

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The 81st Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Pick Fort Hayes Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, June 20-22, 1963 with the Department Commander Wm. F. Powers presiding.

The following minutes were taken during the sessions, and will be considered correct but further references to the original copies and reports of the officers will be found in the Department Secretary's office, Chas. H. Bigley, 807 Glenwood Ave., Toledo 5, Ohio.

On Thursday afternoon, June 20th, 1963 at 4:00 P.M. the Department Council met for a business session.

The evening meetings were confined to degree work by the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans after which the Drum Corps from Mount Vernon, Ohio favored with selections. Those assembled were the Ladies of the Grand Army and Auxiliary as well as those from the Sons of Veterans.

On Friday morning June 21st, the regular sessions were called to order after a joint opening of all the three (3) orders in assembly. All the officers were escorted into the hall and introduced along with the Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver and National President of the Auxiliary.

The Sons of Union Veterans meeting opened in regular form, with the roll call of the Department officers. The following were in attendance:

Department Commander ---- Wm. F. Powers
Department Senior Vice Commander ---- Howard Sprague
Department Junior Vice Commander ---- John R. Decker
Department Secretary-Treasurer ---- Fred Pfiester Jr.
(Acting)
Department Council ---- Fred Pfiester Jr.
Chas. Bigley
Paul Grate
Aide to Dept. Commander --- Clyde Neff
Military ----- Col. Daniel F. Clancy
Department Patriotic Instructor)
Department Chief of Staff) W. Earl Corbin
Councilor ----- Wm. M. Coffin
Department Chaplain ----- Donald E. Mathews

Total Registration -	
Delegates	13
Past Department Commanders	11
Past Commander-in-Chief	1
Commander-in-Chief	<u>1</u>
Total	26

Due to the death of the Department Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Selz in February of this year, Fred Pfiester Jr. filled the office and will continue until another is elected during this session of the Encampment.

The first item of business to be presented to the Department was the reading of the Officer's reports as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Dayton 10, Ohio
June 20, 1963

To the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings:

My report for the past year of service as your Commander is as follows: My first official duty after being installed as Dept. Commander was to attend the National Encampment at Washington D.C. I attended every session and served on the Committee on Officers Reports. I also attended various Social functions including the banquet.

Starting the Fall Season I attended the District Meetings at Mansfield, Salem and Findley. Sept. 10, I attended Camp meeting at Cleveland Camp #466 and later my wife and I met with the Cleveland Aux. #46. The next day we attended a meeting with Youngstown Aux. #2.

Oct. 1st. we attended the Meeting of Aux. #91 of Alliance, followed by a meeting of the Sons of McClellan Camp #91, where it was my privilege to install the new officers. Oct. 10, I attended the Christmas Committee Meeting at the Xenia Home for the purpose of pledging donations from various organizations interested in the welfare of the students.

On Oct. 23rd, Mrs. Marjorie Grate, Dept. President of the Aux., my wife and I were guests of Radio Station WHHH in a radio broadcast and in the afternoon we were guests of T.V. Station WFMJ, Youngstown, where we gave a brief account of the activities and purposes of our Organization. On Nov. 19, T.V. Station WEWS, Cleveland proclaimed it Sons of Veterans and Aux. Day at which time we were interviewed as to our activities and purpose.

At Christmas time I visited the O.S. & S.O. Home at Xenia, Ohio with a very good representation of the Sons and Aux. members of the Christmas Committees, where we assisted in packaging gifts for the Students and visited with them as we know this Institution is our living Memorial to the G.A.R.

Feb. 11th I attended a Lincoln Day banquet at Alliance, Ohio, and on Feb. 12th, the Lincoln Day Banquet, given by the Lincoln Day Committee of Cleveland. Feb. 23rd, I attended another Lincoln and Washington Dinner given by the Ladies of the G.A.R. Womans Relief Corp. and the Aux. to the Sons, Daughters of the U.V. at Dayton.

April 15th, I appointed my Counselor, William Coffin, P.N.C. to present a Floral Wreath at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln in the name of the Ohio Dept.

I attended various official functions carrying greetings, and representing the Ohio Dept. of Sons to the Ladies of the G.A.R. Womans Relief Corps, and attended the banquet of the D.U.V. convention at Cincinnati June 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F.C. & L.

William F. Powers, Commander

Recommend acceptance and give vote of thanks to the Commander for his efforts.

June 17, 1963

To The Officers and Members of the
Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War.

Greetings:

The following is a report prepared by me, as acting for the Department Secretary-Treasurer, as required by the Ohio Department, to inform the membership of the condition of the membership and finances of the Department.

As all of you are aware, I was appointed to act for the Dep't. Sec'y-Treas. until our Annual Encampment to be held this June 20-22, at which time a regular Sec'y-Treas. would be duly elected and installed.

All of the arrangements made were set forth on Department Special Order #3, Series 1962-63, dated March 18th, 1963. This meeting was called by Commander Powers who asked that the members of Council and PCinC Wm. M. Coffin, meet with him at the home of our late Sec'y., Wm. A. Selz, in Dayton, Ohio, to determine what was to be done until a new Sec'y-Treas. could be elected. Copies of this Special Order #3 are available at this desk.

Since assuming this responsible position, I have sent the D-O #3, quarterly reports and have corresponded with Camp Secretaries, some of the Commanders and with National Headquarters. I have used a total of 235-5¢ stamps. I also tried to mail the DO #3 to as many members and to others, as I was able to find listed in Bill's records.

Some of the answers were good and some not so. A few of the Camps are slow to report and some not reported at all. I have tried to be as thorough as possible, but at times the chore is tedious. If all the Camps would report promptly, this office would be easier to handle.

The following pages and the two yellow supplement sheets will show you, in more detail, just what is going on within our Department. I will do my best, with the facts available, to present this as clearly and accurately as my limited knowledge of accounting will allow me.

The following information, as near as I can determine same, concerns the condition and membership of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans, Civil War. I will attempt to give you the totals, as I have found them, from January 1st, 1962 to the present time, Monday, June 17, 1962.

<u>Membership:</u>	<u>end of ... '61</u>	<u>'62</u>	<u>6/17/63</u>
Number of Camps paying per capita tax	21	19	18
Number of Camps Dis-banded	2		
Number of Camps Suspended	1		
Members lost by Death		9	
Dropped by Camps (including Camp Suspended).....		20	
New Members, Phillip Triem Camp #43, Salem		10	
Number of Members, 1962 report		290	
Number of Members lost, June 1963			29
Total Membership, including one at large.....			271

The foregoing figures include 4 Camps that are yet to report. The totals include the figures shown on their last reports. All of this shows a loss from 1962 report of Sec'y-Treas. At that time we had 302 members on the rolls. Death and non-payment of dues take their toll.

Insko Camp #25, Newark, disbanded as of April 12, 1962, having only one member left. Paid at that time \$2.00.

Col. George W. Cook Camp #159, disbanded April 19, 1962, having six members. They also sent in all of their money to the Sec'y, who at that time purchased a Government Bond with this amount \$111.57.

I suspended Clinton Orr Camp #35, Middleton, 3/31/63. Haven't reported since May 12, 1960. They paid thru 12/31/61, \$25.00, with a credit of 20¢ due them. I wrote a James Orr several times about this but so far have received no answer to the letter, card or the quarterly reports. None have been returned to me so I guess he received them. I request that the Encampment allow this and that Mr. Orr be so notified and to send to the Sec'y-Treas. all the records, Charter and any monies left in their treasury. They can, of course, be re-instated by paying all back per capita tax.

And, we still have 4 Camps unreported as of this date. Request special action on these. Further information is contained on another page of this report.

The following is information as to the status of our treasury. The yellow supplemental sheets following this page were prepared by my accountant who is a C.P.A. and the figures and data on them were used by him to prepare the Income Tax Form required of Patriotic Organizations by the United States Government.

Cash on hand (frozen) at National Bank, Dayton -----	\$380.00
Cash on hand at the Silverton Bank, Silverton, Ohio -----	<u>130.00</u>
Total in both banks -----	\$510.00

There was a 10¢ service charge at the Dayton Bank since our taking over and probably will be one at the Silverton Bank, both on the checks written and cancelled. This will show on the audit, as at the writing of the report I haven't closed this account.

To the above cash on hand, we can add three U.S. Savings Bonds that have been purchased in recent years. Two of \$50 and one for \$100.00. That is the total cash worth of the Ohio Department. Included in deposits made by me were donations, 1963, to the Patriotic Instructors Fund and The Chief of Staff Fund. A separate sheet is attached showing cash received by me and disbursed by me since March 1963.

We have two outstanding bills that should be paid. One to the Selz Printing Co., \$8.00 dated March 4, 1963 and one to Fred Pfiester for postage used, \$11.75. I suggest that these be paid as soon as they can. Action taken 6/21/63. O.K.

Listed here are suggestions that I would like to present:

1. That a Historian be appointed to gather important records and papers, pertaining to our Order from individuals and from the disbanded or suspended Camps. To possess their Charters and monies as prescribed by law. Also to try to keep members and Camps from dropping and to get new members. Some expense could be voted him or commission to defray some of the cost.
2. Elect as an Officer, a Dep't. Assistant Sec'y-Treas., to give him authority to take over in event of death or resignation of elected Sec'y-Treas. This requires a change in the By-Laws.

3. Suggest that delinquent Camps, now and in the future, be sent a registered ret. rec. letter telling them that action to suspend has been taken and that they are to turn in their Charter and property and send all remaining money in their treasury to the Dep't. Sec'y-Treas.
4. Recommend that all Camps not paid by June 30, 1963 be so notified and that the Sec'y be instructed to comply with #3.
5. To appeal to the individual members of suspended Camps to re-affiliate with nearby Camps or take them as Members-At-Large. This to keep them as members of the SUVCW if they so desire. Notify close-by Camps to invite them to join with them.

Data that has occurred since I assumed duties and states money received and spent since then:

Receipts:

Per Capita Tax and New Member Fees	\$128.00
Patriotic Instructor Fund	47.50
Chief of Staff Fund	25.50
Total	\$201.00

Disbursements:

A. C. Lambert, Nat'l. Sec'y.	
Ohio Dep't Per Capita Tax	69.50
A. C. Lambert, for supplies	1.50
Total	\$ 71.00

Cash on hand at Silverton Bank \$130.00

Note: There may be a service charge from bank at Silverton.

There are four delinquent Camps as of June 18th.

1. Gov. Dennison #1, 5 Quarters, 30 Members	60.00
2. McKinley #4, 3 " 2 "	2.40
3. Albert Galloway #11 5 " 4 "	8.00
4. H. Banning #207, 3 " 12 "	14.40
Cash total in arrears	\$ 84.40

48 members represented on which we have been paying per capita tax to National @ 25¢ each, equals \$12.00 every three months.

This completes my report. I would like to thank all who have assisted me in the functions of this office. Special thanks to Bro. Bill Coffin, to those who answered promptly and to the two girls who typed and mimeographed the Dep't. Orders, #3 and #4, Miss Mildred Marshall and Miss Helen Grothaus, both of Cincinnati.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Ohio Dep't. as Acting for the Secretary-Treasurer and I hope I have been able to add my bit to the progress that we should enjoy in the years to come. My only plea at this time is for all the Camp Commanders and Secretaries to do everything in their power to assist the new Department Secretary in his duties.

Acting Sec'y-Treas. Report
Columbus, Ohio
6/20/63

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Pfiester, Jr. PDC
Acting for the Dep't. Sec'y-Treas.
6/20/63

OHIO DEPARTMENT, 1962

AUDIT

OF

DEPOSITS AND CHECK BOOK

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Rtd. Check</u>
January	\$ 88.90	6.40
March	106.00	
April	245.17	
June	148.10	
	201.90	
July	70.00	
October	121.45	
December	91.50	
	<u>\$1,073.02</u>	

	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Bank Charge</u>
	144.25	.80
	95.50	.30
	176.00	1.40
	145.59	.60
	39.48	
	88.70	
	69.00	
	22.75	
	125.00	
	40.00	
	<u>946.27</u>	<u>3.10</u>
	3.10	
	<u>949.37</u>	
Jan. 1, 1962		297.05
		<u>1073.02</u>
		1370.07
	6.40	
	<u>949.37</u>	<u>955.77</u>
		414.30
	322.80	
12/31	<u>91.50</u>	
		414.30

Supplemental Sheet attached to Acting Dep't-Sec'y-Treas. report June 20, 1963 read at Columbus, Ohio Encampment.

OHIO DEPARTMENT, 1962

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Per Capita Tax	658.87	
New Members	32.00	
Christmas Fund	60.50	
Project Fund	124.00	
Gifts \$10.00 \$1.00	11.00	
Encampment Fund \$21.00 \$11.00 \$91.00	123.00	
Chief of Staff	<u>56.00</u>	
		1065.37

Per Capita Tax to National Organization-

	290.00	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	\$23.50
Salary (One)	200.00	14.00
Encampment Expense	94.57	15.40
Supplies \$14.45 less \$1.25	13.20	12.19
Postage	24.00	17.42
Printing	57.75	<u>12.06</u>
Christmas Gifts-O.S.S. Home - Xenia	25.00	\$94.57
" " -Madison Home,		
Madison, Ohio	25.00	
Regional Divs.	5.00	
U. S. Savings Bond	112.50	
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	11.00	
Project	72.00	
National Auxiliary	10.00	
Bank Charge	<u>3.10</u>	
		948.12

Bank Balance 1-1-62	297.05
	1065.37
	1362.42
	<u>948.12</u>
	414.30

Supplemental Sheet attached to Acting Sec'y-Treas. report, June 20, 1963 read at Columbus, Ohio Encampment.

June 15, 1963

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
81st ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR

Your Patriotic Instructor's report is very short. I did not receive any reports from any camps as to their patriotic work over this year. I knew that some camps are active as I get their reports by attending the District Meetings. I understand the following camps take part in patriotic activities on Memorial Day: Youngstown, Akron, Alliance, Salem, and Toledo but I did not receive an official report of this fact. I wish we could get our camps over the State to send in reports of their activities.

Our special project this year is for a very good cause. The Walkie-Talkie to the United Cerebral in Columbus. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, our Auxiliary, and the Ohio Department Sons of Veterans work together on all our special projects.

I hope that the members of the three orders will be pleased with the projects that we have each year. It means a lot of work for your patriotic instructors.

Thanks to all the camps and members who help make the projects possible.

W. Earl Corbin
Patriotic Instructor

Recommend acceptance and Vote of Thanks to Bro. Corbin.

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CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND BROTHERS OF THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department Commander: William F. Powers

Your Chief of Staff is a big job for whomever it may be. He has to plan for your entertainment while you are at the encampment. The Encampment Committees of the three orders meet in the town which we meet in each year. We hold four meetings each year at the hotel in which we hold our meetings. The Chairman of the committee has to arrange for all meetings.

This year, like all years, your Chief of Staff was Chairman, however, when you have ladies like Margarite Dayton, President of Ladies of G.A.R., Margery Grate, President of our Auxiliary, and Edith Niles, Secretary of the Encampment, the job is much easier and it is a pleasure to work with them.

Your Chief of Staff attended the District Meetings, the Lincoln Banquet, sent out about 100 letters to brothers in Ohio asking for donations to pay for our special project, and Chief of Staff funds.

I knew that quite a few of the brothers do not care to give but if we are going to carry out our plans, we have to donate, or give up. We cannot carry on without funds, so brothers, let's keep our camps, and encampments going.

Thanks.

Yours in F. C. & L.

W. Earl Corbin
Chief of Staff

Recommend acceptance and Vote of
Thanks to Bro. Corbin.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
The Buckeye Blues

TO: Unit Commanders
SUBJECT: Publicity
FROM: Brigade Headquarters

Brigade Order #6
21 March, 1963

THE FOLLOWING, TO BE RELEASED AT WILL, PROVIDES BRIGADE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND WHICH CAN BE USED FOLLOWING INITIAL FACTS CONCERNING PENDING EVENTS:

The Buckeye Blues Brigade is the largest such organization formed in the nation during the current Civil War Centennial, and is Ohio's most effective and colorful contribution to the centennial observance.

The brigade consists of the 1st Regiment headquartered at Columbus and the 19th Regiment headquartered at Alliance, totalling over 250 men, 50 horses and six field artillery pieces, representing an investment in uniforms, arms and equipment of approximately \$25,000 in addition to animals and vehicles.

Members of the brigade, carrying on the legend of Lincoln's Legionnaires, come from all walks of life--medicine, the law, education, journalism, business, factory and farm. Many have studied the Civil War for decades, making this not only the most complete but also the most authentic contemporary Civil War group in the country. It's ranks include men who have served in all branches of the service in recent wars.

The brigade, sometimes called "Ohio's Own" and "The Pride of the Union," marches and "fights" in a body. Marching to its own old music, the Buckeye Blues Brigade has thrilled thousands as it has swung down scores of streets on parade. In sham battles, the rattle of musket fire and flash of bayonets, the roar of cannon belching smoke and flame, and the clatter of saber-slashing cavalry bring back Civil War battles with startling realism. Audiences see, hear and smell the scenes of a century ago. At night, around camp fires, they sing the old songs.

The brigade is a unit of the National Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans. The SUV, formed in 1881 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1954, is the only male organization which was recognized by, and still represents, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Elements of the brigade have participated in many major centennial events at such sites as Philippi, W. Va., Manassas and Winchester, Va., and Antietam, Md., and in 1963 will take part in restaging battles at Hanover, Pa., and Morgan's Raid in Ohio, also participating in commemorative ceremonies at Gettysburg, Pa.

Fifteen units of the famed Buckeye Blues come from communities in Columbiana and Ross counties, and from the Cleveland, Columbus, Cuyahoga Falls, Mansfield and Akron areas.

Col. Daniel F. Clancy of Columbus commands the brigade and the 1st Regiment; Lt. Col. Thomas W. Hamlin of Alliance is Deputy Brigade Commander and commands the 19th Regiment.

THIS IS OFFERED SOLELY TO PROVIDE BRIGADE BACKGROUND. COMMANDERS SHOULD ADD OTHER RELEVANT NAMES AND FACTS.

Daniel F. Clancy, Colonel
Commanding

Department Senior Vice Commander-- Howard Sprague gave an oral report on visitations to Alliance and Dayton banquets as well as to the District meetings over the Department.

Department Junior Vice Commander-- John Decker reported his work on the Lincoln Banquet in Cleveland and the Crile Hospital visitations.

Department Commander-- Wm. Powers made the following appointments for the Encampment sessions:

Officers reports	Chas. Bigley and Wm. Coffin
Resolution Committee	Chester Bigley, Carrilton Eddy and Elmer Huston
Registration Committee	Daniel Wasser and Paul Grate
Greetings Committee--	to the Auxiliary-- M. R. Battey, Paul Grate and Robert Austin
Press Committee	Daniel Clancy

Greetings Committees were received from the Ladies of the Grand Army, Relief Corps and the Auxiliary.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Fred Pfiester Jr. for Mimeographing and stamps	\$17.55
Selz Printing Co.	8.00
Wm. F. Powers--wreath for Lincoln Tomb	17.00

Motion was made by Paul Grate and seconded by Howard Sprague that these bills be allowed and paid. Vote taken resulted favorable.

It has been some years since Ohio Department has been honored with an officer in the Commandery-in-Chief so a motion was made by Paul Grate and seconded by Clyde Neff that this Department endorse W. Earl Corbin for one of the top offices in the National Encampment being held in Miami, Florida in August. Vote taken resulted favorable.

Since Past Department President Aneta Selby is serving as Senior Vice President of the National Auxiliary, a motion was made by Clyde Neff and seconded by Daniel Wasser that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War endorse her for the National President. Vote resulted favorable.

Motion by Paul Grate and seconded by Clyde Neff that the Department Secretary notify all Departments as to our action on the endorsement of W. Earl Corbin. Vote taken resulted favorable.

RESOLUTIONS

In 1946 a bill was passed in the United States House of Representatives and the Senate in reference to the anniversary of the "Gettysburg Address" to be known as Dedication Day. This was for one year only (1946) so the following resolution was read so another can be introduced along with others:

"Be it resolved that the United States House of Representatives and the Senate revise House Bill #388 to declare the anniversary of "The Gettysburg Address" an annual event.

Motion by Wm. Coffin and seconded by M. R. Battey that we pass this resolution so another can be drawn up and included the contactation of all Congressmen and Senators from Ohio to take the proper action as soon as possible. Vote resulted favorable.

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its 81st Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, June 21-22, 1963:

WHEREAS, Now pending in the Congress of the United States are companion Resolutions, in practically identical language, both under the title "JOINT RESOLUTION Designating November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, as Dedication Day;" one pending in the Senate of the United States, numbered S.J.Res.22, and one pending in the House of Representatives, numbered H. J. Res. 388, introduced by an Ohio Representative;

AND WHEREAS, the urgency of prompt action on this simple resolution by both Houses of Congress is manifest when it is realized that this is the centennial year of the delivery of that famous address;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this situation be called to the personal attention of both Senators and all Representatives from the State of Ohio; and that we urge their active support to the end that this proposed resolution may be enacted in time for its observance in this centennial year.

Copies hereof to be sent to all concerned.

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be amended in the following particulars:

(1) Strike out Section 3 of Article VII, and in lieu thereof insert the following sections:

Section 3. The phrase "All male descendants, *** that are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors or marines, *** "as used in Article III of this constitution, is understood and defined to mean all male descendants of a Union Veteran of the Civil War who have a common ancestor, and includes the sons, grand-sons and great-grand-sons of such veteran or of a brother or sister of such veteran.

Section 4. Associate membership. (a) Departments and camps may admit as Associate Members those collateral male descendants who are not blood relatives of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

(b) An Associate Member shall not hold elective office, or be entitled to vote, but he may serve as an appointive officer or as a member of a committee. The wearing of the membership badge is prohibited, except with some distinguishing mark, to be prescribed in Regulations.

(c) No Camp shall, at any time, elect Associates when the number of Associates will exceed one-half the number of regular members at the time of such election.

(2) Add an additional section to said Article VII, as follows:

Section 5. Honorary Members: The Commandery-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, and are not known to be eligible for membership in the Order.

The foregoing proposed Constitutional amendments were adopted by the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its 81st Encampment held in the City of Columbus, Ohio, this 22nd day of June, A.D. 1963.

RESOLUTION

During the centennial years of the Civil War battles (1961-1965) when all thoughts, and much publicity are in the minds of all patriotic citizens, as well as those carrying on the thoughts and work of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is with great sorrow, we as members of the Grand Army Family learn that those not connected with the Grand Army in any way are capitalizing on the publicity and observance of this centennial, So be it RESOLVED,

We as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and affiliated Orders protest the use of the Grand Army name in any way to invite folks in any other way for celebrations other than those for truly centennial observances,

Be it further resolved that those living in the vicinity where false use of the Grand Army name is being used, they will do all in their power to keep this from being done, as it creates an impression not associated with a fine order as the Grand Army of the Republic. Many time parties and celebrations, following parades and celebrations advertised as centennial observances, turn into a brawl and selling schemes. This should not be as it leaves a feeling that is a detriment to the real meaning of the celebration of the centennial.

Carl Burcaw
President District #1
By Robert Austin

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War exists to preserve and promote the principles of those who fought to save the Federal Union in 1861-1865 and is rightfully concerned with any contemporary movements contrary to those basic principles, and

WHEREAS there are now three proposals before the legislatures of the various states to amend the Constitution of the United States in such manners as to change the Union of our forefathers into a more modern looser confederation; to wit, 1., a proposal to preclude federal consideration of state legislature reapportionment cases, closing avenues to assure liberty, justice and equality. 2., a proposal to permit the states to amend the Constitution by initiating amendments without Congressional action or a constitutional convention, again weakening the Federal and strengthening the state governments. 3., a proposal to create a "Court of the Union" composed of chief justices of state supreme courts empowered to over-rule the United States Supreme Court, again weakening the Federal government and endangering its stability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in encampment assembled at Columbus, do hereby oppose all three such proposals to weaken the power of the Union.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission has dissipated its efforts and funds in an academic observance of the 1961-1965 Civil War Centennial, including repetitious research and superfluous publications, and

WHEREAS this state centennial commission has failed to inspire an Ohio observance worthy of a state which was in the forefront of the effort which preserved the Union a century ago, and

WHEREAS this commission has failed to awaken state-wide enthusiasm for or enlist general participation in a program which would attract nation-wide or even state attention,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in annual encampment assembled at Columbus, do declare that the Ohio Civil War Centennial Commission has failed to bring about a commemoration of appropriate scope and colorfulness befitting Ohio's Civil War heritage.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, some persons would dilute and distort the character of the conflict of 1861-65 by referring to it otherwise than as the Civil War, and

WHEREAS, the United Daughters of the Confederacy have a committee for promotion of use of the term "War Between the States," and

WHEREAS, Gen. Robert E. Lee in a letter written in August, 1869, referred to the conflict as "civil strife," and

WHEREAS, referring to the 1861-65 conflict by any name other than the Civil War is only a belated attempt to falsely alter history and confuse the past for the benefit of some overly-sensitive sectionalists, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in annual encampment assembled at Columbus, Ohio, do strongly oppose any efforts to refer to the conflict of 1861-65 as having been anything but the Civil War it was.

Sponsored by Col. Clancy

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Hamlin of Alliance, Ohio, commanding officer of the 19th Ohio Regiment and Deputy Commander of the Buckeye Blues Brigade, and Executive Officer of the Third Military District of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, has been diligent and distinguished in efforts to form, field and lead our uniformed forces, reflecting great credit upon the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Ohio and

WHEREAS he has made great contributions in time, money and leadership and been instrumental in a sizable increase in Department membership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in encampment assembled at Columbus, does hereby express its gratitude to and highly commend Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Hamlin.

Adopted

Date _____

Department Commander

Department Secretary-Treasurer

Sponsored by Col. Clancy

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS this Department is lacking in funds, and

WHEREAS we have consistently made donations to various charities which we can ill-afford and are not prudent in our financial situation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in encampment assembled at Columbus, Ohio, prohibit the appropriation of any funds to any outside organization for any purpose whatsoever, not matter how deserving.

Department Commander

Dept. Sec'y-Treas.

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R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in convention assembled at Columbus, that we urge all orderly, equitable and immediate measures aimed at universal Civil Rights regardless of race.

Proposed by Col. Clancy

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS combined circumstances of a record of minimum attendance and the inconvenience of transporation has become somewhat of a problem, and

WHEREAS it was the agreed action of a joint meeting of members of both District Number Two and District Number Four held in Mansfield, Ohio that it would be advisable to merge the Two Districts into One District to be designated as District Number Two.

THEN BE IT HERE RESOLVED that your permission be granted and the approval of this Encampment here assembled be given to assign the membership of the camps now comprising District Number Four to be included in the membership of District Number Two and at a meeting to be held at the earliest possible date and not later than Sept. 1st, 1963. New officers of said District Number Two be elected and the Department Commander be so notified.

Wm. F. Powers
Department Commander

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The above resolutions were read and a motion was made by Chas. Bigley and seconded by Col. Dan Clancy that discussions on the resolutions be limited to three (3) minutes before adoption. Vote favorable.

Motion by Wm. Coffin and seconded by Paul Grate that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pass the resolution in reference to the change in the National By-Laws. Vote favorable.

A final resolution in reference to thanking the Pick Fort Hayes Hotel for the hospitality and assistance given to all during the Encampment.

A final bill for \$118.43 was read for the Encampment expenses (this includes Programmes and flowers as well as the special project).

At the close of the Friday session Memorial Services were held for all departed members of the Sons of Veterans as well as the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army. Chaplains of the three orders were in charge. Department Chaplain Donald Mathews gave some very fitting remarks and special honor paid to Wm. A. Selz and Ann Patterson.

Following is a list of members of the Ohio Department who have died during 1962 and up to the present, as reported by Camp Secretaries:

Charles Naylor	McKinley Camp #4	Paris, Ky.
Dewey M. Davis	Lincoln Camp #10	Newcastle
Silas Leedy	McLaughlin Camp #12	Mansfield
C. A. Clutter	D. K. Blystone Camp #30	Utica
Eugene C. Charlton	Philip Triem Camp #43	Salem
R. C. O'Neil	Philip Triem Camp #43	Salem
	Earnshaw Camp #89	Dayton
Sidney Wentz	Earnshaw Camp #89	Dayton
William A. Selz	Earnshaw Camp #89	Dayton
George Turner	McClellan Camp #91	Alliance
Jason Turnipseed	McClellan Camp #91	Alliance
Fred W. Karst	U.S. Grant Camp #100	Cincinnati
O. C. Fischer	U.S. Grant Camp #100	Cincinnati

Deceased member list con't.

General Perin	Henry Banning Camp #207	Mount Vernon
Earl M. Levering, Jr.	Henry Banning Camp #207	Mount Vernon
Chester G. Wise	Hiram C. Hill Camp #442	Mogadore
Sherman E. Frost	Stoker Camp #9	Findlay
Stanton Wilson	Gov. Dennison Camp #1	Columbus
Fred Kern, Sr.	Gov. Dennison Camp #1	Columbus
Frank Sharp		Fostoria
Adolph Keller	#89	Dayton

As all business of the Encampment has been transacted, it is now time for the nomination and election of officers for the 1963-64 year. A motion was made by Chas. Bigley and seconded by Daniel Wasser that when only one candidate is nominated for an office, the Department Secretary cast the ballott. Vote favorable.

The following were appointed to conduct the election: Harry Constance, Gordon Ryan and M. R. Battey.

The following were elected:

Department Commander	Howard Sprague of Mansfield
Department Senior Vice Commander	Eldon H. Brown of Columbus
Department Junior Vice Commander	John R. Decker of Cleveland
Department Sec'y-Treas.	Charles Bigley of Toledo
Department Council	Wm. F. Powers of Dayton
Department Council	Fred Pfeister Jr. of Cincinnati
Department Council	Paul Grate of Warren

Department Commander Elect, Howard Sprague, asked the Commander-on-Chief, Chester Shriver to be the installing officer. He in turn asked Elmer J. Huston to act as guide and Carrolton Eddy as chaplain.

The following appointments were made and installed along with the elected officers:

Assistant Secretary	Robert Austin of Alliance
Personal Aide	Clyde Neff of Mansfield
Councilor	Wm. Coffin of Cincinnati
Chief of Staff and	
Patriotic Instructor	W. Earl Corbin of Akron

At the closing of the Department Encampment it was announced that the next Encampment will be held in Mansfield.

Motion by Wm. Coffin and seconded by Chas. Bigley that all committees appointed for the session be discharged with a vote of thanks. Vote favorable.

Motion by W. Earl Corbin and seconded by J. R. Decker that all monies in the special project fund be turned over to the general fund (\$25.00). Vote favorable.

Since it is not known who will attend the National Encampment in Miami, Florida in August a motion was made by Wm. Coffin and seconded by Paul Grate that the Department Commander be authorized to select delegates from those attending from the Ohio Department.

Past Department Commander Wm. F. Powers was presented with his Past Department Commanders badge by Wm. Coffin.

All were sorry to learn of the death of Adolph Keller at his home in Florida. He formerly lived in Dayton and attended all Department Encampments.

Eldon Brown, a member of the National Centennial Committee reminded all to visit the 'General' used in the Civil War by the 'Raiders' as it arrives in a number of towns over the State of Ohio in the months of July and August.

On Friday evening June 21st, the joint banquet of all three orders was held with 102 in attendance. The speaker of the evening was Judge R. M. Draper who urged all to carry on the tradition of the Grand Army of the Republic as they kept the Union as one and a United Nation has been able to win the conflicts we were engaged in. A proud heritage - let's preserve for the future.

State and National officers were introduced along with the Commander-in-Chief Chester Shriver and National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Leroy Stout.

Each year money is raised for a special project to assist some worthy home or institution in their work. This year the one selected was for Cerebral Palsy and a walkie-talkie presented for their use. Those accepting were the one in charge, Mrs. Victor Workin and the president, Philip Drake.

Following the banquet and presentation, a reception of the Department officers was held.

The above notes were taken during the sessions and are to be considered the official minutes of the Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, June 20-22, 1963.

Chas. Bigley
Department Secretary

R. D. Austin
Assistant Secretary