

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

113th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 16-18, 1995**

Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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The 113th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio on June 16-18, 1995 with Department Commander Robert E. Grim, of Sabina, Ohio, presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday June 16th was the auditing of the Department Treasurer's books by the Department Council.

Campfire

This year's Encampment was hosted by the Woman's Relief Corps. The Campfire program took us back in time with stories, jokes and poems. Patriotic music at the piano was provided by Keith Ashley, Commander of Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7. The presiding Officers of the Grand Army Family who meet together each year at the Department level were introduced and each made a few remarks on behalf of their Organization and expressed the desire that all would have a Harmonious and Profitable Encampment and that we would not allow the construction at the College keep us this year from having a good time. We were honored to have with us this year our Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, of Holt, Michigan and his son. Also the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Ercelle Speaks from Kansas with us this year. Their attendance added much to our Encampment. The evening concluded with refreshments and time or fellowship with GAR family members.

Joint Opening

The joint opening was held with the Auxiliary to the Sons. Both the Chiefs of Staff did a fine job in this real business of the Encampment. Department President Wanda Swarts expressed a desire for a productive Encampment and expressed her appreciation for the work of her officers during the past year. Department Commander Robert Grim expressed his best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Encampment for all. He introduced our Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, who wished our Departments continued success, congratulated us for our large attendance, he introduced his National Officers in attendance _ Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert; National Treasurer Richard Orr; and Member of the Council of Administration, Department Commander Robert Grim. He also introduced Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman as the Commanding Officers of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Chairman of the Encampment Site Committee. After the introductions of the National Officers, Commander-in-Chief Harrison thanked Ohio for his invitation to be with us and how he and his sons were enjoying themselves. He then turned the gavel back to Department Commander Grim, who introduced the Department Officers. It was gratifying to find all the Department Officers, both elected and appointed in attendance with the exception of one whose work kept him from attending the joint opening and the first business session. But he was able to attend the remaining sessions of business.

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Department Commander Grim appointed the following committees to serve during the Encampment:

Credentials	PDC Richard Smyser and Edward Hogan
Officer Reports	PCC Charles Corfman Kirby Bauman, John Rix Seibert II and PDC Larry K. Swogger
Resolutions	PDC David Medert, Michael Trowbridge, Roy Smith

The next order of business was the reading of the Officers Reports and referring them to the Officer's Report Committee.

OFFICER REPORTS

Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Incorporated by act of Congress

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To: The Members of the 113th Annual Encampment
Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

From: Robert E. Grim, Commander

Date: June 17, 1995

Re: Activities during the past year

It has been a great honor to serve as your Department Commander during the last year. I have tried to present the Ohio Department at as many activities as possible, and to conduct the business of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a way that would make each of you proud to be a part of this great organization. I have visited several of you during the year. My only regret is that I was not able to visit every camp in the State. Unfortunately, my work schedule would not permit me to do that.

I am proud to report that the Ohio Department continues to grow both in number of members and in numbers of Camps. Our membership is now in excess of 400. Our

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Department secretary-treasurer, Richard Greenwalt, will provide you with the membership details later. It was a great privilege to assist our Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison as he presented the Charter to Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 in Middleport, Ohio on March 17, 1995. This Camp was organized by Keith Ashley, our Department Historian, who was installed as the first Commander of this new Camp. This is the largest Camp ever chartered in Ohio and perhaps the nation; with over 50 members. Brother Ashley and the members of this Camp are to be commended.

The Ohio Department has been witness to a tremendous growth in recent years under the leadership of our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David Medert and Chip Rogers. We have seen the formation of several new Camps. It has been my pleasure to have assisted Brother David Medert in the chartering of Henry Casey Camp No. 92, William T. Sherman Camp No. 93, James A. Garfield Camp No. 142, General James McPherson Camp No. 66 and Capt. John P. Buck Camp No. 96.

I am proud to report that all these Camps continue to grow and prosper with the exception of one. The members and officers of these new Camps have worked very hard to increase membership and to take an active leadership role in our organization. They all deserve our most hear felt thanks.

The one Camp that has not succeeded is Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No 96. This Camp was organized by the late Michael Colligan. Had Brother Colligan lived I am sure the history of this Camp would be different. The Camp failed to file reports and pay its per capita tax and in September I suspended the Charter of Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96. That suspension resulted in the termination of the membership of over twenty people being carried on their records. I am pleased to report that members of the Camp have paid their delinquent per capita tax of over \$260.00. I have appointed Brother Keith Ashley as acting Commander to try and reorganize what appears to be a nucleus of about eight people who seem to have an interest in getting this Camp going again. I look forward to seeing Capt. John P. Bruck Camp No. 96 on our rolls once again.

One of our older Camps is also in trouble, U.S. Grant Camp No. 100. This Camp has been unable to elect officers and hold meetings. However, there is a definite desire by the few members still carried on the rolls to continue this Camp. I have appointed Brother Ashley as acting Commander of this Camp to help get it reorganized and officers elected and installed. I certainly appreciate Brother Ashley taking on these extra duties. I know these type of assignments are not easy.

I attended the National Encampment at Lansing, Michigan last August. I want to thank the members of the Ohio Department for supporting and helping elect me to a seat on the National Council of Administration. My term of office on the Council is three years. I have attended meetings of the Council in Lansing, Michigan, Gettysburg, Pa. and Columbus, Ohio

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I presided over the annual mid-winter business meeting of the Ohio Department hosted in Columbus by Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1 back in January. I want to thank all those who attended and helped with that very important meeting.

I have issued three general orders during the year. They will be attached as an appendix to this report in case anyone failed to receive them.

On July 4, 1994 I was honored to ride in a parade with members of Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1 at Pickerington, Ohio. My Chief of Staff, Bob Davis and our Senior Vice Commander Jim Hilton accompanied me.

I attended the Camp Council meeting of Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 125 at Jackson, Ohio on July 12, 1994.

I participated in the McConnelsville re-enactment in Morgan County on July 17, 1994. On August 4, 1994 I joined Brother Dave Medert and members of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 for a living history program at Clarksburg, in Ross County, Ohio. On August 9, 1994 I was the guest speaker at the Washington Court House Lions Club in Fayette County, Ohio. I presented a program about the Battle of Gettysburg.

On August 15, 1994 I met with Sen. Cooper Snyder about the Veterans Home at Xenia. He indicated the State is determined to close this institution. Several of you responded to my plea to send letters to the governor and members of the General Assembly asking them to keep the Home open, but it appears that it will be closed this summer.

On September 5, 1994 I had the pleasure of riding in a Labor Day parade in Canal Winchester, in Fairfield County, Ohio with members of Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1. Also in September I participated in re-enactments at Portland, Ohio, Belpre, Ohio and gave a speech about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the KYOWA Genealogical Society in Huntington, W. VA.

September 30 – October 2, 1994 I journeyed with Brother David Medert to the Central Region Conference on the Sons of Union Veterans held at Chicago, Ill. I was selected to serve as Patriotic Instructor. The 1995 meeting will be held in Indiana. They would like for Ohio to consider hosting this fine event.

April 14 and 15, 1995 I placed a wreath at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Ill as part of the annual remembrance of Lincoln's death. Brother David Medert attended that program with me. April 22, 1995 I attended the first annual artillery school held by Sons of Veterans Reserve Battery I First Ohio Light Artillery at Chillicothe, Ohio.

I have also served as commander of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 and attended all of their meetings and events. Among those events were four Memorial Day programs. At 9:00

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a.m. we conducted a service at Madison Mills Cemetery, at 10:00 a.m. we assisted the Bloomingburg Masonic Lodge with services at the Bloomingburg Cemetery, at 11:30 a.m. we assisted Circle No. 25 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic with a program at Washington Court House cemetery and at 1:30 p.m. we participated in a parade at Lees Creek in Clinton County.

On June 4, 1995 I represented the Ohio Department at a Confederate Memorial Day service near Hamilton in Butler County. About 200 where in attendance. The Butler County Chief Deputy Sheriff was the master of ceremonies and the main speaker was the Butler County Common Pleas judge. It was a very impressive program conducted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

On June 14, 1995 I presented a Flag Day Program to the Washington Courthouse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I am now closing out my year as your department Commander by presiding over this encampment. Again I want to thank everyone for the many courtesies you have extended to me and for all the help that you have provided me. If I have failed to complete some assignment that you gave me, please accept my apology, and be assured that my successor will take care of the matter for you.

But as I leave this office I would like to recommend that the Ohio Department establish an award that the Department Commander can present to people or organizations that make an effort to preserve Civil War sites or Civil War Relics. This would help enhance our public image.

I would also like to recommend that the Ohio Department take a membership in the Johnson's Island Preservation Society and encourage Camps to do the same. Robert Hazel has served as Chairman of the Johnson's Island Historic Site Committee this year and has done a fantastic job. Listen to his report very carefully.

I would also like to recommend that every effort be made to help provide funds necessary to mark the GAR Highway (U.S. Route 6) in the northern part of the State. Robert Davis who has served as Chairman of the GAR Highway Committee has made a tremendous effort this year. Please listen to his report carefully.

I will close my report by simply saying thank you for letting me serve as your Commander this year.

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**Department of Ohio
Officer of the Sr. Vice Commander
James E. Hilton**

It has been a pleasure to serve our organization for another year. Thank you for allowing me to serve in the capacity of Senior Vice Commander. While I was not able to visit all the Camps this past year I did get to a few and enjoyed myself immensely. We have a fine grouping of camps and brothers in the Ohio Department and we should all be proud of our organization. Listed below are some of the activities I participated in this past year in addition to being Secretary-Treasurer of Dennison #1 Camp.

- Elected Sr. Vice Commander of Ohio Department at annual 1994 Dept. Encampment.
- 7-2-94 Contacted Camp Commanders by mail advising them of the 58 referrals I made in 93 and 94. Advised them to follow up on the names.
- 7-4-94 Participated in 4th of July parade in Pickerington with Dennison #1 Camp.
- Attended meeting of Columbus Historical Society at Goodale Park. Learned about park activities when it was a temporary Military Camp (Camp Jackson) attended this with Cmdr. Greg Brown Dennison #1 Camp Cmdr.
- 7-23-94 Attended meeting of Wm. T. Sherman Camp in Dayton.
- 8-12-94 Attended National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.
- 9-5-94 Participated in parade with Dennison #1 at Canal Winchester.
- 9-12-94 Attended meeting of Brooks-Grant Camp in Middleport gave talk on collecting GAR memorabilia.
- 9-18-94 Attended meeting of Wm. T. Sherman Camp in Riverside.
- 9-19-94 Met with Gen. Corfman in Grove City reference to Natl. Encampment.
- 11-8-94 Attended meeting of Dennison 125 in Jackson, Ohio.
- 11-12-94 Participated in Veterans Day Parade in Columbus with Dennison #1.
- 11-20-94 Participated in Barn raising and anniversary of founding of Liberty Pres. Church in Powell, Ohio.
- 11-23-94 Participated in Thanksgiving Program at Liberty Pres. Church.
- 1-10-95 Attended meeting of Dennison 125, participated in installing officers.
- Attended meeting of Dennison 31 and participated in installing officers.
- 1-14-95 Attended mid-winter meeting of Ohio Department with Dennison #1.
- 2-11-95 Attended Lincoln Birthday Dinner in Granville, Ohio with Dennison #1.

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- 2-12-95 Attended Lincoln Birthday Dinner in Lexington with McLaughlin Camp.
- 2-14-95 Attended Lincoln Birthday Dinner at Jackson, Ohio with Dennison 125.
- Participated in placing flags on C.W. veteran's graves at Greenlawn Cemetery with Dennison #1.
- 5-28-95 a. Attended re-dedication ceremony at site of C.W. Peteran killed at Chickamauga with Dennison 1 Camp.
 - With Dennison 1 Camp participated in parade at Grove City, Ohio
 - With Dennison 1 Camp participated in re-dedication of C.W. Veterans graves at McKendree Church in Linden area of Columbus.

In Addition I have been working on the National Encampment Committee.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you. I am truly sorry I did not get to see all of you as I was "bumped into" by a fellow from Kentucky in March and spent some time recuperating. Thank you all for your support and your dedication to the Sons.

/s/ Jim Hilton
Sr. V. Cmdr. Ohio Dept.

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Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of Junior Vice Commander
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17 June 1995

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Ohio

End of Year Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander

During the past year I have received over seventy prospective member referrals. Each prospect has received a letter from me and the appropriate Camp notified of his interest. I regret to report that correspondence received from some of the prospects indicates that some Camps were slow to follow-up on the membership lead. I owe a debt of gratitude to Alan R. Loomis, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for his guidance and the referrals received from him.

I regret to admit that the efforts of the SUV, many Veterans organizations and the alumni of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home failed to save the home from closure. I have spoken to the custodian of the museum at the Home about papers and artifacts relating to the SUV and the GAR but we have never been able to get together to examine their holdings. This episode is a sad note in the history of Ohio.

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The artifact discovered by Kirby Bauman noted in my mid-year report is now one of three projects being considered by the Celebration Dayton 96 Committee. The artifact in question is a Monitor Mortar , which we propose to have restored and mounted at the Montgomery County Historical Society.

I again wish to thank Keith Ashley for his efforts to assist in getting U.S. Grant Camp on its feet. Membership is a universal concern and a particular problem in U.S. Grant. It was my pleasure to substitute for Keith at a recruitment table on 23 April at the Sharon Woods re-enactment.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Department of Ohio as the Junior Vice Department Commander this past year.

Respectfully,
/s/ Herbert Webb

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To Department Commander Robert Grim, Officers and Members of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 113th Annual Encampment

Thank you for allowing me another year to serve as your Department Secretary.

I was glad that I could attend the National Encampment; Remembrance Day at Gettysburg; the mid-winter meeting; and the recent meeting of the New York Department. I felt a sense of gratification in being able to attend the Instituting of General A. McPherson Camp No. 66 at Toledo, Ohio, also Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 at Middleport, Ohio.

Last year's Encampment I reported 14 Camps with a membership of 370 as of May 31, 1995 we have 14 Camps a membership of 448 including our Membership At Large. Captain John Black Camp No. 96 in Hamilton is under suspension. They owe the National Organization and the Ohio Department – no fees – They took care of their financial responsibilities as of December 1, 1994. There is much hope that efforts to re-activate this Camp will be successful. Thanks to those who are working to bring this Camp back as a member Camp in the Department

My thanks to the late Brother Keith Athey of Camp No. 207 for his efforts on the mailing labels. Perhaps someone else will take up his dedication and print the mailing labels for the Department.

My thanks to P.C.C. Charles Corfman for seeing that our General Orders were mailed.

My thanks to the Camps for sending me your quarterly reports and the fees on time. So that I can get the required Department reports into our National Secretary on time. I need the forms and the money by the 10th of the month following the end of the Quarter. For example this Quarter ends June 10th, so I should have the forms prior to July 10th.

The following Brothers answered their final Roll Call during this past year.

Ralph Swogger
Ken Athey

Camp No. 91
Camp No. 207

January 13, 1995
February 17, 1995

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James Corfman

Camp No. 51

March 1995

Robert Ashley

Camp No. 7

April 5, 1995

Thanks to All who helped me fulfill the responsibilities of this office.

In F.C. & L
/s/ Richard L. Greenwalt
Department Secretary

It was mentioned that Frosty was missed

To Department Commander Robert Grim, Officers and Members of the Ohio Department
Again thank you for the privilege of serving your Department as Department Treasurer
for another year. My report for the year of June 1, 1994 to May 31, 1995

Receipts

\$	25.00	Love Gift from Department Auxiliary to Sons
\$	27.00	Registration of 1994 Department
\$	105.00	Chief of Staff Fund
\$	65.00	Patriotic Instructors Fund
\$	5,757.00	Per Capita and New Members Fees
\$	35.00	Interest for Checking Account
\$	660.00	Account Error
\$	260.00	Per Capita From Camp No. 96
\$	400.00	Members at Large
\$	451.77	<u>Transfer of Funds</u>
\$	8,385.77	Total

Last year I reported that the Department was in the Red of \$811.18. I am happy to report that this situation was cleared up with the account error of \$660.00 and Camp No. 96 paying their arrearage of \$260.00 for a total of \$920.00.

Checking and Certificates of Deposit (CD's)	June 1994 - \$4,447.95
	June 1995 - \$4,454.02
Permanent Fund	June 1994 - \$7,117.42
	June 1995 - \$7,331.53

Disbursements

\$	274.35	1994 Department Encampment
\$	50.00	National Patriotic Instructor Fund
\$	25.00	National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
\$	45.46	Printing Department Encampment Proceedings

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\$	4,342.50	National Organization Per Capita and New Members Fee
\$	150.00	Department Commander National Encampment
\$	49.00	Department Flag Work
\$	246.00	Supplies for Secretary
\$	262.64	Printing – General Orders
\$	135.54	Printing – General Orders
\$	5.00	Postage – General Orders
\$	7.00	Transfer of Member At Large to Wisconsin
\$	134.41	<u>Secretary – Postage and Telephone Calls</u>

\$5,626.90 Total

Respectively in F.C. & L
/s/ Richard Greenwalt
Department Treasurer

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Office of Chief of Staff Bob Davis 3291 Amanda Northern Rd, Carroll Ohio 43112
17 June 1995

July 4, 1994 - participated in the Independence Day Parade and recruiting tent at
Pickerington, Ohio

July 16, 1994 – Visited the Leesburg, West Virginia Confederate Grave years and visited
with the Director of the Visitors Center. Later had correspondence with Mr. John
McHenry, Director.

August 1994 (a) Letters to T. Frazzini of Ohio Grave Registrations, Hamilton, Ohio –
also letters to Mrs. Toler of Fayetteville, West Virginia to trace her Union Ancestor.

(b) Correspondence with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles in reference to
special license plates, need to have a large number of plates promised in
order to qualify.

Sept. 1994 – Participated in the Canal Winchester, Ohio Labor Day Parade

Nov – Dec. 1994 Corresponded with several Brothers and Dept. of Ohio Transportation
for signing of the G.A.R. Highway.

Jan 1995 Corresponded with Brothers, Peterson, Grim and Hosmer in reference to
G.A.R. highway.

March 1995 Attended Grand Junction, Co. Memorial Day Ceremonies

June 7, 1995 Attended Tues. Evening Lincoln Tomb and 114 Inf. Honor Guard. Visited
Springfield, Ill. National Office of Daughters also Woman's Relief Corps.

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June 16-17-18, 1995 Attended Dept. Of Ohio Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
/s/ Bob Davis

Donations to Chief of Staff Fund

\$25.00 Gov. William Dennison Camp No. 1
\$ 5.00 Bob Davis
\$ 5.00 Jim Hilton
\$ 5.00 Pete Carlson
\$ 5.00 PCC Charles Corfman
\$20.00 Roy Smith
\$ 5.00 Kirby Bauman
\$ 5.00 Mike Trowbridge
\$ 5.00 Judy Morgan
\$ 5.00 Dept. Commander Robert Grim
\$ 5.00 Tim Park
\$ 5.00 James A. Garfield Camp No. 142
\$ 5.00 McClellan Camp No. 91
\$ 5.00 PCC Richard Greenwalt
\$ 5.00 Herbert Webb
\$ 5.00 PDC Larry K. Swogger
\$ 5.00 PDC Richard Smyser
\$ 5.00 Terry Frost
\$ 5.00 Dick Brown

\$155.00
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Office of Patriotic Instructor Paul Huff (Oral Report)

Paul gave an oral report starting by passing out literature regarding July Re-enactments:

In 1994-1995 I wore many hats. I belong to a lot of different organizations, but everything I did I presented myself as the Patriotic Instructor of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I July, not long after the Ohio Encampment I represented as Patriotic Instructor at the State of Ohio 100th Anniversary celebration at the Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Cleveland, Ohio.

- In Sept 1994 I organized, advertised and displayed at the County Civil War Show. About 400 people passed thru the door which wasn't bad and I would say about 40% of the tables were set up by Sons of Union Veterans. I wonder how that happened! James A. Garfield Camp was able to sign up 10 prospects that day.

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- I presented a slide show and talk at the County Civil War Round Table, Memorial Library, James A. Garfield Camp and Stark County Civil War Round Table.
- I was newsletter Editor and Vice Pres. Of Cuyahoga County Civil War Round Table.
- I attended the mid-winter conference of the Sons of Union Veterans Ohio Department at Columbus, Ohio.
- March I was appointed as an Aide to the Editor of THE BANNER.
- My first act was at the Mansfield Fair and I manned the Sons of Union Veterans tent around the corner of the building for a while.
- In May I sent 2 stories and 18 photos to Gregory Hayes, Editor of THE BANNER and I also contacted the Ohio Historical Society about reprinting this article in the "Echoes." The article was about the collection of Civil War material in the Ohio Historical Society. The woman who puts these "Echoes" is suppose to get back to Gregory about printing and accreditation.
- May 27th I manned the James A. Garfield Camp tent at Burton Village.
- I gave a short speech at Woodlawn Cemetery Ceremony, Cleveland, Ohio and passed out a few articles. The ceremony was basically dreamed up and done by Burdell Waffler and Bill Smith of the Philip Triem Camp, Salem, Ohio, also the James A. Garfield Camp. This ceremony made the "Plain Dealer"; Channel 43 News; Channel 19" broadcast live on Channel 8 in the afternoon.
- A few things I wanted to do during the mid-winter meeting as far as getting out a Patriotic Instructor newsletter of which I still hope to do that.
- One of the things I starting making contacts on – is you remember I wanted to set up a Patriotic Instructor table at National Encampment with flyers of all Civil War Sites in Ohio. I have come up with about 34 sites – also as you know we have 5 Presidents who were born in Ohio, that were in the Civil War, and we have about 4 different sites for Presidents that of course includes Hayes, McKinley, Garfield and a couple sites in southern Ohio, Point Pleasant and Georgetown, Ohio where Ulysses S. Grant is from. There is a small house in North Bend Ohio where Benjamin Harrison was born but nothing I would send anyone to see. I would like to establish a big map with pins then give out flyers, as people might want to see these sites in Ohio and do research in the Archives we have. I have a few stories here of Johnson Island, another story of a guy who is a directory of all Civil War Cannons, remaining in the US and I thought maybe sometime each local Camp might want to walk to their local park and maybe send to this guy a note about Civil War Cannon in your back yard.

One thing THE BANNER would like is someone who is capable of taking black and white shots at the National Encampment, so if any of you know any Brothers who are pretty good with a camera, I will probably be pretty busy covering the Nat'l Encampment so if you know of anyone I would like to find that out. A couple more things – good news and bad news – if any of you that have relatives from the Akron area – a man just donated Buckley Posts a 10 minute books to the Akron Summit County Archives at the University of Akron. The bad news is; the Buckley Chapel located in Glendale Cemetery is one of the most beautiful Civil War related monuments of the Gar in Ohio it was

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mentioned in National Publication of 1890. The Chapel's stained glass windows are of Civil War Soldiers – of women sending them to war – bringing them home – nursing them and on the wall of the Chapel is all the names of men from Summit County who were in the Civil War. And more bad news is that the Chapel will need a quarter of a million dollars to renovate, so it will be safe for the public to go in and see the windows. Later I will pass around about the sites that I have listed and if anyone can think of any site I have not listed in Ohio please let me know.

I am collecting for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund, I have 4 books on a raffle and I will appreciate donations. Is there any questions? PDC Larry Swogger responded he said he had a guide for every Civil War site in all States at home and he said it was a great book and Paul said he would like to see it. Larry also said the Ohio magazine – 2 years ago had a story of all sites in Ohio.

Donations to Department Patriotic Instructor's Fund:

\$5.00 McClellan Camp No. 91
\$5.00 PCC Richard Greenwalt
\$5.00 Mark Eckley
\$5.00 PDC Larry Swogger
\$5.00 James Hilton
\$5.00 Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert
\$5.00 PCC Charles Corfman
\$5.00 Richard Orr National Treasurer
\$5.00 Terry Frost
\$1.00 Bob Davis
\$5.00 PDC Richard Smyser
\$5.00 Pete Carlson
\$1.00 John Seibert
\$10.00 Dept. Commander Robert Grim
\$5.00 Paul Huff Patriotic Instructor
\$2.00 Keith Harrison National Commander-in-Chief
\$1.00 Gary Watson
\$2.00 Jason Watson
\$2.00 Tim Parks
\$84.00 Total

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1994-1995 Membership Committee Report

Keith D. Ashley

I have been extremely active in promoting membership in the S.U.V. This has included not only in Ohio but also in Louisiana, Florida, West Virginia and Minnesota.

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I contacted McPherson Camp in Toledo to have a booth at the Ohio Genealogical Society convention at Toledo in April. I wish to thank them for the splendid job they did. I believe these located some potential members. I was unable to attend the re-enactment I had planned at Sharonville, Ohio. I wish to thank Col. Webb for handling this.

I organized Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 of Middleport, Ohio with 54 charter members. I am the Commander. Commander-in-Chief Harrison personally came to present the charter and Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt and his wife were present.

I am still working with U.S. Grant Camp No. 100 of Cincinnati. There is an increase in membership, but the commander asked to step down. Ohio Dept. Commander Grim assigned me as acting Commander until one can be found. I am working with a member there to get meetings started later this summer.

Commander Grim then authorized me to work on the reinstatement of John Bruck Camp of Hamilton, Ohio. I have sent 22 letters to the previous members asking that they pay dues. From that point, I will work to get a meeting set up to get the Camp in fully active status.

I tried to get Joseph Stockham, Commander of Lois Camp, to attend one of my Camp meetings to work with him. He promised to come but didn't. This Camp is going to need special attention. I believe that the problem there is a lack of knowledge of Camp operations. I have offered help to Commander Stockham but was not taken up on this.

I update our contact person to the GENEALOGICAL HELPER on the Ohio Dept. I had membership tables at the re-enactments of Buffington Island and Blennerhassett Island. I have worked with the D.U.V. in answer to request for membership for male relatives of the D.U.V. I have, in turn, referred members to them as well.

I received a request for Camps in Huntington W.Va. and Buckhannon, W. Va. Which I am following up on. There seems to be a movement for a Camp at Marietta, Ohio, as well, which will take members from Brooks-Grant Camp when this happens. This was agreed to when Brooks-Grant Camp was formed.

1. Met in Huntington, WV on July 21 toward forming a Camp.
2. Letter to Delaware on membership.
3. 10 letters to check up on those who signed up at O.G.S. convention.
4. Letter to Ron Turner of Manassas, VA.
5. Letter to Jerald Ramsey asking to keep him on prospective list 8/9/95.
6. Received certificate of Commendation for recruitment.
7. Letter to Glenn Schubert 8/19/94.
8. Letter to Chas. Edwards 8/19/94
9. Sent ad to the Genealogical Helper for all Ohio allied orders.
10. Letter on Troy Bailey to Paul Huff.
11. Letter 10/12/94 to Charles Edwards for membership table.
12. Letter 10/28/94 to Sara Hurst on Gen. McClellan's family.
13. 6 letters 10/29/94 to prospective members of U.S. Grant Camp.
14. Letter to Rick Gilliland, prospect, 11/04/94.
15. Letter to Clifford Sayre, Jr., prospect, 11/04/94.
16. Letter to Betty Turner 11/05/94
17. Letter to Herbert Webb 11/21/94.
18. 2 Letters to Glenn Schubert

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19. Letter to Jeff Schrock 12/12/94.
 20. Letter to Paul Peters 12/12/94
 21. Letter to Fred Martin in San Fran. 01/09/95.
 22. Letter to Beth Wagner 01/09/95.
 23. Letter to Joseph Stockham, Lois Camp 01/09/95
 24. Letter to Gerald Urick 01/11/95
 25. Letter to CIC on Hereditary Blue Book ad 01/11/95
 26. Called Joseph Stockham, Lois Camp, Commander 01/23/95
 27. Letter to Joseph Stockham 01/24/95
 28. Letter to Robert Grim on Lois Camp 01/23/95
 29. Letter to Jim Peck concerning forming a Camp.
 30. Letter to Charles Edwards concerning Camp Commander's position 01/31/95
 31. Letter to Glenn Schubert working membership in U.S. Grant Camp 01/31/95
 32. Letter to Joseph Stockham, Lois Camp Commander, 01/31/95
 33. Letter to Clifford Pohl on Dec 94 report overdue 02/06/95
 34. Letter to Glenn Schubert on 03/02/95 on membership table.
 35. Letter to Mazurek family on 03/10/95 in Ill.
 36. Letter to Dena Lamphere (03/10/95) getting membership info for Mazurek.
 37. Phone call to C-I-C on 03/10/95
 38. Phone call to Michael Cupp 03/26/95 to save Camp.
 39. Phone call to Bob Grim (03/26/95) to be appointed Camp Organizer for Bruck Camp.
 40. Letter to Greenwalt (03/28/95) to get list of Bruck Camp's membership.
 41. Letter to Michael Cupp (03/28/95) to work on reactivating the Camp.
 42. Letter to Jim Hilton (04/12/95) referring Howard Hickman.
 43. Call to Glenn Schubert (04/16/95) on U.S. Grant
 44. Call to Herb Webb (04/15/95) on U.S. Grant Camp.
 45. Mailing of membership materials to H. Webb (04/18/95).
 46. Mailed applications to Randolph "Randy" Rach on 04/18/95.
 47. Letter to MI Dept. Jr. Vice Commander 04/18/95 on Randy Rach.
 48. Packet to Herb Webb for Sharon Woods event 04/18/95.
 49. Helped at S.U.V. membership table at OGS Toledo Convention 04/21-22/1995.
 50. Application to James Brown of Oregon, OH (04/28/95).
 51. Letter to Roger Druckemiller on James Brown (04/28/95)
 52. Letter to C-I-C Harrison on new camp (05/05/95).
 53. Letter and packet to Michael Phillips for new Camp (05/15/95)
 54. Letter to Vaughn Rawson for new Camp 05/15/95.
 55. 24 letters to former members of Bruck Camp (05/08/95)
 56. Letter to Stephen Sayke on membership application 6/8/95
 57. Phone to Col. William Moore on Bruck Camp 06/10/95.
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Report of Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Keith D. Ashley

After the last department encampment, Commander Grim assigned me to make the necessary changes in the current constitution and by-laws. I appreciate his confidence in me to do this. I have had a lot of experience in this area writing other similar documents for other major state groups.

With the major changes being made by the National Organization and the Ohio Department, the only solution was to start from scratch. I worked many, many hours to write the document that was presented at the Ohio Department mid-winter meeting. It is not a perfect document. It does present a good basic beginning. Copies of the proposed document were either presented to camps at the mid-winter meeting or sent to them. To insure the receipt of this document by those camps absent from the mid-winter meeting, I sent self-addressed, stamp reply cards to those camps. All camps responded that they had received them.

I have personally taken care of the cost of making the copies of the proposed document that have been distributed. I even paid for the mailing of copies to the camps.

The proposed document was designed to deal with a larger, growing department in Ohio. It also tries to deal with some of the requirements of the national constitution and regulations that have not been addressed.

Some changes have come to my attention that are not in agreement with the National Constitution and Regulations. I will note this as we proceed through the document. I particularly thank Richard Greenwalt for his very thorough study of the new document and presenting his changes to it.

One thing we cannot afford to do is to try to continue with the document we now have with its confusing wording and its failure to comply with law.

1. Sent completed Regulations and By-Laws to dept. commander on 01/09/95 offering to make copies in time for the mid-winter meeting.
2. Letter to Mr. Pahl, National Counselor. 01/11/95
3. Sets of proposed regulations to Lois Camp, U.S. Grant Camp, Bruck Camp & McLaughlin Camp 01/31/95 (including reply cards.)
4. Copy to Richard Greenwalt 02/06/95.
5. Copy to William Smith, Philip Treim Camp 02/08/95

To: Dept. of Ohio

From: Greg Brown, New Camp Organizer and Camp Chase Chairman

Subj: Activities

I have been in contact with several individuals who have expressed some interest in forming Camps in West Alexandria, Marion, and Fremont, Ohio. There is not at this time a sufficient amount of membership in those areas to justify establishing new Camps.

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Perhaps this year there may be more recruiting in those areas and the numbers may increase to a level that new camps may be established.

Camp Chase this year had a 100th anniversary celebration conducted by the S.C.V. and several local groups. We were not invited, this may have been an over site, or perhaps it was felt that our participation was not appropriate. In any case, it needed to be done as it has been several years since any activities of size have taken place here.

June 1994: Recruiting and fund raising at Newark re-enactment.

July 1994: Fund raising, recruiting and information at Pickerington, Ohio.

Information, recruiting and Fund raising at Alum-Feast in Westerville, Ohio

Recruiting at State House G.A.R. event Columbus, Ohio.

Aug. 1994: Information, recruiting and fund raising at G.A.R. Bean Dinner, New Castle, Ohio.

Sept. 1996: Labor Day Parade Canal Winchester, Ohio

Oct. 1994: Recruiting, information and fund raising at Brice Rd. Mall, Columbus, Ohio

Nov. 1994 Veterans Day Parade, Columbus, Ohio

Jan. 1995 Dept. mid-winter meeting Columbus, Ohio

Began organizing S/V/R/ unit.

Fed. 1995 Lincoln Birthday Dinner, Granville, Ohio

May 1995 Worked with Operation Flag

Participated in re-dedication of Peters Cemetery

Marched in Grove City Parade

Participated in Operation Flag

Placed Flags in Greenlawn Cemetery

This past year I have been involved in organizing Co. D. 25th O.V.I. (A.k.a. 12th Ohio Lt. Art.) I have also been involved with the Nation Encampment

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ Gregory A. Brown

New Camp Organizer/Camp Chase Chairman

1994 -5 Historian's Report of the Ohio Department

Keith D. Ashley, Historian

I have been very active this year. I was an instrumental part of the 175th anniversary celebration for Gen. William T. Sherman. Sherman House at Lancaster had to turn away 100 people to this event. It was due to my work that Frederick Sherman Caldwell, the great-great grandson of the general and an S.U.V. member, personally came and brought several original pieces of the general. At this time, I have been working with Sherman House in the special U.S. Postal cancellation of the upcoming Gen. Sherman stamp, which will occur on June 30 to July 2, 1992.

Wish to point out that the U.S. Mint is minting Civil War Coins that are still available to purchase. Part of the proceeds will go to battlefield preservation. The U.S. Postal

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Service will be releasing a series of 20 Civil War Stamps also. Check with your Post Office to obtain them.

If anyone is interested in obtaining exact copies of forms used during the Civil War, I have the name and address of a supplier. These include draft and enlistment documents.

Since there is no Graves Chairman in Ohio to the National position, I wish to suggest that we adopt a form to registrar Civil War graves and have camps register these with both the Ohio Dept. historian who will then forward them to the national Graves Chairman.

The problems at Grant's Tomb have still not been resolved to the best of my knowledge. The Grant family is threatening to remove the Grants to West Point if changes aren't made. This will have to continue to be monitored.

One item of concern that arose is a recent book on the Battle of Croydon (Indiana), which states that only two "official" battles occurred in the northern States. This obviously excluded the Battle of Buffington Island. I contacted the author on this. He told me that the military only listed these two battles. It has always been my understanding that a skirmish had less than 1000 participants while a battle had more than 1000. This must not be the case. More information will have to be obtained on this.

We have won a victory on the Bull Run battlefield preservation with the ending of the Disney Theme Park there. Also, a local resident in the Saylor's Creek battlefield donated a large tract of his farm for permanent preservation.

I tried to get the Ohio Department represented in two important ceremonies. I was unable to attend the ceremonies at Pres. Hayes' home in October. I am trying to get the April celebration at Gen. Grant's boyhood home at Pt. Pleasant, Ohio, to include a similar event. I was unable to attend that event this year.

At the mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Department, a request was made that all Civil War monuments including G.A.R. buildings and monuments be located and photographed and catalogued. This requires that all historical societies and museums in Ohio be contacted. Due to the generosity of the Ohio Department commander, I was able to purchase a list of these groups. If the Ohio Department approves this project, I will then assign each camp a number of these organizations in their areas to contact and locate these monuments. I anticipate that this will be a multi-year project due to its size. Once this is done, the Ohio Department may want to publish this, but that does not have to be decided at this time.

I want the Ohio Department to consider a special citation for non-members who in some way contribute to the memory of the G.A.R. or the preservation of information, materials, monuments, battlefields or graves of the Union. This year a black cemetery near New Straitsville, Ohio had special Civil War ceremonies for the black Union veterans buried there. The cemetery was saved due to one man's actions. He should be recognized.

I also suggest that the Ohio Department consider an annual commander's project that asks all camps in Ohio to contribute for Civil War preservation. If this is to be one of our goals, the Ohio Department should give some direction in this area.

Lastly, I ask that the Ohio Department consider taking out a \$15 annual membership in the G.A.R. Museum in Philadelphia. It is the only museum dedicated to the history of the G.A.R.

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In addition to attending all the camp meetings of Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7, I attended the mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Department; the national encampment at Lansing, Michigan; the Civil War show at Mansfield; re-enactments at Opequan (Cedar Creek), North College Hill, Newark, Buffington Island, Blennerhassett Island, Gallipolis; Memorial Day parade at Chester, Ohio; Memorial Day ceremonies at Huntington, W.Va.

I traveled to the Civil War sites of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) in Tennessee, Vicksburg Battlefield, Tupelo Battlefield, Lincoln's Birthplace, and Lincoln's boyhood home. I attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.

I assisted a request for Civil War Bugle Calls registering a Civil War cannon and marking a Union soldier's grave. I obtained the ribbons for the Ohio Department meeting and purchased at my own cost ribbons for the Ohio Department of the Auxiliary.

I sent in an entry for the national essay on the meaning of membership in the S.U.V. I also sent in my resume to the S.U.V. history book to be printed.

I have worked on finding descendants on Gen. Philip Sheridan only to find out that all four of his children had no descendants. I am now working on collateral descendants for him.

I had the privilege of representing Commander Grim at the Ohio Dept. Daughters of Union Veterans at Canton, Ohio. I also acted as the pianist for their meeting.

I request that we have a picture of all officers – both old and new – of the Ohio Department for the historian's archives.

Here is the list of communications I handled without reimbursement:

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1. Letter to Robert Grim 6/21
 2. Letter to Herbert Webb 6/21
 3. Letter to Greg Brown ^/21
 4. Letter to Sherman House on 175th Anniversary of Sherman's birth.
 5. Call to Grim on Pres. Hayes tribute in October.
 6. Letter to Bob Davis concerning T. Fazzini 8/3/94
 7. Letter to Bob Davis on G.A.R. Highway history and duties.
 8. Attended National Encampment, Woman's Relief Corps and D.U.V. National.
 9. Acted as installing Chaplin for new Commander-in-Chief.
 10. Letter to Sherman House 01/11/95
 11. Call to Bob Grim on Sherman birthday 01/18/95
 12. 3 letters on Sherman's birthday
 13. Letter to Jerome Orton on a real son's certificate 01/21/95
 14. Letter to Peter Dixon on Lincoln Memorial ceremony 01/21/95
 15. Letter to Gertude Sarvady on Sherman's Birthday 01/25/95
 16. Letter to Linda Bennett and Janet Suchy on Sherman's birthday 01/25/95.
 17. Letter on Gen. Corfman on Sherman's birthday.
 18. Letter to commander on Johnson's Island.
 19. Letter to Jon Silvas on Cleveland celebration for Washington 2/7/95
 20. Card to Bob Grim on OH Assn. of Hist. Society 02/06/95.
 21. Letter to R.B. Hayes Center on ceremonies at tomb 2/10/95
 22. Letter to Rand Bach on Bugle calls 3/29/95

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- 23. Letter to Fred Conway Sr. on omitting Battle of Buffington 4/13/95
 - 24. Letter to Paul Boyer in registering a cannon 5/19/95
 - 25. Letter to Philip H. Sheridan Jr. 5/27/95
 - 26. Letter to Roger Druckemiller on Brig. Gen. Steed's items 6/2/95
 - 27. Letter to Phyliss Kuhn on Sherman stamp cancellation 6/8/95
 - 28. Letter to Philip H. Sheridan Jr 6/9/95
 - 29. Letter to Dr. Ronald Powell on the Ohio Civil War Assn. 6/11/95
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DEPARTMENT OF Ohio G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER – Bob Davis
3291 Amanda Northern Rd., Carroll, Ohio 43112
June 17, 1995 ANNUAL REPORT.

Serving on the G.A.R. Committee also is Brother Roger Hosmer, Orwell, OH
PROJECT – Placing G.A.R. Highway signs across State Route 6 in Ohio. In 1937, Ohio Legislature passed an act stating Ohio shall cause G.A.R. signs to be erected.

My interpretation of this act is; that it does not say Ohio will furnish the signs to be erected, only erect them.

Brother Hosmer contacted, Mr. Bob Smith, Ohio Dept. of Transportation, 705 Oakwood, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 – phone (216) 297-0801. Mr. Smith stated if we furnish the signs, the Transportation Dept. of Ohio will erect the signs on standard Dept. steel posts.

Inside the east Ohio border, at Andover, Ohio are four (4) signs at the intersection of State Route 6 & 7.

Rhode Island and Pennsylvania are well signed and was completed mostly by the work and funds of said Departments.

According to Alan E. Peterson, National G.A.R. Highway Officer, the Dept. of Ohio can purchase these signs from a provider in Rhode Island. If any Brother in Ohio knows of a provider that has a better price of \$25.00 each, we would like the information.

We would like to place signs on both sides of State Route 6 at the following counties; Lake, Cuyahoga, Loraine, Erie, Sandusky, Wood, Henry and Williams (Ashtabula). We propose this be done immediately while we have Mr. Smith of the Ohio Transportation Depts. Attention.

We propose to seek donations as other Departments have done from Camps and individual Brothers. The G.A.R. Highway Committee would like to proceed seeking these funds

Eight (8) counties each side 18 signs, Last price \$25.00 each Approx. \$450 & tax.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

/s/ Bob Davis
Dept. of Ohio G.A.R. Hwy. Officer.

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JOHNSON'S ISLAND HISTORIC SITE COMMITTEE

Bob Hazel, Chairman

Dear Commander:

As the annual encampment of the Ohio Dept. approaches, and with it the expiration of your term in office as our Commander, I wanted to provide you with one final summary report regarding the activities of the Johnson's Island Historic Committee.

Since your appointment of myself as Chairman July 25, 1994, I, along with my Brother Duane R. Gettings and Robert M. Druckemiller, have concluded that five very historically significant sites remain upon the Island. They are as follow:

- Confederate Stockade Cemetery, including monument
- Fort Johnson, including its collapsed powder magazine (larger Fortifications – smaller fortification, earthworks totally intact)

- Dock over where arrivals and departures occurred during the Civil War
- Actual prison yard site.

While other archaeologically important sites also still exist, such as the foundations of Union Soldiers barracks, water wells and collapsed powder magazines, the above five are paramount significance.

Of these five only the Confederate Stockade Cemetery with its Monument is currently adequately protected. It is maintained quite well by the Federal Government's Veterans Administration, and receives numerous visitors daily. The other four presently are located upon private property, principally that of Carl Zipbel – a "developer" from Strongsville, Ohio operating as Baycliffs Corp. The latter is currently attempting to place numerous condominiums and "dockaminiums" upon the property, which would have a very deleterious effect upon these sites.

Presently several lawsuits remain pending filed by various residents of the Island, the Johnson's Island Property Owners Association and Danbury Township, as well as by the "developer" tying matters up in various courts.

It would appear that the efforts of the Johnson's Island Preservation Society perhaps provides the best opportunity for preserving the historical integrity of the Island. Their plans include, along with proper maintenance of the Confederate Stockade Cemetery and Monument, preservation and restoration of Fort Johnson, Fort Hill and the dock area utilized throughout the Civil War. They also envision restoration of a portion of the stockade wall upon the actual prison yard site, as well as construction of a nearly visitors museum and archives research center. (A treasure of material currently housed at the Follett House Museum in Sandusky, as well as elsewhere, could be returned to the Island.) The current president of the Johnson's Island Preservation Society is Bob Maynard, an island resident. The primary contact person is Marion J. Vance of Tenter & Associates Natural Resources Management. She can be written to at 85 East Gay St, Suite 702, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or telephone at (614) 228-3274. Either individual can be written to at Johnson's Island Preservation Society, Post Office Box 1865, Johnson's Island, Ohio 43440. Recent fund raising events have included the sale of "Rebel Fire/Yankee Ice; The Johnson's Island Story" (an excellent historically accurate video)

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the sale of sweatshirts and T-shirts commemorating “The most significant Civil War site in Ohio” as well as adds being run in National publications.

On May 28, 1995 members and associates of General James Birdseye McPherson Camp #66, northwest Ohio, participated in Memorial Services conducted at the Confederate Stockade Cemetery. We laid a wreath at the foot of the Monument, this being the first time to my knowledge that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have ever been officially represented at this annual event. Approximately eight hundred people were in attendance – over double from the previous year. Such a turnout, particularly upon a rainy day, is a tribute to the efforts of the Johnson’s Island Preservation Society. Upon asking Mrs. Vance what we as an Order could most do to help in their efforts, she suggested that it would be quite appreciated if our membership could engage in a letter writing campaign to specific elected leaders to let them know of our concern regarding proper preservation of these historical sites. The elected officials mentioned were as follows: United States Senator Glenn; United States Senator DeWine; United States Congressman Gilmor; Ohio Senator Greenwood; Ohio Representative Opber; Johnson’s Island is located within their jurisdictions.

Again Commander, let me sincerely thank you for your constant and unwavering support of our efforts this past year, particularly through your appeals in “the banner” and in each of your “General Orders.” It has certainly been a high honor and distinct privilege to have been of service to you and the SUVCW.

Godspeed, Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/ Bob Hazel

Junior Vice Commander and Council Member
General James Birdseye McPherson Camp #66

P.S. If I can ever be of assistance to you, or to your successor as Commander, in the future, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Ohio Department Secretary reported that he had received a great deal of correspondence during the year, and answered all of the same, but for the sake of time that he would summarize, and if anyone wants more information on them, he has them in his office.

The Department Commander Grim kept him informed of his efforts regarding Camps in Cincinnati and our suspended Camp in Hamilton. Also of his appointment of Keith Ashley to work with these two Camps.

Endorsements from other Department for:

David Medert for National Commander-in-Chief (from Ohio)

Alan Loomis for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (From Indiana)

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Richard Orr for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (from Pennsylvania)
From Davis Camp, Pittsburgh, Pa for Raymond L. Sommer for the office of National Treasurer.

A great deal of correspondence from our Department GAR Highway Officer regarding his efforts in this office.

Updates on addresses from our National Membership List Coordinator.
Questions about our Organization and requests for applications.
Several letters from our National Secretary regarding Council of Administration Meetings.

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE ENCAMPMENT

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1. Recognized the following National Officers in attendance; Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert; National Treasurer Richard Orr; and the Commanding Officer of the SVR Charles Corfman.
 2. Recognized the attendance of Camp Commanders from Camps 7, 91, 92, 93, and 125.
 3. Showed appreciation for the fact that all elected and appointed Department Officers were in attendance by giving them a standing ovation during the second business session.
 4. Accepted the report by the By-laws Committee, noted that our present By-laws were approved by the National Counselor with some minor changes which were approved, during the Encampment. The committee is to continue working and is to report any proposed changes at next year's Encampment.
 5. Camp Commander Keith Ashley of Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 was presented a plaque for securing the most new members.
 6. When the Ohio President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War visited our morning meeting to bring us her greetings, it was unanimously decided that she would be our guest at the Banquet on Saturday evening.
 7. It was voted that beginning with next year's Encampment that the Commanding Officer of the Confederate for the State of Ohio, should be invited to be our guests at the Saturday night Banquet.
 8. That Herb Webb and PDC Larry Swogger should serve on the Committee if Ohio hosts the National Encampment in 1996.
 9. Approved a donation of \$50.00 for the National Patriotic Instructor.
 10. Approved a donation of \$50.00 for the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
 11. Approved the sum of \$150.00 toward the expense of the Department Commander to National Encampment.
 12. Accepted the gracious invitation to the open house of John Rix Seibert.
 13. Approved the purchase of ribbons for the 1996 Department Encampment at a cost not to exceed \$40.00.
 14. Approved the sum of \$500.00 to be given to the host committee toward expenses of the 1995 National Encampment to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

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15. Endorsed Past Department Commander David Medert for the office of National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Alan Lomis for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Richard Orr for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman for the office of National Treasurer
 16. Heard a great deal of discussion about the Orphan's Home at Xenia, OH. The members expressed much concern about the GAR memorabilia in the Home and the building and grounds and what was to happen to this property. The question of; do the Sons of Union Veterans have any claim to this property as the legal heirs of the GAR? Is so how do we get what is rightfully ours? The Brothers in the geographical area of Xenia, have been working on this matter and the incoming Commander James Hilton commended them on their efforts and instructed them to keep us informed as to their findings.
 17. Agreed to make individual and Camp donations for the purchase of identification signs to be used along Route 6, The Grand Army Highway, upon further recommendation from our Dept. GAR Highway Officer, Robert Davis, who agreed to serve another year in this office.
 18. Strongly affirmed that the unorganized Militia is not a part of the SVR or connected in any manner with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
 19. Were made aware of the Museum in the American Legion Building in Massillon, Ohio and that it contains many artifacts relating to the Civil War, as well as to the Wars since 1865. The members are invited to go and see the displays. Contact the American Legion of Massillon first because the Museum does not have regular hours at this time.
 20. Accepted the report of the Committee on Officers Reports and commended the Officers for a year of dedicated service.
 21. Accepted the report of the Audit Committee.
 22. Approved the motion that stated that the Department Secretary's minutes should be the official Proceedings of the Encampment.
 23. Donations of \$25.00 for preservation of Buffington Island.
 24. That Resolutions #1; #2; and #3 be sent to the National Secretary to be presented to the National Encampment in 1995 at Columbus, Ohio
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#1 RESOLUTION (OPPOSITION TO GOALS 2000)

WHEREAS: The Clinton administration has written national standards for the teaching of U.S. History for grades 5 through 12 as "Goal 2000" and

WHEREAS: "Goals 2000" has been written in politically correct language with the blatant disregard for many important people and events in U.S. History, and

WHEREAS: "Goals 2000" at best trivializes the War of the Rebellion by giving only one mention of Abraham Lincoln – one of the greatest Presidents of U.S. History – and by giving only one mention of Ulysses S. Grant, and

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WHEREAS: Education is a constitutional duty of State Governments rather than the National government, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War opposes “Goals 2000” as an inadequate study of U.S. History and an unconstitutional role of the National Encampment.

Fraternally submitted by Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7

//s// Keith D. Ashley
Commander

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: the Cost of a Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans to host a National Encampment has greatly increased in the last few years due to not only inflation but also the increased attendance, and

WHEREAS: the cost just for pianos for the Allied Orders is increasing due to the need of renting these, and

WHEREAS: the cost of speakers and entertainment is expensive if these are obtained at a quality that the G.A.R. would have had, and

WHEREAS: hotels are adding new costs for the items needed for the convention that used to be complimentary, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends that the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans consider more funding for States hosting National Encampments including the total amount of registration fees being allotted for this purpose.

Voted on to drop registration money!

//s// Keith D. Ashley
Brooks-Grant Camp
Commander

RESOLUTION #3 (Approve Juniors)

WHEREAS: the 1994 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War amended its Regulations to permit Departments to approve boys from ages 8 to 14 to be juniors providing they have the appropriate lineage, and

WHEREAS: juniors can only serve to expand the influence and membership of the Sons of Union Veterans, therefore be it

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RESOLVED: that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 requests that the Ohio Department amend its Constitution to allow juniors.

//s// Teddy Barnes
Secretary

Resolution #3 to be sent on to National Encampment

McClellan Camp No. 91 April 30, 1995

Whereas: The National Organization has become solvent. Due to the collection of the annual per capita tax of \$10.00 per member

Whereas: The Department and the Camps are required to use Forms specified by the National Organization and sold through the office of the National Quartermaster

Whereas: The use of these forms and any material to encourage the adding of new members to our Organization should rightly come from the assessed \$10.00 per capita.

Therefore: Be it resolved that McClellan Camp No. 91, Alliance, Ohio Department of Ohio, requests the National Organization as of January 1, 1996, provide Forms 3, 4, 6, 8 and Forms 27-28 to the Camps and Departments free of charge. Also supplies of any materials brought forth by the National Organization for Educational or Recruitment purposes, also free of charge.

Camp Commander //s//Edward Hogan
Camp Secretary //s//Richard Greenwalt

Change resolution to read 100 applications for \$5.00, Membership Card to stay the same, others will be given by National.

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Ohio Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Office of the
Dept. Secretary
Richard Greenwalt
2449 Center Ave.
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June 19, 1995

David F. Wallace
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of
The Civil War
7017 Granda Lane
Flint, MI 48532-3023

Greetings,

During our Ohio Department Encampment June 16-18, 1995, the Encampment approved the following Resolutions and instructed me as the Ohio Department Secretary to send them to you to be read and considered during the National Encampment session.

On No. 1 - The Brothers were vehement and feel that all Patriotic Organizations should strongly oppose "Goal 2000".

I was instructed to send the enclosed literature showing what the American Legion is circulating. The enclosed copies of articles from "News and Views", the Reader's Digest, and the Wall Street Journal – dealing with this extremely timely matter are also enclosed as they were presented at the time of the discussion

On No. II - This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote. The Brothers feel that this is a problem that may be the cause of Departments not offering to Host National Encampments.

We stopped our approval after the word – Encampments in the last paragraph realizing that the money derived from the registration fees is used for such purposes as providing Proceedings.

On No. III - The Brothers approved this Resolution with these changes:

No. 1. The National Organization provide Membership Applications at a suggested cost of \$5.00 for 100 applications, rather than the 1995 cost price of 20 cents per application.

No. 2 That the cost of the membership identification cards remain the responsibility of Camps and Departments

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Commander-in-Chief Harrison's attendance was appreciated and introduced. His comments regarding various items that came up for discussion added much to this year's Encampment. During his address to the Encampment, he expressed his thanks for the invitation to attend our Encampment and for the hospitality that has been extended to him and Nathan, his son. That the organization was growing and complimented Ohio on its growth, with additional membership and the establishment of new Camps and the possibility of a new Department. He referred to Ohio's roll in these increases and congratulated those who have been involved for their efforts. He told us about the role – Computers and electronic email are playing in the advancement of our Organization. He explained about the new Graves Registration Forms and the anticipated benefits from their use. He reported to us that the job descriptions are receiving much more use and the that Brothers seem appreciative of the help that they offer in helping them. That reporting and communications in General has shown an improvement this year. That the National Organization is considering securing a 800-telephone number. That the required approval of Department By-laws is progressing and congratulated us for being one of the first Departments to comply with this order. He talked about the Sons being the legal heirs to the GAR and about claims and future claims to GAR property. He told us that there is the possibility of our Organization establishing a National Headquarters. He urged a good attendance from Ohio at the National Encampment in Columbus, August 10-13, 1995. He informed us that the deadline for the National History Book has been extended till July 31. He concluded with the thought that he felt that he had an exciting year as our Commander-in-Chief and thanked all who had helped make it such.

SATURDAY EVENING – Annual Banquet of all Orders

We had our Annual Banquet, which this year was in charge of the Woman's Relief Corps. We had all 5 Orders of the Grand Army family together for this event, by having representation from the Daughters of Union Veterans. The Ohio Department leaders introduced their staff of officers, and Commander Grim again introduced our Commander-in-Chief Harrison. Ohio Dept. President Suchey of the Ladies of the Grand Army introduced her National President Ercelle Speaks. The Program of the evening was a musical group who played and sang Patriotic, Gospel and some sign-along that was enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with time for visiting and a time for reminiscence, which those attending the Encampment seemed to enjoy.

SUNDAY MORNING – MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Memorial Service of the Allied Orders was held under the Leadership of the Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ruth Ann Bauman. Answering their Final Muster Call this year:

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Ralph Swogger – Camp 91 James Corfman – Camp 51
Ken Athey – Camp 207 Robert Ashley – Camp 7
PDC Larry Swogger sang a tribute to his father Ralph Swogger

The final order of business of the 1995 Encampment was the nomination and election of officers. The following Officers were elected or appointed by our incoming Department Commander Hilton:

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The officers were installed by our Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison of Michigan.
This concluded the business of the 113th Ohio Department Encampment June 16th-18th,
1995

Ohio Dept. Secretary Richard L. Greenwalt

Ohio Department Commander Robert Grim.

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