



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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14, 2025	12:00 PM	Wreaths Across America	National Cemetery of the Alleghenies 1158 Morgan Rd., Bridgeville, PA
February 8, 2025		Ohio State winter meeting	Der Dutchman Rest. Plain City, OH
February 22, 2025	10:15 AM	Election of Officers Business Meeting	St. Clairsville Public Library 108 West Main Street St Clairsville, OH 43950
April 12, 2025	10:00 AM	Business Meeting	Puskarich Public Library 200 E Market St. Cadiz, OH 43907
May 2-4, 2025		Ohio State spring Meeting & Annual Conference	Austin Landing Dayton, OH
June 7-8, 2025		Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 14, 2025		SAR Meeting <b>TENTATIVLY Joint W/DAR</b>	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Steubenville, OH 43952
July 26, 2025		Ohio State summer meeting & Fort Laurens	Fort Laurens Laurens Road NW Bolivar, OH 44612
August 11, 2025	7:00 PM	Business Meeting,	Martins Ferry, OH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS, Continued

August 30, 31, 2025	Fort Henry Days	Site 1, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV 26003
November 1, 2025	BOM meeting,	Hutton Memorial Library 308 East Main Street Barnesville, OH 43713
December TBD, 2025 12:00 PM	Wreaths Across America <b>TENTATIVE</b>	National Cemetery of the Alleghenies 1158 Morgan Rd., Bridgeville, PA

## Current Officers and Committees of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR

Jeff Turner, President/Web Master

Jim Thompson, Vice President

Larry Perkins, Secretary/Genealogist

Bob Tomlinson, Treasurer/Newsletter Editor

Paul Mitchell, Master at Arms/Historian/Registrar

Frank Rogers, Chaplain

Cemetery and Grave Marking Committee: Jim Thompson, Larry Perkins, Frank Rogers,

Bob Tomlinson, and Jeff Turner

Website committee: Jeff Turner, Larry Perkins and Bob Tomlinson

Nominating Committee: All Members

## Wanted,

your consideration in entertaining the possibility in serving as an officer in the chapter this year. We are in need of a Secretary.

Larry Perkins, our present Secretary, is nominated for Genealogist this year. Although he has been performing as the Genealogist since 2016 the job is becoming more demanding as we have more applications come in. The nominating committee will present their slate of officer nominees for 2025. Larry also accepted nomination to the Secretary position for another year, since no one else volunteered. I'm sure Larry wouldn't mind if someone else would step in. All offices are open for nominations from the floor next meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Condolences

Denzel S. Linn, 57, of Mingo Junction, Ohio passed away on July 18, 2024 at Valley Hospice Care Center North. Denzel was born on February 21, 1967 in Weirton, WV a son of Denzel W. & Juanita Kokenos Linn.

Denzel worked as a General Manager for Advance Auto Parts.

Denzel was a musician, skilled wood-worker and a 3rd degree black belt in Martial Arts. He earned his Associate degree from Jefferson Community College before going on to earn a Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science from Kaplan University. Denzel was Adjunct Faculty at Eastern Gateway Community College. Denzel was a member of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution – Zane Chapter, Past Master of Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. Pilgrim Lodge No. 691 and a 32 degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite – Steubenville Chapter.

Denzel is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Denzel P. & Olive Linn and maternal grandparents Mike & Mary Kokenos. Besides his parents, Denzel W. & Juanita Linn, he is survived by his loving wife Roz Plotts Linn; daughter Kelsi Deniz Linn; brother Jason Linn and uncle Mike (Lynne) Kokenos.



**Compatriot Denzel Linn**

Visitation was held at Dunlope-Shorac Funeral Home, 215 Fernwood Rd., Wintersville, Ohio on Monday from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. with services at 11 a.m. Tuesday with Rev. Dr. Clint Quillen presiding. Burial was at Fort Steuben Burial Estates.

The members of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution convey our condolences to the family and friends of Denzel. Though his membership was cut short, he left a positive indelible mark on our chapter. He will be missed.

## Welcome New Compatriots

**Larry is working on some new applications, but we will have to wait until the next year.**

# Zane's Trace

## From the President

Greetings Compatriots,

Our meeting in August in Steubenville was attended by State President Steve Kaplan and his wife Patty. They appreciated the kind welcome they were given and were impressed with the successes of our chapter.

Since that meeting we've been very busy with a great turnout at Fort Henry Days both at our information table and our color guard.



**Patty, Kaplan, OHSSAR President Steve Kaplan, Donna Turner, Chapter President Jeff Turner**



**Combined Colorguard of the Ebenezer Zane Chapter OHSSAR, Fort Henry Chapter WVSSAR, and the George Washington Chapter, PASSAR.**

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## From the President Continued

Next, we held a sign dedication at Union Cemetery in Steubenville (our first in Jefferson County) that was attended by several contributors to the project.



**Contributors to the Jefferson County Cemetery Marker Project unveil the sign at Union Cemetery**

**Contributors to the Jefferson County Cemetery Marker Project and members of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR.**

Then, in October, we held a sign dedication ceremony at the Old Cadiz Cemetery (our first in Harrison County) which also was attended by dignitaries and contributors to the project.



**Invited Dignitaries, Contributors to the Harrison County Cemetery Marker Project and Members of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR.**

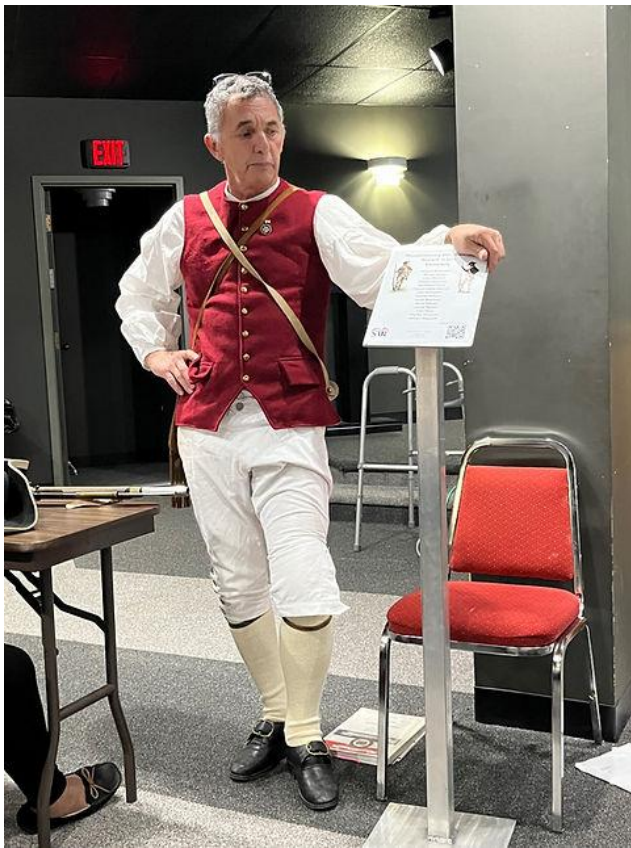
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## From the President Continued

We also received major contributions in Belmont County and additional signs are being installed and in the works in all 3 counties.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On November 13, Chapter Vice President Jim Thompson gave a presentation on Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Harrison County to the Harrison County Historical and Genealogical Society at the Puskarich Library in Cadiz.



**Chapter Vice President Jim Thompson giving a presentation on Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Harrison County**



**Chapter Vice President Jim Thompson presenting a new member certificate to his brother John Thompson**

He also presented a new member certificate to his brother John Thompson and received certificates (to present later) for his other brother Jeffrey Thompson and Jeffrey's son Thomas Thompson.

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## From the President Continued

At our meeting in November, we set our calendar for 2025. Please check our website [ebenezerzane.com](http://ebenezerzane.com) periodically for this and other information. It is being updated frequently.

We've met several of the requirements for Outstanding Chapter and with everyone's participation, I'm sure we can meet that goal. I'll be working to make sure we complete the necessary requirements and turn in the forms to receive the recognition that this chapter deserves for all our hard work. Thanks for such a great job this year and keep up the good work. It's only possible due to a dedicated group of individuals and officers taking the initiative.

Patriotically,  
Jeff Turner, President

## Miracles in American History

By Susie Federer

I continue to include 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

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**Miracles in American History** Continued**WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE (10)**

After the American victory at Saratoga, British General Howe struck back by driving the patriots out of Philadelphia. While 11,000 Americans died on British starving ships, another 11,000 soldiers set up camp, December 19, 1777, at Valley Forge, just 25 miles from Philadelphia. Soldiers were from every State in the new union, ages 12 to 60, white, African American and even American Indian. Over 2,500 died at the rate of 12 per day from freezing exposure, hunger and disease. A Committee from Congress reported: "Feet and legs froze till they became black, and it was often necessary to amputate them." Lutheran Pastor Henry Muhlenberg, whose sons Peter and Frederick were in the First U.S. Congress, wrote in *The Notebook of a Colonial Clergyman*:

*I heard a fine example today, namely, that His Excellency General Washington rode around among his army yesterday and admonished each and every one to fear God, to put away the wickedness ... and to practice the Christian virtues ... God has ... marvelously, preserved him from harm in the midst of countless perils, ambushes, fatigues.*

On December 24, 1983, President Ronald Reagan stated in a Radio Address:

*The image of George Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow is one of the most famous in American history.*

Hessian Major Carl Leopold Baurmeister noted the only thing that kept the American army from disintegrating was their "spirit of liberty." In February, 1778, Prussian Officer Baron von Steuben arrived to train and drills the American volunteers, transforming them into an army. On April 21, 1778, Washington wrote to Lt. Col. John Banister:

*No history ... can furnish an instance of an army's suffering such uncommon hardships as ours has done, and bearing them with the same patience and fortitude – To see men without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lay on, without shoes, by which their marches might be traced by the blood from their feet, and almost as often without provisions ... marching through frost and snow, and at Christmas taking up their winter quarters within a day's march of the enemy, without a house or hut to cover them ... and submitting to it without a murmur, is a mark of patience and obedience which in my opinion can scarce be paralleled.*

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## Miracles in American History Continued

Successfully keeping the army intact through the devastating winter, Washington issued the order from Valley Forge, April 12, 1778:

*The Honorable Congress having thought proper to recommend to the United States of America to set apart Wednesday, the 22nd inst., to be observed as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, that at one time, and with one voice, the righteous dispensations of Providence may be acknowledged, and His goodness and mercy towards our arms supplicated and implored: The General directs that the day shall be most religiously observed in the Army; that no work shall be done thereon, and that the several chaplains do prepare discourses.*

On May 2, 1778, Washington ordered:

*The Commander-in-Chief directs that Divine service be performed every Sunday ... To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian.*

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**Color Guard, Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR looks on at the Jefferson County Cemetery Marker dedication. L to R Jamie Price, Jim Thompson, and Chapter Color Guard Commander Larry Perkins.**



**Color Guard, Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR presents colors at the Jefferson County Cemetery Marker dedication. L to R Color Guard Commander Larry Perkins, Bob Tomlinson, Jim Thompson, Gary Timmons, and Jamie Price.**