

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

103th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 21-23, 1985**

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The 103rd encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio on June 21, 22, and 23, 1985, with Department Commander Charles Corfman, presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday the 21st was the auditing of the books of the Secretary-Treasurer Richard Greenwalt by the Department Council.

The Campfire program held on Friday evening, the 21st, for the four Allied Orders in attendance was hosted by the Woman's Relief Corps. One of their Past Department Presidents, Linda Bauman, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, Eugene Russell
National President of the Auxiliary, Jennie Russell

The National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Representative of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, along with their National Treasurer were recognized.

The program consisted of PDC Thomas E. Hoffman who gave a very interesting and enlightening program regarding both Union and Confederate Flags during the Civil War years. He displayed several flags, which were the actual size and enhanced his presentation. PCC Richard Greenwalt, read two articles dealing with PDC Tom Hoffman and his seeing eye dog Ralph, one about their participation in Civil War Battle Re-enactments which along with their pictures appeared in a National Publication. The other article which Tom wrote dealt with his and Ralph's participation in the Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. That was canceled due to weather conditions. The program was followed by a social time by the Woman's Relief Corps.

The first order of business on Saturday, the 22nd was the joint opening with the Auxiliary at which time both Orders were given Best Wishes on behalf of the National Organization by their respective heads. After the joint opening the Sons retired to their meeting room for the first business session of the Encampment:

Department Commander Charles Corfman appointed the following committees:

Registration	PDC Forest Altland
Officers Reports	PDC Larry Swogger Roy Smith
Resolutions	Richard Doenges PDC Forest Altland
Greetings Chairman	PDC Larry Swogger
Auxiliary	PDC Gordon R. Bury
Ladies of Grand Army	Steve Frederick
Response to Greetings	PCC Richard Greenwalt

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Roll Call of Officers in Attendance:

Department Commander	Charles Corfman, PDC
Senior Vice Commander	Dan McGuire
Department Council	Larry Swogger, PDC
	Forest Altland, PDC
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Greenwalt, PCC
Chief of Staff	Forest Altland, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Steve Frederick
Chaplain	Larry Swogger
Counselor	Gordon R. Bury II, PDC
Guard	Thomas E. Hoffman, PDC
1985 Department Site Chairman	Richard L. Greenwalt, PCC

Officer's Reports:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT:

One year ago I came to this encampment with no responsibilities and no duties other than to help audit the Department books.

At the end of the encampment I had been given the honor of being elected Ohio Department Commander. It has been a busy year and I hope that I have served the Ohio Department well.

The first and biggest job of the year was Co-Chairman of the 1984 National Encampment, held at Quaker Square, Akron, Ohio, in mid-August 1984. With the help of a good committee, we managed to plan and handle the encampment with few problems. Reactions were favorable from the delegates. At the National encampment, I was appointed and installed as National Patriotic Instructor. This has been enjoyable. Though it is a lot of work, as of this time I am half way to my goal for the year. Other events of the year were of a more normal type.

In September I took part in the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by the 19th Regiment Ohio SVR. This was a small, but very impressive ceremony.

November, I attended remembrance Day in Gettysburg. The parade was impressive with over 2,000 troops taking part. The weekend also included a meeting of the National Military Affairs Committee which became rather heated, I remained on the committee while some others resigned.

October, included the October Festival at Algonquin Mill, run by Carroll County Historical Society. We put on battles on Saturday and Sunday. I, a Sgt. Had two Colonels on my gun crew!

In February, Janice and I attended a Lincoln Day Dinner at Mansfield, and discussed plans for the Ohio Department Encampment.

In March, attended the planning meeting in Alliance for the 1985 Encampment.

In April, I escorted "President Lincoln" to the speaker's platform in Ravenna, Ohio when Portage County Historical Society placed a plaque, marking the site of Lincoln's speech on his way to Washington for his inauguration. The site is now owned

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by Wendy's and the company president was there to participate. It is since learned that the actual site was probably across the street at McDonalds.

On Memorial Day, the 16th Ohio SVR paraded in Canton, Ohio, parade. We were honored along with the other Veterans groups, during the ceremonies.

Last weekend Janice and I attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment at Ligonier, Pa. I was accorded the honors of a visiting Department Commander. They had a fine Encampment Commander-in-Chief Eugene Russell was also in attendance.

There were also local camp meetings and SVR meetings to help fill in the year.

I wish to thank the fellow members for having elected me to this office and wish them well in the coming years of our Order.

Yours in F.C. & L
Charles Corfman
Ohio Department Commander

Department of Ohio Senior Vice Commander's Report:

August – participated and attended National Encampment of the SUVCW. This was held at Akron, Ohio's beautiful Quaker Square.

October – participated in SVR Living History Demonstration at the Algonquin Mill Festival near Carrollton, Ohio

December – Created the Ohio Department , Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Coat of Arms, on a sheet of steel 18" x 18" size. This is done in exterior paint and will serve Camp 50 in Wooster and the Ohio Department for many years.

April – I attended the Civil War Relic Show in Ashland, Ohio; attempted to recruit new members among those in attendance from throughout the country.

May – I participated in the dedication of a commemorative plaque in Ravenna, Ohio, marking the site of President-elect Lincoln's address to the citizens of Portage County while stopping at its train station en route to his inaugural ceremonies, and attended dinner sponsored by Portage County Historical Society and visited the County Museum.

Memorial Day – Participated in parade and Decoration day services at the McKinley Tomb in Canton, Ohio. I enjoyed representing the 16th Ohio Battery of Artillery as a crew member.

I conducted meetings in Given Camp no. 50 in October, December, February and April, serving as camp commander.

My thanks to all who helped me to serve the post of Senior Vice Commander, Department of Ohio, SUVCW.

In F.C. & L
Dan McGuire

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Department Secretary Report:

To Department Commander, Charles Corfman, Officers and Members of the 103rd Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Once again it has been my pleasure to add another year of service to our order. I attended the National Encampment in Akron, the observance at Johnson's Island, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, the Dedication of the plaque in Ravenna, and spoke on May 30th in a cemetery at Halsey Valley, New York. I have also served on the Memorial Day committee for Alliance, and have attended National Encampment Site Committee meeting, District, Camp and SV Meetings.

As of this report the camp per capita is in for all of the camps, but Philip Triem Camp, and it is being worked on.

Thus the quarterly report sent to the national Secretary-Treasurer may have been inaccurate.

I sent checks in the amount of \$25.00 to both the Ohio Veterans Home and the Ohio Veterans Children's Home for their Christmas Funds. Donations for these funds amounted to \$30.00 and came from PDC Thomas E. Hoffman, McLaughlin and Gov. Dennison Camps.

The membership reported at last year's Encampment was 8 camps with a membership of 121.

As of this report we have 8 camps with a membership of 122. The only death of which I am aware for the year, was that of PDC Guy Shefelton of McClellan Camp no. 91.

Department Treasurer's Report:

At last year's Encampment, I reported that the Permanent Fund contained \$2,155.03. As of June 13, our C.D. is up to \$2,180.19 and the pass book shows \$282.66, for a total of \$2,462.85.

The addition came from donations from PDC Thomas E. Hoffman of \$75.00, McLaughlin Camp \$15.00, Gov. Dennison Camp \$25.00, McClellan Camp \$25.00 in lieu of flowers for PDC Guy Shefelton, and interest.

Last year I reported that our financial balance as \$2,780.45. As of May 1, 1985, our checking balance was \$848.57, and our savings \$2,004.40. Total \$2,852.97.

Book Balance June 1, 1984	\$1,051.53
Receipts	
Love Gift from Auxiliary	25.00
Registration 1984 Encampment	17.00
Chief of Staff Fund	136.25
Patriotic Instructors Fund	110.75
Members Badge	14.50
Refund from	
1984 National Encampment	30.20
Christmas Funds For	

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Sandusky and Xenia	30.00
Per capita from camps	573.40
Members at large	96.00
Donations – Vienna Camp #26	101.00
Donations to 1985 Department Encampment	<u>95.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,228.90
Disbursements	
1984 Encampment Expenses	\$317.00
1984 Encampment Expenses	13.82
1984 National Encampment	126.00
Contribution to National Patriotic Instructor	100.00
Per capita to National	445.00
Central Regional Dues	5.00
Ohio Veterans Home	25.00
Ohio Veterans Children's Home	25.00
Mailing of back Banners	91.98
Refund to Jack Hilton	4.00
Flowers for Guy Shefelton	26.25
Department Commander Banquet Ticket	14.00
Printing General Orders	17.30
Postage	129.23
Supplies	18.00
Bank Service Charge	<u>.78</u>
Total disbursements	\$1,358.36

Our loss for the year was \$129.46 of which the sum of \$91.98 was used to pay postage for back issues of BANNER.

Respectively in F.C. & L
Richard Greenwalt
Department Secretary Treasurer

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COMMUNICATIONS:

List of Officers for Department Auxiliary.

Letters from Department Council Members – authorizing the 1984 Proceedings as being official.

The bill for Guy Shefelton's flowers.

The first General Orders from Commander-in-chief Russell.

The bill for Central Region Conference dues.

Letter of complaint about the Banner from Robert Elmore.

Letter from PDC Tom Hoffman stating that members of McLaughlin Camp were disturbed about not receiving their issues of the Banner.

Acknowledgements from Ohio Veteran's Home and Ohio Veterans Children's Home for Ohio Department Christmas Donations.

Material from Gordon Ryan of Vienna Camp about his son, Paul, being honored for High school Scientific Achievement.

Letter from Ralph Shoal expressing appreciation for the Banner and a membership roster for McLaughlin Camp.

Membership roster for Gov. Dennison Camp.

Letter from Commander-in-Chief, stating he will attend our Encampment.

Letter from PCC William L. Simpson and his wife to the 1984 National Encampment Committee thanking them for the fantastic Encampment.

Letter from PCC William L. Simpson and his wife saying that they would not be able to attend the Department Encampment because Bill could not get time off from work.

Card from Bob Wolz that he can not attend this year's Encampment.

Letter from PDC Ralph Shadel that he can not attend this year's Encampment because he is going to visit George, but that he will print our proceedings.

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To all Officers and Members of the 103rd Encampment of the Ohio Dept. Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings,

A year has come and gone since I was appointed to the position of Ohio Dept. Patriotic Instructor. During that year I attended the following:

- June 22, 23, 24, 1984 – 102nd Encampment of the Ohio Depart. SUVCW
- July 13-16 purchased engraving and paper for Ohio Department stationary and printed the same as authorized.
- July 17, attended McClellan Camp #91 meeting
- July 17, Received check #198 from Dept. Secretary for reimbursement of paper cost in the amount of \$4.00.
- July 22, Attended District I picnic at Silver Park, Alliance, Ohio
- Aug 4, Attended Philip Triem Camp #43 and 19th Ohio SVR meeting
- Aug 13-15 Attended SUVCW National Encampment at Akron, Ohio
- Sept. 10 Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- Sept 22, Attended Constitution Day banquet given by the Canton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Sept 24, Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- Oct. 22 Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- Oct. 24 Attended McClellan Camp #91 meeting
- Nov. 12 Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary and was appointed and installed as Counselor of the Auxiliary
- Nov 26 Attended McClellan camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- Dec 1, Attend Philip Triem Camp #43 and acted as chaplain and Guide for the installation of officers
- Dec 10, Attended Christmas dinner given my McClellan Camp #91 in Alliance, Ohio
- Jan 14, Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting

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- Jan 26 Attended Birthday Remembrance of President William McKinley at McKinley Monument in Canton, Ohio
- Feb 12, Attended Lincoln Day Dinner by McClellan Camp #91 and Auxiliary
- Feb 25, Attended the McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- March 2 Attended Philip Triem Camp #43 and 19th Ohio SVR meeting
- March 11 Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary Meeting
- March 25, Attended McClellan Camp #91 Auxiliary meeting
- March 26 Attended McClellan Camp #91 meeting
- April 14 Visited the graves of two confederate Veterans killed near Salineville, Ohio during Morgan's Raid.
- May 4 Attended Philip Triem Camp # 43 and 19th Ohio meeting
- May 17 Attended a dinner sponsored by the McClelland Camp #91 Auxiliary
- May 25 Placed two Confederate flags on the graves of those soldiers killed during Morgan's raid near Salineville, Ohio
 - May 27 Attended the Vietnam Memorial dedication in Louisville, Ohio

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve the Department in the position of Patriotic Instructor. Many thanks to all who have assisted with their donations in the spirit of Patriotism.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Stephen M. Frederick
Ohio Depart. Patriotic Instructor
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Contributions to the Patriotic Instructors Fund

Forest Altland, PDC	\$ 5.00
McLaughlin Camp #12	15.00
Richard Greenwalt PCC	5.00
McClellan Camp #91	10.00
Vienna Camp #26	25.00
Stephan Frederick	5.00
Tom Hoffman, PDC	5.00
Larry Swogger PDC	5.00
Roy Smith	5.00
Eugene Russell, CIC	1.00
Tucker Mayhew, Penna. PDC	5.00
Charles Corfman, Ohio Dept. Com	10.00
Paul Selby	1.00
Dan McGuire, SVC	5.00
Rick Bury, JVIC	2.00

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DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT:

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Greetings:

Having been appointed Department Chief of staff by Charles Corfman, Department Commander, I have attended a great many functions during the past year which I am not listing individually.

As Chief of Staff my duty was to raise money for the Department. I supplied prizes for a raffle which I lost money on.

Donations from Camps and friends are as follows:

Vienna camp 26	\$25.00
McLaughlin Camp 12	15.00
Roy Smith	6.00
Richard Greenwalt	5.00
Forest Altland	5.00
Charles Corfman	5.00
George Fetter	2.00
Thomas Hoffman	5.00
Larry Swogger	5.00
Dan McGuire	5.00
Raffle	<u>30.50</u>
	108.50

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L
Forest Altland, Department Chief of Staff

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RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved and passed by unanimous vote with copies to be sent to the National Organization for consideration and to the Editor of the Banner.

1. The National Organization shall investigate alternative means of recording the minutes of the National encampment, such means to include the possibility of hiring a stenographer, court reporter, or other private secretary to speedily record and transcribe the minutes, so that they be edited by the National Secretary and the presiding Commander-in-Chief. This to be accomplished within thirty days after the close of the Encampment.
2. The National Organization should utilize the function of a typewriter equipped with memory to process the initial minutes and the edited form in order to produce a final form for copy within sixty days following the close of the encampment.
3. The National Organization shall have the distribution of copies of the proceedings completed within ninety days after the conclusion of the Encampment.

ENDORSEMENTS:

1. Given Camp no. 50 for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gordon R. Bury II, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, passed by unanimous vote and copies sent to national and to the editor of the Banner.
2. Given Camp no. 50 for Dan McGuire to be elevated to the position of Department Commander.
3. McClellan Camp no. 91 for Camp Commander, Steve Frederick for the office of Junior Vice Commander of the Ohio Department.

Action taken at the Department Encampment

1. The sum of \$100.00 be given to the national patriotic Instructor, Charles Corfman, for his fund.
2. The sum of \$25.00 to be given to the Christmas Funds for the Ohio Veterans Home at Sandusky and the Ohio Veterans Children's Home at Xenia.
3. The committee for the 1984, National Encampment were given a rising vote of thanks.
4. Incoming Commander appoint a committee to review the dormant funds account in state offices located at 2 Nationwide Plaza in Columbus, Ohio, and report findings to Department Secretary-Treasurer for action.
5. Incoming Commander appoint a committee consisting of himself and two members to investigate the replacement of the Department station Banners, cost to be at their discretion.

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6. Department is to purchase three dozen Confederate Grave Flags at a cost of \$35.00, to be used for Camp Chase and Johnson Island Cemeteries for 1986.
7. Authorize the Department Secretary to straighten out the Philip Triem Camp per capita tax problem as best he can for the best interests of the Ohio Department and members of Philip Triem Camp.
8. Consider the proceedings as the official record for the 1985 Encampment.

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Commander-in-Chief Eugene Russell, brought us the Greetings of the National Organization. During his remarks he reminded us that he would like to recognize more members as personal Aides and that this honor is given to anyone who secures 3 new members, and a certificate is given to anyone who enlists 5 new members.

He touched on the Banner and that it is good to have it once again going to the members. He informed us about the items that were stolen from the museum in Lewistown, Pa., and urged the we be on the lookout for them such places as flea markets. He urged all to support the National Encampment in Wilmington, Del., He informed us of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Harold Bilby of Rochester, N.Y. He recognized the National Officers from the Ohio Department and also those who are serving on National Committees and thanked all for their dedication. He touched on the lack of proceedings and thanked all for the courtesies that had been given he and his wife, Jennie, National President of the Auxiliary.

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Once again it was great to have PDC Jonathan Mayhew of the Department of Pennsylvania, with us to bring the Best Wishes of his Department.

The Banquet Saturday night found presiding Heads of three Orders in attendance: The Commander-in-Chief - National President of the Auxiliary – the National President of the ladies of the Grand Army – and The Woman’s Relief Corps Representative Sister Galant. It was the first Banquet in many, many years where the Presiding Department Heads of all 5 of the Allied Orders were in attendance.

The program of the evening was presented by Wendell Lauth. He presented a tremendous program with slides and tapes dealing with Trumbull County’s contributions to the Civil War and showed fine material dealing with some of the battles and prisons of the war.

The Audit Committee reported that they had examined the Department Records and in our opinion they present fairly the financial condition of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans. Our examination of the records was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year. The Treasurer is to be commended for a job well done.

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THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED TO SERVE THE OHIO DEPARTMENT FOR 1985 -1986

Department Commander	Dan McGuire 1252 Fulton Road N.W. Apt 41 Canton, Ohio 44701
Senior Vice Commander	Larry K. Swogger 205 Pershing Ave. N.E. North Canton, Ohio 44720
Junior Vice Commander	Steve Frederick 1506 Monter Ave. Louisville, Ohio 44641
Department Council 3 years	Charles Corfman 9057 SR 83 Holmesville, Ohio 44633
2 years	Ralph Shadel 635 Scholl Road Mansfield, Ohio 44907
1 year	Forest Altland 972 Washington Street Wooster, Ohio 44691
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Greenwalt 616 W. Summit Alliance, Ohio 44601

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED TO SERVE THE OHIO DEPARTMENT FOR 1985-1986

Chief of Staff	Larry K. Swogger
Patriotic Instructor	Richard Smyser
Chaplain	Ralph Shadel
Guide	Richard Doenges
Counselor	Gordon R. Bury II
Guard	Thomas E. Hoffman
Color Bearer	Roy Smith
GAR Highway Officer	Jerry Osborne
1986 Department Encampment	Richard Greenwalt

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The Officers were installed by Commander-in-Chief Russell, with Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ricky Bury, acting as Guide.

PDC Charles Corfman was given an ovation in appreciation of his year's service and the Commander-in-Chief gave the Best Wishes of the National Organization and for himself to the new officers

Richard Greenwalt
Secretary – Ohio Department
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