

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

111th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 25-27, 1993**

Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proceedings of 1993 Encampment

The 111th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio on June 25, 26, 27, 1993. Department Commander David Medert, of Chillicothe, Ohio, presiding.

The only business transacted Friday June 25th, was the auditing of the books of the Department Treasurer Richard Greenwalt, by the Department Council and appointed Brothers.

Campfire

The program of the Campfire for the Encampment was hosted by the Woman's relief Corps. The program was presented by a husband and wife team. They presented Rag Time music in period costume and explaining that ragtime started right after the Civil War. Refreshments were also provided by the Relief Corps and enjoyed by approximately 70 or so people.

Each of the Presiding Officers of the Allied Orders were introduced and brought greetings and expressed desires for profitable Encampments for all in attendance. National recognition was given to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore, Sons of Union Veterans and National President of the Woman's Relief corps, Ann Gerlt.

Business

A joint opening with the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans and the Ohio Department Auxiliary with all Department Officers introduced. Commander Medert said - It was good that we all work well together to support our Organization. President Wanda Swarts responded. The Auxiliary then retired to their meeting room across the hall.

The meeting was then opened with regular Ritual opening. Commander Dave Medert appointed James Hilton to serve as Dept. Junior Vice Commander until Charles "Chip" Rogers arrived Sunday due to a conflict of schedule by his job. Richard Smyser I as acting Chief of Staff due to the absence of Brother Robert Grim who had to miss this year's Encampment when the dates for the Encampment had to be changed. Commander Medert appointed the following committees for the Encampment"

Credentials	PDC Forest Altland
Constitution and By-Laws	Keith Ashley Richard Troup
Resolutions	PCC Charles Corfman PDC Richard Smyser I Herbert Webb
Officers Reports	PDC Forest Altland Kirby Bauman

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Fraternal Relations

PDC Charles Corfman
PDC Richard Smyser I
Herbert Webb
Jason Moore

The following Officers were in attendance during the Encampment

Department Commander	David Medert, Chillicothe, Ohio
Senior Vice Commander	Elmer Bennett, Mansfield, Ohio
Junior Vice Commander	Charles Rogers, Jr.
Department Council	
3 years	PDC Richard Smyser I
2 years	PDC Larry Swogger
1 year	Roy Smith
Secretary-Treasurer	PCC Richard Greenwalt
Patriotic Instructor	Richard Troup
Chaplain	PCC Richard Greenwalt
Counselor	PCC Charles Corfman
Trial Commissioner	Charles Rogers, Jr.
Guide	Michael Trowbridge
Guard	Roy Smith
GAR Highway	Tim Park
Civil War Sites	Keith Ashley
	Paul Huff
Camp Organizer	Keith Ashley
Color Guard	Kirby Bauman
Camp Chase Chairman	James Hilton

PDC – Past Department Commander PCC – Past Commander-in-Chief

Officers Reports:

Commander David V. Medert

Ohio Department Commander David R. Medert's activity report covering the period June 22, 1992 to and including June 25, 1993

June 1992 – was declared membership month and a proclamation was sent out to all Ohio Departments.

June 29 thru July 3, 1993 – I was the assistant director of the Civil War Elderhostel at Ohio University and taught several classes and supervised two bus tours.

July 3 – appointed Mike Colligan as acting Camp Commander to organize a camp at Hamilton, Ohio

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July 9 – Attended a Camp meeting at Camp Dennison #1 where Commander Jim Hilton surprised the group by displaying Camp #1 property that he had located.

July 10 – Attended the living history program at Camp Chase and issued 1 application.

July 17 & 18 – Took part in the McConnelsville reenactment and slipped and fell in the mud covering my new artillery jacket with Morgan County gumbo.

August 8 – Attended the Camp Dennison #125 annual cannon shoot and picnic.

August 12 – Attended and addresses an organizational meeting at Washington, C.H. for Camp Henry Casey #92.

August 13 thru 16 – attended the National Encampment at Pittsburgh, PA.

August 16 – Mike Colligan and I discussed the organization of Camp John B. Bruck #96 and made arrangements for an organizational meeting.

Sept. 5 – Appointed Jr. Vice Commander Charles Rogers Trial Commissioner to handle a case that had been pending for four years. This involved much letter writing and phone conversations until completed. Rogers did an outstanding piece of work in this assignment. We had no president to go by but he handled it well.

Sept. 15 – eliminated the Camp Organizer position and formed the membership and camp organizing committee with myself as chairman. I felt this would give me a “hands on approach.”

Sept. 20 – Presided at the Joshua Sill Roundtable and displayed Civil War weapons at the meeting.

Sept. 26 – Attended a reenactment at Blennerhassett Island and had my photo taken with three nurses who portrayed “hookers.”

Sept. 29 – Attended an organizational meeting at Hamilton, Ohio, with Mike Colligan and several others where Camp Bruck #96 was organized.

Oct. 10 – Initiated and installed the new Camp at Washington, C.H. (Henry Casey #92) and was assisted by members of Camp Dennison #1 and Camp Dennison Camp #125.

Oct. 11. – Requested Brother Mark Barnes to design a new brochure for recruitment purposes.

Oct. 11 - Contacted Paul Huff for addresses of all Civil War Roundtables in Ohio as I wished to send them a letter to familiarize them with the Sons for recruitment purposes.

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Paul publishes a newsletter for the Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable. A very competent Paul furnished me with this information.

Oct. 13. – Attended meeting at Camp Dennison #125

Oct. 14 – At the invitation of Commander Mike Colligan I attended a meeting of the Hamilton Civil War Roundtable in uniform and after the meeting Mike and I discussed more organizational procedures for Camp Bruck.

Oct 17. – Took part in the living history program at Burr Oak State Park with Camp Dennison #125 SVR.

Oct 18. – Chaired the Joshua Sill Civil War Roundtable at Chillicothe.

Oct. 19 – Had a local printing company print up copies of new brochure designed by Mark Barnes.

Oct. 20 – Mailed copies of brochure and a letter to all Roundtables in Ohio that I had addresses for.

Nov. 2 – National sent 28 names of persons from Ohio answering our ad in the Civil War magazines. Letters were sent to all of them.

Nov. 11 – Attended Camp Dennison #125 meeting. Elected Camp Treasurer.

Nov. 15 – Attended Joshua Sill Roundtable meeting.

Nov. 18 – Elected President of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Nov. 23 – Had a meeting at Alliance with Secretary-Treasurer Greenwalt and Past CINC Corfman. Visited Frosty Altman at Wooster. I was very impressed with the house that Frosty had built and the hunting trophies displayed.

Dec 9 – Attended a meeting at Camp Casey in Washington Court House.

Dec. 16 – Attended a meeting along with Past CINC Corfman at McLaughlin Camp in Mansfield.

Dec. 20 – Attended meeting of Joshua Sill Roundtable.

Jan 12. – Attended Camp # 125 meeting. Treasurer.

Jan. 17 – Attended meeting of Joshua Sill Roundtable.

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Jan 27 – Installed Camp Casey and officers, assisted by Jr. Vice Commander Rogers and members of Camp Dennison #1 and 125

Feb 9 – Attended Lincoln Day Dinned Camp #125 in Jackson.

Feb 14 – Met with Col Webb, Kirby Bauman and prospective members at Dayton to organize the Dayton Camp.

Feb 21 – Attended Joshua Sill Roundtable

Feb 24 – Myself and Steve Swan displayed our SVR uniform, equipment and gave a short program on the SVR at a Camp Casey meeting in Washington Court House.

Mar 21 – Completed new membership list and prepared General Order # 4 and mailed both for processing. This was a very busy period. Prepared and sent letters to Cleveland and Cincinnati areas. Calls to National referring Camp Bruck charter.

Mar 21 – Attended Joshua Sill Roundtable. This Roundtable was organized in 1957 and I am the last charter member.

Mar 28 – Purchased dinning fly and built field desk. Both to be used as recruitment HQ for SUV.

April 8. – Presented Commander-in-Chief membership awards at Camp Dennison #1 in Columbus to Camp Commander Jim Hilton and Senior Vice Commander Greg Brown for their outstanding work in getting new members for the Sons.

April 13 – Attended Camp Dennison #125 meeting. Treasurer.

April 14 – Represented the Department of Ohio at the ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield.

April 14 – Took part in living history program at Gallipolis with Camp Dennison SVR. Set up recruitment tent and issued 10 applications.

April 21 – Sent letters to all SUV members in the Toledo area for interest in starting up a Sons Camp in that area.

April 22 – Worked on revising membership certificate. Made three prototypes.

April 25 – Attended a living history program at Ohio University with Camp Dennison SVR.

April 28 – Phone conversations with Greenwalt and Colligan ref. Camp Casey charter. Mailed out charter.

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May 1 & 2 Attended Civil War Antique show at Mansfield stayed overnight at a motel. Interviewed 45 applicants and issued 42 applications.

May 11. – Attended meeting at Camp Dennison #125.

May 18 - lectured in 3 50-minute classes at Mt. Logan middle school in Chillicothe on the Civil War.

May 19 – Lectured in 3 additional classes

May 22 – Traveled to Cleveland and met with Jon Silvis and Paul Huff and two other at large members and Camp James A. Garfield #142 was organized.

May 28 – Attended a Civil War Banquet sponsored by the Joshua Sill Roundtable at Chillicothe

May 30 – took part in a joint Memorial Day ceremony between the Camp Dennison SVR and the Sons of Confederate Veteran Camp Garnett. Presented Greetings from the Ohio Department and took part in firing our cannon in a salute at the cemetery there.

May 31 – conducted a Sons Memorial Day service in conjunction with the Joshua Sill Roundtable at a cemetery in Chillicothe. Camp Dennison #125 furnished the firing squad.

June 1 – Proclamation again issued declaring the month of June 1993 as membership month.

June 4 – Met with Joseph Stockham a new member from Lucasville, Ohio, that I signed up in Mansfield. His American Legion Post at Minford, Ohio has the charter, articles of incorporation and minutes for the Sons of Veterans Camp #16 which was incorporated in 1895. He was given a packet of necessary items and complete instructions on how to reactivate this Camp. He is in the process of doing so at this time.

June 5 – Made a trip to Frost, Ohio with John Barnes and Wayne Lowery of Camp Dennison #125 to assess the repairs needed on the Old GAR hall there and the possibility of repairing the same. Camp Dennison #125 was given custody of most of the contents of this building relating to old Camps of the Sons of Veterans. We are in the process of evaluating these items at this time.

June 12 – Set up the installation ceremonies for Camp John P. Bruck #96 at Hamilton, Ohio. The ceremony was held in the Memorial Hall at Hamilton. Those taking part in uniform were David Medert, Past CINC Charles Corfman, James Hilton, Chip Rogers, Robert Grim, Mike Trowbridge, Dennis Howard, and Thomas Stander. Etc.

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Gen Corfman installed the officers of the Camp and presented the charter. A new applicant, George Armstrong Custer III was initiated into Camp Bruck and was the keynote speaker at a dinner afterwards.

June 14 – Received correspondence from Sec.-Treas. Greenwalt about the possible closing of the Xenia Ohio Veterans Children's Home which was a project of the GAR. Called Senator Jan Long's office in Columbus to have particulars sent to me so that a course of action could be initiated...

June 18 – Mailed letters to Gov. Voinovitch, Lt. Gov. DeWine, Speaker Vernan Riffe; Speaker Stanley Arnoff, Rep. Patrick Sweeney ref the Sons interest in the Ohio Veterans Children's Home.

June 21 – Letter to Commander-in-Chief with details on the Children's Home.

June 23 - Sent letters to other Departments with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, advising them that this could happen in their State as well. Budget cutting gets many sacred cows.

I have enjoyed the past two years as Department Commander. Challenge is the spice of life and there were many in the past two years. I believe the secret to success in any endeavor is to continue setting goals and working toward them. Nothing remains the same, it either goes forward or backwards. When Post Commander on the Highway Patrol I had a framed sign behind my desk, which read "Don't just aim, pull the trigger." We must continue to increase our membership and create new Camps. I encourage the new Department Commander to "Go for it."

Advances made by the Ohio Department the past two years:

Start of 1991 Encampment:

9 camps – 6 active, 3 dormant, - 164 members

Start of 1992 Encampment

8 camps – 7 active, 1 dormant, - 201 members

Mid Encampment (1/16/93)

9 camps – 8 active, 1 dormant, - 256 members

Start of 1993 Encampment

12 camps – 2 charters pending, 9 active 1 dormant, - 300 members

Camp Henry Casey #92, Chartered Oct. 1992, Washington Court House

Camp John P. Bruck #96, Chartered May 1993, Hamilton

Camp Lois #16, reactivated May 1993, Minford

Camp Wm. T. Sherman #93, charter pending, Dayton

Camp James Garfield #142, charter pending, Cleveland

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I want to congratulate the hard work done by the following brothers in the establishing of these camps:

Robert Grim – establishing Camp Casey
Mike Colligan – establishing Camp Bruck
Jim Stockham – reactivating Camp Lois
Col Herb Webb and Kirby Bauman – establishing Camp Sherman
Jon Silvis and Paul Huff – establishing Camp Garfield.
An attempt was made to establish a camp in Toledo, but time ran out.

Report on mid-Winter Meeting

The mid-winter meeting was held January 16, 1993. 7 out of 9 Camps were represented with 23 members present.

Commander Jim Hilton of Dennison #1 hosted the Encampment and as usual for him took on the task of taking care of all the details and making us welcome in Columbus.

All attending stated these winter meetings should continue the communications both personal and written between the Department and the membership were very important.

It was brought up that Camp meetings should be made more interesting to encourage participation.

It was also brought up that we should continue to push for new members and we should work on name recognition for the Sons.

It was also brought up that we should explore the mass mailing option.

All agreed that we should find means to increase funds for the Department for operating expenses.

Options are: increase dues by .50 per member, which should make \$2.00 per year for the Department. Other means should also be explored.

Senior Vice Commander Report

Senior Vice Commander Elmer Bennett provided the following report:

I wish to submit my report as Dept. Sr. Vice Commander.

I attended the National Woman's Relief Corps Convention at Dayton, Ohio.

I gave a Scholarship in Memorial to PNP of the WRC, Joan Bennett.

In October, I attended the Apple Fest in Orleans, NE. and met George A. Schulz who is a SUV member-at-large and several S.O.V They had sit up a Civil War Camp. During the conversation I found out he needed information on the S.O.U.V. After talking with several people, I was able to write to the right person and give him Brother Schulz name and information that Brother Schulz wanted. Upon returned to NE. This spring, I talked to Mrs. Schulz and the SUV and interested people were having an Encampment at Fort Hartstuff State Historical Park.

I joined the local men who took part in re-enactments, to march in the Veterans Day Parade. Joined the Military Part of the Sons of Union Veterans.

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Was present for McLaughlin camp #12, Lincoln Day Dinner.

Being a member of the Civil War Historical Association, I enjoyed the Civil War Show at Richland Co. Fairgrounds and the Banquet on Saturday night.

Attended Memorial Day Services in Orleans, Nebraska.

I wrote to all SUV Camps that I was ask, to visit but received no reply.

I thank the Encampment for electing me Senior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander Report

Charles “Chip” Rogers, Jr., presented his written report as follows:

I would like, at this time, to present, for the record, a report of my 1992/93 activities as Ohio Department Junior Vice Commander. Further, I would like to note that this report is, by no means, to be considered complete. Unreported in these activities are:

- Many dozens of letters written in response to SUVCW inquires and membership applications;
- Information shared with others in order to provide continuity
- The amount of time spent – almost daily- in dealing with the Office of Jr. Vice Commander and the Ohio Department SUVCW.

Communication:

The following is a list of communication projects either started or continued:

- Camp Commander’s Communiqué
- This publication was started 16 issues ago as an attempt to share information and coordinate between Camp Commanders.
- Included in this mailing list, in addition to the Ohio Department Camp Commanders are:
 1. All Ohio Department Sr. Officers
 2. Past Ohio Department Commanders
 3. National Senior Officers
 4. Editor of The Banner
- Jr. Vice Commander’s Assigned Communication
- Ohio Department Commander, David R. Medert, in his “Proposed Department Structure” assigned me the tasks of keeping in touch with 3 Ohio Department Camp Officers, the GAR Highway Officer and the Ohio Department Historian.
- In total there were 14 mailings to each of the above listed individuals

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- The objective of this assignment was to keep in contact with various segments of the Department Structure on a regular and on-going basis.

Representation:

Representation of the Ohio Department as Jr. Vice Commander.

- Civil War Elderhostel, Ohio University, June 1992
- Artillery demonstration and 4th of July Celebration, Athens, Ohio, July 1992
- Radio Programs on WATH, Athens, Ohio, July 1992
- McConnellsville Reenactment July 1992
- 1992 National Encampment, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 1992
- Jacksonville, Ohio, Labor Day Parade, September 1992.
- Installation of Officers, Henry Casey Camp #192, October, 1992
- Burr Oak Living History Program, Burr Oak State Park, October 1992
- Ohio Department Mid-Year Business Meeting, January 1993
- West Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Huntington, West Virginia, March 1993
- Kidfest, Ohio University, April 1993
- National Civil War Artillery Association Artillery School, Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, New York, May 1993
- Spring Hill Cemetery Memorial services, Huntington, West Virginia, May 1993
- Installation of Officers, Capt. John P. Bruck Camp # 96, June 1993.

ASSINGMENTS FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

- Successfully completed the appointment as Trial Commissioner for the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the resolution of intra-department conflict. Final report written and submitted to the Ohio Department Commander, September 15, 1992, copies filed with the Ohio Department secretary-Treasurer. This, to the best of the collective memory, was the first time that a Trial Commissioner had been appointed for an internal problem.
- Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee charged with finding ways to both save money and increase revenue. The committee, for all intent and purpose, did not function during the last year. Discussion was held at the Mid-winter Meeting. However, as Jr. Vice Commander, I did donate printing three issues of the General Orders with a savings of approximately \$150.00 per issue to the Ohio Department.
- Accepted and completed the communication portion of the “proposed Department Structure” assignment by the Ohio Department Commander as part of my duties in office as Junior Vice Commander, Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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No doubt there are activities that I have missed but I feel that the above represents, to the best of my memory, the major accomplishments and contributions that I have made to the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

If you or any of the Ohio Department Brothers have questions or if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. It has been a pleasure to be a part of such a dynamic and growing organization. I can only hope that my contribution has made a positive impact.

For your convenience, and in the interest of saving the Ohio Department extra copying costs, I have enclosed 30 copies of my report. I would ask that these copies be distributed to the brothers assembled at the 1993 Ohio Department Encampment at the appropriate time on the agenda.

Secretary Report

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your Department Secretary.

My fall prevented my attending the 1992 National Encampment and Remembrance Day at Gettysburg in 1992, Also the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Department in Columbus, Ohio. I was able to attend the N.Y. Dept. Encampment in Ithaca, N.Y. June 17-20, 1993, there was asked for advice.

I installed Officers for McClellan Camp No. 91
Served on the Memorial Day Committee in Alliance and continued as the Commanding Officers of the Third Military District SVR.

I reported our membership as of May 31, 1992 as 201 Members and 8 Camps. As of May 31, 1993, 291 members and 10 Camps with at least 2 more pending, one in Dayton and the other in Cleveland, Ohio

During the year new camps were chartered in Washington Court House, Ohio and Hamilton, Ohio.

New Life and Growth occurred in the Camps at Columbus and Mount Vernon, Ohio.

As of this date our membership is 291 with 3 Brothers being dual members of 2 of our Camps for a total of 294.

I have been informed that one of the early Camps of the Department is in the process of trying to re-institute its charter and once again becoming an active Camp.

This is the kind of news that we are happy to receive.

Commander Medert established the contact for this information. Unfortunately I must report that we have a situation with Camp No. 100 in Cincinnati, which should be resolved during this Encampment.

Some of the Brothers deserve, I feel, special recognition for starting new Camps; securing new members; and making their Camps more active. James Hilton, Camp No 1; Robert Grim, Henry Casey Camp No. 92 in Washington Court House; Michael Colligan and John P. Bruck Camp No 96 in Hamilton; Kenneth Athey, Camp No. 207, in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Hebert Webb, who along with Kirby Bauman has exerted much effort to made a new Camp in Dayton, Ohio, a reality; the same is true for Jon Silvis and Paul Huff, who are in the process of establishing a Camp in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Department camp Organizer Keith Ashley worked diligently in his Office.

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Our Department Commander, David Medert, deserves special commendation for all his efforts on behalf of our Organization in the areas of establishing new Camps, reviving existing Camps, setting up tables in several places for recruiting members, and securing new members. Words cannot express our appreciation for all his efforts, other Departments and the National Organization, look to Dave to see what is doing right. We are willing to share him, or to lend him to the National Organization, or to other Departments as Advisory, but we want him returned to the Ohio Department.

Another Brother, "Chip" Rogers, who this years serves as our Ohio Dept. Jr. Vice Commander and as the National Patriotic Instructor – has in spite of a very demanding schedule has done so much to make sure that each member of the Department of Ohio has an opportunity to know about what is going on and about up-coming events.

To any and all who have worked for the advancement of the Department A BIG THANK YOU.

All the Camp Secretaries can feel good that the Quarterly reports are so I will be able to meet my deadline to the National Organization. Please continue your dedicated service.

At this years' Encampment I was informed of the recent death of Frederick Cupp of our newly chartered Camp, the Capt. John P. Bruck Camp NO 96, in Hamilton, Ohio

To the best of my knowledge this was the only death in the Dept. this year,
Recommendations:

1. That the situation with Camp No. 100, in Cincinnati, Ohio be resolved during this Encampment.
2. That some Brother of the Department be designated Assistant Ohio Department Secretary.

Chief of Staff Report

Acting Chief of Staff R.H. Smyser reported receiving \$75.00 in contributions.

Treasurer Report

Department Treasurer Richard Greenwalt submitted the following report:

Thank you for allowing me to serve another year as your Treasurer. My report for the year June 1992-June 1993:

Receipts:

\$25.00	Love Gift from Auxiliary
\$25.00	Registration 1992, Encampment
\$138.00	Chief of Staff Fund
\$148.00	Patriotic Instructor Fund
\$2,139.00	Per Capita from Camps
\$200.00	New Members Fee
\$23.12	Interest from Checking Account
\$420.00	Members at Large

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\$1,600.00 Transfer of Funds
\$4,714.12

At the 1992 Encampment Checking Acct., CDs. and Saving Account Totaled \$4,885.73
June 1993 these accounts totaled \$4,463.55

Permanent Fund 1992 - \$6,805.15
1993- \$7,225.70

Disbursements:

\$156.00	1992 Encampment Expenses
\$50.00	National GAR Fund
\$25.00	Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
\$35.00	National Encampment Booklet
\$50.00	Keith Ashley
\$50.00	David Medert
\$50.00	Charles Rogers
\$25.00	Keith Ashley for Department Ribbons
\$1,965.00	National Per Capita
\$200.00	New Member Fee to National
\$26.90	Supplies
\$150.00	Department Commander for National Encampment
\$25.00	Donation to Xenia Home
\$25.00	Donation to Sandusky Veteran's Home
\$5.00	Dues to Central Region
\$392.53	Chip Rogers for printing and postage
\$221.13	David Medert Expenses
<u>\$385.60</u>	Department Secretary – Postage, etc.
\$3,772.16	

Thanks to the Camp Treasurers for sending in the Per Capita Tax and New Member Fees, which, for the most part came in on time.

Special thanks to Commander Medert, Junior Vice Commander Chip Rogers, Brother P.D.C. Ralph Shadel for donating and printing the Proceedings and to Sister PNP Bea Greenwalt for donating some of the printing for the Department this past year.

Patriotic Instructor Report

Department Patriotic Instructor Richard Troup provided this report:

Ohio Department Patriotic Instructor Activities for the Year 1992-93
June 26-28 - Participated in Newark Reenactment
June 29 – Gave Civil War Program and Ohio U Elderhostel
August 21-23 – Participated in White Sulphur Springs Reenactment

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Sept 7 – Participated in Jacksonville Labor Day Parade
Sept. 19 - Participated in Carnifax Ferry Reenactment
Oct 10-11 -- Participated in Burr Oak Camp and Artillery Show
Nov 7-8 Participated in Guyandotte Reenactment
Nov 14-15 Participated in Boone Hall Reenactment
Nov 19 – As Ohio Dept. Patriotic Instructor wrote a letter to the Charleston Post Courier condemning their news article following the Reenactment saying “the only good Yankee is a dead one.”
Nov 25 – Elected Junior Vice Commander of Camp Gov. William Dennison #125
Jan. – Was Patriotic Instructor for Camp Casey Installation and Charter Ceremony.
Feb. 3 – Presented a Civil War Program to Malta School 5th Grade
March 5-7 - Participated in Murfreesboro Reenactment
March 19 – Attended “Gone with the Wind” night at McConnelsville, McConnelsville School
March 31 – Presented a Civil War Program to the 7th & 8th grades at McConnelsville School
April 7 – Presented Civil War Program to the Morgan County Retired Teachers
April 16-18 Participated in the Gallipolis Reenactment
April 24 – Participated in the Artillery demonstration at Athens Kidsfest
May 1 – Attended the Civil War Show in Mansfield in period attire. Toured the Soldiers and Sailor Home
May 16 – Arranged for our camp to tour GAR Hall in Frost, Ohio.
May 18 – Wrote Camp Commander Rogers with a list of suggestions for the restoration project. Was appointed Chairman of the restoration project.
May 31 – Participated in the Memorial Day Program at Chillicothe
June 1 – Wrote two thank you letters to two ladies for maintaining the Malta Monument at their own expense.
June 5 – Participated in the Phillipi Reenactment
June 12 - Participated in the Louisburg Reenactment
June 16 - Checked the Frost GAR Post to determine needed repairs.
June 19 – Held work session to help restore the Frost GAR Hall Replaced the broken window, missing siding, nailed down lose siding boards, pulled down ivy and cut tree limbs.
June 24 – At Frost, repaired the roof to eliminate the roof leak, replaced the back door, caulked siding and windows.

Buffington Island Report

Civil War Site Committee Chairman Keith Ashley reports:

The park is in good shape at this time; however, the Ohio E.P.A. has required that the park's only source of water be eliminated. The Park had water well drilled in the 1930's. The rationale for taking it out was that it was old. No testing of the water as far as I know was done to check on its safety. This makes the park less desirable to use

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A local resident has detracted from the area by covering a large section of the land with junk vehicles, which is in violation of the law. This will have to be looked into.

The Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society is planning a re-enactment of this battle on August 14-15 for the 130th anniversary of the battle. Perhaps some representation by the Ohio SUV can be there. This re-enactment five years ago is the birthplace of Gov. William Dennison Camp #125.

I have written a letter to my U.S. Representative asking about the status of the Civil War Battlefield Preservation legislation. I further asked him to try to get this battlefield included in money if available that more of the area can be saved.

Camp Organizer Report

Keith Ashley, Department Camp Organizer, reports:

Beginning the year as Camp Organizer, I immediately worked with Paul Huff for a new Camp in Cleveland, Eric Nagle for a new Camp in Dayton, Kenneth McCartney for revitalization of U.S. Grant Camp, and other for a Camp in E. Liverpool.

In October, the Ohio Commander changed the moniker I worked under. I continued to work toward the work of increasing membership. Due to difficulties in U.S. Grant Camp, I had to get a new liaison to work there. I see that this Camp has real possibilities of growing in the next year. Though it has been difficult to get this Camp operating again, I think it would be worth our while.

Kenneth McCartney of Toledo asked to be relieved as liaison for a new Camp in Toledo. Now that General Orders No. 4 has an updated list of current members in Ohio, this can again be pursued.

I assisted in working with Paul Huff at providing information and a list of potential members for a new Camp in the Cleveland area.

The attempt at a new Camp in E. Liverpool will need work. There is a GAR Memorial Chapel there. I have been in contact with the woman in charge of it. She has been trying to assist me in the work.

I set up a membership booth at the Ohio Genealogical Society convention in Independence, Ohio, in late April. I obtained a dozen interested men in membership as well as women to wanting to join the Allied Orders.

I have tried to expand the position by trying to obtain membership from men who descend from famous Union Officers. My first attempt was that of looking for descendents of General William T. Sherman. I succeeded in obtaining his great great grandson as a member. He intends to be inducted at the National Encampment in Maine.

In my job, I have assisted by providing new releases, self addressed envelopes and stamped reply cards, membership prospect lists, supplies of application blanks, SUV information Cards, and a host of other types of information necessary to aid Camps.

I am currently using my membership techniques to aid the development of the national recruiting plan through the Programs and Policies Committee. Thus far three potential Camps have been worked on in West Virginia, a State with only one Camp now and no Department. It is difficult to know just how many new members I have obtained since many of them are joining other camps.

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Camp Chase Committee Report

Jim Huston, Chairman Camp Chase Committee, filed the following report:

Since my appointment as Camp Chase Committee Chairman I have participated in the following activities:

- July 1992, Attended the Camp Chase Living History Program in Columbus
- Sept. 1992, Attend parade in Canal Winchester, Ohio
- Sept. 1992, Attended the Hilltop Parade in Columbus
- Nov. 1992, Attended Veterans Day Parade Columbus
- January 1993, Attended Mid-Winter Meeting in Columbus
- May 1993, Placed over 700 flags and laid four wreaths
- May 1993, Attended Memorial Services at Little Pennsylvania Cemetery, Darbydale, Ohio.
- May 1993, Attended Memorial Day Services in Westerville, Ohio
- June 1993, Attended Confederate Memorial Day Services at Camp Chase Cemetery, Columbus
- June 1993, Attended Installation of Officers Ceremony Camp Bruck, Hamilton, Ohio

In September of 1992, my Camp Gov. Dennison #1 was given a presentation on Camp Chase POW Camp. This was given by Ms. Lois Neff of the Hilltop Historical Society.

While attending the Confederate Memorial Service I met with Karen J. Duhart. She is the Director of the Dayton National Cemetery. She wanted me to report that Camp Chase is in good condition; however, she is making plans to refurbish the statue of a confederate soldier, as this is solely needed. She will be contacting me in the near future of what exactly will be needed.

Sadly I must report that the Camp Chase Living History Program has been cancelled this year. Gov. Dennison Camp will be considering the possibility of sponsoring this event in the future.

I am sure some of you are already aware of the fact that I have presided over Camp Dennison #1 this past year and I want you to know we are still active and still growing strong. Thank you Commander Medert for allowing me to serve our organization in this Camp Chase Committee appointment.

Ohio Department Historian Report

Keith Ashley, Historian, reported:

- I took some pictures of State Commander at last year's Encampment. Some of those didn't take well and need to be re-done.
- I have received an original Ohio Division (Department) Order No. 2 from 1916 from the National Historian.

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- I represented the Ohio Department at the 104th Annual Convention of the Ohio Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War June 13-15 at Reynoldsburg, Ohio.
- I participated in Remembrance Day at Gettysburg in November as a fifer with Brig. General Charles Corfman
- I notified Camp Dennison #1 of a problem of destruction of the Kempton Graveyard in Columbus containing Union Soldiers.
- I answered letters concerning history of the Ohio GAR and Ohio SUV
- The resolutions on the condemnation of the National Park Service over the railroad cut destruction and another on the Confederate flag both passed the National Encampment.
- I attended the National Department Encampment in Pittsburgh as an Ohio Delegate.
- I received notification of the Central District meeting too late to plan to attend. I had no idea there was such a meeting.
- I toured Sherman House in Lancaster and due to my position was given permission to go into the exhibits of Sherman's Civil War gear and handle some of the items.
- I notified CIVIL WAR TIMES of an error in their location of the Battle of Buffington Island according to their calendar of events 130 years ago.
- No more information is now known on the fate of Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield where partial destruction by road expansion was being considered.
- An Ohio school has removed the Confederate flag as its symbol due to ignorance of the school administration concerning the War of the rebellion.

I have attended all but one of the meetings of my Camp this year. I am nearly completed on organizing a new Ladies Auxiliary. I have participated in 4th of July Union Encampment at Gallipolis, Coolville Homecoming Parade, Carnifax Ferry re-enactment, Pomeroy Living History at Heritage Days, Living History at Centerville, 130th re-enactment of Perryville, Gallipolis Living History, Decoration Day Ceremonies at Huntington, WVA, the mid-Winter Meeting Ohio Dept. where I acted as Secretary, Blue & Gray Ball at Burr Oak, and Remembrance day at Gettysburg. I have been assisting at doing work on an old GAR Hall at Frost, Ohio.

GAR Officers Report

Since attending the 1992 Ohio Dept. Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I have taken part in the following events:

1. July 1992, Re-enactment at McConnelsville
2. August 1992 Re-enactment at Jackson, Michigan
3. October 1992, Re-enactment at Atwood Lake
4. November 1992, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg
5. May 1993, Ashland Civil War Show at Richland County Fair Grounds in Mansfield, Ohio
6. May 1993, Artillery School at Old Fort Niagara
7. June 1993, Re-enactment at Canfield, Ohio

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At the request of Ohio Department Commander Medert, I have researched the subject of the existence of G.A.R. Records. This was done by sending numerous letters to the different veteran's organizations, requesting their help, contacting the Ohio Historical Society for information, and sending letters to our S.U.V.C.W. Camps. I also spent time researching this at the Richland County and Ashland County libraries and at the Ohio Genealogy Society.

My findings were sent to the National G.A.R. Records Committee.

These findings are as follows:

1. The largest percentage of our G.A.R. Records are located at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio.
2. The Catholic War Veterans, Post 1904, Lima, Ohio have a few records of the G.A.R. Post 202
3. The Firelands Historical Research Center in Norwalk, Ohio has records of Runyan Post 147, New London, Ohio.
4. The Ohio Genealogical Society in Mansfield, Ohio has some Xeroxed records.
5. The Richland and Ashland County Libraries have records that are located in the book put out by Hardest's entitled "The Military History of Ohio" which was to cover each county in Ohio individually. Quite a few of these books have ended up at the Ohio Historical Society.

I was also requested by Ohio Department Commander Medert to send a report to the National G.A.R. Highway Officer. I was only able to have two signs erected in two roadside parks on State Route #6, in 1990. State Route #6 runs through the northern portion of the State of Ohio, through the counties of : Williams, Henry, Wood, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, and through the municipalities of Bryan, Napoleon, Bowling Green, Fremont, Sandusky, Lorain, Cleveland and Chardon. I was informed that these were the only two signs that the Ohio Department of Transportation would erect and that it would be up to the individual counties and cities to erect road signs for the GAR Highway that runs through their counties and cities.

I also obtained copies of the various House and Senate Bills with the help of Rep. Frank Sawyers's office and from the Ohio Historical Society and forwarded them to the National Highway Officer. I informed him that since Ohio is in the middle of a budget crunch, they are not as receptive as they used to be. Since I have not driven Route #6 for sometime, I can only report that it was in very good condition a year ago.

Respectively submitted by

Tim Park
Department of Ohio
G.A.R. Officer

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Communications

1. A letter from Lowell V. Hammer, thanking last year's Encampment for the outstanding treatment afforded him when he attended last year's Ohio Encampment when he was in the office of Commander-in-Chief.
2. 1993 appeal for the GAR Memorial Fund from the National Patriotic Instructor, Charles "Chip" Rogers.
3. A flyer from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief regarding the Fund of his office.
4. A letter from Member of Congress, David L. Hobson, dated September 8, 1992, replying to a letter sent by your Secretary, to the Senators and Representatives from Ohio, regarding Civil War Soldiers bodies being used for Medical Research. The seminary Riddleland Cut at Gettysburg and the Preservation of Civil War Battles Sites, particularly, Buffington Island. Congressman Hobson was the only one to reply.
5. A letter dealing with the condition of the building at Frost, Ohio and what some members of Camp No. 125 are doing to repair this building that has much significance.
6. A Letter from Brother Herbert Webb dealing with the probable closing of the Ohio Veterans Orphans Home.
7. A letter from the Michigan Department, regarding Constitutional Changes which they propose and are sending to the National Organization to lower the age of membership to age 12.
8. A letter from the National Chaplain, Brother Frank Foight III, of Harpers Ferry, W. Va. And also Given Camp No. 50, that he plans to run for the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment in Portland, Maine August 1993.

Action Taken at the 1993 Ohio Department Encampment

1. Standing ovation given Department Commander David Medert at the conclusion of his report for the efforts exerted and his many accomplishments as Ohio Department Commander.
2. Accepted Michael Colligan's verbal report as Department Chaplain, and thanked him for his efforts in bringing Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96 at Hamilton, Ohio into reality.
3. Thanked Kirby Bauman and Herbert Webb for all their efforts on behalf of the pending Camp in Dayton, Ohio.
4. Promised to help, support and work with General Chairman of the 1995 National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio PCC Charles Corfman.
5. By unanimous to issue a Dishonorable discharge to Sears Newman-Cordner of Camp No. 100, Cincinnati, Ohio.
6. Unanimously agreed to offer encouragement and support to Brothers Charles Edwards and Clifford H. Pohl Jr.; as they endeavor to get U.S. Grant No. 100 at Cincinnati, Ohio an active Camp.

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7. Unanimously endorsed David Medert for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1993 National Encampment, to be held at Portland, Maine, August 1993.
 8. Unanimously endorsed Allen Moore, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief from Indiana, for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 1993 National Encampment to be held at Portland, Maine, August 1993.
 9. Unanimously endorsed Keith Harrison for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1993 National Encampment at Portland, ME.
 10. Had initiation using the long form for the benefit of those who had not had the opportunity to see it exemplified.
 11. Approved the donation of \$50.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor.
 12. Approved the donation of \$25.00 to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.
 13. Approved the expenditure of up to \$25.00 for refreshments to the host Camp, when a mid-winter meeting of the Department is held.
 14. Voted to raise the Registration Fee for future Department Encampments beginning in 1994.
 15. Voted to raise the Per Capita Tax due to Ohio Department, beginning with the First Quarter of 1994, which will be due at the end of March 1994 to \$4.00
 16. Voted to support the New York Department in their efforts regarding re-furbishing Grant's Tomb.
 17. Voted to support the 100th Anniversary of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Cleveland, Ohio.
 18. Approved dates for the 1994 Ohio Department Encampment, June 17-19, 1994.
 19. Agreed to the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer as requested by present Secretary-Treasurer Dick Greenwalt.
 20. Agreed that Camps should be notified about contributing to the Department Chief of Staff and Department Patriotic Instructor Funds.
 21. Voted that the incoming Department Commander, appoint a committee to examine the Department Constitution and By-laws and make recommendations for changes at the 1994 Department Encampment.
 22. Voted that the incoming Department Commander appoint the G.A.R. Highway Officer Department Members contact the County Officials, the Township Trustees and City Officials, through which the Grand Army Highway passes, to urge their cooperation in seeing that the Highway is properly marked.
 23. Approved ribbons for the 1994 Ohio Encampment – price not to exceed \$30.00
 24. Presented Henry Casey Camp No. 92 with the Department Membership Award from June 1992 – June 1993.
 25. Recognized Brothers: David Medert; Keith Ashley; Michael Colligan; Kirby Bauman; Herbert Webb; Robert Grim; Bruce Holt; James Hilton; and Richard Greenwalt for signing up at least 3 new members since June 1992, last year's Encampment.
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RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were passed by the unanimous vote of the 1993 Ohio Department Encampment. – June 26, 1993.

The Department Secretary was ordered to send a copy of each to the National Organization Secretary for presentation at the 1993 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans to be held at Portland, Maine August of 1993.

Also a copy to be sent to the editor of THE BANNER.

RESOLUTION

Include a meeting slot at the National Conference for sitting Department Commander or their representative which are present for a “get acquainted and idea exchange session.”

WHEREAS: Department Commanders in most cases do not have the opportunity to meet their counterparts while in office

WHEREAS: All Departments have problems arise that have occurred in other Departments where helpful solutions need to be shared to head off an escalation of that problem.

WHEREAS: Knowing that you are not by yourself by becoming acquainted with other leaders of our organization creates camaraderie, which is needed in any organization

WHEREAS: Sharing of successes and failures is a learning process that leads to harmony in any organization

RESOLVED: The Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends that a time slot be included at the National Conference for Department Commanders or their representatives to meet.

RESOLUTION

A resolution of nomination and support for Brother David R. Medert as a candidate for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Submitted by the officers and Brothers of Governor William Dennison, Camp No. 125.

WHEREAS: Ohio Department Commander David R. Medert is the founder and a charter member of Gov. William Dennison Camp # 125, starting with 25 members, and during its 3 years as Camp Commander bringing the total membership to 50 +, and

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WHEREAS: During Brother Medert's two consecutive terms (1991-1993) as Ohio Department Commander, the membership increased from approximately 170 members to 256 members, 40+ of those members being recruited by Brother Medert himself, and
WHEREAS: Two new Camps have joined the Ohio Department during his terms of office, two previously inactive Camps were reactivated, and two potential camps are looking at provisional status, and

WHEREAS: Ohio Department Commander Medert reorganized early the value of timely, appropriate, and regular communication, as evidenced by his General Orders, the implementation of an Ohio Department Directory, and the "Camp Commander's Communiqué," and

WHEREAS: Ohio Department Commander Medert has proven his strong interpersonal skills, giving of his time and energy to recruit, visit and encourage the growth and development of the entire Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, specifically the Ohio Department, and

WHEREAS: State Commander Medert has exhibited strong organizational skills with his successful resolution of departmental problems, the success of the Ohio mid-year Department Business Meeting and the most successful department encampment (1992_ in recent memory, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Governor William Dennison Camp No. 125, the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorse and support the candidacy of Ohio Department Commander, Brother David R. Medert, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the election to be held in Portland, Maine, August, 1993; and be it further

RESOLVED: that, upon passage of this resolution copies be sent to all departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Editor of THE BANNER, and the Resolutions Committee of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

RESOLUTION

(Lowering Membership Age in the S.U.V.C.W.)

WHEREAS: There were over 1000 Union soldiers under the age of at during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS: The Ladies Auxiliary S.U.V.C.W. allows membership at age 12 and the Daughters of the Union Veterans allows membership at age 8; and

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WHEREAS: permitting membership at age 12 will allow young men to become exposed to the virtues and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125, S.U.V.C.W. supports an amendment to the National C&R of the National Encampment S.U.V.C.W. allowing the minimum age for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans be lowered at age 12.

/s/ Keith D. Ashley
Keith D. Ashley, Secretary
Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125 S.U.V.C.W.

Passed February 11, 1993

Saturday Evening: June 26

The Annual Banquet of the Allied Orders was held. At the head table was all the Presiding Heads of the Allied Orders of the Ohio Department. Included were their National Officers in attendance. Including the newly elected President of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Each giving some remarks regarding our Union of Purpose. National President Ann Gerlt of the Woman's Relief Corps, oh Ohio and Allen Moore Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief both made appropriate remarks. The attendance of National Officers adds much to the evening. A plaque was presented to Department Commander David Medert, for his outstanding efforts during his terms of Ohio.

This special tribute was presented from the Ohio Department by PCC Charles Corfman.

The speaker of the evening gave a humorous talk of Elephants of the Day, which was enjoyed by all.

The piano selections, prior to eating and Patriotic Music was presented by Keith Ashley.

The presentation of the Colors by members of the SVR, in uniform, under the command of Brig. Gen Charles Corfman, was impressive and remind us of our rich heritage.

The evening concluded with a social time with refreshments with the Auxiliary in McMaster Hall Lounge.

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Presented to

David R. Medert

*Department Commander 1991 and 1992
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio*

In recognition of his outstanding efforts on behalf of
the Ohio Department, especially in the areas
of the recruitment of new members,
establishment of new camps and the verification
of camps already in existence.

Presented by

The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War at its
111th encampment, June 1993

Plaque _ composed and had made by committee of ED HOGAN and RICHARD GREENWALT to be presented at the Ohio Department.

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Sunday Morning June 27, 1993

The day's activities began with the Traditional Memorial service, of all the Allied Orders. This year the Woman's Relief Corps was in charge of the Program. The Sons Dept. Chaplain Michael Colligan gave a tribute to Brother Frederick Cupp from the newly chartered Camp, at Hamilton.

The Sons then retired to their meeting room to conduct business.

The Dept. Sec'y informed as to the Dual Members of the Ohio Department who they were and why they choose to hold Dual Membership.

He stated that during the year that we had added Henry Casey Camp No. 92 to the list of Ohio Camps. And that on June 12, Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96 was chartered. He also reported that a Camp chartered prior to the turn of the century – has by Brother Joseph Stockham, promised to be re-activated before the end of this quarter on June 30. ON JUNE 29, 1993 I received from Brother Stockham – 9 membership applications and the necessary fees for Lois Camp No. 16 of Minford Ohio using the original Charter and Camp Number to be added to the Ohio Department.

The Officer reports, the various committee reports and the Resolutions were voted on.

The Audit report read:

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 of consistent with that of preceding years.

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

/s/ Forrest Altland
Herbert Webb
Keith D. Ashley
Richard Smyser 25 June 1993

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The following officers were elected or appointed and installed by Nat'l Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore, serving as the installing Officer. Elmer Bennett as Installing Chaplain and Michael Trowbridge as Installing Guide.

Department Commander		Charles A. Rogers Jr. 4 Julian Drive Athens, Ohio 45701
Senior Vice Commander		Robert Grim, 5367 S.R. 72S, Sabina, Ohio 45169
Junior Vice Commander		James Hilton, 4039 Dogwood Court, Grove City Ohio 43123
Department Council	3years	PDC David Medert 16 Shawnee Dr. Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
	2 years	PDC Richard Smyser 1201 Suffield N.W. Canton, Ohio 44709
	1 year	PDC Larry Swogger 205 Pershing Ave. N.E. North Canton, Ohio 44720
Secretary-Treasurer		PCC Richard Greenwalt 2449 Center Ave. Alliance, Ohio 44601

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The following Officers were appointed to serve the Ohio Dept.

Chief of Staff	Robert Davis
Patriotic Instructor	Herbert Webb
Chaplain	Elmer Bennett
Counselor	PCC Charles Corfman
Guide	Kirby Bauman
Guard	Roy Smith
Color Guard	Paul Grim
Genealogist	PCC Larry Swogger
Historian	Keith Ashley
G.A.R. Highway Officer	Tim Park
General Chairman 1994 Ohio Encampment	PDC Richard Smyser
Encampment Representative 1995 National Site	PDC Richard Greenwalt PCC Charles Corfman

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Addenda

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Office of the Commander

C.A. “Chip” Rogers Jr.
Julian Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701

In response to the recommendation that an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer be appointed to assist you with the duties and responsibilities of office and because the Ohio Department of the SUVCW has experienced unprecedented growth and development I am at this time appointing

Charles W. Corfman – Assistant Treasurer of the Ohio Department, SUVCW
And,
David R. Medert- Assistant Secretary, of the Ohio Department, SUVCW

Additionally, in order to continue the growth and the development of the Ohio Department SUVCW, I am, at this time making the following appointments:

New Camp Organizer – Brother David R. Medert. This will allow Brother Medert to continue the job he has so ably started

Membership Chairman - Brother David R. Medert, again, so that the work he has started may be continued.

As opposed to “Personal Aide,” I have asked Brother Mike Trowbridge to be the Assistant to the Department Commander. Mike will be offering insights, observations and commentary to the Department Commander and will be a recipient of all official correspondence.