



News of the  
*Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society,  
Sons of the American Revolution*  
www.ebenezerzane.com



## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3, 2024	Business Meeting	Schiappa Library 4141 Mall Drive Steubenville, Oh 43952
August 23 & 24, 2024	Dedication of General Anthony Wayne Memorial	Defiance, OH email rcf69xke@gmail.com for details
Aug. 31, Sept. 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

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## 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

# Zane's Trace

## From the President

Greetings Compatriots:

As we enter the middle of summer (and vacation season) I'm excited to report on a couple of our activities and projects.

Our chapter was represented at the Ohio Society SAR Board of Management meeting in Bolivar and the Fort Laurens Memorial Service and Wreath Presentations. New State President Steve J. Kaplan and State Secretary Donald C. McGraw Jr., as well as other state and regional officers, are passionate, encouraging and dedicated leaders of our chapters here in Ohio. The state's website [www.ohssar.org](http://www.ohssar.org) is a great source of news and events. I would encourage you to review this site at your convenience.

Our cemetery sign project continues to grow with the dedication of our first sign at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Martins Ferry, the final resting place of our chapter namesake and Revolutionary War hero Ebenezer Zane. On Saturday, July 6, we were joined by compatriots from the nearby George Washington Chapter, the and the general public for the unveiling of our sign. We were the top story of the day on WTRF-TV Channel 7 who covered the event. What an exciting way to kick off our project! The Cemetery Sign Committee continues to make great progress with over 25 cemeteries in Belmont, Jefferson and Harrison Counties now identified on our website and labels printed for the cemetery markers. Our next dedication is anticipated to be at Union Cemetery in Steubenville with the date and time to be determined.



Martins Ferry Mayor, Jim Davies, and several city council members unveil the new cemetery sign at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Please check our website [ebenezerzane.com](http://ebenezerzane.com) for upcoming events, cemetery updates and photos from recent activities. In the very near future, we'd love to see you at our August 3 meeting and August 31 - September 1 at Oglebay Park for Fort Henry Days. Your participation in our chapter meetings and support of our activities is highly valued. Thank you!

Patriotically,  
Jeff Turner, President



## Additional Pictures from Walnut Grove Cemetery Dedication



Ebenezer Zane Chapter members present for dedication ceremony standing in behind Ebenezer Zane's grave. Left to right, Larry Perkins, President Jeff Turner, Paul Mitchell, Bob Tomlinson, Larry Timmons and Jim Thompson



Combined Colorguard of the Ebenezer Zane Chapter OHSSAR and the George Washington Chapter, PASSAR.



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## Flag Award Presentation



Ebenezer Zane Chapter member Jamie Price presented A Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Richard "Brad" Bradley of New Athens, Ohio in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in displaying the Flag of the United States of America. Brad consistently displays an America Flag next to his home on a large, well maintained flag pole. Brad is a veteran of the United States Navy, having served on the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War.

## Fort Steuben Cemetery Sign Placed at Historic Fort Steuben

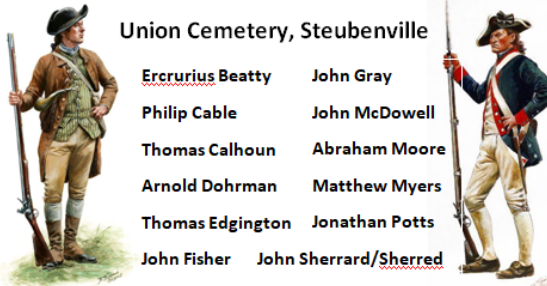
Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society, SAR manned a table at the annual Pioneer Days at Fort Steuben on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We get to greet the people that pass by and tell them about the Sons of the American Revolution. Of course, we always hear "Oh I didn't know there was a 'Sons of the American Revolution.'" I only knew for the 'Daughters.'" We offered to answer questions about local history and help people to start on their personal genealogy.

In addition, this year, we brought a demonstration standard of our cemetery sign for the local Union Cemetery in Steubenville. We got a chance to explain our newest project to the public. A great many people expressed their interest and thanked our chapter for their service.

On Sunday, as we were getting ready to pack up and leave, we asked Jerry Barilla, who was manning the reception desk (and who also serves as Mayor of Steubenville), if we could leave our cemetery sign. We had our regular meeting at the "Fort" the following Saturday and thought we might store it there. We were just hoping it could be placed somewhere out of the way. Jerry, who had just become aware of our project, practically insisted that we place it out front where everyone could see it. He personally picked a prominent spot adjacent to the museum entry. Someone mentioned that it's too bad it'll only be there for a week.

Those members still remaining, looked at each other, probably, with the same thought. We can "fix" that! At the meeting the following week, a motion was passed to loan (on a somewhat permanent basis) a sign to Historic Fort Steuben. A sample of the sign is provided.

Future plans include have Plexiglas brochure carriers fabricated so we can place membership brochures for those that may be interested.




**Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in  
Union Cemetery, Steubenville**


<u>Ererurius Beatty</u>	John Gray
Philip Cable	John McDowell
Thomas Calhoun	Abraham Moore
Arnold Dohrman	Matthew Myers
Thomas Edgington	Jonathan Potts
John Fisher	John Sherrard/ <u>Sherred</u>


Union Cemetery is located in the Steubenville Township of Jefferson County. Specifically, ¼ West Section 36, Township 2, Range 1.  
Street address: 17200 Market Street, Steubenville.  
GPS Coordinates: 40.3667, - 80.6344

For more information about  
the patriots listed above scan:




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## 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."

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**Miracles in American History continued**

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

**VICTORY OF SARATOGA (9)**

Her beautiful, long hair was scalped off her head by Indians after she was shot. This was the fate of Jane McCrea, whose loyalist fiancé David Jones had only weeks earlier joined British General "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne, who in June of 1777, was marching with 7,000 troops from Canada to Albany, New York.

Recapturing Fort Ticonderoga, Burgoyne headed down the Hudson River Valley, making a treaty with the Mohawk Tribe to terrorize American settlements.

When Indians returned to camp with a scalp of beautiful long hair, David Jones instantly recognized it as his fiancée's. The resulting outrage forced Burgoyne to tell the Indians to show restraint. Insulted, the Indians left Burgoyne stranded deep in the forest.

Jane McCrea's death, later immortalized in James Fenimore Cooper's novel, *The Last of the Mohicans*, rallied Americans, causing ranks to swell to 15,000. The British sent reinforcements, but they were prevented at the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777, when a sudden downpour of rain drenched the priming on their muskets.

British ships were also hindered, as Yale President Ezra Stiles explained, May 8, 1783:

*To whom but the Ruler of the Winds shall we ascribe it, that the British reinforcement, in the summer of 1777, was delayed on the ocean three months by contrary winds, until it was too late for the conflagrating General Clinton to raise the siege of Saratoga.*

At the Battle of Saratoga, October 7, 1777, General Benedict Arnold led a valiant charge on the British flank, resulting in him being considered the hero of the battle. Shortly after British General Johnny Burgoyne surrendered his army of over 6,000 soldiers to American General Horatio Gates. When news reached King Louis XVI in France, he decided to join the American cause, turning the Revolution into a global war, stretching Britain's resources around the world, including the West Indies and Europe.

Burgoyne's surrender is considered a major turning point in the Revolution and one of the most important battles in world history. Artist John Trumbull's painting of the *Surrender of General*

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## Miracles in American History continued

### Victory of Saratoga continued

*Burgoyne* is in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. General George Washington wrote to his brother John Augustine the day after the victory:

*I most devoutly congratulate my country, and every well-wisher to the cause, on this signal stroke of Providence.*

The Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving, November 1, 1777:

*That with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feeling of their hearts ... join the penitent confession of their manifold sins ... that it may please God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance ... and ... under the providence of Almighty God ... secure for these United States the greatest of all human blessings, independence and peace.*

North Carolina Governor Richard Caswell proclaimed, November 14, 1777:

*Whereas I have received authenticated intelligence that General Burgoyne, and the whole Army under his Command ... surrendered themselves as prisoners of War to General Gates I have ... appoint(ed) ... a Day of ... Thanksgiving ... and ... strictly enjoin Ministers and Preachers of the Gospel to embrace this opportunity of testifying, in the most solemn Manner, those Sentiments of Gratitude which the happy Event so justly demands.*

Signer of the Declaration Roger Sherman exclaimed: "This is the Lord's doing, and marvelous in our eyes!"

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