

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

112th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 17-19, 1994**

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The 112th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, on June 17-19, 1994, with Department Commander Charles “Chip” Rogers, of Athens, Ohio presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday the 17th was the auditing of the Department Treasurer’s books by the Department Council.

The program for the Campfire on Friday evening for the Allied Orders was hosted by the Sons and the Auxiliary. In attendance were the National Heads of all of the four organizations of the Allied Orders that annually meet together in Ohio. The Sons of Union Veterans, the Auxiliary to the Sons, the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Woman’s Relief Corps. Each were introduced, extended their Greetings, expressed their desire for a fruitful Encampment, and introduced their National Leaders.

Richard Smyser PDC served as Master of Ceremony. The entertainment for the evening was provided by him and was a VCR tape in color showing parts of several re-enactments of parts of Civil War Battles. This gave those in attendance a better appreciation for the suffering of our ancestors, especially the heat generated by the wearing of the wool uniforms. In light of the heat which we had during this years’ Encampment.

The evening concluded with refreshments and a social visiting time.

Saturday June 18; The joint opening was held with the Auxiliary to the Sons. Both Chiefs of Staffs conducted an impressive introduction of the Department Officers of each organization. It was an honor to have the National Commander-in-Chief Allan Moore, Indiana and the National President of the Auxiliary, Florence Spring of Pennsylvania in attendance.

Opening of the 112th Sons of Union Veterans Ohio Department Encampment

Department Commander Rogers appointed the following Brothers to fill the Stations of Junior Vice Commander, by Robert Davis, for James Hilton, whose work responsibilities kept him in Virginia. Patriotic Instructor by Kirby Bauman for Herbert Webb, who had notified us that another commitment prevented his attendance. Guard by Greg Brown for Roy Smith, who missed the first business session, but was in attendance at all the rest of the sessions, and Color Guard Tim Park for Paul Grim.

The Credentials Committee was chaired by PDC Richard Smyser for Forrest “Frosty” Altland, who was unable to attend due to health reasons. Frosty was Credentials Chairman for many years and we hope that his health will allow him to serve in this position in the future.

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Department Commander Rogers appointed the Following Committee to serve during the Encampment:

Credentials	PDC Richard Smyser
Resolutions	PDC David Medert and Keith Ashley
Officers Reports	John Seibert and Michael Trowbridge
Constitution and Bylaw	PCC Charles Corfman
Ritual	Tim Park

The next order of business was the reading of officer reports and their referring to the Officers Report Committee:

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Commander Charles A. “Chip” Rogers presented the following report

June 1, 1994
PCinC Richard L. Greenwalt
Secretary/Treasurer Encampment Rep.
Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Secretary/Treasurer Greenwalt:

About three (3) years ago I began the Camp Commander’s Communiqué with the permission of Past Department Commander David Medert. The CCC, as it is most often referred to, was an attempt to bind together the Ohio Department Camp Commander.

Over the years the distribution of the CCC has expanded to, in addition to Camp Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, Past Ohio Department Commander, the Ohio Department Allied Orders, all Ohio Department Officers and THE BANNER.

When the mantel of responsibility, as Commander of the Ohio Department, was placed upon me last year, I indicated that my tenure in office would be one of COMMUNICATION! To that end I have done my best to keep you all informed, up to date, distributed information, shared ideas, made suggestions, relayed information and assisted other areas of the National Organization and the Ohio Department in the dissemination of information.

As a part of my commitment to the communication process I have been responsible for:

- Four (4) issues of the Ohio Department General Orders, including the distribution of minutes from the Ohio Department Mid-Year Meeting.

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- Twelve (12) issues (over the term of my Office as Ohio Department Commander) of the Camp Commander's Communiqué, which included the first directory of Ohio Department Camps.
- Dozens of letters to assist with the organization of new Camps and the recruitment of new members
- A large number of personal letters to Brothers around the State of Ohio who have requested my assistance.
- Prompt responses to informational needs and requests from both the National and Departmental levels.

While I was unable, due to professional circumstances, to travel as much as I would have liked, I was able to represent the Ohio Department with the following:

- Participation in the National Encampment of the SUVCW in Portland, Maine.
- Presented a program at the National Encampment with the editor of THE BANNER, Bro. Russ Gregory.
- A resolution of appreciation and esteem from the Ohio Department to Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore.
- Participation at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- Chaired the Ohio Department Mid-Year Business Meeting.

As you Commander, I was busy, as well with other duties and functions pertaining to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

- Publications Committee, National Organization
- Served as Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert's advisor during his campaign and subsequent election.
- Governor William Dennison Camp #125 Camp Commander.
- General Staff of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- Public Information Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- Commander of the First Ohio Light Artillery
- Published the Gov. Wm. Dennison #125 "General Communication."
- Served as the Public Information Officer for Gov. Wm. Dennison #125.

Probably because of my academic training, I have been a firm and avid believer in "shared information." To that end I have dedicated my year in office to strengthening,

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broadening and sharing the direction, programs, projects and vision of the Sons of Veterans as I have seen it.

Respectfully, I will be unable to continue the “CCC.” This, as a result, will be my last official communication with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, counsel, and encouragement. I believe in strong organization, and I believe in potential. There is little reason for me to doubt that the Ohio Department of the SUVCW has both.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/ C.A. “Chip” Rogers, Jr.
Commander
Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE THE FOLLOWING
OFFICERS REPORTS HAVE THEIR ACTIVITIES LISTED BUT DATES
ELIMINATED:**

Office of the
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To: Charles “Chip” Rogers, Commander Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It is my pleasure to report to you, and the brethren assembled here for the 112th annual Ohio Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that I have completed all the assignments I was given during the past year.

I have the honor of participating in several activities during the past year.

- I started off on the 13th of July my attending the Camp Council meeting of Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125 at Jackson, Ohio.
- I attended the Morgan County Civil War encampment at McConnelsville, Ohio
- August, 1993: I attended the National Encampment of the S.U.V. at Portland, Maine on August 13, 14, and 15th.

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- I attended the regular meeting of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 in Washington Court House, Ohio in August, December, March and May.
- October 1993: On the weekend of October 1, 2, and 3, I journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin with our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David Medert, to attend the Central Region Conference. To my surprise, I was selected to serve as Guide for the 1994 Conference, which will be held in Illinois. They would like for the Ohio Department to consider hosting the conference in the future.
- I attended the regular meeting of Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp No. 125, Jackson, Oh. In Aug., Oct., Nov., and on Feb. 22nd, they had a very good Lincoln Day speaker.
- November 11, 1993 I participated in a Veterans Day Program at the VA Hospital in Dayton Ohio. William T. Sherman Camp No. 93 helped with the dedication ceremonies for the relocation of the Pvt. George Washington Fair Civil War monument from downtown Dayton to a new pedestal at the front entrance to the VA hospital.
- November 19, 20, and 21 I participated in the SVR Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg, Pa., marking the 130th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. About 4,000 re-enactors led by General Corfman paraded through Gettysburg to the GAR monument on the Battlefield. Very impressive program.
- November 27, 1993 I participated in a Christmas Parade in Washington Court House, Ohio sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. General Corfman was also there. The weather was just a little bit cool. Following the parade we went to Xenia, Ohio to the GAR Children's Home and participated in the Charter and installation ceremonies for William T. Sherman Camp No. 93. Commander-in-Chief Allan Moore as well as General Corfman and our own Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David Medert was there too.
- December 1993: On the 4th I went to Monitor, Ohio and helped General Corfman and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert with the Charter presentation and installation of officers for James A. Garfield Camp No. 142.
- December 17, 1993 I received a Certificate of Merit Award from Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore for my membership efforts, and was named a National Aide by the Commander-in-Chief
- January 1994: On the 15th I attended the Mid-Winter Business Conference of the Ohio Department in Columbus. General Corfman announced my promotion to 1st. Lt. in the SVR.
- March 1994: On the 26th I attended the SVR artillery school in Chillicothe, Ohio sponsored by Battery I, Ohio First Light Artillery.
- April 1994: On the 14th Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert and I traveled to Springfield, Illinois to attend the 38th annual Lincoln Tomb ceremony

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commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln. I placed the wreath at the tomb for the Ohio Department during the ceremonies on April 15th.

- April 24th I participated in the Civil War living history program with Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery from Gov. Dennison Camp No. 125 at Gallipolis, Ohio.
- May 1994: On May Day (May 1) I participated in a Civil War living history program at the Fayette County Historical Society museum in Washington Court House. SVR units from Henry Casey Camp No. 92, Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp No. 1, and Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125 participated.
- May 15, 1994 I helped with the Charter presentation and installation of officers for the James B. McPherson Camp No. 88 at Fort Meigs near Perrysburg, Ohio.
- May 30, 1994 Memorial Day I participated in five programs. I started the day as part of the American Legion sponsored Memorial Day program in Washington Court House at 10:00 a.m. Dressed in my Civil War uniform I was honored to place a wreath at the soldier's monument in the Washington Cemetery. At 1:15 p.m., as part of the Henry Casey Camp SVR unit, I marched in a parade and helped fire a rifle salute at Lees Creek in Clinton County. At 3:00 p.m. I was back at Washington Cemetery to Assist Circle No. 25 Ladies of the GAR in a program at the GAR monument for the unknown dead of the Civil War. At 4:00 p.m. we helped with a ceremony at the grave site of Henry Casey in the Bloomingburg Cemetery and at 4:00 p.m. we held a S.U.V. ceremony at the Madison Mills Cemetery in Fayette County.
- June 1994: On June 5th I participated in a Confederate Memorial Day program near Cincinnati in Butler County. Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96 Sons of Union Veterans co-sponsors the program to honor two brothers buried at the local cemetery. One served with the Union army and was killed in action. The other t. Jonathan Bressler who served with the Confederates and returned to Butler County where he dies at the age of 83. The local Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp is named after him. About 200 people attended the program.

I thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Senior Vice-Commander during the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege.

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Office of the Jr. Vice Commander

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the Ohio Department of Sons of Union Soldiers as its Jr. Vice Commander. The following is an account of my activities for the past year:

- Elected Jr. Vice CMDR. At annual Encampment, June 1993
- 7-3-93 attended 4th of July parade with Camp #1 at Sunbury, Ohio.
- With Camp #1 I participated in overhauling trailer for Battery on 7-11-93

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- 7-26-93 referred prospective member Brogue to Givens Camp.
- 7-26-93 letter to Camps I am responsible for asking for meeting times
- Attended meeting of Veterans Groups in Franklin County, gave out an application.
- 7-31-93 attended Alum Fest Program Westerville with Camp #1.
- 8-22-93 Frost, Ohio attended meeting with Dennison #125 in original GAR Hall. Donated GAR Buttons to Camp for their coats.
- 9-6-93 attended parade in Canal Winchester with Camp #1.
- 10-9-93 10:00 a.m. attended rededication ceremony at Greenlawn Cemetery.
- 10-9-93 5:00 p.m. attended reception dinner in Kokomo for Commander-in-Chief Moore. Presented him with proclamation from Commander Rogers.
- 10-23-93 worked with Camp #1 on restoring Peters Cemetery Columbus.
- 11-6-93 attended Veterans' Day Parade with Camp #1
- 11-11-93 attended ceremony at Dayton V.A. Hospital for Veterans' Day and participated in dedication of George W. Fair statue with Senior Vice Commander Grim and National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert.
- 2-5-94 attended workshop and recruiting day at Westerville Library with Camp #1.
- 2-5-94 sent packets to 3 prospective members, sent packets to 14 prospective members.
- 2-8-94 sent letters to all Camps urging them to recruit and set up stations in Libraries on weekends.
- 2-22-94 attended meeting of 125 Camp at Jackson met President Lincoln.
- 2-28-94 sent packets to 4 new prospects.
- 3-5-94 sent packets to 6 prospects
- 3-13-94 attended meeting at McClellan Camp at Dick Greenwalt's. Acted as Sr. Vice Commander for ritual and initiation of candidates.
- 3-14-94 sent out four packets to prospective members.
- 3-19-94 met with PCC Corfman at Radison Hotel Columbus to discuss the Ohio National Encampment.
- 3-21-94 referred 4 new members to Camps with packets.
- 3-25-94 sent out one new prospect packet
- 5.-15-95 sent out packets to 8 prospects.
- 5-28-94 worked with #1 Camp in putting flags on graves at Greenlawn Cemetery.

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- 5-30-94 attended Linden Memorial Day Parade with Camp #1.
- 6-4-94 sent out two packets to prospective members.

This is a general outline of my activities for the past year. Since April 10th I have been attending school in Quantico, Virginia and have not had much time to do anything but school. I am sorry to have to say that I cannot attend this year's Encampment as I have final exams that week. Hope you all have a fine Encampment. I will see some of you in the future I'm sure. Keep up the good work Ohio Department. Get out and recruit. If everyone would set a goal of bringing just one new member this coming year we will double our membership. It has been a pleasure to serve you all. Thank you for allowing me to represent you as Jr. Vice Commander.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/ Jim Hilton

My total number of referrals for the year is 58.

Report of Department Secretary

I was able to attend the National Encampment last year, also attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. I helped to institute Camp #66 at Toledo. Attended the Spring Meeting of Camp No. 125 at Jackson, and a meeting of Camp No. 43 at Salem. As well as fulfilling my duties as Camp Secretary-Treasurer for Camp No. 91. I also serve as Commander of the 3rd Military District SVR. I was a member of the Memorial Day Committee in Alliance, again this year. I regret that I was unable to attend the Mid-winter meeting of the Department in Columbus, because of bad weather.

Last year's Department Encampment I reported that the Department had 10 Camps with a membership of 291. As of May 31, 1994 the Department had 14 Camps with a membership of 370 this includes out Membership-at-Large members.

New Camps were organized in:

Mentor	Camp No. 142
Dayton	Camp No. 93
Toledo	Camp No. 66

Lois Camp No. 16 at Minford was back as an active Camp after being dormant for many years. It is gratifying to see the increase in interest throughout the Department.

I am happy to report that the situation that was reported at last year's Encampment involving Camp No. 100 in Cincinnati has been resolved.

Department Commander "Chip" Rogers had as one of his objectives BETTER COMMUNICATIONS within the Department. Toward this goal, he expended a great deal of energy issuing his communications.

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Much thanks is due to Brother Ken Atheny of Camp No. 207 for furnishing the membership mailing labels, he arranged them according to Camps for the Department Orders, which you received.

Thanks to PCC Charles Corfman, who saw to it that they were mailed, under a permit, thus saving the Department much postage.

A PLEA to Camp Secretaries, PLEASE get you Quarterly Reports and Checks to me within 14 days of the close of the Quarter. This year I have had to make my reports to the National Organization using Camp's previously statistics so my reports would not be late. Hopefully this will not be the case in the future.

The following Brothers answered the Final Roll Call during the past year:

D.B. Snider	Camp No. 91
Leroy Smith	Member-at-Large
Harry Dayton	Camp No. 91
Michael Colligan	Camp No. 96
Robert McCoy	Camp No. 125
John Kost	Camp No. 207

The Assistant Department Secretary now knows how this office functions.

Again Thanks to all who helped me perform the duties of this office during the past year.

Submitted in F.C. & L
/s/ Richard L. Greenwalt PDC/PCC
Department Secretary

Report of Department Treasurer

To Department Commander, Charles Rogers, Jr., Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Thank you for allowing me to serve another year as your Department Treasurer. My report for the year June 1993 to June 1994:

Receipts:

\$ 25.00	Love Gift from Auxiliary
26.00	Registration of 1993 Encampment
75.00	Chief of Staff Fund
116.00	Patriotic Instructor's Fund
3,327.00	Per Capita and new member's fees from Camps
40.40	Interest at Bank
480.00	dues from Members at Large
390.62	Transfer of Funds

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\$4,480.52 Total

Checking – C.D's and Savings	June 1993 - \$4,463.55
	June 1994 - \$4,447.95

Permanent Fund	June 1993 - \$7,225.70
	June 1994 - \$7,117.42

Disbursements

Massillon Plaque	\$ 69.00
Nat'l Patriotic Instructor Fund	\$ 50.00
Nat'l Sr. Vice C-I-C	\$ 25.00
Encampment for Dep't Commander	\$ 58.00
Supplies from Nat'l Organization	\$ 68.00
Printing of Proceedings	\$ 42.75
Nat'l Org. for Per Capita and new Members	\$ 3,605.00
Dept. Commander for National	\$ 150.00
Printing General Orders	\$ 419.80
Central Regional Dues	\$ 5.00
Commander Rogers for Postage	\$ 387.91
Dept. Sec'y Greenwalt for postage	\$ 307.12
Postmaster – Holmesville, Ohio	
For mailing Proceedings and General Orders	\$ 68.92
Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1	
Mid-winter meeting	\$ 25.00
	\$5,291.70

Receipts - \$4,480.52

Disbursements \$5,291.70

In the Red \$811.18

I trust that the per capita will come in on time from the Camps in the future and if this is not possible to inform me as to the reason and when I can expect to receive it.

Special thanks to Ken Atheny of Camp No. 207 for the donation of membership mailing labels, he organizes them according to our Camps and even alphabetized for our General Orders and Proceedings.

A Thanks also to PCC Charles Corfman for seeing to it that our last 2 General Orders were sent out with a mailing permit, thus saving the Department much postage money. He also has this year as Assistant Treasurer been to my Office here at the house, to familiarize himself with Ohio Department Treasurer procedures and has as Assistant

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Treasurer has affixed his signature to all of the Ohio Department Financial Accounts at the Banks.

Submitted in F.C. & L
/s/ Richard Greenwalt PDC/PCC
Ohio Department Treasurer

Chief of Staff Report – Robert Davis

Activities:

- I marched in the Independence Day Parade in Sunbury.
- Marched in the Labor Day Parade in Canal Winchester.
- Oct. 17 attended the Charter Ceremony for the Governor William Dennison Auxiliary at Columbus, Ohio.
- I worked through several Genealogical Societies in the attempt to make contact with Departments of Governor Dennison and Col. James C. McCoy who was the namesakes for the Columbus G.A.R. Post No. 1. I have also answered letters from people seeking information on Union soldiers.
- mailed to all Camps in the Department, letters encouraging donations to the Chief of Staff Fund, to be sent to Dept. Treasurer.
- Participated with members of Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus. Also placed flags on Civil War Graves.
- Marched in the Linden Memorial Day Parade and participated in Operation Flag at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza.
- Participated in Flag Day at Clippers Stadium, Columbus, celebration before the game in Honor of Flag Day and Veterans Night. It has been an honor to serve the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as your Chief of Staff.

Donations Total of \$105.00

\$ 5.00 McClellan Camp No. 91
\$25.00 Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1
\$ 5.00 Bob Davis
\$ 5.00 Keith Ashley
\$10.00 Chip Rogers
\$ 2.00 Dave Medert
\$5.00 Jason Moore
\$ 5.00 Kirby Bauman
\$ 5.00 Larry E. Swogger

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\$ 2.00 Jackson
\$ 2.00 Bud Atkinson
\$ 5.00 Robert Grim
\$ 2.00 Elmer Bennett
\$ 2.00 Tim Park
\$ 5.00 Dick Greenwalt
\$ 5.00 Charlie Corfman
\$10.00 Roy Smith
\$ 5.00 Richard Orr
\$105.00

Financial Report of Acting Patriotic Instructor – PDC Richard Smyser

Donations Total \$65.00

\$10.00 Chip Rogers	\$ 5.00 Richard Greenwalt
\$ 5.00 Jason Moore	\$ 5.00 Dick Smyser
\$ 5.00 Kirby Bauman	\$ 5.00 Larry K. Swogger
\$10.00 Roy Smith	\$ 5.00 Dave Medert
\$10.00 Given Camp No. 50	\$ 5.00 Charles Corfman

Department Chaplain Report – Elmer J. Bennett

Greetings to each one of you at this Department Encampment.

As Department Chaplain this year, I have put together a Joint Memorial Service with the Auxiliary and other Allied groups assembled.

I was unable to attend the winter meeting as I do not drive in big cities.

In Jan. I was elected and am serving as Camp Commander of McLaughlin Camp No. 12. I attended the Mansfield Patriotic Association meetings to help plan Memorial Day in Mansfield, OH. In my absence I asked other members to be sure McLaughlin Camp took part in Memorial Day.

I did attend the National W.R.C. Convention in Liverpool, N.Y.

I also gave a Scholarship in Memory of my first wife Past President, Joan Bennett.

McLaughlin Camp No. 12 shared a booth at the big Civil War Show in Mansfield, Ohio. I enjoyed taking part in this.

In F.C. & F Elmer Bennett

Camp Chase Chairman Report – G.A. Brown

Subject: Camp Chase – Brothers: Fortunately, Camp Chase is still one of the best cared for Civil War sites in the State of Ohio. On 25 May, I, along with Brother John Duncan made an inspection of the site. Aside from minimal deterioration of some of the concrete

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steps. The location was in very good condition. The only vandalism noted was the theft of the Confederate cannon ball from Vicksburg.

The U.D.C. and S.C.V. held the Confederate Memorial Day service this month on the site, this is the 99th year they have done so.

Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp No. 1 has been investigating the possibility of a living History event in the area. Although local area people are interested in such an event, they have been somewhat reluctant to provide a suitable site. We have given up any hope of having an event in the near future, as the National will be in Columbus next year and we must attend to it first.

Respectfully submitted by
G.A. Brown Camp Chase Chairman

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1993-94 Historian's/Civil War Sites Activities. Keith D. Ashley

I have worked this year trying to locate the Camp names, camp numbers and town headquarters of all Camps in Ohio. I made trips to the Ohio Historical Society to see old Ohio Dept. journals of proceedings that would help. Very few of these exist. I have these available for those that wish to see them. The national secretary has promised that he will send me what he has on file when he has the time.

I have corresponded with Roger Long, who was sued by the archeologist who issued his report on Johnson's Island. The archeologist sued for slander when it was alleged that his evaluation was faulty. This suit was thrown out of court in April. This may give hope of a reprieve on this site.

The Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society has finally organized an effort to save the site of the Battle of Buffington Island, Ohio only Civil War battle. The Ohio Re-enactor's Association is also setting this site as their target for fundraising. I would ask that the Ohio Dept. consider making a token donation toward this and endorse this as a project for all Ohio Camps to make donations to. The site has been pin pointed and studied. It is in danger of being destroyed by sand and gravel pits. I have also received papers from the Assn. for the Preservation of Civil War Sites file papers on this site with them for their consideration in funding. Further, I have been contacting my U.S. representative concerning federal funding. Currently, the site is considered a Level C site and is low on the list of priorities. We must keep working to get this site saved.

I have worked with national S.U.V. historian, Jerome Orton, in his projects. He has asked that each camp fill out a questionnaire on each camp. I hope your camp has done this for our own historical records. If not, I can get you the information from Mr. Orton.

Still Gov. Voinovich's office has failed to answer any of my queries concerning the Ohio Bicentennial Commission's formation. I want to be sure that the Ohio Dept. is allowed to be a part of the 200th anniversary celebration of the State.

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I also had the distinct privilege (?) of corresponding with Sen. Carol Mosely-Braun on her biased and incorrect opinions on the use of Confederate flag in the symbol on the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This is in keeping with the resolution passed by the National Dept.

Several years ago, I tried to bring to the attention of the National Dept. that Pres. Grant's tomb was not being cared for properly. At that time, I was told that it was being monitored by the S.U.V. and there was no problem. Now we see that it is deplorable. With Grant being one of Ohio's sons, it is important this encampment take action by resolution in letting the Ohio Congressional delegation know of our feelings.

There are yearly activities that take place at Pt. Pleasant, Ohio, at the birthplace of Pres. Grant to honor his birthday. I would urge the Ohio Dept. to try to send a representative to this in future years to show our desire to honor him.

In trying to work on the proposed revision of the Ohio Dept. of Education's social studies curriculum, I received information on this. The revision was sent out to me too late to get time to digest the bureaucratic rhetoric contained in it. In order to try an improve the understanding of the Civil War, more time is needed in the American History class to teach the material. American History teachers cannot teach all of American history in a year any do it justice. I suggest that this encampment consider passing a resolution endorsing dividing of the teaching of high school American history into two years.

I attended a talk by the U.S. Park Service on their desire to catalog all the participants in the Civil War into computer. This is a multi-year project to be able to all the public to identify their ancestor's participation at a battleground and their burial in the cemeteries there. They are looking for people with computers to assist in this project. If anyone wishes to do this, let me know.

Here is a list of my year's activities excluding the attending of my camp meetings:

- Wrote Lucy McK. Porter, Chairman, of Ohio Historical Foundation concerning lack of action on Buffington Island Battlefield (6/29/93).
- Trip on Aug. 6 to Ohio Historical Society.
- 8/7 Letter to Western Reserve Hist. Society looking for S.U.V. & G.A.R. records.
- 8/7 Letter trying to locate stationary.
- 7/3 – 7/5 Gettysburg re-enactment.
- 8/7 Coolville parade.
- 8/14 National Encampment.
- Letter to Jan Michael Long on Ohio Bicentennial 8/28/93.
- Ohio Historical Society on 8/4/93 to reconstruct camps.
- Letter to James Lyons, Nat. Sec., on locating camps.
- Geo. Custer Camp #1 IL regret to attend their functions.

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- 9/28.93 – Letter to Sen. Mosely-Braun concerning support of the use of Confederate symbols.
- Letter to APCWS to save Buffington Island.
- Attended Remembrance Day.
- Letter to C-I-C concerning preparation for Daisy Anderson.
- Letter to Mark Holtsberry on Confederate graves and flags in Paulding Co.
- Call to Paul Huff on Civil War sites 12/3
- Letter to Prof. Ubbelohde on Social Studies Curriculum 12/93
- Letter to Rep. Strickland on Civil War Sites study and Buff. Island 01/94.
- Letter to Franco Ruffini, O.H.S. on Buff. Island
- Letter to James Lyons asking for list of Ohio Camps.
- Notes to Rep. Strickland on Buffington Island.
- Letter to Betty Turned, D.U.V. pres., accepted pianist position 2/16/94
- Letter to Henry Casey Camp on Grant's Tomb resolution.
- Letter to Sen. Robt. Burch, Gov. candidate, on Buffington Island.
- Participated in Memorial Day parade at Chester, Oh.
- Participated in Frost Auxiliary's Memorial Day activities.
- Participated in Gallipolis Living history in April.
- Participated in parade & living history at Centerville Memorial Day.
- Reviewed Civil War sites at Tupelo, MS; Corinth, MS; Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) TN; and Vicksburg, MS, on June 3-8.
- Attended Ohio Dept. D.U.V. and brought greetings as well as assisted in their convention June 12-14.
- Attended the Ohio Dept. mid-winter meeting in Columbus.
- Attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.
- Attended Mansfield Civil War Show.

1993-94 Membership Committee Activities

I have been active in working for greater membership and camps in Ohio. Due to my work schedule, I was unable to attend the chartering of the camps at Dayton and Toledo. I have finished the work on organizing a new camp at Middleport, Ohio named Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 soon to receive its charter. There will be over 40 members in this camp. In creating this camp, I have already initiated plans to form another camp branching off this one. Several members living rather far from the camp asked to help this new camp get started in return for helping them to form another in their area. This was agreed.

Though this will not be in the Ohio Dept., I have nearly finished the formation of a new camp in Huntington, W.Va. I will meet with those people in July. This will be a provisional camp at first.

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I had a membership booth at the Ohio Genealogical Society convention in April and obtained several possible members there. I have also been contacted by the Ohio Dept. D.U.V. to assist them in membership work. I was asked by National President of the D.U.V. to attend their national convention in Oklahoma to conduct membership training sessions, but had to decline due to the distance.

I have begun work on locating descendants for Gen. Philip Sheridan in order to obtain membership from this family. This is going to be a difficult search and will take some time.

Here is a list of my activities for the year in membership.

- 7/19 Wrote Betty Ann Turner, Ohio D.U.V., pres. For held in Youngstown
- 8/4 Wrote to three potential members in Athens County.
- Wrote Mr. Dietsch in Col. for membership.
- 9/28 Wrote Charles Edwards on a transfer member, a new member and an information table at N. College Hill re-enactment.
- 11/27 parade at Washington C.H. & Dayton Camp Installation
- 01/05 Letter to Jim Peck concerning forming a new camp.
- 01/06 20 letters to form camp at Pomeroy
- 01/11 Perry Co. OGS for information of Philip Sheridan's family.
- 1/21 Letter to Johnson's Island Historical Society 10.
- 2/8 Letter to Frances Liggett for membership in U.S. Grant Camp.
- 2/26 Letter to Charles Edwards.
- 3/14/ Organized Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 of Middleport
- 3/18 Letter to KYOWVA Gen. Soc. Regarding Lois Camp recruitment
- 3/19 Letter to Medert for camp charter and refer member to Lois Camp.
- 3/29 Letter to Druckenmiller sending Scott Baker application
- 4/18 Booth at O.G.S. Convention
- 4/20 12 letters to prospective members plus 3 letters to Camps.
- 6/12 Attended the Ohio Dept. S.U.V. and acted as pianist for them.
- 6/15 Wrote Medge Escamilla about membership for her grandson
- 6/15 Wrote membership release to River Cities News.
- 6/16 Phoned Garfield Camp on getting at-large membership transfer.

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Camp Organizer Report David R. Medert

Following is a brief report of the Ohio Dept. Camp Organizer from June 1993 through June 1994.

9-16-93 Started working with Robert Druckenmiller on organization of a Sons Camp in Toledo.

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9-2-93 Attended a meeting at Malta, Ohio with 10 members of Camp Dennison #125 from that area. A satellite camp was organized at that time with the future prospects of changing it to a separate Camp. There are now at least 12 members in that area that would be a good nucleus for a Camp there.

11-8-93 Drove to Toledo and met with Robert Druckenmiller and members at large from that area where we organized the General James McPherson Camp #66.

11-2-93 Assisted in the installation of William T. Sherman Camp #93 at the Veterans Children's Home at Xenia, Ohio in the Home Chapel. Commander-in-Chief Moore was also present.

12-4-93 Assisted in the installation of the James A. Garfield Camp #142 at Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

4-30 & 5-1-94 Set up and ran a SUVCW recruitment booth next to Bg. General Corfman's 6 pdr. 34 applications were issued.

5-15-94 Assisted in the installation of Camp McPherson at Ft. Meigs, Ohio. Work was performed outdoors.

I have brought 32 members into the SUVCW this year. The names will be covered under a separate report

/s/ David R. Medert

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Communications read by Secretary

1. A letter dated March 11, 1994, from the National Secretary, James Lyons containing the proposed language change to: Articles III, V and VII of the Constitution of the National Organization. These were read in their entirety and were voted on individually. Each was approved and the Sec'y was directed to forward the official ballot to the National Secretary.
2. Endorsement letter from the Department of Michigan, asking the Ohio Department to endorse Keith G. Harrison for the office of the Commander-in-Chief. Voted and passed.
3. Endorsement letter from the Department of Indiana, asking the Ohio Department to endorse Alan R. Loomis for the office of Jr. C-I-C.
4. A letter from Department Senior Vice Commander Robert Grim, dated June 11, 1994 in this letter he reports that he has met William A. Moore, the Commander of John P. Bruck Camp No. 96, and that Commander Moore is desirous of keeping the Camp going. He is experiencing Officer problems. As of June 30, the Camp is in arrears 3 quarters. Hopefully this will soon be taken care of.

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5. A letter from the National Historian asking each Camp in the Department to provide him with Historical information regarding the Camp, such as its date of Charter and any of its noteworthy accomplishments.
6. The Department Secretary was asked to summarize other correspondence.

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Action taken during the Encampment

1. Recognized National Council of Administration members in attendance; PCC Elmer Atkinson, Andrew M. Johnson, Peter A. Dixon, and our National Treasurer Richard D. Orr. They had a called meeting by order of Commander-in-Chief Alan Moore for Saturday night and their presence added much to this year's Encampment.
2. The incoming Department Commander is to appoint a committee to investigate and report to him their findings as to what action the Department should pursue regarding the GAR Orphans Home at Xenia, Ohio especially regarding the GAR Museum and any GAR memorabilia there.
3. Accepted the report of the By-laws Committee appointed during the 1993 Department Encampment and chaired by PCC Charles Corfman. He reported that the by-laws were adequate, but due to the age and condition of the copy made available to him, re-typing is indicated.
4. PCC Charles Corfman, Chairman of the National Site Committee, reminded that the National Encampment to be held at the Radison Hotel, Columbus, Ohio in August 1995, will require the efforts of the members of the Ohio Department if it is to be a success.
5. That 2 flag bags at an estimated cost of \$30.00 each be purchased for the Department Flags.
6. That a Liaison Officer be appointed by the incoming Department Commander to present to the State Government regarding Patriotic concerns of the Department. Brother Greg Brown of Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1 volunteered to serve.
7. Heard remarks regarding the Veteran's Commission Memorial Day expenses, not to exceed a maximum of \$300.00 per year for wreaths, programs, and flags is allowed for this observance, Camps are you using and IF NOT WHY?
8. A booth at the State Fair was discussed, but the cost factor and the overlap of time with the National Encampment caused those in attendance to reject the idea. It was strongly suggested that the County Fairs and Re-enactments furnish a wonderful opportunity for recruitment.
9. The incoming Commander is to see that the Department Bible is rebound.
10. The present Gar Highway Officer, Tim Park, brought in a Resolution suggesting that 4 members be added to a committee to aid in getting the Gar Highway in Ohio, properly marked. The Encampment approved and the appointed GAR Highway Officer is authorized to appoint up to four members to serve on said committee for this year.
11. Encampment was informed about the condition of the Daughters of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War Museum in Charleston, S.C. due to damage from the

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- hurricane. It was the consensus of the Encampment that the Department as such not donate, but that individual members seeing the need might send contributions to Catherine Townsend, Director of Market Hall in care of the Visitor's Center, Charleston, S.C.
12. A report was given that a joint observance between the Union and Confederate descendants Organizations is scheduled for 1999. And we are urged to plan to attend and support this endeavor.
 13. A Resolution from Banning Camp No. 207, regarding the needed restoration of the Monument to the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, located in the Gettysburg National Military Park was read. The Encampment concurred and it was voted to reconsider at the 1995 Department Encampment after further study.
 14. Appreciation was extended to Department Commander Chip Rogers, for his leadership and efforts on behalf of the Ohio Department.
 15. Approved expenditure not to exceed \$25.00 for the preservation of the Buffington Island Battle Site.
 16. Approved a donation of \$50.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor Fund.
 17. Approved a donation of \$25.00 to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund.
 18. Approved an expenditure, not to exceed \$30.00, for ribbons for 1995.
 19. Thanked the Chief-of-Staff and the acting Patriotic Instructor for their efforts in fund raising.
 20. Approved the following endorsements: Keith G. Harrison for the office of Commander-in-Chief; David R. Medert for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Alan R. Loomis for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and Robert Grim as a member of the Council of Administration.
 21. Accepted the report of the Committee on Officer Reports, approving all reports which this year contained No Recommendations.
 22. Accepted the report of the Audit Committee showing that the Department is solvent.
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Resolutions acted on and concurred

At the meeting of Philip Triem Camp No. 43 held at Salem, Ohio on April 10, 1994, the following Resolution was passed and sent to the Ohio Department to be presented during its Annual Encampment and if approved to be sent to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for presentation during the 113th National Encampment.

Whereas: Due to recent gun control legislation and many recent decisions and threats of impending controls. We feel that the Patriotic Activities of our Camps and the SVR might well be in jeopardy. Examples: The firings of salutes to Honored dead on Memorial Day, the presentation of Living History Demonstrations, the Re-enactment of Civil War Battles and other Programs, where we have an opportunity to promote Patriotism and Love of our Country as did our Forefathers and Ancestors who sacrificed so much that we might have the Freedoms which we enjoy.

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Be it resolved : That we the members of Philip Triem Camp No. 43, Salem, Ohio highly protest our right to bear arms and to participate in Programs which we feel will educate and provide a Patriotic understanding of the accomplishments of our Ancestors, who have given us such a rich Heritage being in infringed upon by gun control legislation and its interpretations. The right to bear arms is provided in the Constitution. Keep this freedom alive.

Resolution

Submitted by Keith D. Ashley, Secretary

National Roster of Camps and Departments

Whereas, the increase in membership, number of camps, and activity of the Sons of Union Veterans is necessitating the ability to communicate more; and

Whereas, there is increased activity in committee areas such as G.A.R. Highway, historian, Civil War sites, etc., therefore, be it

Resolved: that the roster be made available at a nominal cost to all department and camp officers.

CONCUR

Resolution

Resource Members for locating Union Soldiers' Service Records

Whereas, many applicants no longer live in the States where their Union ancestors enlisted; and

Whereas, living outside the State of a Union ancestor's place of enlistment is causing difficulty in obtaining that service record at an expensive cost, and;

Whereas, the choosing of a person in each department who could serve as a resource person at locating a State record on the service of a Union ancestor and then publishing the name, address and phone number of that person annually in THE BANNER would allow camps to get assistance in obtaining these records, therefore, be it

Resolved, that each department appoint a member or assign to an officer to serve as the contact person who will assist in obtaining State records on the service of Union soldiers within the same State, and be it further

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Resolved, that THE BANNER annually publish the person assigned by each Department to assist in locating service records of Union Soldiers, his address and his telephone number

/s/ Keith D. Ashley
Secretary

CONCUR

Resolution

Veterans' Grave Flag holders

Whereas, there is currently an Ohio Senate resolution that seeks to memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, the U.S. Constitution has never been amended by the memorializing of Congress; and

Whereas, the only precedent for calling a Constitution is the attempt to amend the Articles of Confederation in 1787, which resulted in the discarding of the entire document to write the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, Constitutional scholars believe the memorializing Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to amend the Constitution will allow our entire Constitution to be rewritten; and

Whereas, many liberals in Congress seek to eliminate basic rights such as the right to bear arms through a Constitutional Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose any attempt to memorialize Congress since such actions may result in the discarding of our U.S. Constitution in favor of a new one.

CONCUR

Resolution

Lowering Membership Age

Whereas, requests are being received for membership by males under the age of 14; and

Whereas, males need to be taken into membership and nurtured in their interest in the War of the Rebellion before high school activities quell their interest' and

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Whereas, the Ladies Auxiliary lowered their membership age in 1993 to 10 and the Daughters of Union Veterans already allow membership at age 8; and

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans should promote the ability of fathers and sons to unite at S.U.V. functions; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125 recommends that the Ohio Department and all other Departments support the lowering of the age of membership to age 12.

/s/ Keith D. Ashley
Secretary

Resolution

Camp Seal

Whereas, the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War requires each Camp to have a Camp Seal; and

Whereas, there is currently no supplier that has on file the Coat of Arms of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for making Camp Seals; and

Whereas, having the initial Camp Seal made with the Coat of Arms of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is quite expensive due to the need to design dies for this purpose; be it

Resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 S.U.V.C.W. urges the National Department S.U.V.C.W. to contact a company and have the Coat of Arms of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War set up so that Camps may order Camp Seals at a reasonable cost.

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Resolution

President Grant's Tomb

Whereas, the current condition of the tomb of President Ulysses S. Grant and his wife Julia (Dent) Grant is in reprehensible condition due to graffiti and abuse by vagrants such as open urination; and

Whereas, the location of Grant's Tomb is in an unsafe section of New York City; and

Whereas, the National Park Service spends over \$300,000 per year trying to maintain Grant's Tomb; and

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Whereas, the current amount spent by the National Park Service on Grant's tomb is insufficient to maintain it as a safe and aesthetically pleasing historical site befitting the greatness of President Ulysses S. Grant; and

Whereas, abuse of the final resting place of a more recent United States President of the 20th century would result in immediate action; and

Whereas, Ulysses S. Grant led the United States to quell a rebellion thus preserving the Union of States; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Henry Casey Camp No. 92 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War urges both the Ohio Department and the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to support action to encourage the United States Congress to disinter President Ulysses Grant and his wife Julia (Dent) Grant to be reentered in a suitable tomb at Point Pleasant, Ohio – the birthplace of President Grant.

This is to certify that the above resolution was passed by unanimous vote of the members of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 Sons of Union Veterans at a regular meeting of the Camp held on March 24, 1994.

/S/ Robert Grim
Commander

Attest
/s/ Raymond M. Grim
Secretary

CONCUR

Resolution

Establish the position of Quartermaster at the National level with a voting position on the National Council of Administration. The Quartermaster position to be an elective office.

Whereas, The Assistant Treasurer has the responsibility of stocking the stores and forms at supply service

Whereas, The Assistant Treasurer has the responsibility of having all medals of the Order manufacturer and distributed as ordered by the members and Departments of the Order

Resolved, The Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends the office of Quartermaster be formed at the National Level and said office be an elective office with a voting seat on the Council of Administration. It further recommends the position of Assistant Treasurer as related to the above duties be eliminated and the officer

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holding this post be placed in the position of Quartermaster until National elections are held

/s/ David R. Medert
Past Dept. Commander
Ohio Department.

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It was gratifying to have our Commander-in-Chief Allan W. Moore from Indiana in attendance. In his remarks to us he stressed that there is a great opportunity for service in spending time aiding the Veterans confined to the various V.A. Facilities throughout this country. That continued efforts need to be extended in seeing that Veterans Graves are flagged and that monuments are restored. That the education and the involvement of the youth of our Country is vital, not only to our Organization, but to our Country as well. He stressed the importance of having Camp and Department Histories available for future generations. The need for a National Headquarters Building. He mentioned the idea that we might consider this Organization when making a Will. The work done by a Camp in Chicago, Illinois in seeing that 228 Gravestones were replaced, he praised. He said it was good to have Confederate participation at the Grant's Tomb Ceremony, at New York. He was thrilled to participate with Camp No. 112 of Gettysburg, PA., in the Memorial Day Parade and Services. He felt that the growth in membership of the Organization is encouraging, and it is good to have new Camps in both Richmond and Roanoke, Virginia. C-in-C Moore complimented the Ohio Department for the number of new Camps and the increase in membership we have attained, complimented members who had made this increase, "Strike while the iron is hot," when it comes to securing new members or the Camps – "don't Delay," or you may lose the members or the Camps, and he finally urged us to try to attend the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan August 12-14.

Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer "Bud" Atkinson who is also serving as Assistant to the National Treasurer and in this capacity sends out the supplies from his office asked to be allowed to make a few remarks:

He informed us that the supplement for the National Constitution and Regulations is complete. That the problem with the neckties seems to be resolved. That any member desiring the War Medal must fill out the necessary application and remit it with his order. He stated that the Gold Star should be worn only on the miniature ribbon and that he will continue his efforts to be prompt with the supply order.

This concluded the business for the day.

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Saturday Evening: We had our annual Banquet. The head table was very impressive with 4 Department Heads along with their National Leaders, also present was the newly elected Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, she coming from her Department Encampment to be with us. This was truly a GAR Allied Orders Banquet.

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The program chairman was PDC Dick Smyser, who introduced the speaker for the evening John McKelvey, who spoke on the work of the Shrine, in connection with the crippled children hospitals and the Burn Institutes, and the free service given to children who need.

The Colors were presented by members in their Civil War Uniforms. PCC Richard Greenwalt served as master of ceremonies he kept the evening event very interesting. Small postal trucks that hold a roll of stamps were given by the Auxiliary to the Sons as table favors.

Sunday Morning: The annual Memorial Service of the Allied Orders was held under the leadership of our Department Chaplain Elmer Bennett. The following Brothers answered their final Muster Call this year;

D.B. Snyder	Carl Smith	Harry Dayton
Robert McCoy	Michael Colligan	John Kost

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Business Session Continued

The election of Officers was held with the following Officers being elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore. Serving as the Installing Officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer Atkinson serving as Installing Guide.
Department Chaplain Elmer Bennett serving as Installing Chaplain.

Department Commander	Robert Grim 5367 SR 725 Sabina, Ohio 45169
Sr. Vice Commander	James Hilton 4039 Dogwood Court Grove City, Ohio 43123
Jr. Vice Commander	Herbert G. Webb 2170 Brookside Dr. Dayton, Ohio 45431
Council – 3 years	Charles Rogers PDC
- 2 years	David Medert PDC
- 1 year	Richard Smyser, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer	Richard Greenwalt PCC 2449 Center Ave. Alliance, Ohio 44601
Chief of Staff	Robert Davis
Patriotic Instructor	Paul Huff

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Chaplain	Mike Trowbridge
Counselor	PCC Charles Corfman
Guide	Tim Park
Guard	John Seibert
GAR Highway	Robert Davis
Civil War Sites	Paul Huff
Camp Organizer	Greg Brown
Color Guard	Kirby Bauman
Camp Chase	Greg Brown
Genealogist	Larry K. Swogger, PDC
Historian	Keith Ashley
1995 Encampment Rep.	Richard Greenwalt
1995 Nation Site Committee	Charles Corfman, PCC

Installing of the officers concluded the 112th Ohio Department Encampment.