

Zane's Trace

News of the

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

June 2022

SAR and DAR JOINT FLAG DAY LUNCHEON

June 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Mr. Lee's Restaurant
2000 E. Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

MENU:

Dinner Salad
Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Vegetable Medley
Pie
Drink

COST OF MEAL

\$17.50 – (gratuity included)

Payment at the luncheon

Cash or Check made to Moravian Trail Chapter of DAR

RESERVATION DEADLINE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 9TH

To Bob Tomlinson 740-827-8547 or email bobtomoh@earthlink.net

Current Officers of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR

Bob Tomlinson, President

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Bob Tomlinson, Treasurer/Registrar

Chris Forshey, Master at Arms/Genealogist

Current Officers of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR con't

Paul Mitchell, Historian

Zachary Cooper, Chaplain

Remaining Meetings and Other Events for the Chapter

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING OR EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
June 18 th	11:00 AM	Joint SAR/DAR meeting	Mr. Lee's Restaurant 2000 E. Wheeling Avenue Cambridge, Ohio 43725
July 23 rd -25 th		Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
August 6 th & 7 th		Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Steubenville, OH 120 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH
August 13 th		SAR Meeting	Cambridge, OH
September 3 rd & 4 th		Fort Henry Days	Oglebay Park
November 12 th	10:00 AM	SAR Meeting, Board of Management	Barnesville, OH

This is my initial attempt at improving communications to the membership. Please let me know by email or text of any additions or corrections that need to be made.

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 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

AFTER PRAYER, HURRICANE SCATTERS ENEMY FLEET

In 1731, off the coast of Florida, a Spanish commander boarded a British merchant brig and outrageously affronted its captain, beginning the War of Jenkins' Ear. In response, British Admiral Edward Vernon was sent to fight the Spanish, stopping on his way in America to recruit sailors, one being George Washington's older half-brother, Lawrence. Admiral Vernon then sailed to Spanish Panama, captured the city Porto Bello, and attacked Cartagena, Columbia. In his honor, Washington's estate was named Mount Vernon.

In addition to Spain, France and Prussia became Britain's enemies in 1742, with the War of Austrian Succession, when Maria Theresa became Austria's first woman monarch. In America, this was called King George's War. In 1743, the British took the French city of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia-New France's 2nd most important commercial city after Quebec, and 3rd busiest seaport in America, behind Boston and Philadelphia.

France wanted Louisbourg back, and in 1746, King Louis XV sent Admiral d'Anville with the most powerful fleet of its day: 73 ships with 800 cannons and 13,000 troops. Admiral d'Anville intended to "expel the British from Nova Scotia, consign Boston to flames, ravage New England, and waste the British West Indies."

Massachusetts Governor William Shirley declared a Day of Prayer and Fasting, October 16, 1746, to pray for deliverance. Boston citizens gathered in the Old South Meeting House, where Rev. Thomas Prince prayed: "Send Thy tempest, Lord, upon the water ... scatter the ships of our tormentors!"

Historian Catherine Drinker Bowen related that as he finished praying, the sky darkened, winds shrieked and church bells rang "a wild, uneven sound ... though no man was in the steeple." A hurricane scattered the entire French fleet as far as the Caribbean. Lightning struck several ships, igniting gunpowder magazines, causing explosions and fire.

With 2,000 dead, including Admiral d'Anville, and 4,000 sick with typhoid, French Vice-Admiral d'Estouville threw himself on his sword.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote in his poem, The Ballad of the French Fleet:

Admiral d' Anville had sworn by cross and crown,
To ravage with fire and steel our helpless Boston Town ...
There were rumors in the street, in the houses there was fear
Of the coming of the fleet, and the danger hovering near.
And while from mouth to mouth, spread the tidings of dismay,
I stood in the Old South, saying humbly: "Let us pray!"
"Oh Lord! We would not advise; but if in thy Providence
A tempest should arise, to drive the French Fleet hence,
And scatter it far and wide, or sink it in the sea,
We should be satisfied, and Thine the glory be ..."
Like a potter's vessel broke, the great ships of the line...
Were carried away as smoke... or sank in the brine.

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As threats of war continued, a Great Awakening Revival spread throughout the colonies. A printer in Philadelphia named Ben Franklin organized Pennsylvania's first "volunteer" militia and proposed a General Fast, which was approved by Pennsylvania's President and Council, and published in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, December 12, 1747:

The calamities of a bloody war ... seem every year more nearly to approach us ... and there is just reason to fear that unless we humble ourselves before the Lord and amend our ways, we may be chastized with yet heavier judgments.

We have ... thought fit ... to appoint ... a Day of Fasting & Prayer, exhorting all, both Ministers & People ... to join with one accord in the most humble & fervent supplications that Almighty God would mercifully interpose and still the rage of war among the nations & put a stop to the effusion of Christian blood.

Their prayers were answered as Philadelphia was not attacked.

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*Miracles in American History -32 Amazing Stories of Answered Prayer
by Susie Federer
(adapted from William J.Federer's American Minute)*

Future plans for information

Due to the need to get the information out about the Joint SAR/DAR meeting at Mr. Lees., I'll address the following information at a later date. There are tentative plans for other articles and other item of interest.

Past February's election results:

Unapproved Minutes of last meeting:

Ongoing Projects: Constitution & Bylaws

New Projects:

New Cemetery marking

Placing Patriotic books in School Libraries

Items of Special Interest:

Establish a 1ST & 2nd VP,

Website down, looking for someone to reestablish it.

Local Historical Articles:

Let me know what you think!!