

OHIO DEPARTMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS 1977

The 95th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, June 24-25-26, 1977, with Gordon R. Bury, Department Commander, Presiding.

No sessions of the Encampment were held on Friday Evening. The Department Council met to audit the books of the Department Secretary-Treasurer. A fine social time was enjoyed by all at a joint party held with the Auxiliary.

The first session of the Encampment was the joint opening with the Chief of Staff, James Perkins, and the Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary, Lily McCullough in charge. The Department Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were escorted into the room followed by the National Officers in attendance. It was at this time that the Commander in Chief, Kenneth T. Wheeler and the National President of the Auxiliary, Minnie E. Madeiros, were formally introduced to the Encampment. Sister Olive Borne of the Ohio Department Auxiliary was recognized as National Press Correspondent and Richard Greenwalt of the Ohio Department as National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. After brief remarks by the presiding officers, the Sons retired to their meeting room for their first business session of the encampment.

Department Commander Bury appointed the following:

Past Department Commander, Thomas E. Hoffman, acting Junior Vice Commander
Past Department Commander, Ralph Shadel, acting Chaplain and Guide
Brother Brian Armentrout-Guard
Registration-Wilbur Haueter and Charles Corfman
Officers Reports-Robert J. Wolz, Ralph Shadel and Charles Crofman
Resolutions-James Perkins, Thomas Hoffman and Brian Armentrout
Fraternal Relations-Wilbur Haueter

Roll Call of Department Officers in attendance:

Department Commander-Gordon R. Bury II
Department Senior Vice Commander-Wilbur Haueter
Department Secretary-Treasurer-Richard Greenwalt
Department Council-Thomas Hoffman

Ralph Shadel

Chief of Staff-James Perkins
Department Patriotic Instructor-Charles Corfman
Department Hi hways Registration-James Perkins
for some of the sessions:

Junior Vice Commander-Forest Atland
Department Council-James Davis
Guide-Robert Davis
Chaplain-Hugh Barnhart
Head of Speakers Bureau-Jerry West

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

Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Richard Greenwalt, Secretary-Treasurer
Gentlemen:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Ohio Department Commander for the term of office 1976-1977. I wish to thank each and everyone who extended such kind hospitality to me and my family during my visits. The following list is representative of the events and activities which I attended or those in which I participated:

- July 4, 1976 Participated in battle re-enactment in Washingtonville, Ohio.
- July 5, 1976 Participated in Wooster's Bi-Centennial parade and staged Civil War demonstrations.
- July 10 & 11, 1976 Participated in a Civil War battle re-enactment in Geneva, New York.
- July 14, 1976 Attended the Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable and spoke on our Allied Orders.
- August 14-19, 1976 Attended the Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment and assisted in the execution of the event. During the year I served on the National Committee of Ritual and Ceremony, and the National Military Affairs Committee. I was also appointed to the Memorial Day Restoration Committee for 1977, and re-appointed to the National Military Affairs Committee.
- August 19, 1977 Met with the Ohio American Revolution Bi-Centennial Advisory Commission to print an article on membership in their monthly publication which is sent to all members of the Ohio Historical Society.
- August 30, - September 6, 1976 Participated in the 7th National Sons of Veterans Reserve Encampment in Port Jervis, New York.
- September 1, 1976 Visited with the 16th O.V.I. (in uniform) the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- September 19, 1976 Attended the meeting of District #1 in Salem, Ohio.
- September 26, 1976 Attempted to attend the meeting of District #2.
- October 3, 1976 Officiated at the meeting of Given Camp #50 in Wooster, Ohio.
- October 9 & 10, 1976 Hosted a Field Days for the 16th O.V.I. and guests.
- October 16, 1976 Attended a reception in Alliance, Ohio for Esther Greek, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Olive Boren, National Press Correspondent for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and Richard Greenwalt, National Junior Vice Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans.
- November 20 & 21, 1976 Participated in Remembrance Day Memorial Ceremonies in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- November 30, 1976 Spoke to the Wooster Civil War Roundtable on genealogy.
- December 11, 1976 Attended the Christmas Dinner Party with sleigh rides for Given Camp #50 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Critchfield in Shreve, Ohio.
- December 31, 1976 Hosted a New Year's Eve Open House for the Ohio Department at my home.
- January 13, 1977 Spoke to the Exchange Club of Wooster, Ohio on the Sons of Union Veterans and other hereditary orders.
- February 11, 1977 Officiated at a meeting of Given Camp #50 at Wooster, Ohio.
- February 19 & 20, 1977 Met with the 4th United States Artillery, and assisted in the planning for the 8th Sons of Veterans Reserve National Encampment. Also explained the meaning and purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans and arranged to obligate their members into our order.

- March 5, 1977 Delivered a program of the Sons of Union Veterans to the Emeriti of the Wooster College faculty at the Wooster Inn, in Wooster, Ohio.
- March 26, 1977 Honored by a reception which was hosted by the member of Given Camp #50 and Circle 103 of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Wooster Inn, Wooster, Ohio.
- April 14-17, 1977 Participated in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois, and met with the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.
- April 23 & 24, 1977 Hosted a Spring Field Days for Third Military District.
- April 24, 1977 Installed the new officers of Given Camp #50.
- May 7, 1977 Hosted a picnic at my home for the Ohio Department Encampment Committee.
- May 9, 1977 Attended a meeting of the Wayne County Memorial Day Association. Committee.
- May 15, 1977 Attended the dinner-meeting of District #2 in Mansfield, Ohio.
- May 30, 1977 Led the 16th O.V.I. in the Memorial Day Parade in Wooster, as well as the Sons of Union Veterans Camp #50, and Circle #103 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also delivered the main address at Sherwood Memorial Gardens in Wooster, Ohio. Attended the annual picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corfman in Holmesville, Ohio.
- June 11, 1977 Dined with Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Duval, Representative of U.S. Grant Camp #100 in Cincinnati, and Past National Commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.
- June 12, 1977 Attended the Department Encampment of the Woman's Relief Corps in Cincinnati, Ohio. Attended the Junior Woman's Relief Corps in Cincinnati, Ohio. Also attended Ohio Department Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans in Columbus, Ohio. To each of these groups I extended greetings on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Kenneth Wheeler and the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans as well as greetings from Commander Daugherty and the Ohio Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.
- June 19, 1977 Attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Woman's Relief Corps.

I would have preferred to have attended more events, but found that there were many conflicting dates for activities, along with the problem that some invitations were sent not allowing notice prior to the event. There were also events that this office was never notified of, or learned about long after these events had passed.

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the loss of two of our members during this past year. The Department was saddened by the departure of Past Department Commander Albert Decker from our midst, and by the loss of one as young as Gary Gabriel.

A Speaker's Bureau was established to coordinate the availability of speakers to the needs of the Ohio Schools for qualified speakers on the American Civil War. Jerry West, who has been named the leading Social Studies Teacher of the year was chosen to correlate the requests for speakers available in all areas of the

state, and a number of times he filled the engagements himself.

It is necessary that we first of all educate the citizens of tomorrow to the existence of our order today, and why the order exists. Secondly, we must strive to recruit membership from the youth of today to fill the ever reducing ranks of our Allied Orders to perpetuate us until the end of time.

The most beneficial means of bringing attention to our order and for recruitment is the Sons of Veterans Reserve. By constantly appearing in public in the uniforms and battles of our forefathers, it not only keeps alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic but also offers to the youth of today meaningful commitments to an organization which does socially attract them, and is a constructive outlet for the energies and the need for expression of commitment of today's youth. It is due to the Sons of Veterans Reserve that Given Camp #50 was founded and has increased in membership, and it is responsible for the thirteen new members I recruited this year (and assisted in the recruitment of two additional members), during my term of office. Therefore, each camp and the Department must support the Sons of Veterans Reserve, for by its virtue the majority of new members will be drawn into the order.

As a member of the National Committee to restore Memorial Day to May 30th, I would like report that Representative William Goodling (19th District, Pennsylvania) has introduced HR7232 to return Memorial Day to May 30th. It has been referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, Robert N.C. Nix, Chairman. The Sub-Committee having original jurisdiction is the Committee on Census and Population of which William Lehman is Chairman. I strongly urge the Ohio Department to unanimously resolve to endorse House Resolution #7232, both as a Department and as an individuals.

The following recommendations are made with the belief that by adhering to these ideals our order will expand and prosper.

I recommend that the incoming Department Commander encourage the continuance of the Speaker's Bureau that has been initiated, and assist in its expansion to reach into a greater number of Ohio School Systems.

I recommend that the incoming Department Commander and Officers each read and study the Ohio Department By-laws in-as-much-as these have not been used to the fullest extent possible, whereby disbursement of funds, and committees and officers have not been established to actively benefit our order.

I recommend that the Ohio Department and each camp run advertisements in large metropolitan newspapers in Ohio to offer membership in the Sons of Union Veterans. This method has had tremendous response in previous attempts, such as the instance of our National Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Combs, placing advertisements in the Civil War Times. Also, a new Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was recently established overnight as a result of one member running an advertisement in a New Jersey periodical. It can be done.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Gordon R. Bury II
Ohio Department Commander
Sons of Union Veterans

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

Greetings:

Last year at the Dept. Encampment I was elected Senior Vice Commander of the Ohio Dept. Sunday June 26, 1976, I attended the Encampment Committee meeting with Dept. Commander Gordon R. Bury. Dept. Commander appointed me for the 1977 Encampment Committee since it is the Sons of Union Veterans year to take charge of the encampment. My first duties was to contact the Mount Union College and get the date reserved for 1977. Over Labor Day weekend I attended the 7th SVR Encampment in Port Jervis, New York. Oct. 1976 I attended the reception for Bro. Greenwalt National Jr. Vice Commander, Sister Esther Greek, Dept. President of the Aux. and Olive Boren National Press Correspondent. July I attended District #1 meeting at Silver Park Alliance, of which I am District Commander. September 1976 attended District #1 meeting at Salem, Ohio. Dec. 1976 attended Christmas party at Phillip Triem Camp #43. Feb. 1977 attended Lincoln Day Dinner at the Home Savings & Loan in Salem hosted by Phillip Triem Camp #43. Nov. 1976 participated in the parade and attended the banquet at Gettysburg for the annual GAR Remembrance Day Program. March 26, 1977 attended the reception for Dept. Commander Bury at the College of Wooster. May 1977 attended meeting with the Business Manager of Mount Union College with 2 ladies of the Alliance Aux. and Minerva Aux. May 1977 went to Wooster, Ohio with 4 Aux. members to meet with Commander Bury on planning of the Encampment. June 1977 Encampment reservations have kept me busy. This past year I have missed very few Camp Meetings at Salem. Also in April I attended District #1 meeting at Alliance, Ohio. This has been a busy year for me and I hope that I have done a good job for all.

Yours in F.C. &L.,

Senior Vice Commander Dept. of Ohio
S.U.V.C.W.

Wilbur Haueter

Ohio Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Richard Greenwalt

Secretary-Treasurer

Gentlemen:

It has been a pleasure to serve the Ohio Department as Jr. Vice Commander for 1976-1977. I thank all the officers and members for their support and kindness afforded me and my wife the past year. Following is a list of events which I attended or in which I participated:

July 4, 1976	Participated in a battle Re-enactment in Washingtonville, O.
July 5, 1976	Participated in the Bi-Centennial parade and Civil War demonstrations in Wooster, Ohio.
July 10 & 11	Participated in a Civil War battle re-enactment and parade at Geneva, New York.
Aug. 14-19	Attended the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans. I gave my report as Dept. Patriotic Instructor.
June 26-27	Attended State Encampment at Alliance, Ohio.
Oct. 16, 1976	Attended a reception honoring Esther Greek, Dept. President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Olive Boren, National Press Correspondent for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and Richard Greenwalt, National Junior Vice Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Dec. 11, 1976 Attended a Christmas Dinner Party for Given Camp No. 50 at Shreve, Ohio.
Feb. 6, 1977 Attended a meeting of Given Camp #51.
March 26, 1977 I hosted with the help of Given Camp #51 and Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic, Circle 103, a reception honoring Ohio Department Commander, Gordon R. Bury II. held at the Wooster Inn, College of Wooster, Wooster, O.
Apr. 23, 1977 Assisted Given Camp #51 in the initiation of new members organizing a new camp in Sons of Union Veterans and at Gahanna, O.
Apr. 24, 1977 Attended installation of new officers for Given Camp #51.
Apr. 17, 1977 Attended a dinner meeting of District #1 at Alliance, Ohio. I represented Given Camp #51 as Camp Commander.
May 30, 1977 Participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Wooster.
June 19, 1977 Attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans and the Women's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted and yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Forest F. Atland
Ohio Department Junior Vice Commander
Sons of Union Veterans

June 13, 1977

To the Officers and Members of the 95th Encampment of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

I was honored to be elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer at the 94th Encampment and I hope that my service has met with the approval of most.

On the last quarterly report before last year's Department Encampment we showed a membership of 135. The last quarterly report sent to our National Secretary showed a membership of 132. During the year the grim reaper cut down Past Department Commander, John Decker, Brother Bill Grace, one of the Old Guard of Phillip Triem Camp; Brother Merrit Roesser of McClellan Camp; Brother Tom Bell who resided in Louisiana, but belonged to the Ohio Camp at large; Brother Gary Gabriel, one of our youngest members from Gov. Dennison Camp; and Brother Charles Werndorff of Lookout Camp. These Brothers will sorely be missed. If there have been any other deaths in the Ohio Department this year, I have not been notified.

The cooperation of the Camp Secretaries in sending in their quarterly reports has been much appreciated.

I sent checks in the amount of \$25.00 to the home at Sandusky and \$20.00 to the home at Xenia for their Christmas funds from the Ohio Department. This money was received from McLaughlin Camp-\$40.00 and Richard Greenwalt-\$5.00.

At last year's Encampment I reported the sum of \$113.61 in the Permanent Fund. Past National Senior Vice Commander, Robert J. Wolz, said, "That there should be more money than that and reminded all that he had started the fund and should know." In digging deeper in Department books and papers, I found another account in the name of the late Robert Austin in the amount of \$77.26. I consulted with Brother Wolz, our Department Commander, and the members of Department Council in attendance at the

Department Commander's Reception held in Wooster on March 26, 1977. It was decided that this must be the unaccounted for money and I was authorized to closeout this account and deposit the money in the other Permanent Fund Account. This I have done and with the donations I have since received, I am happy to report that the total of this fund now stands at \$327.55.

My congratulations to our Department Commander, Gordon R. Bury II for his year of service to the Ohio Department. His General Orders were informative and he stood the cost of printing the first one. I hope that you found this to have been a rewarding year and that the work that you have done with the men in the Gahanna area will bear fruit in the not to distant future.

I have attempted to serve our organization in a creditable manner. I attended in company with some of the McClellan and Minerva Auxiliary, the funeral of John Decker in Cleveland; fulfilled my duties as General Chairman of our National Encampment in Columbus to the best of my ability with another big thanks to anyone who helped in any way on this function; represented our Commander-in-Chief and the Ohio Department at the Central Regional Conference in East Peoria, Illinois; was honored along with the State President of the Ohio Auxiliaries, Esther Greek and the National Press Correspondent, Olive Boren, at a fine reception in Alliance; attended the annual Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg; attended the fine reception honoring our Department Commander; served as a member of the Memorial Day Committee in Alliance; helped install officers for Phillip Trien and McClellan Camps; served as District Treasurer; served as Camp Secretary; performed my various SVR duties and most important have attempted to serve the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to which I was elected in Columbus, in a manner that befits this high office.

I have no recommendations, but I hope that the communications between future Department Commanders and future Secretaries will be such, that it will not be necessary for the National Secretary-Treasurer to have to contact the Department Secretary-Treasurer concerning over due Department quarterly reports.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. and L.,
Richard Greenwalt
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of the Department Treasurer June 1, 1976 to May 31, 1977
Book balance June 1, 1976 \$299.40

Receipts

Love gift from Department Auxiliary.....	\$25.00
Registration 1976 Encampment.....	\$32.00
Patriotic Instructors Fund.....	\$108.00
Chief of Staff Fund.....	\$154.00
Refund for 1976 Encampment.....	\$60.00
Per Capita Tax and at Large members.....	\$399.65
Permanent Fund.....	\$97.00
Christmas Fund for Sandusky and Xenia....	\$55.00
	<u>\$930.65</u>

Expenditures

1976 Encampment.....	\$23.05
Flowers for John Decker.....	\$17.07
1976 Proceedings.....	\$40.00
Central Region Dues.....	\$5.00
General Orders.....	\$40.30
Sandusky Home Christmas Fund.....	\$25.00

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Xenia Home Christmas Fund.....	\$20.00
Per Capita Tax to National.....	\$299.75
Supplies.....	\$28.00
Postage and Envelopes.....	\$101.18
Permanent Fund.....	\$97.00
Service Charge.....	\$3.18
	<u>\$699.55</u>

Check balance as of May 31, 1977 \$530.52

Patriotic Instructors Report
July 4-attended Washingtonville Reenactment
July 5-parade and display at Wooster
August-attended National Convention
Sept.-Port Jarvis National Encampment toured West Point in uniform
Dec. 12-Christmas Party at Critchfields
May-renewed Gahanna site and met with city council regarding National Encampment
May-Memorial Day Parade, hosted picnic in afternoon /w committee meeting in cellar
May & June-contacted Bob Lozier to motivate location etc... for Encampment
June-attended State Convention
and the attached financial report totaling \$84.00

Tom Hoffman \$5.00	George Shadel \$5.00
McLaughlin Camp #12 \$20.00	Wilbur Haueter \$10.00
Bob Kordon \$10.00	Kenneth Wheeler \$1.00
Dick Greenwalt \$5.00	Jim Perkins \$5.00
Ralph Shadel \$5.00	Given Camp 50 \$10.00
Tom Graham \$1.00	Forrest Atland \$1.00
Robert Davis \$1.00	Bob Wolz \$5.00

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans:

This past year has been a busy but happy one with 1976 our Bi-centennial year. The planning and preparations for a busy summer at the Camp meetings. Memorial Day, State Encampment, National Encampment, Parades, Battle Re-enactments, Demonstrations, and finally Remembrance Day at Gettysburg in November and ending the year with a Victorian Christmas Dinner. The food, Hot cider and sleigh rides ended a wonderful year.

As announced in the Department Orders I was soliciting funds for the Chief of Staff. I had for raffle a Lucerne Cut-N-Serve set and a Fry Daddy by Presto. Donated by myself.
The raffle netted.....\$25.00

Donations:

Thomas Hoffman	\$5.00	McLaughlin Camp #12	\$20.00
Richard Greenwalt	\$5.00	Given Camp 50	\$10.00
Wilbur Haueter	\$10.00		
Ralph Shadel	\$5.00		
George Shadel	\$5.00		
James Perkins	\$10.00		
Robert Wolz	\$5.00		

Grand Total \$100.00

Respectfully submitted yours in F.C. And L.
James R. Perkins
Chief of Staff SUV

Brothers:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Commander Bury's Military Aide this past year. Our BiCentennial year provided many opportunities to serve the SUV and SVR and I hope that the following

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report will show to some extent of what was accomplished by our military units.

The following is a list of some of my activities as Military Aide:

1. Attended 1976 Ohio Dept. Encampment in June.
2. Participated in two Bicentennial parades in Salem, Ohio with the 19th Ohio winning 1st prize as best military unit,
3. Participated in and planned a Civil War show at Washingtonville July 4 with the 19th Ohio and 16th Ohio, SVR
4. Planned & participated in a Civil War battle July 5 at Salem, Ohio attended by 50 troops and seen by over 4,000 people.
5. Had charge of firing squads and color details at Liberty Centre Park Dedication in Salem, Ohio
6. Attended and participated at the 7th National SVR Encampment at Port Jervis, N.Y. over Labor Day weekend.
7. Participated in Lincoln Day Dinner program in Salem in Feb.
8. Participated in Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Salem 1977.
9. Conducted Civil War lectures in various schools for classes.
10. Served as Third Military District Commander & 19th Ohio Commander during the year in various functions.

It is hoped that through the preceeding activities, I have been able to convey to the general public the purposes and ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans & Sons of Veterans Reserves. I wish to thank Commander Bury for his trust in placing me in the position of his Militar, Aide and wish him continued success in the future.

Yours in F C & L,
Col. Jerr L. Wolford
Aide CO Ohio Dept.
CO 3MD*SVR
CO*19th OHIO*SVR

Commander Bury and the Delegates of the 95th Dept. Encampment,
Greetings:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as Dept. Councilor, the appointment which I was pleased and honored to receive.

Generally speaking the year has been harmonious and this is a credit to the Dept. Officers and membership. Whenever possible Ohio's problems should remain just that Ohio's problems. However, three questions have come to me and should be reported for the record.

1. The matter of an endorsement for Bro. Greenwalt that was presented at the final closing moments of last year's encampment. What is its legal status? I felt since the Dept. had earlier in its sessions passed an endorsement for myself for the office of Commander-in-Chief that this opinion might be considered by some a conflict of interest so it was referred to the National Councilor, Frank M. Heacock, PCinC for official ruling.
Ruling: The endorsement was null and void because the Ritual and C&R allows for transposition of all business except the election and installation of officers. No business may take place by the Dept. after the election and installation of new officers.
2. Is a blanket endorsement legal? Again in consultation with the National Councilor the following opinion is rendered:
Ruling: In 1973 in Palm Springs, California recommendation #2 of the National Secretary-Treasurer read, "That any Department who feels a Brother is worthy of serving our Order, should forward a letter of Endorsement to the office of the National Secretary, prior to the opening of the National Encampment."

This would encourage more members to actively participate in the various programs of the National Organization and would let our Membership be informed of their endorsement on a Department level." In essence, the past commander-in-chief often serve as a nominating committee at th Natl. level as do past dept. comdr at the dept. level. A letter of endorsement was intended to state an individual's desire toward one particular office and its purpose was to encourage more individuals to seek the same office and their letter of endorsement was to spell out the candidate's qualifications for that one office. It was never intended to be a popularity poll. Therefore, in the future the Ohio Dept. should pass any endorsements for any individual for one specified office only. As this is a letter of qualification, the membership and past commanders-in-chief can decide for themselves if a candidate is qualified for other positions.

3. Is an officer of a camp bound by a resolution by his camp? The answer would have to be yes and no. Depending on the particular resolution. Action by a camp can only be recinded by action of that same camp in regular or special session. The individual singing it, either the Camp Commander or Camp Secretary-Treasurer, may have a totally different personal opinion. In this case majority must rule. If the vote ask for the opinion of the Camp or Dept. it stands. Otherwise, the individual is free to vote his personal opinion.

No other legal opinion were ask other than questions of membership eligibility which will be discussed later.

Yours in FC & L,

Robert J. Wolz PDC

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans:

This past year I have traveled two out of the three U.S. Highways which have been designated Memorial Highways in the State of Ohio. These are, U.S. 6, Grand Army of the Republic, which crosses the northern part of our state, U.S. 30, Lincoln Memorial Highway which crosses the north central and U.S. 22, U.S. Grant Highway which crosses the state from the northeast to the southwest from Pa. to Cincinnati.

U.S. 6 has one marker in western Ohio and U.S. 30 has numerous markers but are in a sad state of repair. U.S. 22 I did not get to inspect. I approached the Ohio Department of Transportation and got very little encouragement from them. Earlier this month I wrote to Rep. Wm. G. Batchelder and on June 22 I received a reply of which a copy is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.,
James R. Perkins
State Highway Officer

Report on Speakers Bureau

Ohio Department Commander Gordon R. Bury appointed brother Jerry L. West of Given Camp 50 to be head of the newly formed Speakers Bureau. Brother West recently won the outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award and is a member of the executive Council of the Ohio Council of the Social Studies. Department Commander Bury was concerned that there was no means whereby the Sons of Union Veterans was getting exposure in the public education system in Ohio, other than efforts by Brothers West, Brother Tom Hoffman of Mansfield and Brother Robert Wolz of East Palestine. Department Commander Bury suggested that a speakers bureau be set up.

Thes speakers bureau started with a story in Ohio schools, a

magazine that reaches over 92,00 teachers in the state of Ohio. In this article it was announced that the Sons of Union Veterans had a speakers bureau, and for teachers to write to Brother West. There were follow up articles in the Ohio Council of the Social Studies Newsletter with a circulation of 982, and the OCSS review that went to all colleges and universities in Ohio. There were also articles in the Akron Beacon Journal and Cuyahoga Falls News.

From this publicity, over 50 requests were made to have a speaker come to public school and make a presentation. Of these requests 43 were actually filled. In some cases there were no speakers in the geographical area of the school.

As of this date the speakers list has 21 people on it, spread out geographically over Ohio, with the exception of Southeast Ohio. These people either make the presentations themselves, or contact people in the local area who can work with the schools.

It is the suggestions of Brother West to this convention that an effort be made to establish some sort of coordination between all camps, that names of speakers from each camp be submitted, and that an effort be made to reach the hundreds of thousands of public school children in Ohio who have never heard of the Sons of Union Veterans, who have no idea of what we do, and know very little about the soldiers and sailors that fought in the American Civil War 1861-1865.

The convention should recognize the efforts of Department Commander Bury, Brother West, Brother Hoffman and Brother Wolz for their past efforts in this area. The convention should also ask any other brother to share his experiences with the public schools so that he may receive the recognition due him.

On the following pages are recommendations for the convention to consider.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry L. West
Speakers Bureau

Given Camp 50 would like to re-affirm its endorsement of Robert J. Wolz as a future Commander in-Chief from Ohio, due to his extraordinary service to the order in the past year. These services included personally paying for a G.A.R. Commemorative spoon for each member of the three allied orders meeting in Columbus, Ohio, last August, for the National Encampment, and incurred personal cost in this one item alone which was all beyond that which the entire Department of Ohio spent on the entire Encampment. In addition Brother Wolz (also at his own expense) provided reprints of the 1888 G.A.R. Encampment programs for the Sunday Evening Campfire at Columbus, formal invitations which were sent to all state officials and patriotic and veteran's organizations, as well as spending many, many hours with the help of his wife in the complete manufacture of artificial floral centerpieces for each banquet table Tuesday evening at the Columbus Encampment which were given as door prizes. He also attended the National Encampment and never received any credit for these things, but let the Department and the Encampment Committee enjoy such. It is such items as the above which make an Encampment memorable. Due to such generous hospitality as this, we are still receiving compliments on last year's National Encampment.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Forest Atland-Commander Given Camp
Charles Corfason-Camp Senior Vice Comm.
Jerry West-Camp Junior Vice Comm.
Gordon R. Bury II-Camp Council

James Perkins-Camp Sec.--Treas.

Increasing the membership roles of the Sons of Union Veterans should be one of our primary concerns. The roles of the Department of Ohio have increased over the past four years in great part due to the work of one member of Given Camp No. 50. Through his efforts more than fifty individual membership affiliations were processed, and a new camp was not only founded but has also flourished to a level of thirty five members who are active on both the local and the Department level. In addition this individual has served as Camp Commander for three years, Department Chief of Staff, Department Junior Vice-Commander, and Department Commander. He has served the National Commandery on the Ceremony and Ritual Committee, the Memorial Day Restoration Committee, and two years on the National Military Affairs Committee.

Due to this fine record of service to our order, it is the pleasure of Given Camp No. 50 to endorse its Past Camp Commander, Brother Gordon R. Bury II, as the next National Junior Vice Commander. It is felt that since the responsibilities of National Junior Vice-Commander are directly related to increasing membership in our order, Brother Bury would be well fitted for the position.

Yours in F.C. and L.,
Forest Atland-Camp Commander Given Camp
Charles Corfman-Camp Senior Vice Comm.
Jerry West-Camp Junior Vice Comm.
James Perkins-Camp Sec.--Treas.

McClellan Camp No. 91 is asking your endorsement and seeks your support for Past Department Commander, Richard Greenwalt, for National Senior Vice-Commander.

He has served his camp, his district, his department, and his region in all of the presiding offices. He has served as National Patriotic Instructor, General Chairman of Arrangements and is presently serving as National Junior Vice-Commander. We feel he has all of the qualities to serve our National Organization in its top offices.

We ask for your support and trust that this Encampment will look favorably and grant this endorsement.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. And L.,
Thomas W. Graham
Senior Vice-Commander
McClellan Camp No. 91
Acting Camp Commander

To Commander Bury and all Sons of Union Veterans assembled in the Ohio Department Encampment.

Greetings:

We the members of McLaughlin Camp No. 12, Mansfield, Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, wish at this time to present the name of Richard Greenwalt for endorsement for the high position as Senior Vice-Commander in Chief at the forthcoming National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa. Brother Greenwalt in his present position as Junior Vice-Commander in Chief has done a creditable job, and we feel, would without a doubt perform the duties of Senior Vice-Commander with equal zeal and enthusiasm.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Ralph Shadel

Commander McLaughlin Camp No. 12
Mansfield, Ohio

When the greetings committee led by Senior Vice Commander, Wilbur Haueter, paid their visit to the meeting of the Ohio Department of the Auxiliary, they were presented with a check in the amount of \$25.00 as a love gift.

The National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Sister Betty Koch, from the Department of Pa. was present during the Encampment. We were pleased to have all three National leaders with us. Their attendance added much to our encampment.

Each of the the endorsements were passed by a unanimous vote and forwarded to the National Secretary, Fred H. Combs, for the consideration of the National Organization.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. The position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for the Ohio Department, to be elected by the Encampment, was re-created.
2. Where, as for many years we had an active camp in the Toledo, Ohio, area and we had many fine Department Officers from that camp, and whereas we were saddened by the loss of that camp several years ago when one by one our Brothers were called to the bivouac of the dead, whereas, it has come to our attention that Brother Norman Bowen and other Brothers in the Toledo area desire to organize a new camp and whereas, the desire to increase membership is one of the most important goals we have. Therefore, we the Ohio Department in Encampment assembled do commend and encourage these good Brothers in their organizational effort and further pledge that we will assist them in any possible way.

We the officers report committee have reviewed the work of the past year and generally commend all officers & committee chairmen for outstanding work and dedication to our beloved Order.

The Dept. Commander-Bro. Bury has taken charge of his high office in a most creditable manner. His 31 visitations and representations at various Bicentennial & patriotic programs certainly is above and beyond the call of duty. His report had four recommendations we present for dept. action:

1. Dept. Endorsement of House Resolution #7232 restoring Memorial Day to May 30th. Your committee wholeheartedly concurs.
2. The continuance of the Dept. Speakers Bureau. Your committee recommends concurrence & asks the incoming commander encourage expansion.
3. That the Dept. Comdr. & Officers read the bylaws & conform to these. Your committee feels this is the duty of all officers & concurs.
4. That the Dept. place selected advertising to build membership. In principle we agree, but suggest the amount be set at \$50.00 from the GAR Fund and that the new commander and Bro. Bury work out details...with a complete report at next years encampment.

The Senior Vice Dept. Comdr.-Bro. Haueter's report reflects growing interest in the affairs of the Dept. & National level and development beyond the camp level. This proves his training in past offices was well spent and that he will certainly be a fine asset to the order at all levels he chooses to be involved in.

The Junior Vice Comdr.-While new in Dept. affairs he has proved our trust to be well placed with many activities at all levels of the Order.

The Dept. Secy-Treas.-Bro. Greenwalt has apparently cleared up the mess that resulted from Bro. Austin's passing and all monies appear accounted for. The numerical and financial strength of the dept. appears good with membership remaining status quo. The fact

that the Permanent Fund stands at \$447.55 and the checking account at \$410.52 is commendable and reflects credit on all officers & membership this past year. The problems of Banners, etc. appear to be answered to the satisfaction of all present. We commend Bro. Greenwalt for his efforts in trying to reorganize the Dept. books.

Appointed Officers:

The GAR Highway Officer: While almost every Commander-in-Chief asks for a report from all depts. that these memorial highways pass few Dept. Commanders take the time to appoint an officer to deal with this area. Bro. Perkins by nature of his job was an outstanding choice and your committee is pleased with the excellent report rendered. We recommend that the Dept. continue to press the Ohio Dept. of transportation to remark the three memorial highways.

Military Aide-Bro. Jerry Wolford reported full military participation of the SVR within the Ohio Dept. We commend Bro. Wolford for his fine work in this area and recommend continued expansion of the SVR program within the Ohio Dept. Your committee suggests however that in the future as many uniformed troops as possible take part in the Dept. Encampment Campfire program.

Speakers Bureau-A welcome new committee by a new member of our Order. Your committee recommends continuance & expansion of this much needed activity. Also your committee asks a rising vote of thanks for an outstanding job be given to Bro. Jerry West for his chairmanship of this committee and his program last night.

Dept. Councilor-The legal opinions contained in this report show a fine working knowledge of the ritual and the Constitution & Regulations and are appreciated and made a permanent part of this proceedings of this encampment for future reference.

Council of Administration-As usual the Dept. Council serving as the trustees of the dept. have functioned in a most respectful manner to bring credit to our order as well as insure its continuation for years to come.

Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff-we the committee congratulate and commend both men for distinguished service in patriotic service and collection of their respective funds. Again this year they have done an outstanding job on behalf of the Ohio dept.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

Robert J. Wolz

Ralph Shadel

Charles Corfman

Auditing Committee Report

We of the Auditing Committee, after a thorough check of the financial condition of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, find that Brother Greenwalt has performed his duties as Department Secretary-Treasurer to a high degree. The books are in good order, each entry legible and all transactions listed. We of the committee hereby verify, therefore, that these accounts entered by Brother Greenwalt in his Secretary-Treasurer's report are true & correct.

Ralph Shadel PDC

Thomas E. Hoffman PDC

James R. Davis

Action taken at this encampment:

1. That Ohio Department support House Bill 7232
2. That the sum of \$10.00 be contributed to the National Patriotic Instructors Fund.
3. That the Department Sec.-Treas. comply with Article 4 Section 5

subsection B of the Department By-Laws by transferring from the General Fund of the Order, the money that was collected by last year's Chief of Staff that did not have to be used for last year's Encampment expenses.

4. Reaffirm the Ohio Department's support for the Ohio Amendment which is being offered for the consideration of the Brothers at the National Encampment in Des Moines. This would make all blood descendants eligible for full membership. (refer to page 2 article 2 of the 1956 National Proceedings.)
5. The members of the incoming Department Council are instructed to set a tentative goal for the Patriotic Instructor.
6. The Department is to pay for the banquet ticket for the Ohio Department Commander if he attends National.
7. That the incoming Department Commander, the members of Department Council, and an appointed committee propose a program of a patriotic nature to be presented to next year's encampment for their consideration.
8. That the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer be re-established.
9. That the Department Highway Officer, James Perkins, be recognized for the fine job that he has done and that we should do all that we can to see that the three memorial highways in Ohio are properly marked as such.
10. That the Department Speaker's Bureau Founder, Jerry West, be highly commended for the job that he has done and that this phase of our order should definitely be continued.
11. That the incoming Department Commander appoint a camp organizer to work with the Brothers in the Toledo area and any others in the Department that might have an interest in forming a new camp.
12. That the sum of \$50.00 be considered for advertising purposes for the order and that proposed advertising should be submitted at next year's encampment.
13. Department to donate the sum of \$10.00 to Fort Chickamauga Memorial Fund.
14. It was moved by Brother James Perkins and seconded by Past Department Commander Ralph Shadel, that all the endorsements passed by the Ohio Department as submitted be forwarded to the National Secretary.
15. It was moved by Past Department Commander Robert J. Wolz and seconded by many including Brothers Perkins, Shadel and Graham, that the Ohio Department ask all other Departments to fully submit all endorsements of candidates for National Offices in compliance with Recommendation No. 2 from the National Sec.-Treas. Report in the proceedings of the 92nd National Encampment. The Ohio Department feels this should provide a broader choice of qualified candidates for each National office.
16. That these proceedings be the official report of the transactions of the 95th Encampment.

It is the wish of the Ohio Department that the National Membership should be aware of the Department's feelings on Number 2.

The following Brothers were elected by unanimous vote to serve the Ohio Department:

Department Commander-Wilbur Haueter, 32911 Rt. 30 Hanoverton, O 44423

Senior Vice Commander-Forest Atland, 972 Washington St. Wooster, O

Junior Vice Commander-Thomas Graham, 1059 Vincent Alliance, O
Department Council

3 years-Gordon R. Bury II Box 172 RD I Marshallville, O

2 years-Thomas Hoffman 115 Glenwood Blvd. Mansfield, O