

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

110th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 19-21, 1992**

Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proceedings of 1992 Encampment

The 110th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, on June 19, 20, 21, 1992
Department Commander David R. Medert, presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday, June 19th, was the auditing of the books of the Department Treasurer by the Department Council. P.D.C. Forest Altland, P.D.C. Larry Swogger, and Roy Smith composed the Council.

Campfire

Friday evening, the program for the Campfire for the Allied Orders in attendance was hosted by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At this year's Encampment we were honored by the presence of Presiding National Officers of each of the 4 Organizations of the Grand Army Family that meet together here in Ohio. In addition to the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior vice Commander-in-Chief, and the National Chaplain were also in attendance. The attendance of these Dignitaries added much to the Encampment.

The program of the evening was presented by Alma Stull, a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army and Jerome Beryl Young, a member of McClellan Camp No. 91, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Alliance, Ohio. They presented a varied program with the playing of music on Saws, some familiar music for singing along, some music parody and music by some stuffed animals coordinated and playing together in rhythm. The program was well received; it was nice to see the ability of our members put to use.

Each Ohio Department Presiding Officers expressed their greetings and Best Wishes for Harmonious and Profitable Encampments for all, and introduced their National Officers who also expressed their good wishes and remarks.

The evening concluded with refreshments provided by this year's host organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and an opportunity for all to renew old friendships and to meet new members and welcome them to the Encampment.

Business

The first order of business was the Joint Opening with the Ohio Department Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans, after which the Auxiliary retired from the room to their meeting room across the hall.

Department Commander Medert appointed Past Department Commander (P.D.C.) Larry Swogger to serve as Chief of Staff for the duration of the Encampment. Commander Medert appointed the following officers to committees:

Credentials
Resolutions

P.D.C. Forest Altland
P.D.C. Charles Corfman (P.C.C.)
Charles Rogers, Jr.
Paul Huff

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Officers Reports	Jason H. Moore P.D.C. Ralph Shadel Richard E. Troup
By-Laws	P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt Wayne McElfresh Kirby Bauman
Greetings	P.D.C. Richard Smyser Charles Rogers, Jr.
Ways and Means	Charles Rogers, Jr.

Officers in Attendance

Department Commander	David R. Medert, Chillicothe, Ohio
Senior Vice Commander	Elmer Bennett, Mansfield, Ohio
Junior Vice Commander	Edward Hogan, Canton, Ohio
Department Council	
3 years	P.D.C. Richard Smyser, Canton, Ohio
2 years	Roy Smith, Niles, Ohio
1 year	P.D.C. Larry Swogger, North Canton, Ohio
Secretary-Treasurer	P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt, Alliance, Ohio
Patriotic Instructor	Robert Grim
Chaplain	Michael Colligan
Counselor	P.C.C. Charles Corfman
Guide	Michael Trowbridge
Guard	Roy Smith
Personal Aide	Charles Rogers, Jr.
Camp Organizer	Keith Ashley
G.A.R. Highway Officer	Tim Park
Color Guard	P.C.C. Charles Corfman
Johnson Island	Keith Ashley
Genealogist	P.D.C. Larry Swogger
Encampment Representative	P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt

G.A.R. – Grand Army of the Republic
P.D.C. – Past Department Commander
P.C.C. – Past Commander-in-Chief

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Officer Reports

Department Commander David R. Medert provided the following address:

6-23-91 – Participated in reenactment at Newark representing Camp Dennison #125. We had one artillery piece and 5 men in attendance.

7-9-91 – Gave a talk on the American Flag to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union with 65 persons present.

7-9-91 – Presided at Camp Dennison #125 meeting the same date

7-13-91 – Took part in a Living History event at Camp Chase. We had a 10-pound Parrott rifle and 6 men in attendance. I had my application blanks and brochures and I issued 5 applications. One of those applicants is now Senior Vice Commander at the reorganized Camp Dennison #1.

7-10-91 – I held a meeting at Dick Greenwalt's house with Charles Rogers and Keith Ashley present to discuss our goals for the Sons for the forthcoming year.

7-15-91 – Issued General Order #1.

7-21-91 – Took part in a reenactment at McConnelsville and issued 1 application

7-24-91 – Received a statement of charges against a member of the Order, which resulted in several months work in an effort to resolve the same.

8-2-91 – Took part in a living history program at Keener Park in Cincinnati and met with Brother Tom Stander in an effort to reactivate U.S. Grant Camp #100. We issued 4 applications and took names of persons interested in joining the Sons.

8-10-91 – Took part in the Camp Dennison #125 Annual Musket and Cannon shoot. We had the usual bug turnout and a good time had by all.

8-11-91 – Attended National Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind.

9-14-91 – As President, I presided at the General Joshua Sill Chapter of the Civil War Roundtable at Chillicothe, Ohio

9-28-91 – Took part in the reenactment at Blennerhassett Island on the Ohio River. Had my picture taken with a group of Camp Followers but did not take a copy home for my wife to view.

10-13-91 – Attended a Camp meeting at Givens Camp #50 in Canton, Ohio

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10-20-91 – Attended a meeting at the McLaughlin Camp #12. A lengthy discussion was conducted by myself with this Camp ref. A statement of charges against a member of that camp. General Corfman and Captains Rogers and Smyser also took part.

10-28-91 – Attended a Camp meeting at the McClellan Camp #91 at Alliance, Ohio.
Good Turn out

11-12-91 – Held the annual election at Camp Dennison #125. Advised the Camp that I had been Commander long enough and a new Commander should be appointed. Charles “Chip” Rogers was elected Camp Commander and a better man could not be found.

11-14-91 – Attended Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp meeting at Malta, Ohio.

2-1-92 – Attended a meeting of the 91st Ohio Infantry Unit at Ironton, Ohio. Attempted to recruit the entire Regiment into the Sons. Three applications were picked up and several more applications left with the Adjutant. I believe that we will eventually get most of them.

2-9-92 - My wife and I attended the Lincoln day Dinner at the McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield, Ohio

2-28-92 – Keith Ashley and myself attended a reorganization meeting at Camp Dennison #1 in Columbus, Ohio. This has been one of my goals to get this Camp back in business. 5 persons were present, 2 members at large and two applicants. I advised the 2 Members at Large that as of that meeting both were transferred to Camp Dennison # 1 and that Jim Hilton would be acting Camp Commander and Gregory Brown was acting Senior Vice, now go to it. Both men are top notch and doing an excellent job of getting Camp #1 going again.

3-15-92 – Presided at Gen. Sill Roundtable meeting.

4-9-92 – Attended a meeting again at Camp Dennison #1 in Columbus. There were 5 members present and they have regular meetings at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. In Columbus on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

4-11-92 – Attended a living history session at Gallipolis with Camp Denison #125 and the 91st Ohio.

4-15-92 – took part in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill.

4-18-92 – Attempted to get interest going in getting the Vienna Camp #26 at Portsmouth, Ohio going again, and found there are no members left in that area therefore Camp Vienna is no more.

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5-22-92 – Planned and handled a banquet for the Gen. Sill Roundtable with 50 person present. I attended in uniform.

5-24-92 – I attended a Memorial Day Ceremony at Springhill Cemetery in Huntington, W.Va. along with Camp Dennison #125 and in conjunction with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. I presented greetings as the Ohio Dept. Commander. I also accepted symbolically a new monument in the cemetery dedicated to the Union soldiers buried there and furnished through the efforts of the SCV.

5-25-92 – A Sons of Union Veterans Memorial Day service was held in conjunction with Gen. Sill roundtable in Chillicothe, Ohio. The Sons ritual was used and the Sons furnished an 8-man firing squad, which honored one Union General and two Confederate soldiers buried there.

5-28-92 – I attended a reorganization meeting at Mt. Vernon, Ohio with 8 persons present. I managed to solve some minor problems they have and appointed an acting Camp Commander and Camp Sec-Treas. And hopefully Camp Banning #207 is back on track.

6-14-92 – Attended the daughters of Union Veterans Annual meeting at Mansfield, Ohio and presented greetings from the Dept. of Ohio.

I have issued 4 General Orders

I have obtained 11 new members since last Dept. Meeting.

Two dormant Camps have been reactivated and the Cincinnati Camp is in the process of doing the same.

It has been a good year.

Commander Medert then presented a Proposed Department Structure, which is as follows:

Department Commander

1. Supervise overall operations of the Department
2. Work with Camp Organizer to establish new Camps
3. 1996 National Encampment follow-up.
4. Work with Ways and Means Committee
5. Camp Liaison:
 - a. All new Camps
 - b. Camp Grant #100
 - c. Camp Dennison #125

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Senior Vice Commander

1. Camp Liaison with the following Camps:
 - a. McLaughlin Camp #12
 - b. Dennison Camp #1
 - c. Banning Camp #207
2. Johnson Island Committee
3. Camp Chase Committee
4. Recruitment

Junior Vice Commander

1. Camp Liaison with the following Camps:
 - a. Philip Triem Camp #43
 - b. Givens Camp #50
 - c. McClellan Camp #91
2. Historian Committee
3. G.A.R. Highway Committee
4. Recruitment

Secretary-Treasurer

1. Keep current list of state membership and send any changes to the Dept. Commander each quarter.
2. Keep list of Camp Officers and any changes and report same to Department Commander each quarter.

Camp Commanders

1. See that a list of your Camp Officers is sent to the Dept. Secretary-Treasurer after each election and any changes are to be sent in as they occur.

Department Commander Medert then provided a list of new members he had recruited since the 109th Encampment:

1. Alan M Lackey	Athens, Ohio	Camp #125
2. David M. Lackey	Athens, Ohio	Camp #125
3. Bruce D. Lackey	Athens, Ohio	Camp #125
4. Glenn F. Lackey	Athens, Ohio	Camp #125
5. Leonard Pohlod	Lancaster, Ohio	Camp #125
6. Gregory A. Brown	Westerville, Ohio	Camp #1
7. Charles Miller	Marietta, Ohio	Camp #125
8. Terry M. Brown	Cincinnati, Ohio	Camp #125
9. Samuel Holbrook	Catlettsburg, KY	Camp #125
10. Glenn Stanhope	Chillicothe, Ohio	Camp #125

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Senior Vice Commander

Senior Vice Commander Elmer Bennett reported:

I submit to you my activities as Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In August I attended the National Woman's Relief Corps Convention in Portland, Oregon.

I was elected Trustee of the John Logan Brigade for the Civil War Museum in Springfield, Illinois. I have made contributions to the Museum.

I attended the Lincoln Day Banquet of McLaughlin Camp Post #12 as well as many of their regular meetings as possible.

I attended Memorial Day Services in Orleans, Nebraska as I was home for my 50th class reunion.

I was able to get the Mansfield Memorial Building open for a gentleman from McConnelsville, Ohio to go through as his Grandfather was from Mansfield, Ohio Civil War unit.

Junior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander Edward J. Hogan reported:

On June 28 and 29th, 1991, I was in Gettysburg, PA. For the dedication of the monument to Co. K, 1st Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Infantry, 30th Regiment. This Company was formed in Adams County and during the Battle of Gettysburg, came home to fight. My Great-grandfather, James M. Rouzer and My Great-great-uncle Daniel W. Robinson were members of this Company.

In August of 1991 I was accepted into the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, through my great-great uncle Brevet Lt. Col. John R. Rouzer of the 6th Maryland Infantry, who had also been a member.

I am also a founding member of the Stark County Civil War Roundtable.

In September, I participated in the 90th reenactment of President William McKinley's Masonic Funeral. I followed in the footsteps of my grandfather, a member of the G.A.R. Band that played for McKinley's campaign, inauguration, funeral and the dedication of his monument in Canton.

I presided at meetings held by McClellan Camp No 91, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Department Secretary

Department Secretary Richard L. Greenwalt offered this report to the Encampment:

Once again you have afforded me the privilege of serving as your Department Secretary. I attended the National Encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, November 1991; and the New Jersey Department Encampment May 29-30, 1992.

I installed the Officers for Philip Triem Camp No. 43 and the Officers of McClellan Camp No. 91

Served on the Memorial Day Committee in Alliance, participating in the Memorial Day Parade, representing the Sons.

Continued as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Military District SVR.

Membership:

I am sorry to report the loss of 1 Camp- Vienna No. 26 –in Portsmouth, due to the death of its last member.

The membership reported at last year's Encampment was 9 Camps with a membership of 164.

The membership as of May 31, 1992 was 8 Camps with a membership of 201. Two of whom are dual members.

This increase in membership is due to the efforts of several under the diligent leadership of our Department Commander David Medert. James Hilton is to be commended along with PDC Ralph Shadel in getting Camp No. 1 moving, and its membership increased.

PDC Larry Swogger for his efforts on behalf of his Camp No. 91, Camp Commander of camp No. 125, Chip Rogers, for his efforts on behalf of his Camp especially in the area of communication which has come to the attention of the National Organization.

Special recognition is due to the Department Camp Organizer, Keith Ashley, who took his appointment to this office seriously, he considered it a challenge and has spent much time, effort and money, working with Camps No.1, 100,207 and of course his own Camp No. 125. To add to membership and to try to help dormant camps become active.

Camp No. 1 has become active and we hope in the near future this will be true for Camps No. 11 and No. 207.

Our Department Commander David Medert has rendered a year of dedicated service in many areas of responsibility. He has attended and participated in many Patriotic events, he has worked very hard to increase membership, to encourage Camps to fulfill their obligation and to take on new projects, he has encouraged dormant camps to become active. He has planted seeds for potential new camps, and not of least importance has provided each member of the Ohio Department with much useful information as to what is happening and encouraging each to join in the efforts.

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I appreciate the work of each of the Camp Secretaries in getting their reports to me so that I can compile my Department report. This has been a little more difficult this year due to the change in report forms set by the National Organization. The additional information required by the IRS, and the requirement that a copy of the membership application, along with the \$5.00 fee be sent to me at least quarterly. Most Camps have complied and sent these requirements to me on time.

The Grim Reaper has struck again this year and the following Brothers have entered the Camp Eternal:

William Stark	Camp 100	Ralph Scott	Camp 26
Jake Talbot	Camp 43	Robert Elmore	Camp 12
Kenneth Presser	Camp 50		

These Brothers and their service to our Organization will be missed.

Department Treasurer

In his position as Treasurer P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt, provided the following report:

Thank you again for allowing me to serve another year as your Treasurer. My report for the year June 1991 – June 1992:

Receipts

\$25.00	Love Gift from Auxiliary
\$15.00	Registration 1991, Encampment
\$60.00	Chief of Staff Fund
\$90.00	Patriotic Instructor Fund
\$1,986.50	Per Capita from Camps
\$175.00	New Members Fee
\$43.51	Interest in Checking Account
\$384.00	Members at large Ohio Department
<u>\$218.00</u>	Transfer of Funds
\$2,997.08	

at the 1991 Encampment, Checking, Savings, and CD Account totaled \$4,191.88

In June 199 these accounts totaled \$4,885.73

1991 Encampment amount of Permanent Fund was \$5,297.55

The total for this Fund as of June 1992 is \$6,805.15

Disbursements

\$116.25	1991 Encampment Expenses
\$50.00	National GAR Fund

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\$25.00	National Senior Vince Commander-in-Chief Fund
\$5.00	William McKinley Fund
\$5.00	Tim Park, Department Flag Additional
\$67.50	Bea Greenwalt printing
\$1,655.00	National Per capita
\$175.00	National New Member Fee
\$63.00	National for supplies
\$150.00	Department Commander for National
\$25.00	Donation to Xenia Home
\$25.00	Donation to Sandusky Veterans' Home
\$5.00	dues- Central Regional
\$5.50	Service Charge Checking account
\$18.16	Chip Rogers, Postage –General Orders
<u>\$395.50</u>	Department Secretary Postage.
\$2,785.91	

Thanks to the Camp Treasurers for sending in their per capita and new members fees, which for the most part arrived on time. A special thanks to Chip Rogers, Camp Commander of Camp No. 125, for donating the printing of the General Orders this year, thus saving the Department quite a sum of money.

Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor Robert Grim reported:

During the period June 1991 to June 1992 I have completed all assignments given by the Commander and completed all reports requested by the Commander and the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am pleased to report that I did represent the Ohio Department at the 5th Annual Blue/Gray Memorial day service conducted by the Lt. Jonathan Bressler camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War. Confederate Memorial Day was observed on June 7, 1992 at the Bunker Hill Cemetery between Reily and Millville, in Butler County, Ohio. A number of patriotic organizations were represented with about 80 people in attendance. The Key Note Speaker was the Honorable Stephen W. Powell, Butler County Probate Court Judge.

Brother Grim reported receiving \$148.00 in contribution to the Patriotic Instructor's Fund.

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Chief of Staff Report

Chief of Staff Larry K. Swogger reports:

On Saturday morning, June 20, 1992, after the opening of the 110th Annual encampment of the Ohio Department, SUVCW Department Commander Dave Medert appointed me as Acting Chief of Staff. By means of a 50-50 raffle and donations from fellow Sons I raised the following funds:

\$138.00 was raised by P.D.C. Swogger.

G.A.R. Highway Officer

Brother Tim Park made his report as follows:

Item 1: Traveled around the G.A.R. Highway, St. Rt. 6, in the course of my work as the over the road truck diver, and found it to be in very good shape, with some construction around Fremont, Ohio. All the new signs that I was able to get erected by the State are still in excellent condition and are located in the only two road side parks as most of the highway runs through rural country.

Item 2: Attended the Living History encampment at camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio

Item 3: Attended and participated in the reenactment at Jackson, Michigan

Item 4: Attended the S.V.R. National Encampment at Shepardstown, W.Va.

Item 5: Attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA.

Item 6: Attend the Blue and Gray Ball at Burr Oak State Park.

Item 7: Attended McKinley Funeral reenactment in Canton, Ohio.

Item 8: Attended the Artillery School at Old Fort Niagara, NY

Item 9: Attended Memorial Day Observance in Canton, Ohio

Item 10: Attended the reenactment at Canfield, Ohio.

Item 11: Sent a report to the National G.A.R. Highway Officer containing information that he requested on the GAR Highway, St. Rt. 6. As per request of Commander Medert of the Ohio Department sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Camp Organizer

Camp Organizer Keith Ashley submitted to following report:

This has been an excellent year as Camp Organizer. I first wish to thank all the hard work that the Department Commander has done to aid in my work and all the communications needed from this Department Secretary-Treasurer. I couldn't have succeeded without this.

I will begin with the worst news. Vienna Camp on Portsmouth must be declared dormant as the last member died two years ago. The Post Office was continuing to deliver mail in that member's name, which deceived the Department into thinking this member was still alive.

Now for all the good news. Banning Camp at Mount Vernon was not reactivated last year to the point I had thought. With the help of the Commander the camp is now seeing better days. One new applicant has been referred by me to the Camp. The Camp was urged to send someone to this Department Encampment.

The best news is Dennison Camp No. 1 of Columbus. The Commander and I met with this Camp. It is now setting goals and meetings for the first time in many, many years. I plan to be at Camp Chase again this year in order to help recruit more members for them. The camp itself plans to attend as well. They were also urged to attend this Department meeting.

Work is progressing very well with U.S. Grant camp No. 100 of Cincinnati. Sears Newman-Cordner is the contact person there. I have referred over a half a dozen new applicants to him. This camp should be active in the very near future. I also invited them to send representation to this Department meeting.

There is a request for work towards a Camp in Dayton, but the amount of work needed in other more promising places precluded me from working on this. Also, the contact person there is willing to wait due to his personal problems at the time.

I am working with a man in Toledo to establish a new Camp. This one is giving me difficulty. The Camp Organizer next year should press this further.

Due to the letter I sent to the ANTIQUE WEEKLY as historian, I received a request from a man from West Manchester for a new Camp. He had the Camp nearly formed when General Motors lay-off prevented any of his applicants from joining. This man belongs to the Indiana Department but is dissatisfied with his Camp there. I asked the Ohio Department Commander if I need notify the Indiana Dept. of this man's desire. He felt it was unnecessary to do so. I am encouraging this man to continue pressing for applicants. I think this effort can pay off in a new camp there.

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In working with the At-Large members in the Cincinnati area, I obtained a contact person in Butler County. Several of our At-Large members belong there. With a few members a new Camp there is quite possible. I suggest this also be pressed next year.

In doing membership work, I set up an exhibit at my own expense at the Ohio Genealogical Society Convention. This is where I obtained the six applicants for Cincinnati and one for Mt. Vernon. I ran off information sheets at my own cost to pass out. Many were interested and took them. For this reason, we need to press for better promotional materials from the National Department or print our own.

If the budget permits, I ask that money be allotted to the Camp Organized for postage, Phone calls and other membership expenses. I think my efforts are showing results, but demands on my income are growing to do all the work.

It has been greatly rewarding to have been asked to serve in this position. A lot of work needs to be done. Another mini-series called "Killer Angels" is planned for 1993. This is going to boost interest in the Civil War again. We need to capitalize on this.

Department Historian

Brother Keith Ashley, Department Historian reported:

I began my year by correcting an historical error in the ANTIQUE WEEKLY CONCERNING Morgan's raid. This article said only Corydon, Indiana, had a battle. This, of course, is untrue as the bigger battle was at Buffington Island in Meigs County, Ohio.

I had a request from the National Encampment historian concerning past Commander-in-Chief that had come from Ohio. As I have no materials available on the Ohio Department, I was unable to assist him.

As historian, I feel that it is important that we try to obtain pictures of past Ohio Department Commanders. I am asking for help in obtaining these from those of you here who were past Commanders and from those of you who have pictures of past Commanders not here or have a listing of the past commanders.

The current cut in the State of Ohio budget should be of concern since this will affect the Ohio Historical Society, which houses the Civil War battle flag collection and controls the historical sites. I would suggest that the Department Commander get information on the current condition of the Civil War flags and see what is being done for preservation of them.

I also issued a complaint to the Ohio Historical Society over the condition of Buffington Island Park. A storm did a lot of damage and the grass was not being mown. I received a reply and the problems were corrected.

In order to preserve our heritage, I suggest we discuss ways to identify any real sons living in Ohio. I am open to all suggestions.

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I think we should see that all copies of the Journals of Proceedings are submitted to the Ohio Historical Society for preservation. Is this being done? If not, are copies of past journals available to place there?

A small picture of Augustus P. Davis, founder of the S.U.V., and his biography are now available for \$1.25 from Jerry Orton, National Dept. Historian. He also has available for \$9 (including postage) a new history of the G.A.R. Posts in New York State. Order from P.O. Box 233, Syracuse, NY 13201.

I would like to report that the Revolutionary soldiers at Ft. Laurens are now re-interred. A ceremony was held last fall for this purpose.

My activities for this year include participation in living histories or re-enactments at Camp Chase, Pomeroy, two in Gallipolis, McConnelsville, Carnifex Ferry, Blennerhasset Island, Guyandotte, Centerville, and Cedar Creek. I attended the Blue and Gray Ball at Burr Oak Lodge, the West Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention, Memorial Day ceremonies at Chester (Ohio) and Spring Hill Cemetery (Huntington W.Va.), McKinley Monument Funeral reenactment, and Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.

I have been appointed to two National Dept. committees. I am forming a Ladies' Auxiliary. I have obtained 8 new members.

I further recommend the passage of resolutions submitted on Johnson's Island, Seminary Ridge at Gettysburg and Buffington Island.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed at the Ohio Department 110th Encampment, June 19-21, 1992, with the Department Secretary ordered to send a copy of them to the National Secretary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, so that they can be presented for consideration during the 1992, National Encampment, and elsewhere as the content on the Resolution may determine.

Resolution 1.

Condemning the destruction of Seminary Ridge.

Whereas, The National Park Service made an agreement with Gettysburg College for the exchange of a part of the Gettysburg Battlefield, known as Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut, for the purpose of creating athletic fields for the College.

Whereas, The National Park Service has abdicated its responsibility in protecting the most visited of the National Park Service in the united Battlefield State by agreeing to the exchange of the Seminary Ridge Railroad Cut at Gettysburg, and

Whereas, This loss of a part of the Seminary ridge railroad Cut, set a dangerous precedent for future losses of Civil War Battlefield areas; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemns the action of the National Park Service in this –in conveying a portion of the

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Seminary Ridge railroad Cut, at Gettysburg National Cemetery, to another owner, who can desecrate it

And be it further Resolved, That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, urgently request that the National Park Service; through whatever means is necessary, get this land restored to its original state.

Resolution 2.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously at the March 30, 1992 meeting of McClellan Camp No. 91. The Camp Secretary was ordered to present at the 1992 Department Encampment to be held in June 1992, for its consideration and hoped for action that is for the Ohio Department's approval and sending it to the National Encampment for its consideration.

Whereas, It has come to the attention of our members, that the Federal Government has allowed the Graves of Civil War dead to be opened. The bodies to be dis-interred and used for scientific study; and

Whereas, we as individuals and as an Organization strongly resent this invasion of these veterans final resting place for whatever reason; and

Whereas, If this must be done for scientific reasons, then it is the responsibility of the Federal Government whom these Veterans served on the Fields of Battle, to see to it that their earthly remains are re-buried with the appropriate dignity and ceremony befitting them, and that should be done post haste; and

Whereas, We question what beneficial knowledge that can be gained from this practice of exhuming the bodies of Civil War Soldiers and strongly urge that it be stopped or at least brought to the lowest feasible number.

And when the study of the remains is completed that there should be no delay in returning these remains to their proper place for re-burial with appropriate ceremonies.

Resolution 3.

Preservation of Buffington Island.

Whereas, Congress is doing a study of Civil War Sites for the purpose of saving these through federal purchase and improvement; and

Whereas, the State of Ohio was not included in the information as a State having any sites to preserve in the federal government study of Civil War sites preservation; and

Whereas, The Battle of Buffington Island occurred with 1,000 soldiers and was important in demoralizing the Confederacy in its attempt to invade the North; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends that the Battle of Buffington Island in Portland, Ohio, be included on the list of sites to be preserved by the federal government.

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Resolution 4.

Filing Constitution and By-Laws with the Ohio Department

Whereas, Situations arise in camps which may require the aid of the Ohio Department to mediate or to rule upon; and

Whereas, The Ohio Department cannot take proper actions to advise or assist camps when questions of proper camp procedure arise; and

Whereas, camps can misplace or lose camp constitutions and by-laws thus creating problems for the camp; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ohio Department sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War amend its by-laws with proper section and article numbers to include the following:

“All camps shall file the camp constitution, by-laws and employee identification numbers with the Ohio Department Secretary within 90 days of any amending or establishment. The Ohio Department Commander shall review any amendments or new documents as to their agreement with the Ohio Department and Ohio Department constitutions, rules and regulations.

Communications

The following letter was read during the Ohio Encampment, June 1992, and a copy ordered to be sent to the National Secretary to be read under communications during the 1992 National Encampment. In the hopes that the National Organization concur and officially notify Mr. Ben H. Love of our feelings toward his actions regarding the Confederate Flag.

16th Ohio Light Artillery
Sons of Veterans Reserve
Wooster, Ohio

May 25th, 1992

Ben H. Lowe
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Tx. 75015-2079

Reference: Confederate Flag

Dear Sir,

The CONFEDERATE FLAG is a vital part of our AMERICAN HISTORY. If the BOY SCOUT ORGANIZATION is now finding it more important to play “Politics” than show respect for our history, then we find it hard to show any respect or support for the BOY SCOUT ORGANIZATION. The CONFEDERATE FLAG is as much a part of our

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history as the original 13-Star Flag, the French Flag, or the British Flags. You should review your history. You seem to forget that the “War Between the States” was fought over States Rights; Slavery did not enter the picture until 1863.

As past members and supporters of the Boy Scouts we would like to have our feelings brought to your attention, in hopes that we may together continue to support Scouting in our UNITED Country.

Richard H. Smyser I
Senior Vice Commander
Given Camp #50
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Actions taken by the Encampment

1. Gave Standing Ovation to Department Commander David Medert and voted him a check in the amount of \$50.00 toward his phone and postage costs on behalf of the Department for his work with members, camps and efforts to obtain new members,
2. Gave standing ovation to Charles A. Rogers, Jr., “Chip” received this for his efforts in getting information to the membership and publicity to the Media and to prospective members. He also received a check in the amount of \$50.00 to help defray some of the cost for the area of enterprise.
3. Grateful recognition was extended to our Camp Organizer, Keith Ashley, for his efforts in this office. He has spent many hours in stirring up interest in dormant camps, attempting to get new Camps started, and in recruitment. The Department voted to have a check in the amount of \$50.00 given to him to help pay some of the expenses that he incurred.
4. Initiated Brothers Kirby Bauman, Paul Huff and Jason Moore, using the long form of initiation from the Ritual.
5. Approved the sum of \$150.00 to be given to our Department Commander if he attends the National Encampment, toward his expenses.
6. Approved the donation of \$50.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor’s Fund.
7. Approved the donation of \$25.00 to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund.
8. Approved the expenditure of \$35.00 for a full page in the G.A.R. Booklet for the National Encampment.
9. Approved the purchase of Ribbons for the 1993, Department Encampment to a limit of \$25.00
10. Honored the request of the Department Treasurer to have an additional name on our Financial Accounts.
11. Approved adding the office of Trial Commissioner to the Appointed Offices of the Department.
12. Approved changing the appointed office of Johnson Island Chairman to Civil War Sites in Ohio with co-chairman.

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13. Elected for a second term all other the Elected Officers of 1992, with the exception of our Junior Vice Commander, who asked to be relieved of his station.
14. Approved dates for next year's Department as June 18-20 with the location again to be Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio.
15. Approved a social time after the Banquet on Saturday evening at next year's Encampment for the Sons and Auxiliary with the Sons furnishing the refreshments. The cost not to exceed \$50.00

Commander-in-Chief Remarks

It is always an honor when our Department has our Commander-in-Chief in attendance. Mr. Lowell V. Hammer, from Potomac, Maryland, added much to this year's Encampment. In his address to us, he expressed his extreme displeasure concerning the dire condition of the "Banner" not being in the hands of the membership as the National Organization several years ago designated that this was to be the instrument for the Commander-in-Chief's General Orders. As well as the means of providing information to the membership. The present "banner" which only a very few have received; mainly the Past Commanders-in-Chief; contained the program for the 1992 National Encampment in Pittsburgh, PA. It also contains the necessary form for Hotel Reservations, at the Marriott, where the cut off date is July 16th. The Reservation for the Chief of Staff Banquet, cut off date August 8, and the tour scheduled for Aug. 16th. None of these items are in the hands of the membership and it is doubtful if the members even know the dates for the National Encampment, and this is the closest it has been to the Ohio membership in a few years. Commander-in-Chief Hammer said something must be done! He talked at some length on the situation as to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, what action that had been taken and why. He discussed the need for continued vigilance regarding the Preservation of Civil War Battle Sites; he complimented Ohio Department on the Gettysburg issue. He touched upon the observances at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill. And encouraged all to participate in Ceremonies of a Patriotic nature whenever possible. He mentioned the National Scholarship Program. His continuation of the Awarding of a National Ribbon to all that have secured 3 new members during the last twelve months. CinC Hammer talked on the need for securing new members, informing us that the Organization now has more than 2,700 members. He congratulated the Ohio Department for its gain in membership, the method and spirit shown in the transaction of the business of the Encampment and stressed his appreciation for the great efforts of Department Commander Medert and Brother Chip Rogers in getting communications to the members of the Department and challenged all to join in and keep moving in future years. He thanked those in attendance for their courtesies afforded him during his stay.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Remarks

Senior vice Commander-in-Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson, from Philadelphia, Pa. informed us about the purpose of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and the

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uses of this Fund. Also he expressed his deep concern for the fact that cities cancelled their Memorial Day parades and observances this year due to the lack of interest.

National Chaplain Remarks

The National Chaplain Frank Foight III, from Harper's Ferry, W. Virginia, was also in attendance and offered meaningful comments on some of the items of business that were being discussed.

30-year pin presentation

A meaningful presentation was made when P.D.C. Ralph Shadel, on behalf of McLaughlin Camp No. 12, presented P.D.C. Forest "Frosty" Altland with his 30 year Bar for his Membership Badge.

Both of these P.D.C's have given much to keep the Ohio Department moving in the right direction over a period of years.

Audit

The Audit Committee has examined the Department records, and in our opinion, presents fairly the financial condition of the Ohio Department S.U.V. Our 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.

Banquet

The Saturday evening Banquet, found the presiding Department Officers, recognizing their Department Officers for their year of service to their respective Organizations.

The National Department Heads of each the Organizations of the Grand Army family, that meet together each year were in attendance and brought the Greetings on behalf of themselves and their respective Orders. This year the newly elected Ohio Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans attended the Friendship Banquet along with a Delegation from our Sister Organization.

It was great to have all five Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic Family together on this occasion.

The evening was enhanced by the attendance of the West Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War along with 2 of his members, all in their uniforms.

The speaker for the Banquet was Dr. Kerry Metzger, who presented a very interesting and informative slide program dealing with the death of President Lincoln.

The appearance of the SVR members in attendance in their uniforms for the presentation and retiring of Colors really made this an occasion to remember.

Memorial Service

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The joint Memorial Service was held with the Ohio Department Chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in charge. The following Sons who have entered the Camp Eternal since our last Encampment:

Robert Elmore	Camp No. 12	Jake Talbot	Camp No. 43
Ralph Scott	Camp No. 26	Kenneth Presser	Camp No. 50
William Stark	Camp No. 100		

Election of Officers

Officers were elected to serve the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for 1992-93.

The Officers were installed by Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer with Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson serving as Guide and National Chaplain Frank Foight III serving as Chaplain.

Department Commander	David Medert 16 Shawnee Drive Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
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Senior Vice Commander	Elmer Bennett 1180 Harwood Drive Apt. E Mansfield, Ohio 44906
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Junior Vice Commander	Charles A. Rogers, Jr. 4 Julian Drive Athens, Ohio, 45701
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Department Council

3 years	P.D.C. Richard Smyser 1201 Suffield N.W. Canton, Ohio 44709
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2 years	P.D.C. Larry Swogger 205 Pershing Ave. N.E. North Canton, Ohio 44720
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1 year	Roy Smith 42 South Bently Ave. Apt 304 Niles, Ohio 44446
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Secretary-Treasurer	P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt 616 W. Summit Alliance, Ohio 44601
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Appointed Officers

Chief of Staff	Robert Grim
Patriotic Instructor	Richard Troup
Chaplain	Michael Colligan
Counselor	P.C.C. Charles Corfman
Guide	Michael Trowbridge
Guard	Roy Smith
GAR Highway Chairman	Tim Park
Civil War Sites	Keith Ashley
	Paul Huff
Color Guard	Kirby Bauman
Camp Chase Chairman	James Hilton
Genealogist	P.D.C. Larry Swogger
Personal Aide	Wayne McElfresh
Encampment Representative	P.C.C. Richard L. Greenwalt