be present with members from Hocking Valley, Cincinnati, Northeast Ohio, and Franklin attending. New State President Troy Bailey has confirmed his attendance. DAR Chapters in the area have also been invited.

### **Chapter Meeting went Live!**

After fifteen months of no meetings and Zoom Meetings, the Chapter held its first In-Person Meeting in May at the MCL in Kingsdale. We had 20 members in attendance and one guest – the maximum allowed!

The June Chapter meeting is a grave marking that will be in-person and then the Chapter takes a summer break to reconvene on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Law Enforcement Award Presented for 2021**

Columbus Police Department Officer Paul Coulter received the Law Enforcement Medal on May 27, 2021.

Mansfield Grave Marking on May 16. Three Patriots Remembered



Ashtabula County Grave Marking on May 29. Five Patriots Remembered.



## ROTC Awards for 2021

There are fifteen ROTC Programs in area High Schools and Colleges that the Chapter supports. The Chapter presented its first enhanced ROTC award going to Cadet Caroline Richards of the Grove City Navy ROTC Program. Cadet Richards also was awarded the Ohio Society Medal placing third statewide.



## Awards from OHS SAR

The Chapter received recognition at the Ohio Society Annual Awards Banquet held in Cincinnati on May 8, 2021. Chapter President Don Miller was present for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Banquet later in the evening. The Chapter received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Membership in the past year adding 27 new members. The chapter received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Chapter Growth and the Distinguished Chapter Streamer.

Individuals received recognition from the State Society as well. Chuck Findley received the Meritorious Service Medal, Ray Sharritts received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Don Miller received an oak cluster for the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Chuck Finley, Bill Diehl, and Steve Kelley.



## **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.

### **You + Kroger = Chapter Funds**

\$108.92 was the total last quarter by 21 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.

### **Smile.Amazon.Com leads to dollars for Chapter**

Amazon Smile rewards is fundraising for the chapter and 0.5% of your Amazon purchase is donated by Amazon. You must shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to have your purchase qualify or it will not be donated.

- A) Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) (not [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))
- B) Follow the prompts to sign in with your regular amazon sign in credentials
- C) On the next screen click "Get started"
- D) Type in 31-6050253 in the search box and click search
- E) You will see "National Society of The Sons of The American Revolution Grove City Oh"
- F) Click select
- G) Click "Yes" on this screen
- H) Follow any other prompt and you should be all set.

Remember you have to shop on "[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)" for the chapter to receive the reward.

### **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.

## 2021 Chapter Meeting Schedule

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Patriot Grave marking, Gahanna Ohio (on site)**

July (no meeting) Happy Independence Day!

August (no meeting)

September 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday

October 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

November 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday

December (no meeting) Merry Christmas!

### National Color Guard Events Schedule

Jun 12 – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill	North Carolina
Jun 19 – Bunker Hill	Massachusetts
Jul 04 - Independence Day Parades	
Jul 09 - National SAR, 131st Annual Meeting	Washington
Jul 24 - Ohio SAR Memorial at Fort Laurens	Ohio

### Ohio Society SAR State Officers

President	Troy Bailey	Northeast Ohio Chapter
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Jack Bredenfoerder	Cincinnati
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Lance Beebe	Firelands
Secretary	Don McGraw, Jr.	Cincinnati
Treasurer	Michael Blum	Cincinnati
Central District	Steve Kelley	Benjamin Franklin

### Member Changes

Frank J. Kembitsky died at the end of April 2021. He had been a member of the chapter since 2013.