

OHIO DEPARTMENT

SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Encampment Proceedings 1975

The 93rd Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Pick Fort Hayes Hotel in Columbus, Ohio June 27-28-29, 1975 with the Department Commander, Kenneth Swift presiding.

No sessions of the Encampment were held on Friday, as the books of the Secretary-Treasurer were audited before going to the Encampment, and a get-together party was held along with the Auxiliary in the evening.

The first session of the Encampment was the joint opening, with the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, Ramona Sparkman presiding. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were escorted into the room, followed by the National Officers - Commander in Chief John Stark of the Sons and Jessie Wells of the Auxiliary, Nat'l Pres. after which the Sons adjourned to their meeting room for the first session of the Encampment.

Department Commander Swift appointed the following committees:

Registration - Thomas Hoffman and Frank Hilliard  
Officers Reports - Richard Greenwalt, W.W. Dorsey and Robert Gillespie  
Greetings committee - To the Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic - - All in attendance of the Sons.

Roll Call of the Department Officers resulted as follows:

Department Commander - Kenneth Swift  
Department Senior Vice Commander - Thomas Hoffman  
Department Junior Vice Commander - Frank Hilliard  
Department Secretary-Treasurer - Robert Austin  
Department Chaplain - Richard Greenwalt  
Department Personal Aide - W.W. Dorsey

The next item of business was the receiving of the Officers reports, and resulted as follows:

Department Commander - Kenneth Swift  
Department Senior Vice Commander - Thomas Hoffman  
Department Junior Vice Commander - Frank Hilliard  
Department Secretary-Treasurer - Robert Austin  
Department Treasurer's Financial Report - Robert Austin  
Department Chaplain - Richard Greenwalt  
Department Patriotic Instructor - Wilbur Houeter





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Kenneth Swift, Commander  
146 Mansfield Ave.  
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

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Sec'y-Treas.  
147 South McKinley  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Birthday of St. John the Baptist  
June 24, 1975

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

Greetings:

It has been my pleasure to serve you this past year as your Department Commander, and it has been as busy as my health and financial condition would permit. As you already know from the General Orders issued this year, I was unable to attend the July 21, 1974 meeting of District # 1, but was represented by Frank J. Hilliard. Likewise, I appointed Richard Greenwalt to represent me at National Encampment in August.

I was privileged to be in Wooster when Given Camp # 51 was rechartered on August 11, 1974. I also attended our District # 2 meeting at West Millgrove, Ohio, on September 29th, as well as the Mansfield Camp meeting on September 18th. The next month, I went to Xenia to take part in the planning for their Christmas celebration, as well as returning to Wooster's new Camp for initiation on October 6th. On the 14th, I attended our Department President's reception in Alliance. The next event was the Central Regional Meeting in Columbus on October 19-20, at which I was present both days. The Civil War Roundtable in Mansfield on October 28th, followed.

In November, I went to the reception for the Department President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., in Martins Ferry, Ohio on the 3rd. Also to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the annual ceremony there.

I was privileged to install the new officers of McLaughlin Camp # 12 in Mansfield on December 18th. Lincoln Day banquets at Alliance on February 10th and at Mansfield on February 15th found me there at both places. Then in April I attended the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. In January, Brother Ralph Shadel represented me at the installation of officers in Dennison Camp in Columbus.

Last month, I presided again at the District # 2 meeting in Mansfield, but could not attend the second meeting of District # 1, because of a conflicting date. This month has been a very busy one, for I attended the Department Conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps in Toledo on the 9th, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Galion on the 16th. I was privileged to attend the 6th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans Reserves in Newton Falls on the 22nd.

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I extend the sympathy of our entire Department to those who have lost loved ones this past year, including several of our Brothers and Past Officers.

In spite of at least two pleas for the dates of camp meetings in the various camps, I received only one invitation to attend. That was sent to me by Mansfield Camp. Yes, I did get invited to special meetings of the Camps in Wooster and Columbus, one of which I did attend, and one to which I sent my representative. I am sorry that I could not make any connections with the other Camps.

I regret to announce that we may lose our Past Department Commander, Ralph Shadel, whose friendship I value very highly. He is presently in California in search of employment. If he should find it there, they plan to move there. If anybody knows of a job opening in his capacity here in Ohio, please contact me or him immediately.

Let me correct one statement in my General Orders # 3. I started with the Mount Vernon Fife and Drum Corps in May 1969 instead of 1970 as I had reported to our Department Secretary-Treasurer, and the number of appearances is 167 as of today, since that May 30, 1969. We are still going strong, as you can see.

Now let me thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the 66th birthday present you gave me when you entrusted me with the honor of being your Department Commander this past year. I shall never forget the many pleasant occasions which this job has afforded me.

Gratefully yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kenneth S. Swift  
Department Commander  
Ohio Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Signed by:  
Richard Greenwalt  
Robert Gillespie  
Warfield W. Dorsey

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1974 - 1975

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department

Greetings:

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 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 of which I remember.

First there was the week end of July 12, 13, and 14th, 1974 at Fort Wayne, Indiana where a Civil War battle re-enactment took place. The next activity was on Wednesday July 17, 1974 where I aided the Mansfield Auxiliary in the installation service. This was a very nice program.

Next came a District meeting at Alliance, Ohio on Sunday July 21, 1974. This too was very nice and I most sincerely enjoyed it. Then again on Saturday July 26, 1974 there was another Civil War battle re-enactment held at Old Washington, Ohio. It was interesting for me to learn that here in the town's cemetery buried together side by side, are both Union and Confederate soldiers. This is unusual as this practice was not done during the Civil War era.

The next activity for me came on Sunday August 11, at a dinner meeting in Wooster, Ohio honoring the re-chartering of Wooster, Ohio Given Post # 51, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Then again on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. on October 6, I was present at the installation of members of the same Wooster Camp. I reached this activity after taking part in a parade of "C" Battery First Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery in the town of Millersburg, Ohio. This was a busy day for me.

After this came the Remembrance Day observance on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Saturday November 16, 1974 at 2:00 p.m. This is a very fine program and I most sincerely suggest that all attend this year who possibly can.

To start the new year, my next activity was on Manday January 27, 1975 with the help of the Department Past Commander, Ralph Shadel, who is now serving the department council. We took part in the re-activating of Governor Dennison No. 1 Ohio Camp by helping with the initiation of new members and installing the new officers. I am happy to report that Kenneth Brodess is the new Camp Commander of the camp and that they hold their meetings at the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 205, 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month from October to April.

The next program for me was the Lincoln's Day held at Mansfield, Ohio on Saturday February 15, 1975. Coming next was on Sunday April 13th at Wooster, Ohio where I attended a meeting of the Wooster Given Post # 51, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Here Major Bowman gave a talk on Civil War Surgery. This was very interesting. Then on May 18, I attended a district meeting in Mansfield. On May 26, I attended the Mansfield Ohio Memorial Day service and was in the Mansfield Memorial Day parade.



( Senior Vice Department Commanders's report concluded)

On Sunday June 1, 1975 I took part in the service at Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery at Columbus, Ohio. This was a very fine program and I again suggest all who can, to attend next year.

I must also say that on Saturday October 19th and Sunday October 20th, 1974 I attended the Central Regional meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary. This was held in Columbus, Ohio and at this meeting I was elected Junior Vice Commander.

My last activity was last week, June 20,21,22, at the Sixth National Encampment for a Civil War Battle re-enactment where the battle of Spotsylvania was re-enacted.

This 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,

In F. C. & L.

Thomas Hoffman  
Senior Vice Department Commander

Signed:

Richard Greenwalt  
Robert Gillespie  
Warfield W. Dorsey

June 24, 1975

Department Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

This year in the Department has been quite active membership wise. At this date there are 186 members on the rolls of the Department. We might say that there were two new camps started if you stretch the truth. The one in Wooster with 21 members, and the one in Columbus with 13 members, but not really new as it has been semi-active for years, but Thomas Hoffman secured 13 new sons to revive the camp and get meetings started once more. But where are the ones that were on the rolls from Governor Dennison # 1 for years, as they are not on the mailing list?

During the year I reinstatement, 21 from new camps, 20 new members; 26 dropped for non payment of dues, 7 transferred to Indiana as a new Camp was started and 4 deaths.

All were saddened by the death of Past Commander - in - Chief William Coffin of Cincinnati in December of 1974, and the following: Donald Ward of Camp # 91 in July 1974; Errett E. Nile, Camp # 91 October 1974 and Past Department Commander Martin R. Battey, Camp # 91, January 1, 1975. Each of these members will be sadly missed as they were workers for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Many of the Camp Secretaries are quite prompt in sending the quarterly report checks but some forget to return the report blank so perhaps there are some deaths that should be reported, but the only records I have are from those that return the blanks. As I have stressed in the past, for up-to-date listing of the members of the Camps, but all seem to turn a deaf ear, so the result is - returned BANNERS and these names are taken off my list, so if you have members that claim they do not receive the BANNER, don't blame the Department, but your Camp Secretary.

For the past year the Department has assessed the Camps .75¢ per member, per quarter per-capita tax and .55¢ of this amount has been sent to the National, so the Department works on .20¢ and have survived to a fairly good degree, so I think this .75¢ is still enough unless the Department goes on a spending spree.

Christmas donations to the Homes was very good, and a vote of thanks should go to the Department Commander for starting this funds growth, and some few others responded to the need. I do not know as to the funds for the Chief of Staff, but letters were sent and all money perhaps sent to him, but as to date the Patriotic Instructor has not seen fit to build his fund. When the Regional was held in Columbus in October 1974, they donated the Department \$10.00 for some patriotic work in the Department, and this money is still in the Department Treasury, for your action.

Have any of you given a thought as to what the Sons should do for the Bi-centennial in 1976? We as a patriotic order should be active during the year by programs as well as securing members while the patriotic spirit is on fire.

(Dept. Sec'y-Treas. Report concluded)

Work for the National Encampment being held in Columbus in 1976 is also calling for extra workers if this is to be a success, and Ohio to receive credit for hosting this Encampment, and I am sure as the year progresses that all will be recruited for work, since the Committee cannot do all that has to be done if this Encampment is to be the success we as Sons would like it to be.

I would like to thank all the members and officers that made this year's work easier, as I had to call in many for answers to questions asked, and especially to the Department Commander for his prompt action in issuing the General Orders, and know all were enlightened in the information he sent to all through the orders. The new officers that are to serve the Department for the next year should listen to the charges as given by the installing officer, as to their duties and fill the office to the utmost, and carry on the work the Grand Army of the Republic asked the Sons to do, since in the past few years some of the important days have been neglected by the Camps, such as proper observance of Memorial Day, Appamatox Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Dedication Day as well as other Veterans Days, that the later Veterans Groups observe.

Now for the good news... I am not a candidate for the office of Department Secretary-Treasurer as I have served for some years, and this year is the time to elect a new officer, as this is a three year term. This then, would be a good time for the Department to make use of new blood in this office, one that has more zip than I have, and new ideas for the office. So thanks for all the assistance I have received over the years in this office, and I ask you to give the next Secretary-treasurer the wonderful help you have given me...Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

In F.C. & L.

Robert Austin  
Department Secretary

Signed:  
Richard Greenwalt  
Robert Gillespie  
Warfield W. Dorsey

Department Secretary's Treasurer's Financial Report

Treasurer's report for 1974-1975

|                               |           |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance on hand, June 1, 1974 | \$ 363.33 | \$ 363.33 |
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Receipts:

|                             |            |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Per-capita Taz from Camps   | 465.30     |                  |
| Chief of Staff Fund         | 38.00      |                  |
| Patriotic Instructor's Fund | 40.00      |                  |
| Donations                   | 35.00      |                  |
| Encampment Registrations    | 531.30     |                  |
| Supplies                    | 21.70      |                  |
| Permanent Fund              | 5.00       |                  |
| Xenia Home                  | 75.00      |                  |
| O.S. & S.O. Home -Sandusky  | 30.00      |                  |
|                             | <hr/>      |                  |
| Total Income                | \$1,241.30 | <u>\$1241.30</u> |
|                             |            | \$1604.63        |

Expenditures:

|                           |           |                |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| National Per-capita tax   | \$ 404.80 |                |
| Flowers                   | 22.90     |                |
| Encampment Expenses       | 533.47    |                |
| Supplies                  | 110.16    |                |
| Treasurer's Bond          | 13.00     |                |
| Regional Dues             | 5.00      |                |
| General Orders            | 50.00     |                |
| Xenia Home                | 55.00     |                |
| O.S. & S.O. Home          | 20.00     |                |
| Lincoln Tomb Fund         | 10.00     |                |
| Bank Service Charge       | 4.22      |                |
|                           | <hr/>     |                |
| Total Expenditures        | \$1228.55 | <u>1228.55</u> |
| Bank Balance June 1, 1975 |           | \$ 376.08      |

Respectfully submitted,  
In F.C. & I.

Robert Auxtin  
Department-Secretary-Treasurer

Audited June 22, 1975

C.B. Wood  
Richard Greenwalt Council Members



June 28, 1975

To Department Commander Kenneth Swift, the Officers and  
Members of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War,

Greetings:

I consider it an honor to serve our organization as Department  
Chaplain this past year. I served the National Organization as National  
Patriotic Instructor and as such attended the National Encampment at Bretton  
Woods, New Hampshire. I attended the Regional held in Columbus, the  
meetings of my district where I serve as Chaplain, and almost all of the  
meetings of my local camp, where I also function as Chaplain.

I have also fulfilled to the best of my ability my various duties  
and responsibilities in our uniformed ranks, the Sons of Veterans  
Reserve. My job as General Chairman for the 1976 National Encampment  
has required some effort this year and will demand much more for the next  
year, I am sure. I have done what I could to help secure membership  
for the order and I was extremely happy to attend the ceremony for the  
reinstitution of the camp in Wooster. I also represented the sons  
at the June meeting of the Stark County Historical Society in Canton.  
I passed out several applications for membership and will continue to  
follow up on the growth of our order.

Thank you again for my appointment as your Department Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,  
In F. C. & L.

Richard Greenwalt, Chaplain  
Ohio Department.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

During the past year I attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg,  
Penna, in November of 1974. In April of 1975 I attended the District meeting  
No. 1 at Salem, Ohio. Participated in the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony  
in Salem on May 26, 1975 and on May 30 held Memorial Day services with Philip  
Triem Camp # 43, Salem, at Hope Cemetery. June 21 and 22, 1975 I participated  
in the 6th S.V.R. National Encampment at Newton Falls, Ohio Re-enactment of the  
Battle of Spotsylvania, Va. and celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United  
States Army.

I am sorry I could not attend this year's Ohio Department Encampment,  
but due to my work I cannot take the time out.

Yours in F.C.& L.

Wilbur Haueter, Ohio Dept. Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

|                        |    |       |
|------------------------|----|-------|
| Thomas Hoffman         | \$ | 5.00  |
| McLaughlin Camp # 12   |    | 10.00 |
| Philip Triem Camp # 43 |    | 15.00 |
| TOTAL                  | \$ | 30.00 |

Signed: Richard Greenwalt  
Robert Gillespie  
Warfield W. Dorsey

During the years the Encampments were held at the Mount Union College Campus, a Convention Fund was started and with interest amounted to \$159.82 to this date. It was felt perhaps this fund should be closed out and divided among the three organizations -(Sons, Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic) so each organization received the amount of \$53.27, and it is hoped perhaps all will place this in the Fund that will be used to host the National Encampment in Ohio in 1976.

There are some members in the Department interested in more than one Camp's future, and thus attend and give help in their workings, so the question was raised as to holding membership in more than one Camp. The Commander-in-Chief ruled that this is confusing to the Camp Secretary as to the correct membership listing as well as per-capita tax payment, so felt that this should not be done.

At this time the Commander -in-Chief was called on to speak, and spoke on the history of the Reserve Units at the time of the Spanish American War, World War # 1. World War # 2, and after the joining with the Militia, served the country during the conflicts. At this time different ones expressed their ideas as to holding the Encampments in large cities, and resulted in a motion that the Sons go on record of holding future meetings in the smaller towns as the cost as well as the sociability resulting, and asked to be returned to Mount Union College once more in 1976. This motion was made by W.W.Dorsey and seconded by Robert Gillespie and the vote resulted favorable.

Richard Greenwalt asked the Department Commander to appoint two members to serve on the committee to meet at 1:00 p.m. Sunday p.m. to help plan for the National Encampment to be held in Ohio in 1976. Frank Hilliard and Robert Austin were named on this committee along with Ralph Shadel.

At this time the nomination and election of officers for the next year was held and resulted as follows:

Department Commander - Thomas Hoffman, 115 Glenwood Blvd., Mansfield 44906  
Senior Mansfield Camp # 12

Department Vice Commander- Frank Hilliard, 406 Walker Ave., Alliance, 44601  
Camp # 91

Department Jr. Vice Commander - Gordon R. Bury, R.F.D. #1 Marshallville, Ohio  
Camp # 51, 44645

Dept. Sec'y-Treas. - Robert Austin, 147 So. McKinley Ave., Alliance # 91, 44601

Dept. Council - Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit St., Alliance, # 91, 44601  
Ralph Shadel, 186 Essex Rd. Lexington, Camp # 12, 44904

Two year term

C.B.Wood, 742 S. Arch Ave., Alliance # 91 44601

One year term.

Department Commander's appointments:

Personal Aide - Paul Selby, 127 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, # 12, 44906

Chaplain - Richard Greenwalt, 616 W. Summit St., Alliance, # 91, 44601

Patriotic Instructor, -Forest Artland

Chief of Staff - Wilbur Haueter, R.D. # 1, Hanoverton, Camp # 43, 44423

Guide-Robert Gillespie, 10635 Ford Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551, Camp # 91

Color Guard - Kenneth Swift, 146 Mansfield Ave., Mount Vernon, 43050, Camp # 207

Military Aide - Jerry Wolford, 105 E. State St., Salem, 44460, Camp # 43

Musical Aide - W.W.Dorsey, 600 Gay St., Mount Vernon, 43050, Camp # 207

Inside Guard - Robert C. Wolz, New Waterford, Ohio 44445

Department Counselor - Ralph Shadel, Camp # 12

At this time the Greetings committee was received from the Auxiliary, who presented the Sons a check for \$25.00 as a love gift, and the Department appreciates this gift very much.

At this time Commander-in-Chief John Stark spoke on the subject - Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and stated that at National Encampment he will appoint a committee to revise the regulations. Speaking of the Rules for the Reserve Units - they differ in the various Departments. As stated in the past, all members of the Reserve Units must be members of the Sons of Union Veterans Camps as of January 1, 1975, but many have not complied with this regulation and it is up to the officers of the Units to enforce this order.

Sunday morning June 29th.

National

At this time, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert J. Wolz entered and spoke on planning to confer the degree work at the National being held in Columbus in August of 1976, using the 1898 ritual with crossed swords on the altar flag, and stressed the need to increase the membership during the next year. Since the ritual has been changed over the years, Richard Greenwalt recommended that Robert J. Wolz explain to the Council of Administration at the National Encampment in 1975, as to his proposition of conferring the degree work at the 1976 National which will be held in Columbus, and receive their sanction. There was no dissenting expression to this recommendation.

At a past Encampment Robert J. Wolz had presented a plaque to be given to the Camp in the Department showing the largest gain in membership and this will be given to McClellan Camp # 91 this year.

Department Commander Swift appointed Frank Hilliard and Rick(Gordon) Bury on the Encampment Committee.

The Committee on Officers Reports gave their report on the condition of the Treasurer's books as well as reports submitted by the Department Officers.

For the Installation of Officers for the coming year, Thomas Hoffman selected the Commander-in-Chief John Stark to be the Installing officer, and the above list of officers were beautifully and capably installed. Commander-in-Chief Stark then presented Past Department Commander Swift with his Badge.

Motion was made by Robert J. Wolz and seconded by Richard Greenwalt that the above minutes be the official minutes of the meeting of the sessions held in Columbus, June 27, 28 and 29, 1975.

Kenneth Swift  
Department Commander

Robert Austin  
Department Secretary



The banquet for the Grand Army Family was held on Saturday evening in the Regency Room of the Hotel, with Margaret Orr of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in charge of the program with some 67 members and guests in attendance. The Speaker of the evening was the Rev. J. Hughes Price, Chaplain of the State Institute in Gallipolis, Ohio, who gave a very inspirational talk. A very fine entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Potts showing slide pictures of the United States with musical accompaniment.

The Joint Memorial service was held Sunday morning June 29th and the following deaths were memorialized:

Donald Ward, Camp # 91 Alliance - July 13, 1974

William M. Coffin, Past Commander-in-Chief - Camp # 100 Cincinnati  
December 7, 1974

Errett E. Nile, Camp # 91 Alliance - October 19, 1974

Martin R. Battey, Past Department Commander - Camp # 91, Alliance  
January 1, 1975.

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ADDRESSES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Ramona Greenwalt, President of Auxiliary - 267 West Cambridge St, Alliance, 44601

Isabelle Harding, President of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
505 North 6th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Thomas Hoffman, Commander of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
115 Glenwood Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906