

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS 1976

The 94th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, June 25-26-27, 1976, with Thomas Hoffman, Department Commander, Presiding.

No sessions of the Encampment were held on Friday. The evening was spent with a wonderful get-together party with the Auxiliary.

The first session of the Encampment was the joint opening with the Chief of Staff, Wilbur Haueter, and the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, Lily McCullough, presiding. The officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were escorted into the room, followed by National Officers: Senior Vice Commander, Robert J. Wolz of the Sons and Margaret Gehret, Vice President of the Auxiliary. After brief remarks the Sons adjourned to their meeting room for the first business session of the Encampment. Department Commander Hoffman appointed the following: Past Department Commander, John Decker-Acting Junior Vice Commander

Registration Committee-Frank Hilliard and Ralph Shadel
Officers Reports-Robert J. Wolz, John Decker and W.W. Dorsey
Auditing Committee-Ralph Shadel, Frank Hilliard and W.W. Dorsey

Resolutions Committee-Wilbur Haueter, Charles Werndorff and Robert C. Wolz

Ballot Committee-Robert Gillespie and Richard Greenwalt
Ralph Shadel to respond to greetings from Auxiliary
Frank Hilliard to respond to greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

All members in attendance to act as greetings committee to both the Auxiliary and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Roll Call of Department Officers in attendance:

Department Commander-Thomas Hoffman
Department Senior Vice Commander-Frank Hilliard
Department Secretary-Treasurer-Richard Greenwalt
Department Council-Richard Greenwalt
Ralph Shadel
C.B. Wood

Department Chaplain-Richard Greenwalt
Department Chief of Staff-Wilbur Haueter
Department Color Guard-Ralph Shadel
Department Personal Aide-Paul Selby
Department Musical Aide-W.W. Dorsey
Department Guide-Robert Gillespie

For most business sessions:

Department Junior Vice Commander-Gordon R. Bury II
Department Patriotic Instructor-Forest Atland
Department Military Aide-Col. Jerry Wolford

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The next item of business was the receiving following officer reports:

Department Commander-Thomas Hoffman

Department Senior Vice Commander-Frank Hilliard

Department Junior Vice Commander-Gordon R. Bury II

Department Secretary-Treasurer-Richard Greenwalt

Department Chaplain-Richard Greenwalt

Report of Ohio Department Commander

1975-1976

To the Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Greetings:

It has been my pleasure and honor to have been able to serve you this past year as your Department Commander. For me it was a privilege to attend the activities and events during the past year and to represent the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For those places which I was unable to be present, I do, now, apologize. I have tried to do my best and to bring credit to the Ohio Department. This past year, I have worked with many fine people and have made lots of new friends. I also have visited camp meetings, traveled many miles going to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Springfield, Illinois, and to Xenia, Ohio. Now the year has moved quickly by and my administration has come to an end. However, I still believe, as I always have, that it is up to us the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to keep the memory of the BOYS IN BLUE alive. I am sorry to report that the history books in the schools of today leave out a lot of data and information which at one time consisted of many pages. This, then puts more pressure on our organization to work harder. Civil War school talks, the Civil War reenactments by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the Mount Vernon Fife and Drum Corps are some ways and tools which aid us on this subject.

Another field of interest to our organization is that of patriotism. With all of our present day mechanical devices and activities, it is very sad that there is a lack of respect by many people toward our country and our flag. In General Orders No. 4, because of Flag Day on June 14, 1976, I mentioned some data on "Old Glory". I most sincerely believe that we should love our country and be loyal to its institutions and ideals plus be willing and able to defend it against all enemies. The American Flag is a flag of our country and it does represent all of the past history of the United States. It gladdens my heart to hear about the efforts and accomplishments made by the Patriotic Instructor on both Department and Camp levels. Patriotism does begin in the home, but I think it can also be developed and encouraged by Patriotic societies such as ours. Because of these reasons I am

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proud to be a member of our organization and to be able to work for and with other members of our order and to have been this past year's Ohio Department Commander. It has truly been an honor and a privilege which I most highly appreciate and I am very grateful for this honor. I do indeed thank all of you, who elected me to this office of honor. I most sincerely hope I have been a good leader and have done the job which you asked of me. I can truthfully say I have tried to do so to the best of my ability.

I am sorry to report the following deaths within the Ohio Department during the past year:

1. Robert D. Austin who passed away Sunday, August 31, 1975. He was our Department Secretary and Treasurer as well as a Past Department Commander.
2. Kenneth S. Swift who passed away Wednesday, December 24, 1975. He was our Department Color Guard and served as our Department Commander last year.
3. Brother Rex Russell-McClellan Camp No. 91
4. Brother Clarence Steffy-McClellan Camp No. 91
5. Brother Earl Burcaw-Phillip Triem Camp No. 43

I do, now, extend the sympathy of the Ohio Department and my own personal sympathy to the families and friends of these Brothers of our Department whom we have lost and will greatly miss. Also to all of those who have lost loved ones within the past year.

"Memories of the ones we've loved
still cast their gentle glow,
To grace our days and light our paths
wherever we may go."

I offer the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Once per year to put out an Ohio Department Roster to include:
 - A. Ohio Department Officers and addresses
 - B. Past Department Commanders, and year of service
 - C. Past Commanders-in-Chief from Ohio and year of service (For B and C mark as to)
 1. out of the order
 2. deceased
 3. transferrèd
 - D. Roster of all camps and officers with meeting place and time plus membership names.
 - E. Listing of all five allied patriotic societies with their present Commander or President including their addresses.
2. To develop a program to be given at Johnson's Island Confederate Cemetery on the first Sunday of June or whatever date can be worked out. This could be done by working with our Military Aide and the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. I consider this very important as it should be an annual program with our organization backing it.

3. Projects

- A. To keep up our good work at the Sandusky, Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home
- B. To keep up our good work at the Xenia Home in Xenia, Ohio.
- C. If possible, to work with the Seeing Eye Dog Training School in Columbus, Ohio. It costs \$2,000 per dog for the blind. Maybe we could help out here. Every little bit helps and this would be a new project with the human element involved.

4. I strongly recommend that in future years, the Ohio Department Commander attend the following:

- A. The National Encampment
- B. Christmas committee meetings at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home in Xenia, Ohio.
- C. Annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program on the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- D. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield Illinois
- E. The annual Ohio Department Convention, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865
- F. The annual Ohio Department Convention of the Women's Relief Corps.
- G. Any other activities or events which he can attend. In the case of sickness or other reason for the Department Commander to be unable to attend any of the above, he should then appoint someone from the Ohio Department Staff to represent him. I most sincerely believe that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans should be represented in all of these areas. To me, this is a must.

5. That a list of duties, requirements and responsibility for each and every Ohio Department Office in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be written and made available to any candidate for any such office. Either elective or appointed.

Now for the year's activities and events which I was able to attend. As you can see, it has been a very busy year for me, but one which I have enjoyed very much.

- 1. July 16, 1975-attended McLaughlin Camp meeting in Mansfield
- 2. July 26, 1975-attended cook out and camp meeting at Given Camp in Wooster
- 3. August 20, 1975-attended McLaughlin Camp meeting in Mansfield
- 4. August 31, 1975-attended funeral of Robert D. Austin, Past Department Commander in Alliance
- 5. September 17, 1975-attended McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield
- 6. September 27, 1975-along with the following: Richard Greenwalt, Ralph Shadel, C.B. Wood, Frank Hilliard and Michael Hanna, attended a work session in Alliance to check Department records and data of late Robert D. Austin
- 7. September 28, 1975-attended coverdish dinner and meeting of District 2 at Mount Vernon
- 8. October 5, 1975-attended District I meeting at Unionport
- 9. October 8, 1975-attended dinner and Christmas committee meeting at Xenia Home
- 10. October 11 and 12, 1975-attended the Central Regional Conference in Richmond, Indiana

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11. October 18, 1975-attended my reception at American Legion Post in Mansfield
12. November 8, 1975-attended reception for Beverly Goodenough President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 in Lima
13. November 19, 1975-attended McLaughlin Camp meeting in Mansfield initiated John Kost of Mount Vernon Camp in long form
14. November 22, 1975-attended annual G.A.R. Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Other Ohio Department Officers in attendance were Wilbur Haueter and Richard Greenwalt
15. December 27, 1975-attended funeral for immediate Past Department Commander, Kenneth Swift in Mount Vernon
16. January 26, 1976-served as Installing Officer for Governor Dennison Camp in Columbus
17. February 18, 1976-attended McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield, initiated Kenneth Dudley
18. February 23, 1976-attended Governor Dennison Camp in Columbus
19. March 17, 1976-attended McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield
20. March 22, 1976-attended Governor Dennison Camp in Columbus, initiated David R. Johnson
21. March 28, 1976-attended meeting of the 1976 National Encampment Committee at Neil House Columbus
22. April 4, 1976-attended meeting of Given Camp No. 50 in Wooster, four new members joined camp
23. April 15, 1976-placed wreath in behalf of the Ohio Department during Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois
24. April 21, 1976-attended McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield
25. April 25, 1976-attended District I meeting at Unionport
26. April 26, 1976-attended Governor Dennison Camp at Columbus
27. May 2, 1976-attended reception at Steubenville, Ohio honoring Mrs. Isabella Harding, Ohio Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
28. May 16, 1976-attended District 2 meeting at Mansfield called meeting of the Ohio Department and Auxiliary with Commander-in-Chief, Clarence J. Riddell and National President, Caroline E. Riddell present as honored guests
29. May 19, 1976-attended meeting of McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield, initiated William R. Estridge
30. May 24, 1976-attended meeting of Governor Dennison Camp in Columbus
31. June 13, 1976-attended 87th annual Ohio Department Convention Daughters of the Civil War 1861-1865 in Lima, Ohio. I was received in a very satisfactory and favorable manner with all honors and speaking privileges
32. June 14, 1976-attended 93rd annual convention Ohio Department Women's Relief Corps held in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Here, too, I

speaking privileges.

33. June 16, 1976-attended McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield. For the 1975 National Encampment, I was unable to attend, so I appointed Richard Greenwalt to represent me. This was held in Rochester, New York, on August 10-14. I received a very fine written report on this Encampment from him.

I must also report to you that I have visited many schools and organizations this past year giving talks on the Civil War. My subject was Civil War uniforms and equipment. I would spend a whole day at each school. In the morning I would show my collection of Civil War uniforms and equipment then we would go outdoors to look at the cannon and limber and I would fire my musket. In the afternoon I would show slides of Civil War Battle Grounds and reprints from Matthew Brady. Places where I presented my program this year were Canton Schools, Columbus Schools, Loudonville Historical Society, Mansfield Schools, Madison Schools, Ashland Schools and Ashland College.

This year, for the first time in my 19 years of teaching school, I was surprised to have been presented a certificate of appreciation from the Mansfield School System with Superintendent Lloyd J. McCroy's signature on it for my efforts. I want to thank the Mansfield School System for their many days of release time so that I could give my Civil War Program.

I want to give a tribute to my Department Personal Aide, Paul G. Selby of McLaughlin Camp No. 12, Mansfield. It was through Brother Selby that I became a member of our order on March 13, 1961. I thank my great Grandfather James Black, who entered the Union Army on May 13, 1864 and was discharged on September 13, 1864 at Camp Chase Ohio. He was a Private in Co. A 143rd Regiment O.V.I.

Brother Selby, my neighbor in Mansfield, has what I think is a record in number of years of membership in our order. He has been a member for 63 years. His father was a Private in the 64th O.V.I which served under General Sherman and took part in the MARCH TO THE SEA. He has spent his entire 63 years of membership in McLaughlin Camp No. 12, which he served for many years as Secretary and Treasurer. His father died when Paul was only five one of Paul's prize possessions is the 1862 36 Calibar Colt which his father carried during his war service.

So, to Brother Paul, I say congratulations on your many years as a member of our order and a wish to you for many more yet to come.

And now I wish to thank you for all your cooperation, your united efforts for the work we have accomplished and to wish you all a very happy summer and to the new staff of officers for the coming year a most successful and prosperous year. Thank you again for entrusting to me the honor of being your 1975-1976 Ohio Department Commander, I say once again many thanks to all.

Sincerely yours,
in Fraternity, Charity
and Loyalty,
Thomas E. Hoffman
Ohio Department Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War

406 Walker Avenue
Alliance, Ohio 44601
June 26, 1976

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

One year ago at the Department Encampment in Columbus, you elected me to serve as Department Senior Vice Commander. Unfortunately, it has not been a busy year for our organization, but it has been a busy year for me.

In July, I attended the District #1 picnic at Silver Park in Alliance. Due to my work schedule, I was unable to attend the National Encampment in Rochester, New York. Also, during the month of August, McClellan Camp was saddened by the death of Past Department Commander, Robert Austin. In October, I attended the meeting of District #1 in Unionport. I also had planned to attend the reception of Department Commander, Thomas Hoffman in Mansfield, but due to ill health, was unable to make it. In December, I attended our Camp Christmas party which was held jointly with our auxiliary. Also in December, our local Auxiliary was saddened by the death of our senior Past National President, sister Edith Nile. In February, we held our annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner. In April, I became the father of the newest son, Jeffrey Allan Hilliard. I also, attended the Memorial Day Observance. I was unable to attend Regional Convention for health reasons and also could not attend the called meeting in honor of the Commander-in-Chief and National President, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riddell.

Brother Hoffman appointed me to serve on the arrangement committee for this Encampment. Unfortunately, I have not been able to function well in this capacity, as none of my letters in regards to the matter have been answered.

To the new Department Commander and his corps of officers I wish the very best.

Yours in F.C. and L.,
Frank J. Hilliard
Department Senior Vice
Commander

Report for Ohio Department: Sons of Union Veterans
of: Gordon R. Bury II, Dept. Junior Vice Commander
As of June 25, 1976

As Department Junior Vice Commander it was my privilege to have attended last years National Encampment in Rochester, New York. During the course of that Encampment I represented the Ohio Department by casting all the floor votes for the department and delivering the nomination for the re-election of Robert Wolz as National Senior Vice Commander.

During the course of my term of office I have been directly responsible for more than a dozen new applicants becoming members of the Sons of Union Veterans and have several more applications which are being processed.

The key to a successful membership increase is to continue to present your organization to the general public.

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This I have done by constantly appearing as a speaker in schools and for community organizations throughout Northern Ohio.

Another means of increasing our membership is to penetrate similiar organizations who's membership requirements co-inside with ours. For the past two years I have been attending functions of the 103rd O.V.I. which is an organization of descendants of the 103rd O.V.I. who have established an organizational retreat on Lake Erie. These several hundred descendants of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not belong to any of our Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. On the 20th of June this year our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit demonstrated the manual of arms and drill for the membership of the 103rd O.V.I. As a result of this and past efforts several members of the 103rd are making application to the Sons of Union Veterans and these men also attempting to form a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit to portray their ancestors of the 103rd O.V.I. in Battle Re-enactments and other commemorative ceremonies.

In summation I must say that the Bi-Centennial has brought about an awareness of ancestral heritage which has been lacking in American homes for many a year. As a result we are beginning to increase our rolls and we must strive forward to achieve even higher membership gains during the remainder of the Bi-Centennial.

Respectfully submitted
this 25th day of June 1976
Gordon R. Bury II
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Ohio

June 24, 1976

Department Secretary-Treasurer's Report
Greetings:

This year in the Department has been one of great change in the Ohio Department. Due to the untimely death of Robert Austin, I was obligated by my title as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to assume his duties. Nobody can adequately replace this departed Brother, who for so many years gave so much of himself and his substance to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On last year's report, it was stated that we had 186 members, but when we checked the books we found that we had only 141. During the course of the year we have neither added or lost any camps. The last quarterly report showed a membership of 135 on whom we are paying per capita tax. During the year we were saddened by the deaths of Past Department Commander Robert Austin and Kenneth Swift and Brothers Rex Russell, Clarence Steffy, and Earl Burcaw. These are the only ones that have been reported to me.

I would like to thank the Camp Secretaries for their cooperation in sending in their quarterly reports and per capita tax. At the present time all camps are in good standing with the exception of two. These are small camps and I hope that they will be present at this Department Encampment to take care of their obligations.

The donations and the contributions to the homes

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at Xenia and Sandusky equalled out to \$50.00, \$25.00 per each.

As of this date I have received no financial report from the Chief of Staff or Department Patriotic Instructor. These will no doubt be presented during the course of the Department Encampment.

My congratulations and thanks to our Department Commander, Thomas Hoffman, for the fine job that he did with his General Orders this year, which he had printed at his expense. Also largely due to his efforts the Permanent Fund now contains the sum of \$113.61.

For the past year the Department has continued to ask the camps the sum of 75¢ per member per quarter. 55¢ of this has to be sent to National each and every member per quarter. I therefore make the following recommendation that due to increase expenses such as postage that we must raise the the assessment per member to \$1.00 per quarter.

Thanks to all who helped to make this job a little easier this year and my pledge of support to whoever the Department elects to this position.

Respectively in F.C. and L.,
Richard Greenwalt

Treasurer's Report October, 1975 to June 1, 1976

Receipts

per capita tax from camps	\$225.25
supplies	7.50
permanent fund	100.00
Xenia Home	25.00
O.S. and O.S. Home Sandusky	25.00
total	<u>\$442.75</u>

Expenditures

National per capita tax	\$228.35
flowers	16.35
supplies	16.50
regional dues	5.00
Xenia Home	25.00
O.S. and O.S. Home Sandusky	25.00
John H. Bell Refund	5.00
National Encampment Fund	53.27
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	10.00
Lincoln Tomb Wreath	17.45
Commander-in-Chief (called meeting)	17.25
postage	70.76
service charge	1.94
permanent fund	<u>100.00</u>
total	<u>\$588.97</u>

Bank balance June 1, 1976 \$210.89

June 24, 1976

Greetings:

Again I consider it an honor to have served the Department as Chaplain. I attended National last year in Rochester, New York, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, the Observance at Lincoln's Tomb, the called meeting for our Commander-in-Chief and his wife at Mansfield, our Department Commander's reception and practically all of

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my S.V.R. responsibilities.

Thank you for my appointment as Department Chaplain.

Respectively submitted in F.C.
and L.,

Richard Greenwalt

S.U.V. Ohio Department Patriotic Fund 1975-1976

Leslie Cook	\$15.00
Thomas E. Hoffman	50.00
District No. 2	3.00
McLaughlin Camp No. 12	10.00
Forest Atland	5.00
Camp Given No. 51	5.00
Wilbur Haueter	10.00
Phillip Triem Camp 43	5.00
Robert Wolz	5.00

total \$108.00

Respectfully submitted
Forest Atland
Ohio Department Patriotic
Instructor

1975-1976 Report

Chief of Staff Ohio Department

June 27, 1976

Dear Brothers

The past year has been a most enjoyable year for me serving as your Chief of Staff. I have attended as many Sons of Veterans meetings as possible, that my work would allow. The last year I have missed very few Camp #43 meetings. I attended all three District #1 meetings, and was elected District Commander at the fall meeting at Unionport, Ohio. I have participated fully with the 19th Ohio Regiment SVR as their Color Guard Sargeant attending reenactments and parades, I attended Memorial Day Services on May 30, 1976 at Hope Cemetery, Salem, Ohio; the service conducted by Phillip Triem Camp and the 19th Ohio Regimental SVR.

As most of you know I have had my hand out the past year for donations for the Chief of Staff Fund. I believe it has been a very profitable year. I had raffle tickets made and sold them with two prizes donated by Brother R.C. Wolz. Winners included Paul Selby portable mixer and Betty Wolford-clock

Money Received	
raffle tickets	\$45.00
donations:	
McLaughlin Camp No. 12	10.00
District #2	3.00
Ohio Department Commander, Thomas Hoffman	50.00
Robert E. Davis	5.00
Phillip Triem Camp #43	10.00
16th Ohio SVR	5.00
Gordon R. Bury	1.00
R.J. Wolz	15.00
R.C. Wolz	10.00
total	\$ 154.00

Yours in F. C. and L.,
Wilbur Haueter
Chief of Staff

6/25/76

Departmental Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander Hoffman and Brothers:

This past year has brought me many honors and you, my Department, these same honors.

My service as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has been more limited than I would have liked. When asked for anything I have done it, but most of my activities have been within Ohio. Commander Hoffman, you have had a most successful year and have only ask me once for a legal opinion which I was pleased to render. Our Commander-in-Chief likewise has had a most successful year and has ask little of me.

I plan to take a very active role in our coming National Encampment and invite you all to attend.

I wish to announce at this time that I will not seek the office of Commander-in-Chief this year. I am in the process of selling my house and moving and selling my business and buying other commercial property. Therefore could not do that job justice this year. I do however seek your endorsement so that it can be on record with the National Secretary-Treasurer and do plan to run for that office in a few years.

Sincerely yours in F.C. &L.,
Robert J. Wolz
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary presented the Sons a check in the amount of \$25.00 as a Love Gift. This gift was deeply appreciated by the Department.

The Secreatry was ordered to write a note of appreciation to Mr. William Field of Mansfield for his having repaired the eagle on the Department flag and to U.S. Grant Camp for their check for benevolence.

Brother Paul Selby was recognized for his 62 years of membership.

We were honored to have the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Tighe, of California, come as one of the members of the Ladies Greetings Committee and give us some interesting remarks concerning her travels during the year.

Brother Robert J. Wolz was given the following endorsement from the Department in light of the report he presented to the Encampment.

Seldom does Ohio have the opportunity to have a National Officer, in our past 94 years we have been honored to have 8 Commanders-in-Chief. Within the next few years we will have another such candidate for that high office, Brother Robert J. Wolz.

Brother Wolz has served all Camp offices, many District offices including District #1 Commander. Uniquely he has served two terms in each of the higher Dept. Offices as Dept. Junior Vice 1964-66, as Dept. Senior Vice 1966-68 and Dept. Commander 1968-69 and 1972-73 and well as Dept. Historian and Council Member.

He served as Central Regional Assn. of Sons and Aux. as Vice Commander, Regional Commander (1971-72) and program chairman in 1973.

He has served our National order in many ways: Reconstruction of the Order Chairman 1968-69, National Chaplain 1969-70, National Patriotic Instructor 1970-71, National GAR Highway Officer 1971-72, National Junior Vice Commander 1972-73 and 1973-74, National Senior Vice Commander 1974-75 and 1975-76.

He is a life member and holds membership in both the Salem, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio SUV Camps.

We, the Ohio Department, therefore endorse Brother Robert J. Wolz as the next Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted for action by the Ohio Dept. Encampment by

Gordon R. Bury II
Given Camp No. 51
Commander

Robert R. Davis
Phillip Triem Camp #43
Commander

Report of Officers Reports Committee

Dept. Commander: This report is the finest example of what a Dept. Comdr. can do. Your extensive travels, Civil War programs, and interest in our Order is greatly appreciated. As for the recommendations:

1. The idea of a Dept. Roster containing current Dept. Officers, Past Dept. Officers, Past Comdr-in-Chief, Camps with Comdr. and secy. listed is basically sound and for many years was done. If money is available we recommend concurrence.
2. A Memorial program at Johnson's Island with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and our SVR is good and perhaps the incomin Dept. Commander and his military aide can work up some program. No money is requested and none is appropriated.
3. Projects. We recommend that we continue to solicit funds for the Sandusky and Xenia Homes. In both cases, we no longer have GAR related members at these homes so we feel we can only donate what is given for each home rather than promise monies we don't have. The Pilot Dog program is wonderful and could be a new project, however, many others especially Lions work in this field and we feel it would be better to give money to causes we could get more recognition.
4. Duties of the Dept. Comdr.: a Dept. Comdr. should try to attend all activities of all the Allied GAR Orders to which he is invited or send a representative, however, we can not require him to attend as we are not empowered to do anything if he does not attend these events. Finally, a list of duties as well as Dept. By Laws should be available to any candidate of officer of the Dept. The report is excellent, however, we recommend that the Secy. condense it for inclusion in the Proceedings to save on printing.

Dept. Senior Vice Comdr.

We give credit to Brother Hilliard for past activities as well as recognizing the many duties that would be required of Dept. Comdr. and appreciate his decision not to run for that office at this time.

Dept. Junior Vice Comdr.

Brother Bury said a lot in a little space. His wide spread activities as well as recruiting is recognized and greatly appreciated.

Secy.-Trea.-This is a thankless job involving many long

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hours & hard work. Brother Austin's dedication was greatly appreciated. We recommend that after a careful audit, the books be reorganized and in the future a cross audit between checkbook, receipt book & quarterly reports be made. Brother Greenwalt has done an outstanding job of trying to piece the records together and we commend him for this. Per Capita Tax increase effective January 1, 1977. Raising the per capita tax to \$1.00 per quarter from the present 75 cents.

Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor-Both men are involved in the difficult task of soliciting funds to keep the Dept. alive and growing. We congratulate both men on their fine jobs.

Robert J. Wolz
John Decker

THIS REPORT WAS PASSED AS READ

The election of officers was conducted with the following being elected:

Department Commander-Gordon R. Bury II, RFD I
Marshallville, Ohio 44645
Senior Vice Commander-Wilbur Haueter, RD I
Hanoverton, Ohio 44423
Junior Vice Commander-Forest Atland, 972 Washington Street
Wooster, Ohio 44891
Dept. Council 3 years-Thomas Hoffman, 115 Glenwood BLVD.
Mansfield, Ohio 44901
2 years-James Davis, 13920 Seacrist Road
Salem, Ohio 44460
1 year -Ralph Shadel, 186 Essex Road
Lexington, Ohio 44908
Sec. and Treas.-Richard Greenwalt, 616 West Summit
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Appointed Officers:

Chief of Staff-James Perkins, Given Camp No. 51
Patriotic Instructor-Charles Corman, Given Camp No. 51
Guide-Robert Davis, Phillip Triem Camp No. 43
Guard-Leonard Kille, Phillip Triem Camp No. 43
Chaplain-Hugh Earnhart, Phillip Triem Camp No. 43
Personal Aide-Don Michalk, Given Camp No. 51
Military Aide-Jerry Wolford, Phillip Triem Camp No. 43

The officers were installed by National Senior Vice Commander Robert J. Wolz. Thomas Hoffman was presented his Past Commander's badge and was accorded a standing ovation befitting his year's service.

The newly elected Department Commander appointed Senior Vice Commander to be in charge of the arrangements for the 1977 Encampment.

Before adjournment a motion was made by Brother Thomas Graham and seconded by Past Department Commander W.W. Dorsey to give a blanket endorsement to Past Department Commander Richard Greenwalt to accept any office which the National Organization might find him worthy. The motion passed with no negative votes.

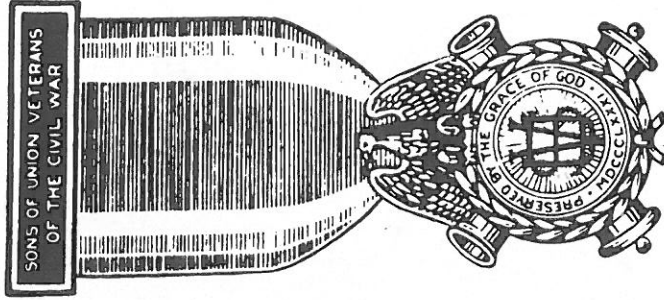
The banquet for the Grand Army Family was held on Saturday Evening in Hoover Price Campus Center at Mount Union College. The featured speaker was Joseph Zelasko, a high school teacher in the Alliance School System. He gave a very fine speech which will be sure to rekindle the Patriotic flame of all who heard him.

In closing General Orders No. 4, Series 1975-1976, I want to wish you all a very happy summer and again remind you of the Department Encampment on June 25, 26 and 27. Again, my best wishes for another successful year go out to all the new Department Officers.

Sincerely yours,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Thomas E. Hoffman
Ohio Department Commander
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Attest:
Richard Greenwalt
Secretary-Treasurer
616 West Summit Street
Alliance, Ohio 44601



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DEPARTMENT ORDERS # 4

SERIES 1975-1976

TO: All Camp Commanders, Camp Officers,
Members and Officers of the Ohio
Department.

BROTHERS:

Here, at last, are General Orders No. 4 and the last for my term of office which I have enjoyed very much. I have made many new friends, visited camp meetings, traveled lots of miles going to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Springfield, Illinois and places that have asked me to attend but for some reason I was unable to be present. I do, now, once again, apologize. I think we have had a good year and I can now report that the money officers seem to be doing well. At this time, I want to thank you for all your

and where the paved roads run today, rutted lanes were jammed with wagon loads of wounded and hurrying artillery teams and dusty foot soldiers. These soldiers, whether they were veterans or recruits, saw only a small part of the great battles.

Today we know that Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg was a great turning point in the war, but the soldier who fought there did not know this. These men were not conscious that they were making history. They marched, fought and long since have passed from the scene.

Like these soldiers, I, too, have had a small part in our organization, "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and I, too, must pass from the scene for the new Ohio Department Commander will be taking over at the end of the June Encampment. Once again, I say many thanks to all of you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

1 and 2 see General Orders #1, Series 1975-1976.

3 thru 12 see General Orders #2, Series 1975-1976.

13 thru 20 see General Orders #3, Series 1975-1976.

21. Thursday, 11:00 A.M., April 15, 1976
Attended Memorial Service Ceremony at Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Here I presented a wreath for the Ohio Department. This was a very fine program.

22. Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., April 21, 1976
Attended meeting at Mansfield, Ohio
McLaughlin Camp No. 12.

4. People wanting to come only to the Banquet at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 26, 1976, the cost will be \$5.00.

5. Reservation accompanied with the money of \$30.00 or \$5.00 must be sent to:

Marquerite Dayton
1854 - 18th Street Southwest
Akron, Ohio 44314

by June 14, 1976. I hope to see all of you there.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Two copies of each officers report should be sent to:

Mr. Richard Greenwalt
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War
Department Secretary & Treasurer
616 West Summit Street
Alliance, Ohio 44601

This should be done prior to the Department Encampment. Each officer, I do now encourage you to get this job done now except for the money officers. By doing this, it will help our department Secretary and Treasurer.

MCCLELLAN CAMP NO. 91:

A big congratulations goes to the McClellan Camp No. 91 of Alliance, Ohio for winning last years membership award. This camp was chartered January 17, 1887 with 21 charter members. Henry Frazee was Department Commander and Walter Payne was Commander-in-Chief. At the present time, they have 25 members. C. B. Wood and Richard Greenwalt are past commanders and Frank Hilliard, now serving as Department Senior Vice Commander. This camp is now meeting twice a month. Once again, congratulations and a big thank you goes to this camp for their hard work at getting new members and winning the

ONE MORE STAND FOR GENERAL CUSTER:

General George Armstrong Custer may not have been a great American hero but to the good folks of New Rumley, Ohio, his memory is worth preserving. After all, New Rumley was Custer's birthplace and he is the small Ohio community's greatest claim to fame.

But, recently, an Indian group called Native American Mending Errors (NAME) has been campaigning to tear down the Custer statue in New Rumley park. The Indians say it is an outrage for a man such as Custer to be honored. NAME has been given permission by the Ohio Historical Society to stage a demonstration at the monument later this month.

The people of New Rumley plan a ceremony at the same spot next month in memory of Custer's death 100 years ago at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. That battle is generally known as Custer's last stand, but the citizens of New Rumley are prepared to make one more stand for the General to protect his statue from destruction.

Custer was a capable, if impetuous, military commander who distinguished himself during the Civil War 1861-1865. But, it is difficult to find anything noble about his later campaigns against the Indians. Cruelty against Indians was hardly unusual in those days, but the flamboyant long haired general was more brutal and more feared than most.

In 1868, Custer destroyed the village of Blackettle. His orders were to kill all the warriors. There were only 11 warriors in the village. His soldiers killed more than 100 Cheyennes and captured 53 women and children.

1. 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.
2. Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League.
3. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
4. National Women's Relief Corps.

This was a very fine program and I suggest that if you can, please plan to be there next year.

EDGAR LEE MASTERS:

For all of those people who took the trip to Springfield, Illinois and went to see Ann Rutledge's grave, there is another one close by of Edgar Lee Masters. Who was he? What did he do? I did not know when I was there but some research work has come up with the following data.

Edgar Lee Masters (1869-1950) was an American poet and novelist. He was born in Garnett, Kansas and went to college at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois for one year. He was admitted to the bar in 1891 and became a very successful lawyer in Chicago. He started to write poetry as a sideline and it was published but, it was not very good.

He wouldn't have been remembered if he had not written and had published Spoon River Anthology in 1915. This is a book of free verse epitaphs (short resume of a person's life as those found on tombstones). These monologues were supposedly written from the grave by people who had lived in Spoon River, a town which Masters made up. This book became one of the most significant books of the 20th century. It was an early realistic book that has influenced writers ever since.

He continued to write for the rest of his life but nothing else was nearly so good as Spoon River Anthology. He died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1950.

• That only one flag may be flown above the Stars and Stripes in the U. S. Navy and at is the Church Pennant, a dark blue cross a white background.

• That Code Signal books of the Navy, which date back to the early 60's state:

"The Church Pennant will be hoisted immediately above the ensign (National Flag) at the peak or flagstaff at the time of commencing and kept hoisted during the continuance of divine service on board all vessels of the Navy".

• That if a service man or woman dies during a period of service, the flag is furnished the service. However, if he or she dies as honorably discharged veteran, the flag is furnished by the Veterans Administration.

• That the flag can be displayed on all days when the weather permits.

• That when the National flag is worn out, dispose of it with due reverence. According to an approved custom, the Union is first taken from the flag; then the two pieces which no longer form a flag are cremated.

• That the author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which has been slightly revised, is Francis Bellamy, who was born in Mount Morris, New York on May 12, 1855 and died on August 28, 1931. It is customary to recite this pledge on patriotic occasions.

• That the custom of lowering the flag to half-mast or half staff comes from the old naval and military practice of "Striking Colors" in time of war as a sign of submission. It is known that as early as 1627, the flying of the flag at half-mast was a sign of mourning and this has been continued to the present day.

I know all five areas here would appreciate your support and with this, my last general orders, I give you all my last appeal to help these areas out. SO COME ON PEOPLE, CAMPS, DISTRICTS. WE DO NEED YOUR HELP HERE. Remember it is not how much you give but that you did give. Every little bit helps.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Ohio Department Encampment held at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, on June 25, 26 and 27, 1976. Please plan to attend.
2. National Encampment held at the Neil House Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, August 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1976. Please plan to attend. Since this is in our own State and can be reached by Route 71 North and South or by Route 70 East and West, we should have a good attendance. The Ohio Department 1976 National Encampment Committee is working hard on this National Encampment.

NEW MEMBERS:

Congratulations to our new members. They are:

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| 1. Mark Christopher
Garrettsville, Ohio
Given Camp # 50 | 2. Jerry L. West
Wadsworth, Ohio
Given Camp # 50 |
| 3. Roger Richards
Painesville, Ohio
Given Camp # 50 | 4. James R. Perkins
Wadsworth, Ohio
Given Camp # 50 |
| 5. William R. Estridge
Mansfield, Ohio
McLaughlin Camp # 12 | |

MILITARY SALUTE:

What does the 21 gun salute represent and how did it come about? Do you know? My research data comes up with this answer:

The custom of firing weapons to honor an individual has an origin similar to that of the hand salute. By discharging weapons, the unit is symbolically rendering itself powerless to do harm and thus demonstrates its trust and friendliness to the person being honored.

Cannon salutes for individuals vary from 21 guns for the President to 11 guns for a Brigadier General. The salute to the nation is a 50 gun salute, commemorative of the Declaration of Independence. One gun is fired for each state. The National salute or the salute to a National flag is 21 guns.

At a military funeral, three volleys are fired over the open grave while a bugler blows "Taps". The volleys date back to the Roman custom of saying "Farewell" three times to their dead soldiers. With the Bicentennial year here this is something which some of us may want to know.

OLD GLORY:

Here is something which may have puzzled you for a long time. Why is the American Flag called "Old Glory?" Do you know? Well, the answer is that a Salem, Massachusetts sea captain, William Driver, gave it that tag in 1831.

DID YOU KNOW ? :

1. That a federal law provides that a trade mark cannot be registered which consists of or comprises among other things, "The Flag, Coat of Arms or other insignia of the United States or any simulation thereof".
2. That you should take every precaution to prevent the flag from becoming soiled. It should not be allowed to touch the ground or floor, nor to brush against objects.

3. That highest honors are rendered to the National flag by all branches of the military or naval service and the various patriotic societies throughout the country.
4. That laws have been written to govern the use of the flag and to insure a proper respect for the Stars and Stripes. Custom has decreed certain other observances in regard to its use.
5. That all branches of the service have precise regulations regarding the display of the National flag, when, where and how it shall be hoisted or lowered.
6. That when U.S. Naval vessels are at anchor in port, the flag is flown from the flagstaff daily from 8:00 A.M. to sunset. It is flown prior to 8:00 A.M. and after sunset when other vessels are entering or leaving port.
7. That when entering or leaving port in sight of land or other vessels, the flag is flown during daylight from the gaff, if rigged, otherwise the flagstaff.
8. That honors to the colors are rendered at the gangway when boarding or leaving a ship of the U.S. Navy. Remove the hat, if in civilian clothing or give the hand salute, if in uniform.
9. That more than fifty years ago it was the custom to salute the National flag by uncovering; nowadays, the hand salute is rendered by the entire personnel of the armed services.
10. That the origin of the hand salute rendered either to an officer or to the flag, is obscure. It is supposed to have originated at the time of the crusades. It appears to be a military substitute for raising the hat as a token of respect.

membership award for 1975. It will be interesting to learn who will win for 1976.

LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY:

On Thursday, April 15, 1976 at 11:00 A.M., I attended the ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. This memorial service began with the posting of the colors done by the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Next was the invocation by Dr. Andrew D. Tempelman, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, the Lincoln family church. After this was the welcome address by Thomas L. W. Johnson, Co-Chairman, Past Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A musical selection by the Concordia men's chorus was to be next but because of spring vacation, they were not present so this was omitted. The program then moved to the address of Clarence J. Riddell, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This was followed by remarks of William C. Duval, Ceremony Co-Founder, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. From here, the program moved to an address of Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, Commander-in-Chief, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. At this time, in the program, the presentation of memorial wreaths was done. For the Ohio Department, I was honored to present the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans wreath. The escort for the wreath bearers were the members of the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. When this was completed, a photograph was taken. Then came the benediction by Dr. Andrew D. Tempelman and firing the Memorial Salute by the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Taps was done by Sergeant J. Stephen Hall.

Placing of the wreaths at the crypt, Retiring Colors, color escort was:

Later, he led the 7th Cavalry into the Dakota territory which was recognized by treaty as a sacred Indian hunting ground. But gold had been discovered and the Indians were driven onto reservations. It was during this war against the Sioux the Custer made his unwise attack at the Little Bighorn in which he and 250 of his men were killed.

If Custer was not, by modern standards, a great military hero, he hardly deserves to be erased from the nation's memory. Tearing down his statue really wouldn't mend any errors. It is certainly too late for that.

When it comes right down to it, there are pitifully few historical figures worthy of hero worship. Myths, such as that which made Custer out to be an innocent victim of cruel savages have a way of rising up to obscure flaws in character and mistakes in judgment.

But just as it is a mistake to believe historical myths when it is possible to discover the truth, so is it wrong to try to change history to suit new interpretations of it. That is what is done in the Soviet Union, where history is revised every few years and statues go up or down depending upon current policy.

The life size statue in New Rumley is more than just a tribute to a historical figure, it is a part of history itself, a testimony to how much the values and beliefs of the American people place on the past history of their country. So, I am hoping that the statue will remain. However, only time will tell.

FINAL AND CLOSING WORDS:

The booming cannon, the rattle of musketry, the high pitched Rebel yell are stilled. The battlefields lie quiet now. But many years ago they were filled with acrid powder smoke

cooperation, your united efforts for the work we have accomplished and to wish the new staff of officers for the coming year, a most successful and prosperous year. Once again, many thanks to all.

OHIO DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT:

1. The dates for the Ohio Department Encampment are June 25, 26 and 27, 1976.

2. The place is McMaster Hall at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

3. The cost per person is \$30.00

This includes:

a) Friday:

Supper ----- 5:00 - 5:30

b) Saturday:

Breakfast ----- 8:00 - 8:30
Lunch ----- 11:30 - 12:00
Banquet ----- 5:30

c) Sunday:

Breakfast ----- 8:00 - 8:30
Lunch ----- 11:30 - 12:00

d) Rooms for two (2) nights:

1. Friday, June 25, 1976
2. Saturday, June 26, 1976

Sheets and towels will be provided. However, blankets will not. People attending must bring their own blankets.

23. Sunday, 1:00 P.M., April 25, 1976
Attended meeting of District # 1 held at Unionport, Ohio. This was a covered dish dinner and a very fine meeting with Commander Wilbur Haueter.

24. Monday, 8:00 P.M., April 26, 1976
Attended meeting at Columbus, Ohio Governor Dennison Camp No. 1.

25. Sunday, 2:00 P.M., May 2, 1976
Attended Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Circle No. 98 reception in honor of Mrs. Isabella Harding, Ohio Department President. This was held at the War Memorial Building, 421 North Street, Steubenville, Ohio.

26. Sunday, 1:00 P.M., May 16, 1976
Attended District #2 meeting along with an Ohio Department called meeting in which the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Clarence J. Riddell and his wife Caroline E. Riddell, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was present. This was held at Mansfield, Ohio, Veterans Memorial Building, 34 Park Avenue West. This was a covered dish meeting and everyone enjoyed it.

27. Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., May 19, 1976
Attended meeting at Mansfield, Ohio McLaughlin Camp No. 12. Initiated William R. Estridge into the Mansfield Camp using the short form.

28. Monday, 8:30 P.M., May 24, 1976
Attended meeting at Columbus, Ohio Governor Dennison Camp No. 1.