

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

108th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 15-17, 1990**

Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proceedings of 1990 Encampment

The 108th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio on June 15,16,17, 1990, with Department Commander Larry Swogger of North Canton, Ohio, presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday the 15th, was auditing of the books of the Department Treasurer by the Department Council.

Campfire

The program for the Campfire for the Allied Orders in attendance was hosted by the Auxiliary.

Those present for the Encampment fro the National Allied Orders were:

Commander-in-Chief, Charles Corfman

National President of the Auxiliary, Bea Greenwalt

National President of the Ladies of The Grand Army of the Republic, Vera Fennell.

Each of the presiding Department Officers were introduced. extended their Greetings, and expressed their desires for a fruitful Encampment.

Wanda Swarts, Department President of the Auxiliary, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Miss Wendy Armstrong, a Harpist, who played several selections and showed how this instrument can provide many unusual sounds.

The evening concluded with refreshments provided by the Host Order and a social time, that was enjoyed by all.

Business

The first order of business was the joint opening with the Auxiliary to the Sons. After the joint opening the Sons retired to our meeting room for the first business of the Encampment.

Department Encampment was opened by Department Commander Larry K. Swogger. Commander Swogger appointed the flowing officers to committees:

Credentials

P.D.C. Forest Altland

Resolutions

P.D.C. Ralph Shadel and Dave Medert

Officers' Reports

P.D.C. Thomas E. Hoffman and Roy Smith

Officers in Attendance

Department Commander

Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.

Department Council

3 years

Richard Smyser I. P.D.C.

2 years

Forest Altland, P.D.C.

1 year

Ralph Shadel, P.D.C.

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Secretary-Treasurer
Chief of Staff
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Guard
Genealogist
Color Guard
Johnson Island Committee
Camp Chase Committee
1990 Encampment Representative
Sons of Union Veterans Degree Team

Richard Greenwalt, P.C.C.
Richard Smyser I, P.D.C.
Keith Ashley
Ralph Shadel, P.D.C.
Forest Altland, P.D.C.
Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.
Roy Smith
Ralph Shadel, P.D.C.
Thomas E. Hoffman, P.D.C.
Richard L. Greenwalt, P.D.C.
Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.
Roy Smith
Richard L. Greenwalt, P.C.C.

Senior Vice Commander, George Fetter was unable to attend the Department Encampment due to physical problems. Junior Vice Commander, Tim Park, submitted his resignation prior to Encampment.

Department Commander's Address

Department Commander Larry K. Swogger made the following address:

At the 1989 Department Encampment you did me the honor of electing me to serve as Commander of the Ohio Department for the third time. I am sorry that my health would not permit me to do the kind of job I wanted to do but I did the best that I could.

I attended the following:

- July 9, 1989 I attended the SUVCW and Auxiliary Picnic at Silver Park in Alliance.
- Nov. 4, 1989, I attended the Reception for our Commander-in-Chief, Charles Corfman in Wooster, Ohio. I was proud to represent the Ohio Department in honoring our own Commander-in-Chief.
- Sept. 18, 1989, I attended a Special Masonic Seminar at Fidelity Lodge No. 712, F & A.M. The speaker was M.W.B. Brother Cabell Cobbs, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. M.W.B. Cobbs' Grandfather had fought with the Confederate Army at Gettysburg and had served with Morgan's raiders. In my capacity as Commander of the Ohio Department, SUVCW, I presented M.W.B. Cobb with a Safe Conduct Pass while he was in Ohio. A great deal of good-natured fun was had with this presentation.
- Sept. 1989, I attended a stated meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91.

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- Oct. 1989, I attended a stated meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91.
- Dec. 1989 I attended a Christmas Party held by McClellan Camp No. 91 and Auxiliary No. 91 at the Country Manor Restaurant in Alliance, Ohio. The Party had been changed to this location when the original location burned down. We all had a good time.
- Feb. 11, 1990, I attended a Lincoln Day Dinner held by McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield, Ohio. I am encouraged by the number of new members who are active in the Camp.
- Feb. 19, 1990 I attended the Lincoln Day Diner held by McClellan Camp No. 91 and Auxiliary No. 91 at the Country Manor Restaurant in Alliance, Ohio. Past Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt gave an interesting presentation. McClellan Camp presented a special Plaque to Sister Bea Greenwalt, National President of the Auxiliary in recognition of her contributions to McClellan Camp.
- March 6, 1990, I attended a stated meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91.
- April 20-29, 1990 I was a delegate at the Ohio Society, SAR Annual Conference in Beechwood, Ohio. I was recognized and presented as the Commander of the Ohio Department.
- Feb. 24, 1990, I attended the George Washington Day Diner held by Canton Chapter DAR and John Stark Chapter SAR at the Canton Women's Club. The program was truly outstanding.
- April 30, 1990, I attended a stated meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91.

May 4, 1990, I attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Stark County District Library.

During the year I was presented with a BRAND NEW Department Commander's Badge, which had been purchased by our Department Secretary. We were all well aware of the very sad condition of the old badge. I am proud to be the first Department Commander to wear the new badge.

I have enjoyed serving as your Department Commander this year. I sincerely regret that my stays in Cardiac Intensive Care and my repeated attacks of Arterial Fibrillation have prevented me from attending all the functions that I wanted to, but I thank the Ohio Department for granting me the privilege of serving as your Department Commander.

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Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commander

The was no Senior Vice Commander Report in the Proceedings

Junior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander Tim Parks submitted a letter of resignation with his report.

The letter of resignation reads:

4/29/90

Dear Dick,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that I will not be able to take an active part in the S.U.V.C.W. for quite some time to come. Nor will I be able to complete my year as Depart. Of Ohio Jr. Vice Commander.

This is due to recent financial hardships and the fact that I am pursuing a new career, which will put me on the road.

However, I will still continue to keep up my membership in the Sons, with Given Camp 50, and hopefully be able to obtain a life membership in the future.

I will still order the flags for the Dept. and have been contacted by Jim Lyons, to have a Camp Flag made for his Michigan Camp. Plus one is in the works for the Michigan Dept. But has not been started as yet as I have not received the authorization as yet to proceed with it.

The proceeds for the Camp Flags will go to Given Camp and proceeds from the Dept. Flags will go to the Ohio Department. To point out once and for all, so that there are no future questions on this subject, this flag project is my own project and not that of McLaughlin Camp or any other Camps.

The reason that I offer the proceeds to Given Camp and to the Ohio Dept. is a matter of courtesy in order to help the two out and since this was started while I was the Dept.'s Patriotic Instructor, then I feel that this only the right thing to do (sic).

Enclosed you will find my report for the Dept. of Ohio, Junior Vice Commander, S.U.V.C.W., for the 1989 year.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Tim Park

The report submitted by Brother Park:

Subject: Yearly report of the Junior Vice Commander Dept. of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Submitted by: Tim Park—Jr. Vice Commander

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Activities attended:

1989 Encampment SUVCW
Memorial Day Parade
Algonquin Mill Festival
Jackson Michigan
Spencer, Ohio Re enactment
Heritage Days, Malabar Farm
Freedom Festival 1989, Richland County fairgrounds
Lexington, Ohio Birthday Parade
Harvest Festival Parade, Crestline, Ohio
Lincoln Remembrance, Port Huron, Mich.
125th Anniversary Re-enactment of Saylor's Creek and Appomattox Court House
Visited: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Harper's Ferry,
and Antietam Battlefields.

Offices held:

Junior Vice Commander, Given Camp 50, SUVCW
Commander McLaughlin Camp 12
Commander Richland County Joint Veterans Council

Projects started and completed:

Wrote numerous letters to prospective new members, from information obtained from
National Secretary
Followed up on the remains of the Revolutionary War Soldier
Succeeded in getting the G>A.R. Highway, U.S. Route #6, marked with additional signs
for the GAR

Organizations:

Resigned from 64th O.V.I. and from McLaughlin Camp #12 S.U.V.W.

Re-enlisted in 16th O.V.I.

Enlisted in the 30th O.V.I.

Secretary Report

Department Secretary Richard L. Greenwalt' report:

Again I had the privilege of serving the Ohio Department for another year as your
Department secretary.

I attended the National Encampment in Stamford, Connecticut where I had the high
honor of nominating Past Commander Charles Corfman for the highest office in our
Organization, the office of Commander-in-Chief.

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I served McLaughlin Camp as its Camp Secretary, The Memorial Day committee in Alliance and have continued my service to the SVR, by serving as Military District No. 3 Commander.

I am happy to report that the Quarterly Reports have been sent in on time and as of this Encampment we have only one Camp in arrears, and it is only behind one Quarter.

The membership at last year's Encampment was 9 Camps with a membership of 149
Our present membership is: 9 Camps with a membership of 161.

2 deaths this year:

Ralph Reinhart, Sr. of Given Camp No. 50
John Lloyd of U.S. Grant Camp No. 100

Thanks to Camp Secretaries for all your efforts in seeing that your reports were into Department Headquarters.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Love Gift from Auxiliary	\$25.00
Registration 1989 Encampment	\$19.00
Chief of Staff Fund	\$84.50
Patriotic Instructor Fund	\$328.04
Per Capita from Camps	\$762.75
Donation from P.D.C. Richard Smyser	\$158.20
Total	\$1,402.49

Disbursements

Representative of Commander-in-Chief	\$60.00
Department flag	\$229.26
GAR Fund	\$25.00
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund	\$25.00
Per Capita to National	\$703.75
Supplies	\$ 35.00
Postage	\$ 86.34
Central Region Dues	\$ 5.00
Xenia Children's Home	\$25.00
Sandusky Veterans' Home	\$25.00
Service Charge at Bank	\$45.43
Total	\$1,297.78

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At last year's Encampment I reported in our Checking, Savings and C.D. accounts a total of \$4,344.16. Total for this year is \$4,728.94.

At the 1989 Encampment I reported that the Permanent Fund contained \$3,911.88 The 1990 total is \$4,327.51.

This new total represents donations from P.D.C. Thomas E. Hoffman in the amount of \$200.00, donations from Governor Dennison Camp #1 in the amount of \$50.00, donations from McLaughlin Camp #12 in the amount of \$20.00.

Patriotic Instructor

Brother Keith Ashley reported:

I was able to represent the Ohio Department and the National Commander at a dedication of a Union and Confederate Cemeteries at Huntington, W. VA. On Memorial Weekend. I presented a letter of congratulations from the National Commander. I also spoke at another Memorial Day Program in my area.

I have obtained a prospective member who wishes to start a new camp in the Ironton area. I will need direction if I am to work with this man. The Ohio Department will also need to plan a potential chartering ceremony for this.

I also attended the re-enactment of the Battle of Lewisburg (W.Va.) in May and the re-enactment of Blennerhassett Island (W.Va.) last September.

The following donations were made to the Patriotic Instructor's Fund:

McLaughlin Camp No. 12	\$10.00
Thomas E. Hoffman	\$10.00
Roy Smith	\$ 5.00
Wesley Watson	\$ 5.00
George Fetter	\$ 2.50
Kenneth Pressler	\$20.00
Richard Greenwalt	\$ 5.00
Given Camp	\$20.00

Added	
Larry Swogger	\$ 5.00
Forest Altland	\$ 5.00
Charles Corfman	\$10.00
Gen. Wm Dennison Camp No. 125	\$10.00
Tom Hoffman	\$10.00
Tom Graham	\$ 5.00
Ralph Shadel	\$ 5.00
Elmer Bennett	\$ 5.00

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Richard Smyser

\$ 5.00

Chief of Staff Report

Chief of Staff reported receiving \$97.50 in contributions.

Camp Chase Officer Report

Brother Thomas E. Hoffman, P.D.C. reported:

There was a ceremony in the cemetery at Camp Chase, Ohio that served as a prison for Non-Commissioned Officers, during the Civil War on the first Sunday in June.

The Daughters of the Confederacy support this annual observance. The Colors were raised by Camp Chase Post No. 98 of the American Legion.

Thomas Hoffman stated that we would be impressed by this observance and there is to be a Civil War re-enactment July 14 and 15, 1990.

Resolutions

Two resolutions were passed by a majority vote.

Resolution 1.

Whereas, The need for an ancestor in the Union Army to belong to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, may eliminate those whose do not have a known such as ancestor to belong to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Whereas, The Sons of veterans Reserve being an official arm of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should thus support this relationship by keeping some interconnecting memberships.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommend to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

That membership requirements for the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) be changed to allow any interested man to belong.

But that any man holding the rank of Sergeant or above belong to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Resolution 2:

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Whereas, The Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, currently is not collecting enough dues to operate the Department in a fashion to aid continued welfare.

Therefore it be resolved,

That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall begin collecting the sum of 50 cents per quarter per member in addition to the amount of per capita due each member per quarter as set by the National Organization.

The Department Secretary was ordered to send a copy of Resolution No.1 to the National Secretary, so that it can be presented at the National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, August 1990, for consideration.

Action taken at the Department Encampment

1. Any Ohio Department Commander who attends the National Encampment for at least two days during his term of office shall receive the sum of \$150.00.
2. All Camp Secretaries are to send in updated lists of membership with the quarterly reports, to the Department Secretary so that he can make any changes so that members will receive information from the Department and so he can notify the Editor of the Banner so that they may receive their National publication.
3. Incoming Department Commander to investigate possible repository for records in Freemont, Ohio
4. Department Treasurer to investigate, due to high service charges, another Financial Institution for the Department's checking account.
5. Department Treasurer to see the usual donation checks are made and sent out.
6. Due to the fact that Sons are in charge of the Allied Orders Encampment next year, all are urged to attend and to offer suggestions that you might have for it either the Department Commander or Department Secretary.
7. Encampment voted to take no action on the problem involving a member of McLaughlin Camp. This matter is one for the Camp and the Historical Society Trustees to resolve.

Commander-in-Chief Remarks

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It was an honor to have our Commander-in-Chief, Charles Corfman, at our Encampment. It was especially nice being he is one of our Past Department Commanders.

In his remarks he referred to his visit to the Rhode Island Department, where he observed 5 American Flags given to 5 groups, including people who had recently become American citizens.

ON the matter of Flag Burning, he reminded us that in Foreign countries, very few, if any individuals have Flags to burn, He expressed that from his travels to the various State Departments, he feels there is enthusiasm for our Organization and he feels an increase in membership will be of the advertisement in the Civil War Times Illustrated. He urged all to continue their efforts on behalf of our Organization and if possible to attend the National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa August 12th thru 16th.

Memorial Service

The joint Memorial Service was held Sunday Morning. The Grim Reaper visited our ranks twice, John Lloyd- U.S. Grant Camp No. 100 and Ralph Reinhart, Sr. – Given Camp No. 50.

Audit

The Audit Committee examined the Department Records and reported that in their opinion they presented fairly the financial condition of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans. The examination of the records was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding years.

The Treasurer is to be commended for a job well done.

Elected Officers

The following Officers were elected to serve the Ohio Department for 1990-91.

They were installed by Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman with P.D.C. Ralph Shadel serving as Guide and P.D.C. Forest Altland serving as Chaplain.

Department Commander

Richard Smyser I, P.D.C.
1901 Suffield N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44705

Senior Vice Commander

Thomas E. Hoffman, P.D.C.
115 Glenwood Blvd.
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Junior Vice Commander

David Medert
16 Shawnee Drive
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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Department Council

3 years

Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.
205 Pershing N.E.
North Canton, Ohio 44720

2 years

Roy Smith
3500 Boston Ave. Apt. #41
Warren, Ohio 44484

1 year

Forest Altland, P.D.C.
972 Washington St.
Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Secretary-Treasurer

Richard L. Greenwalt, P.C.C.
616 W. Summit
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Appointed Officers

Chief of Staff

Richard Smyser, P.D.C.

Patriotic Instructor

Elmer Bennett

Chaplain

Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.

Counselor

Charles Corfman, P.D.C.

Guide

Keith Ashley

Guard

Ralph Shadel, P.D.C.

Personal Aide

Richard Smyser, II

Genealogist

Larry K. Swogger, P.D.C.

Historian

George F. Fetter, Jr.

G.A.R. Highway

Ralph Shadel, P.D.C

Color Guard

Charles Corfman, P.D.C.

Johnson Island

Thomas E. Hoffman

1991 Encampment Representative

Richard Greenwalt, P.C.C.