

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The 85th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, June 16-18th., 1967 with the Department Commander John Decker of Cleveland, Ohio presiding.

On Friday evening June 16th the Department Council met for the purpose of the annual audit of the Department Secretary-Treasurer's books.

The following notes were taken but no officer's reports included as they were not turned over to me for publication but can be reviewed at the Department Secretary's office - Chas. H. Bigley, 205 Seneca Ave., Fostoria, Ohio 44830.

The attendance consisted of 13 Past Department Commanders and 6 delegates - Saturday morning June 17, 1967.

The joint opening of the Encampment was held along with the Auxiliary. The officers introduced and the Department Commander and President welcoming the assembly.

The first session of the Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans was called to order at 9:30 A.M. with the officers presiding as follows:

Department Commander - John Decker
Department Senior Vice Commander - Bud Houston
Department Junior Vice Commander - Robert J. Wolz who was absent
but was at his station at Sunday morning
session.
Department Council - Paul Grate, C. B. Wood, Carl Burcaw
Department Chaplain - Paul Grate
Secretary-Treasurer - Chas. Bigley
Guide and Color Guard - C. B. Wood
Department Press Correspondent - R. D. Austin

A copy of last year's Encampment was mailed to all members so they were not read at this opening session.

The following committees were appointed by the Department Commander to serve during this Encampment meeting:

Credentials - Richard Greenwalt - McClellan Camp #91, Alliance
Carl Burcaw - Philip Treim Camp #43, Salem
Officer's Report - C. B. Wood, Carl Burcaw, Paul Selby
Resolutions - M. R. Battey, Richard Greenwalt, Bud Houston
Greeting Committee to visit the Auxiliary meeting - Paul Selby,
Clyde Neff, Bud Houston
Greeting Committee to visit The Ladies of the Grand Army meeting -
Paul Selby, Clyde Neff, Bud Houston

The attendance at the Encampment was about as it has been for some years. After last year's discussion as to holding the Encampment on a week-end so those who work on Friday may attend, only 19 attended.

Three familiar faces were absent - Wm. Coffin of Cincinnati was absent due to the death of his wife on Thursday the week of the Encampment. Fred Pfeister of Cincinnati has been in the hospital and Past Commander-in-Chief W. Earl Corbin of Akron has been in ill health but

now improving. We will be looking for these men at the 1968 meeting.

Greeting Committees were received from the Auxiliary as well as from the Ladies of the Grand Army with response from Chaplain Paul Grate.

At the first session of the Encampment it is the custom to read the officer's report as well as any resolutions the members wish to submit so the following reports were read:

Department Commander - John Decker
 Department Senior Vice Commander - E. J. Houston
 Department Junior Vice Commander - Robert J. Wolz
 Department Council - Paul Grate
 Personal Aide - Clyde Neff
 Department Councilor - Wm. Coffin
 Department Secretary-Treasurer - Chas. H. Bigley

Resolutions - The following resolutions were made:

1. Philip Triem Camp #43, Salem, Ohio - Requesting the Governor as well as the County Commissioners to increase the money for the Memorial Day observance from \$50.00 to \$100.00.
2. Robert J. Wolz of Salem Camp #43 - That an invitation be extended the Department of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to meet with the three departments now in session (Auxiliary, Ladies of The Grand Army, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) at the 1968 Encampment so as to increase the attendance and to deal with the Hotels to a better advantage as they would like more rooms to be used as there is quite a demand for hotel time during the summer season.
3. Department of Oregon - Requesting that Highway #20 be named the U. S. Grant Highway.

A motion was made by Department Secretary Chas. H. Bigley and seconded by W. W. Dorsey and Paul Grate that the resolutions be accepted and turned over to the resolutions committee for further study. Vote resulted favorable.

A letter was received from the National Secretary, Chester Shriver, stating that the National Encampment is to be held in Chicago in August and that a change in the National Law be made raising the National Per-Capita Tax from \$1.00 to \$1.40. (This is the money the Department pays to the National).

Some years ago a Children's Home was instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic in Xenia, Ohio, to care for the orphans left homeless and later this home was turned over to the State of Ohio for other children as well. It has been the custom to donate money from the Department treasury for the Christmas celebration. A short discussion was held as to whether the Department of Ohio should continue to donate as there has not been any of the Civil War descendent's children there for some years. No action on this matter until discussed with the Auxiliary.

The afternoon session was one of very little business but one of instruction.

Col. W. W. Dorsey of Mt. Vernon spoke of the 100th anniversary of the "Grand Army Bean Dinner" held at New Castle, Ohio on August 19-20. This is one of the meetings the Grand Army men held in this part of the country and all looked forward to attending and discussing their experiences during the War Years and meeting old friends.

This year will be the 100th year of it's existence so a greater celebration is planned. A recruiting tent is to be placed so anyone desiring to join the orders affiliated with the Grand Army may do so and it is planned that General Grant III will be present to sign the applications. There are many descendants that should be in the order and be willing to carry on the work of this order and many should re-instate as their patriotism failed during the years and should be rekindled.

During the Centennial years there were many reserve units formed and since, the Camp in Youngstown has been discontinued. They had some rifles and equipment in their possession. The Camp in Cleveland borrowed eight (8) rifles for the use in their reserve unit. As of this date this unit is not active so the Department would like to have the rifles returned. As of now 3 rifles have been secured so John Decker is to try and collect the other five and return them to the proper person for further safe keeping. They are of the 45-70 caliber and made about 1865.

Col. Alen Nutt attended the Encampment meeting. He is Third District Reserve Officer with 40 units under his command (18 in the Columbus District). During the afternoon session he explained his work as well as the troubles connected with this position.

On Sunday morning, June 18, the report of the Officers and Resolution Committee were received and accepted.

Added to the above list of reports was an invitation from a Hotel in Youngstown for the 1968 meeting. This was turned over to the Encampment Committee which consists of the Department President and the Commander along with the Patriotic Instructors and Chaplains.

The Resolution Committee Chairman, M. R. Battey, presented the resolutions as submitted to the committee as follows:

1. Philip Treim Camp of Salem - Send this resolution to the Governor of the State as well as the County Commissioners, requesting that the money for Memorial Day be increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Motion by Paul Grate and seconded by C. B. Wood this be passed. Vote resulted favorable.
2. Invite the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to meet at the same time as the ones now meeting so as to increase the attendance of the Annual Encampment and to deal better with the Hotel as to accomodations. Motion by M. R. Battey and seconded by Chas. Bigley that this resolution be accepted. Vote resulted favorable.
3. Public demonstrations by racial groups be discouraged or dealt with by more drastic laws. Motion by W. W. Dorsey and seconded by M. R. Battey that this resolution be passed. Vote resulted favorable.

4. Thank the hotel for their hospitality and favors rendered during this Encampment. Motion by M. R. Battey and seconded by W. W. Dorsey that this be accepted. Vote resulted favorable.
5. A. D. C. be discontinued to a mother with more than one illegitimate child. Motion by W. W. Dorsey and seconded by Paul Grate that this resolution be accepted. Vote resulted favorable.
6. Sympathy be extended to Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. Coffin in his recent loss in the passing of his wife. Motion by M. R. Battey and seconded by Paul Grate. Vote resulted favorable.
7. Send a letter to the U. S. Congressman and Senators voicing our views to the bill introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy to close Camp Perry for future use as a National Rifle Association practice ground and reserve unit camp. Motion by W. W. Dorsey and seconded by Clyde Neff this resolution be accepted. Vote resulted favorable.
8. The Past Department Commanders recommended the support of Gen. Curtis LeMay for the office of the presidency of the United States. After a short discussion it was felt that we as an organization could not express our opinions on politics. No action by the group resulted.
9. Department Junior Vice Commander Robert J. Wolz is quite active in the 19th. Ohio Regiment activities. He explained the work of the group and asked the Department to continue their support for their existence as it has been and will continue to be a vital asset in getting new as well as re-instated members for the Sons of Union Veterans. A motion by M. R. Battey and seconded by C. B. Wood that a vote of thanks be given Bro. Wolz for his work in this unit and continued support be given for the existence of this reserve unit. Vote resulted favorable.

At this time as all business was transacted by the Department the time for nomination and election of officers for the new term was held. The results were as follows:

Department Commander	-	Richard Greenwalt - McClellan Camp #91 Alliance, Ohio
Department Senior Vice Commander	-	E. J. Houston, Mansfield, Ohio
Department Junior Vice Commander	-	Robert J. Wolz, Salem, Ohio
Department Council	-	Paul Grate, Warren, Ohio C. B. Wood, Alliance, Ohio Carl Burcaw, Salem, Ohio
Department Secretary-Treasurer	-	Chas. H. Bigley
Chaplain	-	Paul Grate, Warren, Ohio
Guide	-	Paul Selby, Mansfield, Ohio
Personal Aide	-	Carl Burcaw, Salem, Ohio
Patriotic Instructor	-	M. R. Battey, Alliance, Ohio
Guide - Color Guard	-	Guy Shefelton, Alliance, Ohio
Councilor	-	Wm. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio

A motion by M. R. Battey was made and seconded by W. W. Dorsey that when only one candidate for an office is nominated the Department Secretary be authorized to cast the ballot for the officers as nominated. Vote resulted favorable.

Department Secretary Bigley cast the ballot for the above list of officers.

Department Commander-elect Richard Greenwalt requested Past Department Commander R. D. Austin to be the installing officer. He in turn requested Paul Selby of Mansfield to act as Guide for the installation of officers.

At the close of the installation, Past Department Commander Austin installed E. J. Houston as Camp Commander of the McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield as he had not been installed during the Camp installation of officers for the new year.

A Joint Memorial Service was held along with the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army. The Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reported 14 deaths during the year.

Assistant Secretary
Ohio Department of the
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 85th ENCAMPMENT - S.U.V.C.W.

THAT THE Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Ohio urge the legislature of the State of Ohio to increase Memorial Day appropriations:

WHEREAS: Ohio Revised Code, Section 307.66 provides for payments by Boards of County Commissioners to various patriotic and veterans groups, among which is numbered the Sons of Union Veterans Camps throughout Ohio, of monies not to exceed Fifty-Dollars (\$50.00) to aid in the defraying of the expenses of Memorial Day.

WHEREAS this figure was set decades ago and has not been raised despite spiraling inflation And

WHEREAS the sum of \$50.00 is wholly inadequate and covers only a small portion of the cost of Memorial Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1.

That the S.U.V.C.W. urge the legislature of the State of Ohio to amend Revised Code Section 307.66 to provide payment by County Commissioners to the appropriate veterans organizations of an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

SECTION 11.

That the secretary of this convention be instructed, and he is hereby so instructed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Governor of the State of Ohio and to each member of the House and Senate of the State of Ohio.

Resolution No. 2.

Adopted.

WHEREAS, The A.D.C. is supporting and paying Medical care for thousands of Illegitimate children and

WHEREAS Many of them are the sole support of women who raise children without the sanctity of marriage and therefore raise children for their support only, SO THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED - That A.D.C. be limited to one illegitimate child per family instead of perpetuating illegal means of obtaining state funds.

Adopted

Resolution No. 3.

WHEREAS U. S. Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem.Mass.) is advocating closing of Camp Perry, Ohio and abolition of the National Rifle Association matches held there annually,

WHEREAS Senator Kennedy fallaciously alleges that such marksmanship is no longer of importance to Americans in this nuclear age, despite the fact that a half million Americans are, at this very hour, fighting a life and death struggle against communism mainly dependent upon the rifleman and riflemen's training,

WHEREAS Yesterday, today and tomorrow, the American and his rifle was, is, and always shall be the basic bulwark of American Democracy and world freedom.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, in encampment assembled in Columbus, do hereby call for the continuance of historic Camp Perry and its patriotic program of marksmanship which give birth to our country, saved the Union, and is the finest and fundamental hope for our freedom in the future.

Adopted

Resolution No. 4.TO ALL PATRIOTIC CITIZENS:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would like to have U. S. Highway 20, which extends from Boston, Massachusetts, to Newport, Oregon, named for General Ulysses Simpson Grant, our 18th President. General Grant was not only supreme commander of all the Union Forces in the Civil War, but his name has particular interest for Oregonians because of his earlier activities in Oregon and the fact that he was stationed at Fort Vancouver, Washington in 1854, while a young lieutenant. In order to achieve this fitting memorial to Ulysses S. Grant, under whom many of our forefathers served, and the man who is generally regarded as the "savior of the Union", the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would appreciate the assistance of other patriotic organizations and individuals by contacting your legislature and Congressmen in requesting the naming of U. S. Highway No. 20, the "U. S. Grant Highway".

It is also the wish of our National organization that U. S. Highway No. 6, extending from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to Long Beach California which has been designated as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway", be kept well marked and the signs maintained in good condition. Sent by Lew W. McKee,
Nat'l. G.A.R.

The 4 previous resolutions adopted and signed by Committee:

M. R. Battey
E. J. Houston
Richard Greenwalt

Resolution:

WHEREAS We as members and delegates of the Department of Ohio "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" here assembled and who as our name so indicates, are living male descendants of the "Union Soldiers and Sailors" who so bravely and loyally offered their lives in the supreme effort to preserve the Union of these "United States" and by the results of their services and sacrifices did preserve the established government "of the People, by the People and for the People" with equal opportunities and privileges for all citizens of this great Nation who are willing to learn, and earn for themselves the rights and privileges enjoyed by all loyal citizens of this nation and

WHEREAS During the past few years we have witnessed and suffered greatly by the undignified and lawless demonstrations and depredations of many self-styled minority advancement groups, causing much unnecessary loss of life, liberty and property damage and much national and local embarrassment and

WHEREAS It is our honest and studied opinion and firm belief that the methods now being used have failed and are continuing to fail to obtain the results that are to be desired by those leading and participating in these unlawful acts, and

WHEREAS We believe that better, quicker and more lasting results can be secured by a more sensible, peaceful and educational process of negotiations, and believing that we are voicing the sentiments that would be expressed by our parent organization "The Grand Army of the Republic" were they still with us or if such events had developed during their existence - WE DO

Resolutions adopted at 85th Encampment-S.U.V.C.W.

THEREFORE HEREBY

RESOLVE That all leaders and members or participants of or members of such groups or organizations do immediately desist from further unlawful demonstrations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That all government officials on a National, State and local level - make an honest and sincere effort to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the many differences now existing that can be considered as a cause or an excuse for the aforementioned disgraceful and unlawful demonstrations and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be given to the Public Press for publication.

Signed:

John R. Decker - Department Commander

Paul Grate)

Clarence B. Wood) Department Council

Carl Burcaw)

Attest:

Charles H. Bigley
Department Secretary

The above resolution was adopted unanimously by the 85th
Encampment-S.U.V.C.W.

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department Order No. Series of 1967-1968
From the Office of
Richard L. Greenwalt
Department Commander

To: All Department Officers, Camp Officers and
Members of the Department of Ohio:

Greetings:

I wish to express my greatest thanks and deepest appreciation for the trust that the members of the recently concluded 85th Annual Encampment place in me. This honor was truly unexpected and it is with a sense of deep humility that I embark upon this year's responsibilities and activities. I pledge to you that I will do my best to carry out the obligations of my office and in return I am requesting that each and every member of the Ohio Department give his support so that the Ohio Department may have a great year. Truly the Department can only be as great as the member camps and the individual members see fit to make it. I hope and expect that you will send any ideas, suggestions or gripes, which you feel will better the Ohio Department to me at 616 West Summit Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601. Please also advise me as to any special meetings or celebrations of your camp or district. Also, I would like to be advised if any member contributes anything of a patriotic nature to the life of his community, so that the department staff might be aware of such contributions.

On behalf of the entire membership of the Ohio Department our appreciation and thanks goes to Brother John Decker for all of his efforts and accomplishments during his term as department commander for the past year.

The following officers were elected during the 85th Annual Encampment held in the Southern Hotel, Columbus, June 16-18th to serve for the term of 1967 - 1968.

Commander - Richard L. Greenwalt, 616 West Summit Street
Alliance, Ohio 44601
Senior Vice Commander - E. J. Houston, 88 South Linden Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Junior Vice Commander - Robert J. Wolz, Box 189, Rt. 14
New Waterford, Ohio 44445
Department Council - Paul Grate, 1295 Edgewood N.E.,
Warren, Ohio 44483
Carl Burcaw, M.C.I., Damascus Rd.
Salem, Ohio 44460
C. B. Wood, 742 South Arch Ave.
Alliance, Ohio 44601
Department Secretary-Treasurer: Charles H. Bigley, 205 Seneca Ave.
Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Those Appointed:

Chaplain:

Personal Aide:

Department Counselor:

Paul Grate

Carl Burcaw

William Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio
45209

Department Historian:	Robert J. Wolz
Department Patriotic Instructor:	Martin R. Battey, 207 W. Ely St. Alliance, Ohio 44601
Department Guide:	Paul Selby, 127 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Department Color Guard:	Guy Shefelton, 2115 S. Cherry Ave. Alliance, Ohio 44601
Military Aide to Department Commader:	Col. W. W. Dorsey, 600 N. Gay St. Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Assistant Secretary and Press Correspondent	Robert Austin, 147 S. McKinley Ave. Alliance, Ohio 44601

We deeply regret that our Department Counselor, Brother William Coffin was unable to be with us at the Encampment this year. Brother Coffin's wife was called to Eternal Rest just prior to the Encampment. Brother Coffin, ALL the members of the Department of Ohio join with me in expressing sympathy at your loss. An expression of sympathy in the form of a resolution was acted upon during the encampment proceedings.

OUR SINCERE THANKS to one and all who helped to make this encampment a success!

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

We call to your attention that the National Encampment will be held in Chicago, Illinois, August 6-10th. Department members who are planning to attend should contact Secretary-Treasurer Bigley so that he can provide you with the proper Credentials. National Headquarters will be established in the Pick-Congress Hotel.

DISTRICT MEETING: The next District No. 1 meeting will be held in Alliance on July 9 beginning with a 1:00 p.m. dinner at the J.C. Pavilion, Silver Park. All are invited. Bring your own table service and picnic basket. Beverages will be provided.

I WISH TO OFFER CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to the newly elected Presidents of the Allied organizations: PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO THE SONS: MRS. ARNOLD GEHRET, 14329 Gaskill Drive N.E., Alliance, 44601; PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC: MRS. LOUELLA M. PLUEDDEMANN, 6394 South Main Street, Clinton, Ohio 44216; PRESIDENT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR: MRS. BERTHA KNEPPER, 5861 Whiteford Road, Sylvania, Ohio; PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS: DONNA LINKE, R. D. #1, Box 107, Genoa, Ohio 43430. To each of these presidents I offer my cooperation. We must work, preferably together, if we are to be successful in keeping the noble traditions that cost our ancestors so much during the Civil War.

HISTORICAL INTERESTS: On August 20, 1967 - the 100th anniversary of the Annual G.A.R. 'Bean Supper' will be held. This celebration will take place in New Castle, Ohio, a community located in Coshocton County near Route 36. Col. W. W. Dorsey and the Fife and Drum Corps from Mt. Vernon will be present and a recruiting tent will be set up for the purpose of enlisting new members for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary. It is to be hoped that much good may come out of this celebration and I regret that I cannot attend due to a prior commitment.

COMMITTEES

Due to action taken during the 85th Encampment, I appoint E. J. Houston Senior Vice Commander, chairman of the committee on membership and promotion and appoint each camp commander to work with him on this very important committee, 100th ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE GAR 'BEAN SUPPER': Col. W. W. Dorsey is appointed chairman and all camp commanders and camp secretaries to work with him in promoting this affair.

OF INTEREST were the reports of Col. Nutt and Department Historian Wolz as to the present status of Reactivated Civil War units in Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHILIP TRIEM CAMP #93, Salem, who on Friday June 23rd initiated four new members. It was my pleasure to participate in this program. BROTHERS! THIS IS WHAT THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

A THANK YOU seems to be in order to the Members of the Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps and Col. Dorsey for their participation in the program at Newark when the plaque on the portrait of Johnny Clem-"Drummer Boy of Shiloh" was dedicated and for their participation in the parade at Carrollton after the dedication of a new plaque on the McCook Home. THANKS, ALSO to the MEMBERS OF THE OHIO 19th, some from Philip Triem Camp #93, Salem, who in Civil War uniforms marched in the parade at Carrollton and during the dedication program formed the firing squad to salute the dead.

RESOLUTIONS: I hope and expect each officer and member will read and do reflective thinking on the resolutions that were adopted during the encampment. They are listed on the insert.

With high hopes for a good year for the Department, and earnest desire to see the membership of our department increase and to work together with the members of our Auxiliaries so that both camps and auxiliaries may prosper, I remain

Faithfully yours, in F.C.& L.
Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander
Ohio Department, Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War.
616 W. Summit St.
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Attest:
Charles H. Bigley
Department Secretary-Treasurer
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