

1968

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

The 86th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Sherton Hotel in Akron, Ohio, June 14-16, 1968, with Department Commander Richard Greenwalt presiding.

On Friday evening the Department Council audited the books of the department. The following notes were taken and the officers reports included and considered as the official minutes of the Encampment.

On Saturday morning the official opening of the Encampment was held with the Auxiliary. The Officers were introduced and remarks by the Department Commander and the Department President, Sister Margaret Gehret.

The first session of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order and the following appointments made:

Credential Committee - Paul Selby
Rules and Regulations - M.R. Battey, John Decker, Carl Burcaw.
Resolutions - Paul Grate, Guy Shefelton, Errett Nile.
Officers Reports - Paul Grate, Guy Shefelton, Errett Nile.

Greetings: To the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Paul Selby, John Decker, M.R. Battey.

To the Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

All members from Alliance as the President is from the Alliance Auxiliary.

Officers reports were received and read from the Department Commander, Junior Vice Commander of the Department, Department Council, Department Patriotic Instructor and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Col. W.W. Dorsey reported on the fire at the Memorial Hall in Newark, and the destruction of the "Johnnie Clem" -Drummer Boy of Shiloh^{picture}, which had been dedicated by the Department just a few years ago.

Department Commander Greenwalt reported on the dedication of the "Ohio Acre" at Valley Forge, Penna on Memorial Day of this year.

The Encampment recessed for the noon hour, at which time the Department Commander's and Department Presidents Luncheon was held.

The Saturday afternoon session consisted of reports on the observance of Memorial Day in the different towns and cities. Greetings committees were received from the Ladies of the Grand Army, with their National President, Mrs. Jennie Manalatos of California accompanying the committee. The greetings committee from the Auxiliary consisted of all the members of the Encampment, who were present.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, RICHARD GREENWALT

June 15, 1968

Greetings:

To the officers of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and brothers of all camps represented. I would like to submit the following report of my work throughout the past year.

June 18, 1967 - was installed as Commander of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans. Was elected chairman of the Committee for the joint 1968 Encampment.

July 3, 1967 - Attended meeting in Akron to set up dates for 1968 Department Encampment.

July 9, 1967 - Attended District # 1 picnic at Silver Park, Alliance, Ohio.

July 12, 1967 - Attended Grand Army picnic at Silver Park, Alliance.

September 10, 1967 - Attended planning session for 1968 Encampment in Akron.

September 24, 1967 - Attended District # 1 meeting in Salem.

September 30, 1967 - In Company of National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Hazel Moushey, Department President Margaret Gehret, Local Auxiliary President Jane Greenwalt, journeyed to Atwater Cemetery where we placed a wreath at the monument of John Grate, last commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Ohio. Was honored at a reception given by McClellan Camp and Auxiliary.

October 8, 1967 - Attended parade in Millersburg, Ohio led by Colonel W.W.Dorsey and the Mt. Vernon Fife and Drum Corps.

October 22, 1967 - Attended District # 2 meeting in Mansfield.

November 4, 1967 - Attended reception for Department President Louella Pleudemann, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

November 11, 1967 - Attended Veterans Day Parade in Pittsburg, Penna.

November 20, 1967 - Installed as Camp Commander at joint installation with McClellan Auxiliary.

January 4, 1968 - Installed new officers at Salem Camp in Salem, Ohio.

February 11, 1968 - Attended Lincoln Day Banquet at Salem, Ohio

February 12, 1968 - Represented the Ohio Department at Lincoln Birthday Banquet in Cleveland.

Department Commander's Report continued.

- February 19, 1968 - Was Guest Speaker at Lincoln Birthday Dinner for McClellan Camp and Auxiliary.
- March 11, 1968 - Attended Department Council meeting necessitated by Secretary Charles Bigley's physical condition.
- March 31, 1968 - Attended Final Planning Session for Annual Encampment in Akron.
- April 20, 1968 - Attended 80th Birthday Anniversary Party of Mrs. John A. Logan Tent # 2, Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War. Met the Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans - Bertha Knepper.
- April 21, 1968 - Attended the District # 1 meeting in Unionport.
- May 4, 1968 - Attended Loyalty Day Parade in Salem, Ohio. Junior Vice Commander Robert Wolz did a good job of getting publicity for the Sons at this event.
- May 25, 1968 - Helped decorate Grand Army veterans graves in two cemeteries in Alliance.
- May 30, 1968 - Attended Dedication ceremonies at Valley Forge, Penna. in honor of the men from Ohio who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor from the state of Ohio. Col. Dorsey and the Fife and Drum Corps did a fine job. Many Sons were in attendance and great thanks are in order for any of our members who helped to make this day a success. I talked with Joe Parrot, the grandson of the first Medal of Honor winner, Jacob Parrot, and it is to be hoped that he will become a member of the Mansfield Camp.
- June 9, 1968 - Attended District # 2 meeting at Fostoria and was happy to take our former secretary Charles Bigley and his wife the short distance from their home to the meeting. It was good to be at a meeting with Charlie once again.

It is with mixed emotions that I conclude my year as your commander. I feel that there are several things that I might have done during my term of office which I have not done. I feel that the Department had a reasonably good year, but we will hear more of this as all of the reports are submitted.

In addition allow me to thank anyone who has done anything for the Department or me, personally. Special thanks are in order for our Assistant Secretary, Robert Austin, and the members of the Department Council for their efforts in taking over added duties due to the illness of our Department Secretary.

~~In conclusion let me express my appreciation for the honor that you bestowed upon me~~ by electing me your commander. I hope for my successor a very successful year and may the Ohio Department ever continue to perpetuate the memory of our ancestry that did so much for this great nation of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Greenwalt
Department Commander

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - OHIO DEPARTMENT
OFFICE of the JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER AND HISTORIAN.

Box 189, Rt. 14
New Waterford, Ohio
June 6, 1968

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, GREETINGS:

The following is my report for the year 1967-1968 as the Ohio Department Junior Vice Commander and Historian.

In August my father and I attended the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Chicago. I submitted a complete report on this to Commander Greenwalt upon my return from Chicago. The Ohio Department had a total of three representatives present and voting. They were Past C-in-C William Coffin, Robert C. Wolz and myself. By now you all know the resolutions that were passed and the fact that all of us are receiving the BANNER at no charge.

Following the National Encampment, I met with Past C-in-C Chester Shriver, the commanding officer of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. This meeting started one of my major projects of the past year. While Carl Burcaw was Department Commander, he and I met with the National Officers of the Union Army of the Centennial and the 10th Ohio Regiment, Buckeye Blues Brigade, UAC and tried in vain to re-enlist all these Centennial troops back into the Sons of Veterans Reserve. After talking with Co. Shriver I served as a liaison between the Philip Triem Camp # 43, the sponsors of the 19th Ohio, and the members of the 19th Ohio Regiment, and the office of Col. Shriver. In October, 1967, Col. Shriver journeyed from Gettysburg, Penna to Salem to meet with the members of the Camp, the Regiment and the Department. PDC Paul Grate was a guest.

In early 1968, Brother William Greene, commanding the 19th Ohio, resigned his commission and so reorganization began. On February 10th, Brother E. Allan Nutt, commander of the 3rd Military District, National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve, attended and the members in attendance voted for the Regiment to reaffiliate with the S.V.R.. Brother Charles Creager of Canfield was elected new regimental commander. This unit has proudly marched in numerous parades in the past representing the Ohio SUVCW and with the aid of Col. Nutt, they again represented the Sons in the District VFW Loyalty Day Parade and won a 2nd place award.

The Ohio Department needs more members and with the aid of the S.V.R. troops much publicity could be gained for the Department and for each individual group.

The past year has had several special projects. Many of us attended the 100th Grand Army of the Republic Bean Dinner held in Newcastle, Ohio and I agree with Brother Bigley that such grass roots events are needed and would prove an excellent source area for a new Camp. Ohio's Acre partially under the aid of our Department Commander drew state-wide attention to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Alliance Camp # 91 because of their bus trip. We are indeed indebted to Commander Greenwalt for such an excellent job of spot-lighting our Order.

It would seem that every county has a county fair and each Camp should look into the possibility of setting up a display of Civil War or G.A.R. articles plus a representative to enlist every male who is interested. If your Camp has SVR troops available so much the better. People are interested in the Civil War and there is absolutely no reason why every single loyal American citizen can not join this old and noble order.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT - 1967-68 (concluded)

The Regulations and By-laws of the Commandery-in-Chief include ASSOCIATE membership for those who can not prove a blood lineage. Often these Associate members are good hard workers for the Camps, who are paying their dues and recruiting new members for the Order, knowing full well that they can never hold an elective office. Please note in this regard that the present National Patriotic Instructor is an Associate member and no one questions his loyalty to our Order.

It is vital that our membership increase with ACTIVE people. I have found in our own Camp that most applicants are for Full membership, but our few Associate members work as much for the Camp as any full member. Our Camp has 32 members of which 5 are Associate members and one of these Associates is presently trying to trace his lineage. The important point is that these five are dues paying, hard working members who are bringing their friends into the Camp. Many of these people are eligible for full membership, too. Our Camp has lost nothing, but has gained much- more members, more dues, new friends and new interest to name but a few. I call upon each of you here to reexamine your thoughts on Associate membership in your Camp. Each of you know someone who is interested, but who is unable to prove his blood line. Must our Camp and Department treasury be empty and our thoughts content with the huge numbers we once had in the past? We are no longer an organization of 55,000 members and it will take much work if we are to again regain that number even tho we have added great numbers to the eligible list.

While at National Encampment I was informed that one of the jobs of the Junior Vice Commander was membership and so I have written many letters to would-be applicants who wrote the Department or National Secretary. It was in this role that I was honored by the Commander-in-Chief William Haskell by being appointed a National Aide on his Staff. I again thank the Brother or Brothers who recommended me. Although I believe there are many more deserving than I, but it is my hope that Ohio can increase its membership many fold during the next year and that next year Ohio will be honored with many National Aides.

Yours in F.C. & L.

Robert J. Wolz
Department Junior Vice Commander
Department Historian

Chief of Staff and Encampment funds,.

Wm. Coffin	\$ 5.00
Encampment Committee	7.42
U.S. Grant Camp 100	5.00
McLaughlin Camp 12	15.00
Vienna Camp 26	5.00
U.S. Grant Camp 100	10.00
McLaughlin Camp 12	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. M.R. Battey	2.00
Wm. Coffin	5.00
R.D. Austin	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Corbin	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Errett Nile	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Greenwalt	5.00

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To Department Commander Richard L. Greenwalt and Department Officers and Delegates,
86th Annual Encampment:

Inasmuch as many duties of the Department Patriotic Instructor have become obsolete and many of the activities of the Camps have gone by the board, I make the following report:

Whereas the Auxiliary has decided not to leave a gift in the convention city and has turned the rehabilitation work of the Department over to the Patriotic Instructor it has been thought wise to follow the same procedure by the Sons, though no official action has been taken. At the last visit to the Soldiers and Sailors Home at Sandusky it was pointed out that the most desirable gift to the men there would be cigarettes. Therefore it was decided to make a cash contribution, as they do not have to pay the high tax that we would pay. Therefore after consultation with many members, collection was announced. The following is the list of donors to date:

U.S. Grant Camp # 100	\$ 5.00
McLaughlin Camp # 12	5.00
District # 2, Sons and Auxiliary	10.00
R.D. Austin	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Corbin	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Nile	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Battey	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greenwalt	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. Battey,
Patriotic Instructor

FINAL REPORT - CHARLES H. BIGLEY, SECRETARY - TREASURER
OHIO DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - 1967-1968

To Officers and Delegates to the 86th Annual Department Encampment, Akron, Ohio
Saturday, Sunday June 15th and 16th.

As most of you know my present health condition has forced me to relinquish the duties of the office as Secretary-treasurer and make it impossible to attend this encampment. But I do wish at this time to extend my appreciation of the many honors bestowed upon me by the Department and also for the cooperation during the past year of both officers and members in cooperation with the many activities that have been suggested., especially in the program at Newark, Ohio at which time the plaque was dedicated and placed on the portrait of Johnny C. Clem, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh" This was one of the better meetings and programs sponsored in the Department in the past few years. It was largely attended by many of the officers and members of Allied orders and the public at large. It attracted much publicity. Also Department participation in the 100th anniversary of the Annual "G.A.R. Bean Dinner" at New Castle, Ohio. It has been hoped that a program for both of these events could become annual affairs. It would seem very possible and beneficial that by the cooperation of the forces of the present Junior Vice Commander, Robert Wolz, Lt. Col. E. Alan Nutt together with Col. Dorsey's Fife and Drum Corps of Mt. Vernon that our participation in both of these events could develop a great amount of success to the Department.

I offer for your consideration that an effort be made to continue these activities. Also investigate an opportunity to develop a couple more annual observations of the passing away of the last G.A.R. Veteran of the Ohio Department, Paul Grate's relative. Also perhaps an congressional medal of honor presented to Comrade Parrott of Kenton Ohio. These events, together with the observation of Dedication Day and Appomattox Day should furnish a full Departmental program of activity.

Thanking you for many courtesies shown me, I am

Yours in F.C. & L.

Charles H. Bigley

Note: I do hope I have made everything clear. Charles is not very good at dictating and I am not very good taking dictation.

Margaret B. Bigley

April 14, 1968

Richard Greenwalt, Commander
Paul Grate, Chairman, Department Council
C.B. Wood, Department Council
Carl Burcaw, Department Council
R.D. Austin, Assistant Secretary

Dear Brothers:

As you already know, I have been incapacitated since the last of January and am still under strict medical care with very limited activity. Under the circumstances, it would be advisable to accept this as my resignation immediately and elect a secretary to take over the duties in full capacity as Department Secretary of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It is very doubtful that I will be able to make the next encampment.

Sincerely,

- 7 - Charles H. Bigley

OHIO DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

It has been quite a short time since I have assumed the office of your secretary, but I have tried to keep the office going until another is elected.

During the year there has been some activity in the line of securing new members, but the Salem Camp has done most of the work. To date 14 have been enrolled, and 9 deaths, so we as an order are improving, but much is to be done if we are to hold our place among the patriotic organizations and carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. For some years the Department contributed to the Xenia Orphans Home at Christmas time to the sum of \$25.00, but the last few years increased this amount to \$50.00. Should we continue, with the limited funds, as it is now a State home and no descendentents from the Grand Army family? At the National Encampment the legislation was presented and passed as to sending "The Banner" to all the membership and during the last term the Department postage bill amounted to \$91.39. Can the Department afford this expense?

It sure is a nice gesture, as many members don't attend meetings due to room expense or go, as this keeps them in touch with the other departments and items of interest written by the National Officers or some authority on Civil War history.

I would like to thank all the department officers as well as the Camp officers for the prompt quarter reporting so as to enable me to forward the National report on time. To date there are three of the 12 camps that have not responded to the report appeal, but hope that all will forward a check soon and an up to date mailing list included, as BANNER mailing is easier if a good address is available.

Thanks again for the help in the past few months and please continue this help with the next Secretary.

R. D. Austin

Assistant Secretary

OHIO DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 1967 - June 1968

Income

Balance June 17, 1967		\$193.74
Per-Capita tax	\$306.00	
Supplies	27.30	
Christmas Donation	61.00	
Chief of Staff Fund	78.62	
O. S. & S. Home	5.00	
Refund (Charles Bigley)	22.50	
Total Receipts	<u>\$500.42</u>	
Total for 1967-68		<u>500.42</u> \$694.16

EXPENSES

National Per-capita tax	\$190.45	
Encampment Expenses - 1967	44.19	
Regional Dues	5.00	
Treasurer Bond	5.00	
Flowers - Memorial services	10.30	
Postage	67.39	
Mimeographing - Printing	42.75	
Supplies	55.10	
Sec'y-Tress. Salary	52.50	
Xenia Home Christmas	50.00	
Total	<u>\$522.68</u>	522.68
Bank Service Charges		
Balance		\$171.48

Bills Outstanding - Due the secretary

Envelopes	\$ 2.04	
Check # 197 (not cashed before .. turnedover to me from bank	16.00	
Department P.D.C. Badge	10.00	
Total	<u>\$ 52.04</u>	

52.04
\$119.44

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has become apparent that the membership of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has been dwindling at their Annual Encampments, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic was the parent organization of us all and we were united under their banner for over fifty years, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic is now fading from public memory because of the lack of a united front of ALL the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, be cordially invited to attend the next Annual Encampment and all others thereafter, for the purpose of strengthening the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and be it therefore further,

RESOLVED, that the Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War personally communicate with all the Presidents of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and that he do all in his power to bring about a reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic Family so that their memory and ideals will again become a part of the American tradition.

The above resolution is hereby submitted to the Ohio Department Encampment for adoption by Philip Triem Camp # 43 of Salem, Ohio. This motion having passed the Camp on June 6, 1968.

Jerry L. Wolford, Camp Commander

Robert J. Wolz, Camp Secretary

(Concur)

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE 86th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,

GREETINGS:

You council members met at the home of Brother C.B.Wood on March 11, 1968 to fill the vacancy of the office of Department Secretary-Treasurer, as Brother Charles Bigley had to resign owing to his health.

We audited the books and found them in the excellent condition as always. At this meeting we ask Brother Robert Austin to take over the job and after much thought he agreed to do it.

On June 14th we met at the Sheraton Hotel and audited the books and found them in excellent condition.

I represented the Department Commander at the Dedication of the Lincoln Room in Hotel Cleveland last September. There was a large turn out and very nice affair was enjoyed by all.

We brought back the property of Camp # 41.; which the Department Council checked over and then turned over to the Department Historian for him to take any article that he saw fit for the History of the order and to destroy the rest.

We wish to thank Brother Austin for the fine job that he has done and we wish for our Department Commander a very harmonious and successful encampment.

Yours in F. C. & L.

Paul Grate, Chairman
C.B.Wood
Carl Burcaw

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

We feel that the Department Commander's report for the year was outstanding and we the Department of Ohio are indebted to Brother Greenwalt for a very fine report and believe that a rising vote of thanks is in Order, and I so move you Brother Senior Vice Commander that this report be accepted and a rising vote of thanks be given .

The Junior Vice Commander:

We feel that this is a very good report and that Brother Wolz has some very good ideas worth carrying out and that his report be accepted and with a vote of thanks and placed on file, so I do so move you Department Commander.

Department Secretary-treasurer Bigley:

We feel that Brother Bigley has rendered a full and successful service to the Ohio Department and that his report of the Secretary - treasurer was very good. But we feel that this Encampment refuses to accept his resignation but that he continue as Secretary-treasurer with Brother Robert Austin carrying on as Secretary-treasurer until Brother Bigley is able to resume these duties, So I move

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL (Concluded)

you Brother Cpmmander that this Encampment go on record as accepting Brother Bigley's report as Secretary-treasurer and also refusing to accept his resignation, so I move you that the report be accepted with the reccommendations of the Committee on Officers Reports.

ROBERT AUSTIN - Assistant Secretary-treasurer

We your committee feel that Brother Austin has rendered a very commendable service to the Ohio Department in assuming the duties of Secretary-treasurer to replace the Department Secretary-treasurer in time of his illness, and that Brother Bob's report is one of the outstanding reports of this Encampment and we feel that we should give him a rising vote of thanks for a job well done, So I move you, Brother Commander that this report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

DePARTMENT COUNCIL:

We have read this report over and we think that they did a good job, so I move you that this report be accepted with a vote of thanks.

MARTIN BATTEY, DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Brother Battey, we feel that you have done an excellent report as Patriotic Instructor, We realize that some of the duties of the Dapartment Patriotic Instructor have been eliminated but we feel that you have done an excellent job and so, Department Commander I move you that this report be accepted and a vote of thanks is in order to Brother Battey.

As this is all of the reports given to your committee, A ask that the committee be dismissed.

Yours in F. C. & L.

Paul Grate, Chairman
Errett E. Nile
Guy Shefelton

OFFICIAL PETITION

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL PETITION by the members of Philip Triem Camp # 43 of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, located in the City of Salem and the State of Ohio, requesting a permanent change of the Camp's By-Laws changing its regular meeting night from Friday at 8:00 p.m. to Thursday nightst at 8:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, a temporary change of meeting night was requested at the regular Friday night meeting on December 1st and December 8th, 1967 and it was passed by the members in attendance for a temporary change, and

WHEREAS, this temporary change was started on December 14th, 1967 and there has been a noted increase in attendance since that time and

WHEREAS, at the January 25th meeting, Brother Frank Hoopes motioned that a permanent change of meeting night petition be drawn up in accordance with the reccommendation of the Ohio Department Officers. This motion was seconded by Brother Lowell Brandt and the Camp membership in attendance passed said motion.

WHEREAS, this petition was officially read to the Camp membership at the February 1st, 8th and 15th meetings without action by the membership and without protest by any member in attendance and

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of February, this petition was submitted to a vote by the members in the Camp assembled and the vate was in favor to pass this motion granting a permanent change of meeting night and

WHEREAS, the members did approve this petition. The membership of Philip Triem Camp # 43, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do hereby request that the Ohio Department in Encampment assembled approve this change in said Camp's By-Laws.

Signed:

Jerry Wolford, Commander

Robert J. Wolz, Secretary

Harold D. Huttenhower

Camp Council:

Lowell Brandt

R. H. Brandt

Official

Seal of Said Camp affixed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, unauthorized people will get arms as long as some people are permitted to bear arms even if murder is necessary to secure the same, and

WHEREAS, Only law abiding citizens are not permitted to buy arms, and

WHEREAS any property owner should be permitted to have arms for protection of life and property, so

THEREFORE any person who pays taxes on real estate should be permitted to apply to county officials and receive permit to have and bear arms for the protection of life and property with a nominal fee for same and only persons with police records to be refused such permit.

Passed by the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and referred to such authorities as are responsible for enforcing laws governing control of such fire arms.

Submitted by

M.R. Battey, Past Dept. Commander
Col. Warfield (Win) Dorsey, Past. Dept. Comm.

(concur)

We recommend that a copy of this Resolution be released to the Press and a copy be sent to the Honorable Frank Lausche and Stephen Young, also to U.S. Representative Frank T. Bow and Representative

To the Department Commander and Delegates to the 86th Annual Encampment

By the Committee on Constitution and Regulations in regards to the Petition of Philip Triem Camp # 43:

The request to change meeting nights from Friday night to Thursday night is a matter that affects only the said Camp and is therefore approved, subject to the action of the Department Encampment.

Committee:

M. R. Battey, Past Dept. Commander
Carl Burcaw, P.D.C.
John Decker, P.D.C.

Department Commander - Robert J. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio, Rt. 13, Box 189, 44445
Department Senior Vice Commander - - Jerry Wolford, 196 East State Street, Salem 44460
Department Junior Vice Commander - Guy Shefelton, 2115 South Cherry St, Alliance 44601

Department Council: Richard Greenwalt, 616 West Summit Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601
C. B. Wood, 742 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601
Carl Burcaw, M.C. # 1, Damascus Rd., Salem, Ohio 44460

Department Secretary-treasurer, Charles Bigley, 205 Seneca Avenue, Astoria, Ohio 44830
with Robert Austin acting until Charles can resume the position.
147 South McKinley Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Department Guide
- Paul Selby, 127 Glenwood Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Department Color Guard - Fred Pfeister, Jr., 7220 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, O. 45236

Department Chaplain, Paul Grate, 1295 Edgewood N.E. Warren, Ohio 44483

Personal Aide, Robert C. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio, Box 189, 44445

Chief of Staff, M. R. Battey, 207 West Ely Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Patriotic Instructor - M. R. Battey, 207 West Ely Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Department Councilor, Wm. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Military Aide, Lt. Alan Nutt, 85 Travers Ct., Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Department Musical Aide, Col. W. W. Dorsey, 600 Gay Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

Department Aides: John Decker, 8613 Force Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105
Clyde Neff, 168 Buckeye, Mansfield, Ohio 44906
W.W. Winall, 1665 Pullman, Cincinnati, Ohio
Carlton Edie, 223 Center Street, Findlay, Ohio

Department Press Correspondent - Robert Austin, 147 South McKinley, Alliance 44601

A motion was made by M.R. Battey and seconded by Clyde Neff that when only one candidate was nominated to an office the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the officer. Motion taken, resulted favorably.

The Department Secretary cast the ballot for the above officers.

At this time the members of the Auxiliary were received and the Department President, Sister Margaret Gehret presented to Brother Greenwalt, Department Commander, a love token, a check for \$100.00 from the Auxiliary. Brother Greenwalt expressed his great pleasure for this wonderful gift, and expressing the sincere thanks and appreciation of all the members of the Ohio Department, sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sunday morning - June 16th

The report of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations committee was received. The only resolution to be considered was the change of the meeting night of the Philip Triem Camp in Salem, wishing to change the meeting night from Friday to Thursdays. A motion was made by M.R. Battey, chairman of the committee and seconded by Paul Grate this be allowed and vote taken resulted favorably. At this time, Donna Lincke, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, was introduced, bringing greetings from her organization and inviting the Sons to a meeting being held at four o'clock this afternoon (Sunday) to present musical instruments to the Xenia home Band and a flag presentation to Cub Scouts.

The committee of officers reports, with Paul Grate reporting, was received at this time. The reports as well as the comments of the committee are as follows:

At eleven o'clock Sunday morning the meeting recessed to attend the Memorial Services along with the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The following deaths were reported in the Department:

Elmer Crum, Camp # 10

Albert Davis, Camp # 10

Robert Cook, Camp # 91

F. E. Hunter, Camp # 91

Walter Macey, Camp # 133

A. K. Myers, Camp # 133

H.H. Haupt, Camp # 466

J. E. Bentley, Camp # 43

J. Arthur Edie, Camp # 9

A motion was made by M.R. Battey and seconded by W.W. Dorsey that the meeting continue after the Memorial Services and not recess until all business was completed. Motion resulted favorably.

Philip Triem Camp # 43 of Salem had eight members at the meeting, and the Camp commander, Jerry Wolford spoke on the work of the 19th Ohio Reserve Unit and the publicity they have given the Sons of Union Veterans over the State as well as the surrounding towns, he also wished to thank the Camp for the backing they had been given.

As it was time for the nomination and election of officers for the Department for the coming year. A short discussion was held in reference to retaining those now in office for another year, but no action was taken, so the following were nominated and elected for the year 1968-69:

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From the Office of
Richard L. Greenwalt
Department Commander
Department Order # 3
March 1968

Brothers, it has been the custom to leave a donation in the form of a project for a worthy cause in the city hosting the Department encampment. In recent years this custom has changed and this year we plan to make a donation to the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Sandusky, to make the lives of the veteran residents there a little happier. Camps and individual members wishing to contribute to this worthwhile cause are urged to send them to our Department Patriotic Instructor, M.R. Battey, 207 West Ely Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

Brothers, it is time for your Department Commander to issue a plea for donations toward the expenses of conducting our state encampment. Please send contributions to Robert Austin, marked for what fund so as to assure proper credit.

The National encampment will be held the week of August 8th in Wilmington, Delaware. The sessions are to be held in the Dupont Hotel. Refer to your copies of the manner for additional information, and be making your plans to attend.

Sincerely yours
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Richard L. Greenwalt, Commander
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Alliance, Ohio 44601

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Assistant Secretary-treasurer
17 South McKinley Avenue
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To:
ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, CAMP OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the Department of Ohio:

GREETINGS:

I trust that all members are having a pleasant winter season and that we as members and our Camps are doing the things to keep alive the memory of our ancestors and their illustrious deeds that kept the UNITED STATES a great power in the world.

Brothers, it is an unpleasant item of news that I must report to you. Our Department Secretary-treasurer, Charles Bigley suffered a stroke early in February. As of now his eyesight is lost and it is not known whether or not he will regain it. They have had him in the hospital in Fostoria, Toledo and Detroit, trying to do all that can be done to help his condition if possible. I have talked with Charley and his spirits remain high. I am sure he has our best wishes and our prayers. Camps and members wishing to send him get-well cards or messages of good wishes can send them in care of his son, Paul Bigley, 3338 Eastmorland Drive, South Oregon, Ohio 43616.

Due to the condition of Brother Bigley, our Assistant secretary-treasurer Robert Austin, and the members of the department council will assume the responsibility of carrying on the business of the department. I urge all camp secretaries to be extra diligent in the prompt SENDING IN OF CAMP REPORTS AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

We have had Charley with us and he no doubt had times when he became frustrated because he did not have the necessary information to complete his reports and book-keeping. Now it is all the more important for us to be prompt with our reports. Shortly before he was stricken Charley informed me that some of the membership failed to receive their communications because of lack of correct address. CAMP SECRETARIES, PLEASE CHECK your membership addresses carefully and keep the department aware of any address changes so that the members of your camp will not be missed on mailings.

ALL Department reports and communications should be sent to Robert Austin, Assistant Secretary-treasurer, 1417 South McKinley Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

Belated CONGRATULATIONS are in order for our Department Chaplain, Paul Grate. We have heard several excellent reports of the REGIONAL MEETING which he conducted in Lafayette, Indiana last fall and of which he is the newly elected President.

In February when we celebrated Lincoln's birthday, we should have rededicated ourselves as Patriotic Americans to the principles which he held so dear. One cannot help but wonder who will step forward during these times of world-wide confusion to perform a similar task of superior leadership.

I considered it both an honor and a pleasure to represent the department at three fine patriotic observances of Mr. Lincoln's birthday: Philip Triem Camp # 93, Salem on February 11th, Cuyahoga County's annual observance in Cleveland the 12th and McClellan Camp # 91 in Alliance on the 19th.

I urge each camp and each member to celebrate Appomattox Day in some appropriate manner, hopefully by the initiation of new members to our ranks, or at least to talk with some prospective members about our organization.

On Monday, April 15th, 1968 at 11:00 a.m. a ceremony will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oakridge Cemetery, Spring-

field, Illinois, to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of his death.

On May 30th, 1968 at 11:00 a.m. in Valley Forge, Penna. OHIO will become the first state to dedicate a plot of ground, one acre in size, in honor of the brave men from our state who have won their nation's highest military honor, the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. I hope we shall have a good attendance at this event. We here in Alliance are in the process of chartering a bus to go for this event. We would be glad to have members, relatives or friends to with us. We plan to leave Alliance the morning of May 29th at 6:00 a.m., arrive in Philadelphia in the afternoon in time to spend some time in Independence Square and a tour of the ship, OLYMPIC, anchored in the Delaware River. After this, supper and relax time before bed. On the morning of the 30th, a tour of Valley Forge, the dedication and the trip home, arriving in Alliance around 10:00 p.m. The PRICE for your transportation, your sightseeing and your night's lodging in a motel at Valley Forge, double occupancy in the motel is \$22.00 per person. A \$5.00 deposit at the time of reservation and the remainder by May 1st. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please notify them so that reservations may get into my hands as soon as possible. I think that you will agree that the price of this trip is very reasonable.

Make plans to attend the State encampment in Akron, June 14-16 at the Sheraton Hotel. We need the support of all to keep these state encampments as a part of our total program. I urge you to LEND a Hand, to be a BOOSTER of your organization, to attend the sessions with helpful advice and criticism too if you feel it to be helpful that we may have a strong department. I hope that you agree with me that we DARE NOT let this organization fall by the wayside. A joint planning session for our encampment will be held to work on the schedule. Department business will be conducted on Saturday, June 15 a banquet on Saturday night with a speaker of National importance followed by time for socialability. Election and installation of officers will take place on Sunday. We will endeavor to make the state encampment meetings worthy of your attendance and we hope that you are planning on joining with us in Akron, June 14-16.