



Zane's Trace

News of the



Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22, 2023	10:00 AM	Ft. Steuben	120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 3-4, 2023	10AM – 4PM	Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 17, 2023		Joint DAR/SAR meeting	Theo's Restaurant 632 Wheeling Ave. Cambridge, OH 43725
July TBD, 2023		Fort Laurens	Laurens Road NW Bolivar, OH 44612
August 12, 2023		Awards Presentation	Guernsey County Public Library 63500 Byesville Road Cambridge, OH 43725
September 2,3, 2023		Fort Henry Days	Site 1, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV 26003
November 18, 2023		BOM meeting	Hutton Memorial Library 308 East Main Street Barnesville, OH 43713

Current Officers of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR

Bob Tomlinson, President

Jeff Turner, Vice President

Larry Perkins, Secretary

Paul Mitchell, Treasurer/Registrar

Chris Forshey, Master at Arms/Genealogist

Paul Mitchell, Historian

Zachary Cooper, Chaplain

Notice

Fort Steuben's "Frontier Days" has been confirmed for June 3rd and 4th. We will be manning a table to discuss genealogy and the SAR with anyone interested. Hours will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come and join us. Admission is free to SAR Members.

Wanted,

Any member willing to share internet savvy with the Chapter in its endeavor to set up a web-site and establish an internet presence to support our new Cemetery Signage Project. All of us are aware of the time restraints of everyday life and would be appreciative of as much or as little as anyone could contribute. Thanks.

New Compatriots



Ebenezer Zane Chapter, President Bob Tomlinson welcomes new member Denzel Linn into the Ohio Society, of the Son of the American Revolution



Ebenezer Zane Chapter, President Bob Tomlinson welcomes new member Roger Jackson into the Ohio Society, of the Son of the American Revolution

New Compatriots, continued

Compatriot Denzel Sean Linn's patriot ancestor is William Linn/Lynn who was a private in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was born 30 Jan 1734 in Belfast in Antrim, Ireland. He died 23 Dec 1808 in Monongalia, VA.

William Linn/Lynn was a Ranger on the Frontier under Ensign James Lynch of Westmoreland County, 1782. He also served as a Private in the Companies of Captains Simpson, Parr, Colonel Butler, 1st Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line - 1777-1781

Compatriot Roger Lee Jackson's patriot ancestor is John Milligan who was a private in the State of Virginia and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was born in August of 1751 in County Down, Ireland. He died February 5, 1838 in Ohio County, VA.

State of Service: VA/PA Qualifying Service: Private

John Milligan was a private under Captain Hugh Stephenson, Colonel Rawlings and Captains Smyser, Swope and Colonel Swope of Pennsylvania at Flying Camp. He also served under Captain Isaac Evans in Virginia.

Highlights of the Last Meeting

Our meeting opened with the induction of the two new compatriots Denzel Linn and Roger Jackson.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for 2023. The floor was opened to additional nominations. There being no additional nominations, they were closed. The slate of officers as listed on the first page was unanimously passed.

Reports were given. Of note was the Audit Committee which met preceding the regular meeting to perform a combined annual audit and turnover audit to the new treasurer. Thanks goes out to Larry Perkins for chairing that committee.

Also of note was a report about the reestablishment of a website. The process is going slower than expected. A plea was made to the membership for anyone with web presence experience to step forward and offer guidance. It was also discussed that we may have to hire someone to design the site. Thank you, Jeff Turner for taking the lead on this project. If anyone has any experience with how to proceed do not hesitate to contact Jeff.

Gary Timmons reported that Wreathes Across America place wreaths on all graves in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies that were not decorated by families. This cemetery is on 292 acres and has space for 100,000 burials. It was dedicated in 2005 and already has over 20,000 graves. This is facts I got from Wikipedia. I think I remember Gary saying that wreaths were placed on about 15,000 graves.

New officers were installed by Larry Perkins. Besides all that Larry does to serve our local chapter, he currently serves as the Chairman of the Eastern



Larry Perkins, State Chairman, Eastern Division OHSSAR administers oath of office to Robert Tomlinson, Paul Mitchell, and Jeff Turner.

Highlights of the Last Meeting, continued

Division of the Ohio Society, SAR. Not to mention all the other state and national offices he holds or has held.

We then moved on to business. Bob Tomlinson reported that he has had better luck contacting private schools regarding the placement of patriotic books in their schools. Thus far Martins Ferry Christian School is currently considering the book *“Liberty or Death.”* In addition, the Sycamore Center in Steubenville has consented to the placement of *“Let It Begin Here”* The Sycamore Center is a interdenominational outreach program that provides dynamic after-school programming for over 400 students in the area.

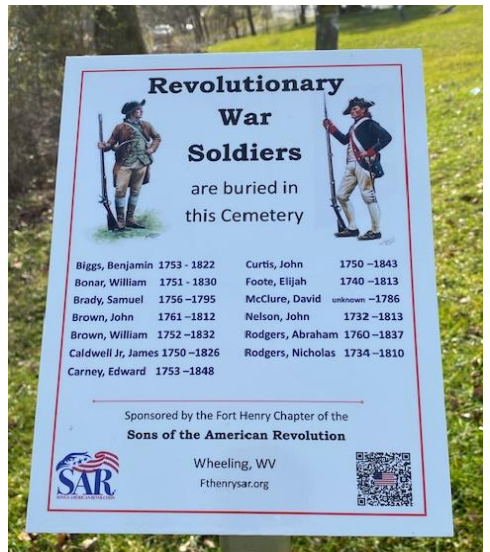
Larry Perkins reported that he purchased the aluminum sign base to be installed in Walnut Grove Park near the entrance to the cemetery that has the burial places of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Betty) Zane. He will be attending Martins Ferry City Council meeting on February 15th at 6 PM. He plans to ask the council for permission to place the marker near the Betty Zane monument. President Bob Tomlinson said he would try to attend.

We then proceeded to further discuss the importance of reestablishing our web presence back on line. This will be vital to our Cemetery Signage project. The signs will have a “QR” code that will be able to be scanned with a smart phone. This code will lead to our *site and more directly to the information about the specific patriots buried in a particular cemetery.* For now the George Washington Chapter, PSSAR will loan us a small amount of space on their website to accommodate the Walnut Grove sign to place the Zane information.

Finally the Chair of the Audit Committee presented the members with a proposed amendment to our Bylaws. This amendment is basically a “house-keeping” amendment that refines the audit procedure. It specifies the current authorized account signers be identified. The amendment reformats Appendix D *“Financial Audit Report”* to include more space to list deficiencies and add space for the committee to sign the report. It also further describes the duties of the Treasurer to include drafting a proposed budget for the next year to be considered at the Board of Management meeting in November. Once the budget is approved the Treasurer is free to pay line item expenses as they ore incurred. After discussion of the amendment it was decided to table it and vote on it at the next meeting.



Example of aluminum sign located Stone Church Cemetery in Wheeling WV.



A cemetery sign placed by Fort Henry Chapter WVSSAR is shown. It is near the entrance to Stone Church Cemetery. QR code is in the right lower corner.

Ebenezer Zane Chapter Goes To City Hall

Compatriots Larry Perkins and Bob Tomlinson attended Martins Ferry city council meeting Wednesday evening to present our plan to erect our first cemetery sign. Larry distributed handouts explaining the process and then proceeded to give his presentation to an engaged council chambers. The presentation was well received and several positive comments were made by councilpersons regarding the importance of preserving history.

Later in the meeting a motion was made to allow Ebenezer Zane Chapter OHSSAR to erect a sign at the entrance to Walnut Grove Park by the Betty Zane Statue. There was little discussion and the motion passed unanimously and we quickly expressed our gratitude. After the meeting adjourned several members of council expressed their gratitude for our continuing efforts to preserve history and educate the general public.

The symbolism behind the Cross of Malta.

The Cross of Malta is used by many organizations as medal or badge of identification including the Sons of the American Revolution. The cross is composed of a horizontal and vertical bar. The horizontal bar represents the greatest and first commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." The vertical Bar represents the second commandment, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

There are four limbs of the cross. The limbs remind us of the four cardinal virtues. The first virtue is prudence, learned by studying the past in order to regulate the present and plan for the future. The second virtue is justice, underscored by integrity of life. The third virtue is temperance or moderation in all of our actions. The fourth virtue is fortitude, with magnanimity and courage to serve God.

There are eight points of the Maltese cross. The eight points that you see in this are signs of the eight beatitudes that you must always have within you, and they are:

1. To have spiritual contentment.
2. To live without malice.
3. To weep over your sins.
4. To humble yourself at insults.
5. To love justice.
6. To be merciful.
7. To be sincere and open hearted. And
8. To suffer persecution



The symbolism behind the Cross of Malta, continued

Lastly, our medal has the bust of George Washington at the intersection of the two bars of the cross. This reminds us of our great leader at the time of the American Revolution. Surrounding his bust are the words of *libertas* and *patria* reminding us of our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

I promise I'll have more on the story behind the SAR Insignia very soon.

Miracles in American History

By Susie Federer

I'll be including articles (with permission) from the book "*Miracles in American History*" by Susie Federer. We tend to throw the word "Providence" around when talking about certain events in American History, but what does it really mean?

Webster's 1828 *Dictionary* definition of *PROVIDENCE*:

"The care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures ... The same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence ... A general providence consists of particulars ... By divine providence is often understood as God himself."

I'm hoping these articles will enlighten us as to how much God's hand has directed the course of this blessed nation's history.

"The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this - the course of the war - that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith..." General George Washington, August 20, 1778

Bob Tomlinson

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

"Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes!" was the order given June 17, 1775, by Colonel William Prescott. He was commanding the troops on Breed's Hill, adjacent Bunker Hill, which guarded the north entrance to Boston Harbor.

Providentially for the Americans, this being the first naval engagement of the war, the British had the wrong size cannon balls on their ships and therefore were unable to effectively bombard the American position.

British General William Howe had to disembark 2,300 British soldiers and charge them up the hill with bayonets fixed. Twice the Americans repelled them, forcing them back down the hill, until the Americans ran out of gunpowder. The British then took the hill, and burned the nearby town of Charlestown.

In this first action of war, the Continental Army saw over 1,000 British casualties and nearly 500 American deaths.

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL,continued

The same day, 300 miles away in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress drafted George Washington's commission as Commander-in-Chief, for which he refused a salary.

Washington wrote to his wife, Martha:

Dearest ... It has been determined in Congress, that the whole army raised for the defense of the American Cause shall be put under my care, and that it is necessary for me to proceed immediately to Boston to take ... command ... I shall rely therefore, confidently, on that Providence which has heretofore preserved, and been bountiful to me ...

I . . . got Colonel Pendleton to Draft a Will ... the Provision made for you, in case of my death, will, I hope, be agreeable.

General Washington rode to Boston and took command. Shortly after, Georgia's Provincial Congress passed a motion July 5, 1775:

That this Congress apply to his Excellency the Governor ... requesting him to appoint a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province, on account of the disputes subsisting between America and the Parent State.

On July 7, 1775, Georgia's Provincial Governor replied:

Gentlemen: I have taken the ... request made by ... a Provincial Congress, and must premise, that I cannot consider that meeting as constitutional; but as the request is expressed in such loyal and dutiful terms, and the ends proposed being such as every good man must most ardently wish for, I will certainly appoint a Day of Fasting and Prayer to be observed throughout this Province. Jas. Wright.

Of the Continental Congress passing a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, July 12, 1775:

We have appointed a Continental fast. Millions will be upon their knees at once before their great Creator, imploring His forgiveness and blessing; His smiles on American Council and arms.

On July 19, 1775, the Journals of the Continental Congress recorded:

Agreed, That the Congress meet here tomorrow morning, at half after 9 o'clock, in order to attend divine service at Mr. Duche's Church; and that in the afternoon they meet here to go from this place and attend divine service at Doctor Allison's church.

As the Revolutionary War began, Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull wrote to General George Washington, July 13, 1775:

The Honorable Congress have proclaimed a Fast to be observed by the inhabitants

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL,continued

of all the English Colonies on this continent, to stand before the Lord in one day, with public humiliation, fasting and prayer, to deplore our many sins, to offer up our joint supplications to God ...

They have ... appointed you to the high station you possess. The Supreme Director of all events hath cause a wonderful union of hearts and counsels to subsist among us.

Now, therefore, be strong and very courageous. May the God of the armies of Israel shower down the blessings of his Divine Providence on you, give you wisdom and fortitude, cover your head in the day of battle and danger, add success, convince our enemies of their mistaken measures.

To all compatriots, have blessed Easter.

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