



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

April 13, 2024	10:00 AM	Business Meeting	Puskarich Public Library 200 E Market St. Cadiz, OH 43907
June 1, 2024		Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 8, 2024		Joint DAR/SAR meeting	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Steubenville, OH 43952
July 27, 2024	11:00 AM	Fort Laurens/SAR Memorial Service	11067 Ft. Laurens Road NW Bolivar, OH 44612
August 3, 2024		Business Meeting	Schiappa Library 4141 Mall Drive Steubenville, Oh 43952
August 31, September 1, 2024		Fort Henry Days	Site 1, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV 26003
November 2, 2024		BOM meeting	Hutton Memorial Library 308 East Main Street Barnesville, OH 43713

### **Current Officers 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

# Zane's Trace

## From the President

Greetings Compatriots:

What an exciting time to be a compatriot in the Ebenezer Zane Chapter of the SAR! Did you know we are celebrating 25 years since our chapter was founded? While we are adding new members and continuing our many educational and community outreach activities, we are embarking on our largest project in many years! In line with the purpose of the SAR "to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American People", we will be placing permanent informational signs at cemeteries throughout our area in Eastern Ohio informing visitors that Revolutionary Patriots are buried there. The George Washington Chapter in Western Pennsylvania initiated the project in their area and graciously allowed other SAR Chapters to use their same system. A new committee chaired by Compatriots Jim Thompson and including Frank Rogers Sr., Larry Perkins and others is overseeing this project. They've acquired both public and private funding to cover the expenses and enlisted local high school welding students in Harrison and Jefferson Counties to manufacture the signs. The committee will also be responsible for gaining necessary permissions, scheduling and publicity. We've benefited greatly from our previous major project of publishing five books with information on Revolutionary Patriots buried in our area.

We've also created a website ([ebenezerzane.com](http://ebenezerzane.com)) primarily as part of the project but with additional benefits. Each sign will include the names of the patriots buried in the cemetery and our website address along with a QR Code which points to the additional information on each individual contained on our website. Other features of the site include a statement of the SAR purpose, a brief history of our chapter, a calendar of events, a list of officers, a list of activities, detailed information on the patriots buried in local cemeteries, archived newsletters and photos of activities. The website will grow and evolve to provide a valuable resource to our members and to the public. A new committee chaired by Compatriots Jeff Turner and including Bob Tomlinson and Larry Perkins was created to oversee this effort.

Finally, I'm honored to take the reins as leader of the chapter following many capable individuals who have laid a solid foundation. We are also blessed with dedicated officers and members who work well together to promote patriotism and education.

If you're new to the chapter or have been inactive, now is a great time to ask, how can I be more involved? Your contributions of time and talent are highly valued and will be put to great use. Thank you!

Patriotically,  
Jeff Turner, President

## Welcome New Compatriot

William James Price (Jamie) was inducted into our chapter by, now, past president, Bob Tomlinson at our last meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024. Jamie's patriot ancestor was David Belknap who served as a Private in Capt Roswell Grant, Colonel Obadiah Johnson's Regt CT Troops in the state of Connecticut. David and his wife eventually lived in Harrison County, Ohio.

# Zane's Trace Web Site Report

As reported at the last meeting we are online:

Website committee was created consisting of Bob Tomlinson, Larry Perkins and Jeff Turner. In addition to the information below Jeff has added an "Activities" page listing our current projects.

## Welcome to our new website!

**Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR**  
**www.ebenezerzane.com**

Site created by Tim Nebel

Edited & maintained by Jeff Turner



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*Viewer Contact information  
form included on every  
page.*



*Sample of Cemetery Records*

**Belmont, Martins Ferry,  
Walnut Grove Cemetery**



## 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

### **IN THEIR LOWEST STATE, WASHINGTON "INSPIRED BY HEAVEN" LEADS TO VICTORY (8)**

After the amazing evacuation from Brooklyn Heights, Washington sought to know British plans so 21-year-old Nathan Hale volunteered as a spy. He was caught and hung. His last words were: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

The Continental Army was chased out of New York, across New Jersey, and into Pennsylvania. In six months, ranks dwindled from 20,000 to 2,000 exhausted soldiers who were planning to leave at year's end, as they had only enlisted for six months.

Philadelphia was in panic, expecting a British invasion. The Continental Congress packed up and fled, giving their last instruction: "... until Congress shall otherwise order, General Washington shall be possessed of full power to order and direct all things."

Washington had Thomas Paine's pamphlet, **The American Crisis**, read to his troops:

*These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country ... Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph ... Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated ...*

*In the 15th century the whole English army ... was driven back ... by a few broken forces ... headed by a woman, Joan of Arc ... Would that Heaven might inspire some Jersey maid to spirit up her countrymen ...*

With the password for his military operation being "Victory or Death," Washington's troops crossed the ice-filled Delaware River on Christmas Day evening in a blizzard. Trudging through blinding snow, with one soldier freezing to death on the march, they attacked Trenton, New Jersey, at daybreak, December 26, 1776.

The feared German Hessian mercenary troops hired by King George III were trained to fight in an open field, and were not prepared for Americans firing from behind every tree. The Americans captured nearly a thousand in just over an hour, with only a few wounded, one being James Monroe, the future 5th President.

After winning the Battle of Trenton, British General Cornwallis sent his 8,000-man British army to attack Washington near Princeton, New Jersey. The night before the battle, Washington left his campfires burning and silently marched his army around the back of the British camp at Princeton.

At daybreak, January 3, 1777, Washington attacked. At one point, American troops under John Cadwalader retreated. General Washington quickly rode over, stopped the retreat, and then rode ahead of his troops to within thirty yards of the British. Turning and facing his men, he yelled "halt," then "fire." The British returned fire, filling the field with smoke. Many thought Washington was surely shot, being exposed to fire from both sides, but when the air cleared, Washington appeared, waving his men forward. Three British regiments were captured. Enthusiasm swept America.

Frederick the Great of Prussia called the ten days from December 26, 1776 to January 3, 1777, "the most brilliant in the world's history." Yale President Ezra Stiles stated in an Election Address before Connecticut General Assembly:

*In our lowest and most dangerous estate ... we sustained ourselves against the British Army of 60,000 troops, commanded by ... the ablest generals Britain could procure throughout Europe, with a naval force of 22,000 seamen in above 80 men-of-war ... Independence ... was sealed and confirmed by God Almighty in the victory of General Washington at Trenton, and in the surprising movement and battle of Princeton ...*

*Who but a Washington, inspired by Heaven, could have struck out the great movement and maneuver of Princeton? ... The United States are under peculiar obligations to become a holy people unto the Lord our God.*

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