

OHIO DEPARTMENT

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Encampment Proceedings 1974

The 92nd Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College Campus on June 21-22-23, 1974, with the Department Commander Robert C. Wolz presiding. On Friday evening June 21st, the Department Council audited the books of the Department Treasurer.

At 8:00 p.m. the fun night was held in place of the regular Camp Fire, usually held on the first evening of the Encampment.

The first session of the Encampment was the joint opening, with the Auxiliary Chief of Staff, Esther Creek presiding.

The officers of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were escorted in and introduced, followed by the Chiefs of Staff of both Sons and Auxiliary, escorting the Department Commander, Robert C. Wolz and Department President, Lilly McCollough to the platform, and thanking all for attending.

The Sons of Union Veterans then adjourned to their meeting room, for the first session of the Encampment.

Department Commander Wolz made the following appointments:

Registration Committee C.B.Wood.

Officers Reports committee- W.W.Dorsey, Paul Selby and C.B.Wood

Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - Ralph Shadel, Frank Hilliard, Richard Greenwalt.

Roll call of Department Officers resulted as follows: Department Commander, Robert C. Wolz, Department Senior Vice Commander, Kenneth Swift, Department Junior Vice Commander Thomas Hoffman., Department Council, Richard Greenwalt and C.B.Wood., Department Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Austin., Department Patriotic Instructor, Ralph Shadel., Department Chief of Staff, Wilbur Haueter, Department Guide, Frank Hillard.

The next item of business was the reading of the Officers Reports

The following were received: Department Commander Robert C. Wolz

Department Senior Vice Commander - Kenneth Swift

Department Junior Vice Commander - Thomas Hoffman

Department Secretary -Treasurer - Robert Austin

Department Council submitted their report at the close of the Encampment session. These reports are as follows:

Department Commander

Dear Brothers:

The year has moved quickly by and my administration has come to an end. I have tried to serve the office to my very best and national and personal problems have prevented me from doing more.

My stewardship of office has been as follows:

I attended the District meetings of both District No. 1 and No. 2; I attended the Central Regional Association meeting in Milwaukee and lead Ohio's delegation there.

I attended Remembrance Day services at Gettysburg in November and the Lincoln tomb observances at Springfield, Illinois in April.

Both Philip Triem Camp No. 43 of Salem and McClellan Camp No. 91 of Alliance held well attended Lincoln Borthday Dirmers which I attended.

My hope was to visit each and every Camp, but gasoline shortages, the loss of my wife, Mary, and my own hospitalization prevented me from doing more than this.

It gladdens my heart to hear that efforts are being made to organize new camps in Wooster, Ohio and Zanesville, Ohio and I ask each of you to help build the Order more. We can do much if each member helps carry the load.

Again thank you for this honor you have given me as your Department Commander.

Yours in F. C. And L.
Robert C. Wolz. Commander

146 Mansfield Avenue
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

June 18, 1974

To the Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1974

Since the 1973 Annual Encampment, these have been my activities as your
Senior Vice Commander:

Played bass drum in parades in Upper Arlington, Lexington, and Ontario on July 4, 1973, morning, afternoon and evening respectively. We paraded in Perrysville on the afternoon of July 14th. Four of our Fife and drum Corps marched through a pouring rain to play for packed street crowds at the 100th Annual Muster of Fife and Drum Corps from eastern United States as far west as Plymouth, Michigan, and guest musicians from Switzerland at Deep River, Connecticut, getting cheers and applause along most of the mile-long parade route on July 21st. Corps played one-hour concerts on the steps of the First Federal Savings and Loan Associations on Friday evening, August 10th and Saturday afternoon, August 11th, as promotion for Dixie Days, a downtown merchants' sale. Corps marched in parade in Coshocton in the morning, Cambridge in the afternoon and played a concert in Roscoe Village near Coshocton that evening of August 18. We marched again in the Labor Day parade in Mount Vernon, September 3rd. We played at the Daughters of Veterans District meeting at the Mulberry Street Methodist Church in Mount Vernon at noon, September 22nd.

I presided as President of District No. 2 at the District meeting September 30th at my home. 25 members were present, including children. The Corps played a concert at the Loudenville Street Fair the evening of October 5th. We paraded in Millersburg on the afternoon of October 7th. We again paraded, this time in Marietta, on October 13th. The Corps played three times at the Centennial celebration of Berlin Grange near Frederickstown, on Sunday, November 4th. We played a concert at a Knights of Pythias gathering at Marriott Inn, Columbus, on the evening of May 3rd.

Senior Vice Commander's Report (concluded)

I missed the District meeting on May 19th because I had to conduct services at the Hannah Browning Home at 3 and Northside Manor at 6:45 p.m. The Corps played and marched at the Memorial service at the Shrine in Mohican State Park conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Gold and Silver Star Mothers on May 26th. We marched in the Memorial Day parade on the false Memorial Day, May 27th, in Mount Vernon. On the real Memorial Day, we played a concert at the Salvation Army citadel in Mount Vernon for the Senior Citizens who eat lunch there daily on week days.. a Federally funded project. The Corps played a concert at the Centennial celebration of Pleasant Grange, south of Mount Vernon, on June 5th in the evening. We played another concert at the dedication ceremony of the new Museum in Loudenville on the afternoon of June 16th.

That makes a total of 22 times in the past year our Fife and Drum Corps has played in public places to keep the memory of the Civil War Veterans green in the minds of our fellow countrymen, which is the purpose of our order.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Swift

Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER - 1973 - 1974

To the Officers and members of the Ohio Department:

I have been proud and privileged to have worked with so many fine people and with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this past year. Time has gone by so fast that it is hard to recall all of the activities and programs of the year gone by. However, I will try to name some which I now remember.

First, there was the Burton, Ohio activities of Saturday July 28, 1973. Then came Edinburg, Virginia, Saturday August 4, 1973. The program next was the Veterans Day at Columbus, October 22nd. Next was the program for Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 17th. I really enjoyed this as it holds recognition of the present day to days gone by and of the sacrifice given by the Civil War Soldiers of 1861 to 1865.

Other activities were the installation ceremonies of Officers for the Mansfield McLaughlin Camp No. 12. Still another activity was the District No. 2 meeting held in Mansfield, Sunday 19, 1974. The last activity which I took part in was Memorial Day Sunday May 26, 1974 at Jeromesville, Ohio and then at Mansfield, Ohio on Monday May 27, 1974.

Due to being ill, I was unable to attend Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery at Columbus, Ohio June 2, 1974, but understand it was a success. I do plan on being there next year. The other program which I was present for was the Lincoln Day activity February 9, 1974 in Mansfield.

This year has been a busy year for me as this report shows but it has been a year of working with many fine people and I most sincerely hope that the next year will be the same for this Department Office. I do now wish to give my thanks to all of the people I have worked with and to all members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Hoffman
Department Junior Vice Commander

Robert D. Austin, Sec'y-Treas
147 South McKinley Ave.,
Alliance, Ohio 44601

June 19, 1974

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

Greetings:

The membership of the Department is 181, with 14 associates included in this figure. During the year two Camps were disbanded - Akron with 5 members and Findlay with 2 members. There were five deaths, Carlton Edie of Findlay, H.D. Huttenhower of Salem, Paul Grate of Alliance as well as Frank Thornton, and Chester Kerr of Portsmouth Camp. Thirteen new members were added, eight were dropped for non-payment of dues.

The Banner has been mailed to all the members each quarter, so all were able to keep up with the events of the Camps over the National, even if they do not hold regular meetings in their own Camps.

I asked at the last Encampment for an up-to-date list of the membership, and to date just two of the Camps have complied. What is the hold up in the other Camps? But thanks to the two that supplied a new listing. In mailing the Banner if the letter is returned, that member is crossed off the mailing list and all contact from the Department is lost. Each quarter blanks are mailed to the Camp Secretary for the per-capitatax, but few are returned so as to keep an accurate record of the new members and addresses to be added to the mailing listing, as well as deaths and dropped members. The Camp keeps a copy and send the other in to the Department Secretary for his files.

The National raised the per-capita tax to the Departments from .35¢ to .75¢ some months ago, but at the last National the tax was dropped to .55¢, so I feel that the Department can ask the Camps for .75¢ in place of the \$1.00, but this must be decided during this session of the Encampment.

Department Sec'y-Treas. report (concluded)

The Department has been getting along quite well on the money coming in to the treasury, so feel that with the amount of .20¢ per member from the Camps we can still survive, with the other funds being stressed, but it seems as in the past year some of the appeals have been disregarded. Letters were sent to all Camps for the Christmas donations to the Xenia and Sandusky Homes ^{but} met with very little response - \$35.00 in fact and \$50.00 sent, so what is the opinion of the members - Shall we still continue to send the \$25.00 to each home or just as funds are designated by the donor??

The only way the membership has of keeping in touch with the coming events is by the issuing of the General Orders by the Department Commander, so let's us keep up the sending of the orders and perhaps more will respond to the needs in the funds that are so needed to meet the demands of the Department, as the Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor and the Christmas donations.

I want to thsnk all in the help given me as secretary during the last year's term, and in the coming months, let each try and secure a new or reinstated member, and increase the membership in your camp as well as the Department. The more members in your Camp meetings, the more interest will be shown, and more to carry on the work left by the Grand Army for us to do, on Memorial Day and all patriotic days during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Austin

Department Secretary.

Financial Report for the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War. 1973-1974

Bank Balance June 1, 1973 - - - - - \$468.72

Income for the Year

Camp per-capita tax	- - - - - \$ 458.40
Chief of Staff Fund	- - - - - 22.00
Patriotic Instructor fund	- - - - - 36.60
Homes Christmas Fund	- - - - - 35.00
Akron Camp Disbanded	- - - - - 50.00
Dep't. Auxiliary donation	- - - - - 25.00
Supplies	- - - - - 4.00

TOTAL INCOME \$631.00

Grand Total

\$631.00
\$1,099.72

Expenditures for the year

Per-capita tax to National	\$475.35
Supplies	65.70
Regional Dues	5.00
1973 Encampment Expenses	74.00
Printing 1973 minutes	50.00
General orders	10.40
Christmas Homes donations	50.00
	<u>\$730.45</u>

Bank Service charge

\$730.45

5.94

\$736.39

Bank Balance June 1, 1974

\$363.33

Permanent Fund Balance

\$ 61.03

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Austin,
Department Treasurer

TO COMMANDER WOLZ, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,

Greetings:

The following is my report for the year 1973-1974 as your Department Patriotic
Instructor.

Since one of the duties of our Department Patriotic Instructor is to collect
money to help pay the expenses of the Annual Department Encampment, I wish to
report the following as donors to the Department Patriotic Instructor's Fund to
date of this writing:

Paul Grate	- - - - -	\$5.00
District No. 1	- - - - -	5.00
Ralph Shadel	- - - - -	5.00
Thomas Hoffman	- - - - -	5.00
McLaughlin Camp No. 12	- - - - -	5.00
District No. 1	- - - - -	5.00
Robert Austin	- - - - -	5.00
District No. 2	- - - - -	5.00
		<u>\$40.00</u>

This money along with any further donations will be turned over to our Department
Secretary-Treasurer.

As in past years I was fortunate to be able to travel to Gettysburg, Penna.
for the Annual G A R Remembrance Day program and Banquet on November 19th, last
year. Also, this past April I drove to Springfield, Illinois, to participate in
the Annual Memorial Service at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln with our Department
Commander and Department President.

It has been an honor to serve our Order in this capacity of Department
Patriotic Instructor and hope that my report meets with the approval of the Ohio
membership.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and
Loyalty,

Ralph Shadel, Jr.
Department Patriotic Instructor
Department of Ohio, Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War.

Alliance, Ohio June 23, 1974

Ohio Department Commander Wolz:

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department we wish to report that the Department Council met on June 21, 1974 for the purpose of auditing the Department books, we found them to be in their usual excellent condition and in perfect order. We wish to commend our Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Austin, for another year of dedicated service in behalf of the Ohio Department.

We were sorry to note the loss of two camps, Akron and Findlay, who decided that they can no longer function. You have heard it reported that the Ohio Department has received the sum of \$50.00(fifty dollars) from the former Akron Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. & L.

Ohio Department Council

Richard Greenwalt
C.B.Wood

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CHIEF OF STAFF FUND

Department Vice Commander, Thomas Hoffman	- - - - -	\$10.00
Department Sec'y-Treas., Robert Austin	- - - - -	5.00
District No. 1	- - - - -	5.00
District No. 2	- - - - -	5.00
Past. Dept. President Jane Greenwalt	- - - - -	1.00
Jerry Wolford	- - - - -	1.00
19th Ohio Regt. S. V. R.	- - - - -	1.00
Phillip Triem Camp No. 43	- - - - -	5.00
		<u>\$33.00</u>

Yours in F. C. & L.

Wilbur Haueter,
Department Chief of Staff.

Under the reading of communications and bills, the only bills presented are from the Department Commander for a wreath presented in the Lincoln Tomb observance at Springfield, Ill. in April for \$6.00 and the Sons share of the Memorial service - \$2.17

National Graves Registration Officer, Harry Furman, asking what the Ohio Department is doing in respect to grave registrations and assisting persons in tracing their ancestors, as well as plans for the Bi-Centennial coming up.

During the meeting some historical facts were presented to those in attendance. The Philip Triem Camp No 43 in Salem has held 13,186 consecutive meetings - Chester Bigley, a member of the former Camp in Toledo, attended every meeting of the Department Encampment for 40 years - - R. J. Williams, former Department Secretary-Treasurer died just a few months short of belonging to the Sons of Veterans for 70(seventy)years.

When the greetings committee^{of the Auxiliary} reported to the Sons meeting. they presented the Department a check for \$25.00 as a love gift, for which was very much appreciated. At the time of the report of the committee on officers reports, Chairman W.W. Dorsey reported that the committee concurred on all recommendations, but recommended that the amount of money received on the Christmas appeals, be sent and not the usual amount as in the past (\$25.00) for each home. Also the recommendation of the Secretary, that the Camp per-capita tax of .75¢ be accepted. As there were no comments from the Encampment members the above will be complied with.

The Encampment has been at the Mount Union College for some years, but the feeling of the Ladies of the Grand Army that they would like to go to Columbus for the next Encampment, and they are the the host for next year, so all felt that the Auxiliary and Sons should comply with their request, so no doubt the 1975 Encampment will be in Columbus , Ohio in 1975.

A discussion was held in reference to hosting the National Encampment in 1976, and Columbus was favored by the committee in charge of arrangements. - Robert J. Wolz of New Waterford is on this committee for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Robert J. Wolz is now holding the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, so a motion was made by Kenneth Swift and seconded by Wilbur Haueter that the Department endorse this officer for the ^{office of} National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment to be held in New Hampshire in August of this year - The vote resulted favorably.

The Annual Memorial service was held Sunday June 23rd and the following Sons of Union Veterans have passed away during the year - -

Carlton Edie of Findlay, H. D. Huttenhower of Salem, Paul Grate of Alliance Camp, Frank Thornton of Alliance and Chester Kerr of Portsmouth Camp.

Since all the business has been transacted the nomination and election of officers for the next year was held-- and results are as follows:

Department Commander - Kenneth Swift, 146 Mansfield Avenue, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 43050 - Phone 614-397-5787

Department Senior Vice Commander - Thomas Hoffman, 115 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Department Junior Vice Commander - Frank Hilliard, 406 Walker Avenue Alliance, Ohio 44601

Department Secretary-Treasurer - Robert Austin, 147 So. McKinley Avenue Alliance, Ohio 44601

Department Council - Ralph Shadel, 186 Essex Rd. Lexington, Ohio 44904
Three year term

~~- Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit St. Alliance, 44601~~ ^{R. J. WOLZ NEW WATERFORD 44445}
Two year Term

- C.B. Wood, 742 South Arch Ave., Alliance 44601
One year term

Department Chaplain - Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit, Alliance 44601

Department Patriotic Instructor, Wilbur Haueter, 32911 Rt. # 30, Hanoverton Ohio 44423

Officers (concluded)

Department Color Guard - E. Stanley Smith, 617 Minerva Street, East
Liverpool, Ohio 43920

Department Color Guard - Robert C. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio 44445

Department Chief of Staff - Rick Bury, Wooster, Ohio 44691

Department Personal Aide - W.W. Dorsey, 600 Gay Street, Mount Vernon
Ohio 43050

Department Military Aide - Jerry Wolford, 157 W. 12th Street, Salem
Ohio 44460

The installing officer for the installation of the Encampment officers
was Robert J. Wolz .

Other Department Officers selected by the Auxiliary, Miss Ramona Greenwalt, Pres.
267 West Cambridge Street, Alliance 44601

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - Mrs. Beatrice Walker, Pres.
R. F. D. # 1, Adena, Ohio 43801

On Saturday evening the annual banquet was held with Wm. Steffy as the speaker of the evening. His topic - "There is Hope for America - If". It was his contention that Americans must be willing to become involved in the affairs of government. He added that America can survive if a spirit of loyalty is re-kindled and if we are willing to be counted and willing to give whatever it takes to preserve America. Referring to his own service in the community to show love of Country and love of city, - "I have an obligation as a citizen, handed down to me as a franchise to be an American. We must be rejuvenated as good citizens. America is the fairest, richest, safest government in the world, and there is a challenge to educators, ministers, labor and management and parents to train and direct people into devotion to country. Yes! we are sick, but we are going to get better. Steffy cited the patriotism of the descendents of the Civil War Veterans gathered in the Encampment, and asserted that if we had clusters of people like this gathering across the

Steffy's Speech (concluded)

country, we would not have to worry about the future of America. The group was entertained by the Harmonitones, directed by Al Nash.

The above minutes are considered the official proceedings of the 1974 Encampment, held in Alliance, Ohio at Mount Union College on June 21-22-23, 1974.

Robert C. Wolz, Department Commander

Robert Austin, Department
Secretary-Treasurer.