

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

117th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 18-20, 1999**

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The 117th Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio on June 18,19 & 20, 1999, with Department Commander Mark Eckley presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday June 18th, was the auditing of the books of the Treasurer, Richard Greenwalt, by the Department Council.

Campfire

The Campfire Program was held on Friday evening, this year's encampment was hosted by the Woman's Relief Corps., and they are to be thanked for their efforts. The program for the Campfire was presented in a manner reminding us of the woman's importance during the Civil War years. During the Campfire program the presiding Officers of the Allied Orders made a few remarks and introduced their National Officers, each of whom gave their Greetings saying they appreciated their invitations to attend the Ohio Encampment, giving their best wishes for productive meetings during the Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson and National Auxiliary President Betty Baker each invited all to attend the National Encampment at Indianapolis, August 19-22, 1999. This encampment will mark the 50th Anniversary of the last GAR National encampment held in Indiana, so special events are planned for this memorial occasion. The original hotel is gone but the site of the GAR's last Campfire has been fully restored to its original splendor. The encampment committee has planned a special event to commemorate this event with a grand banquet in the same room as the GAR's last Campfire.

The evening closed with refreshments and a time to renew old friendships and establish new friendships. All retired to the new dormitory used this year which consisted of air conditioning and private bathrooms.

SATURDAY June 19th, 1999

Joint Opening

The first order of business on Saturday, was the joint opening with the Auxiliary in the sons meeting room in Hoover-Price Hall. This was conducted by Chief of Staff Tim Park and Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary Amy Morgan. Department Commander Mark Eckley and Auxiliary President Sarah Cherry led the Department Officers of both groups, each officer was introduced stating their office in the Department. Commander-in-Chief Johnson and National Auxiliary President Baker were brought in and introduced. The Auxiliary members departed to their own meeting room and the business of the Sons Encampment was ready to proceed.

Department Commander Eckley appointed the following committees to serve during this Department Encampment

Registration	Dan Hinton and Donald Darby
Officers Reports	David R Medert and Henry Shaw
Resolutions	Robert Grim, John Seibert and James Houston

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Commander appointed Donald Darby to serve as acting Patriotic Instructor.
Harry Eckley to serve as Guide.
Tim Park to serve as Department Chaplain.

Commander Eckley then appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Coffman and Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert to take is Greetings and Best Wishes to the Auxiliary President, The Ladies of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander Eckley appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt to give the response to the Greeting Committees from the Allied Orders.

The following Department officers were in attendance:

Commander	Mark Eckley
Sr. Vice Commander	David V. Medert
Jr. Vice Commander	Terry Frost
Secretary & Treasurer	Richard Greenwalt
Council	PDC Keith Ashley
Council	PDC Robert Grim
Chief of Staff	Tim Park
Patriotic Instructor	Jon Silvis
Counselor	Henry Shaw, Jr.
Color Guard	Harry Eckley
Guard	Dan Hinton
Historian	Robert Davis
Genealogist	PDC Larry Swogger
Civil War Sites	PDC Keith Ashley
Graves Registration	Don Darby

The encampment meeting was opened in Ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief John was introduced, given the honors befitting his office, and escorted to a seat at the left of Department Commander Eckley, At this time PDC of the Indiana Department Edward Kreiser, was introduced and welcomed as a guest. Brother Keiser is serving as Indiana August 19 through 22nd. The 50th Anniversary of the last GAR Encampment held there.

The following Officers Reports and Recommendations were read and turned over to the Officers Report Committee.

Starting with Ohio Department Commander Mark Eckley's report.

1999 Ohio Department Commander Report Mark Eckley

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as Commander of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war. I will miss the challenges.

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Our organization, as well as all historical organizations, are facing some monumental challenges. With the recent decision to allow Buffington Island Battlefield to be mined, we see that our history and patriotism can be bought and sold. Memorial cannon and GAR artifacts are being stolen and sold at auction. SUV charters are being bought and sold at estate sales and auctions and, apparently there is nothing we can do about it. Legal action is beyond our financial means, and the local, state, and national authorities don't care. We say "we must not let this happen," but there are no guidelines stating what can be done. We are doing a pretty good job of showing the care and concern for our memorials. I have issued eight certificates this year for work on preserving memorials and cannons. I'm certain the number will grow over the next couple of years. Even with recent setbacks to our patriotism, we are getting many new and younger members willing to fight for what our ancestors in blue sacrificed to hold this country together. One nation under GOD, indivisible. With this commitment, I see a strong future for our country and our organization.

As direct by the 1998 department encampment, I will bring up for discussion under unfinished business the funding for the Ohio Bi-centennial.

As directed by the 1998 encampment, I have sent many letters to State and U.S. Senators and Congress to endorse an amendment to the U.S. Constitution preventing the desecration of the American flag. Enclosed is a copy of an E-mail from Commander-in-Chief Johnson detailing the progress.

The topic of purchasing a copy of "Access" for the purpose of graves registration was tabled last year as we waited to hear what the National Encampment was going to do concerning software needs. I wish to discuss this further as unfinished business.

I wish to thank PDC Keith Ashley, Sr. Vice Commander Dave Medert Jr., Jr. Vice Commander Terry Frost, PDC Bob Grim, Bob Davis, Henry Shaw, PDC Larry Swogger, and my brother Skip Eckley for their assistance, guidance, comradeship and their filling in as Department representatives at various functions. But most of all, I'd like to thank them for their patience.

Many thanks to Dennison #12 for hosting the mid-winter meeting and the Auxiliary President Sarah Cherry and her staff for supplying the mid-winter meal, along with their support over the past year.

July 4, 1998 Participated in the 135th Anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. Went to the SUV/MOLLUS recruitment tent twice to help out. No one was there. MY guess we didn't do well recruiting at that event. The SCV tent was always manned.

July 18, 1998 Laid the wreath for the Department of Ohio at Buffington Island battlefield. Thanks to PDC Keith Ashley for an outstanding job of putting the event together and EMCing.

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Aug. 7-9, 98	Attended National Encampment of SUVCW
Aug. 14-16, 98	Participated in the Hale Farm Re-enactment
Sept. 5, 98	Participated in the parade and ceremonies for Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Tripp in Painesville, Ohio
Sept. 18-20, 98	Participated in the Mesopotamia Re-enactment
Oct. 3-4	Present McLaughlin Camp with the Abraham Lincoln Award as outstanding SUV Camp for their work on re-creating Mansfield's Civil War statue.
Nov. 14, 98	Attended meeting of the James A. Garfield Camp
Nov. 29, 98	Installed officers of the McClellan Camp
Jan 30, 1999	Laid a wreath at the McKinley Memorial, Canton, Ohio
Feb 7, 1999	Attended Lincoln Day Dinner with McClellan Camp
May 15, 1999	Elected Commander of the Ohio Commandry, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.
May 31, 1999	Participated in Memorial Day ceremonies in Stow, Ohio. Recorded 90% of the Civil War graves in the Stow Cemeteries

Attended most meetings of the McClellan Camp.

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

This has been a truly good year not only for the Ohio Department, SUVCW, but the National Organization as well. More and more interest is being fostered in regards to monument preservation, graves registration, and membership. Members are placing sites

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on the internet detailing counties that have completed graves registration, brothers are searching for and cataloguing Civil War monuments, raising funds for restoration when necessary, and more camps are forming in the Ohio Department.

The efforts of PDC Ashley and other members of the Ohio Department SUVCW , the SCV, and other Civil War enthusiasts, in attempting to save Buffington Island are indicative of the pride we all have in our Civil War heritage and the desire to retain what few landmarks remain. Their hard work is to be commended.

As we near the year 2000, we should all endeavor to strengthen our Order through membership and educate others about the Civil war and what our ancestors fought for. If we don't, the Civil War will just be another page in a history book.

During my term as Department Sr. Vice Commander, I attended the following events, many which recruitment tables were placed.

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1. McConnelsville (Re-enactment)
 2. National Encampment
 3. Cambridge Bi-centennial
 4. Somerset (Reenactment)
 5. Springfield, Ohio (Civil War Show)
 6. LHA Burr Oak
 7. Remembrance Day (Gettysburg)
 8. Mid-winter meeting
 9. SVR School of the Piece in Chillicothe, Ohio
 10. Homecoming Living History in Gallipolis
 11. As Commanding Officer of the SVR, guest speaker for Pomeroy's Memorial Day service
 12. Memorial Day Service in Chillicothe
 13. Guest speaker at local elementary School
 14. Visited the following camps: Townsend Camp 106 (sic) installed Officers, Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 Chillicothe; installed officers; Gov. William Dennison #1 Columbus, Ohio, Gov. William Dennison #125 Athens, Ohio; installed officers and Groce Post #146, Circleville, Ohio, Satellite Camp of Richard Enderlin
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Recommendation:

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1. Last year I recommended that all camps in the Ohio Department receive a copy of the Ohio Department Roster. This was approved but nothing had come of it. My recommendation this year is to have this become a top priority. As recommended last year, camps should provide a roster quarterly to the assistant secretary for him to keep the Ohio Department Roster current. Updates to the assistant secretary can be sent via email

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which would expedite updates. Updated roster can then be forwarded to the camps.

2. The current Ohio Department by-laws are dated 1985. They need to be reviewed and updated. Recommend the Ohio Department Council review the bylaws and rewrite/update where applicable.
 3. With the election and installation of Department Officers being done on Sunday following memorial Service, no time remains for the incoming Department Commander to meet with his officers and Department Council. By summarizing correspondence and limiting time on discussions, all business can be concluded on Saturday. This would afford the incoming officers to meet and discuss goals of the Ohio Department on Sunday morning and still allow time for Brothers to travel and spent time with their families. Therefore recommend all Department business be concluded on Saturday including the installation of officers.
 4. Recommend that all Ohio Department Encampment discussions be included in the proceedings including disapproved resolutions. This will better serve as historical information as well as more accurately portraying the Encampment
 5. Recommend the Ohio Department purchase a cassette recorder for the Department Secretary to aid him in taking minutes of the Encampment.
 6. Recommend that Ohio Department host the 2002 National Encampment. Suggested site would be the Radisson Hotel in Columbus since it is centrally located in the State.
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I have enjoyed my term as Ohio Department Senior Vice Commander and want to thank everyone for the support they have provided.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

David V. Medert

Ohio Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1999 report from Howard T. Frost
Junior Vice Commander

I have been somewhat busy since our meeting in June 1998.

I have processed 33 members into various camps during this time and the breakdown is as follows:

Brooks-Grant Camp #		(0)
James B. McPherson Camp #66	III	(4)
Henry Banning camp #207		(0)
Givens Camp #51		(0)

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McClellan Camp #91	I	(1)
Henry Casey Camp #92	I	(1)
Gov. William Dennison Camp #1	III	(6)
William T. Sherman Camp #93	III	(6)
James A. Garfield Camp #142	I	(3)
McLaughlin Camp #12		(0)
Phillip Treim Camp #43	I	(1)
Gov. Dennison Camp #125		(3)
Vienna Camp #26		(0)
SGT. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	I	(1)
John S. Townsend Camp #108	III	(5)
Gen. Benj. Dearing (sic) Camp #2	II	(2)

Of the applications I have processed, I am not sure how many are signed up however, of those applications processed, 8 were from the web page.

July 9 th	I attended Dennison Camp #1 regular meeting along with Dave Medert PC&C and S.V.C. Dave Medert. Many problems existed and so reported to Ohio Dept. Commander. These problems were latter corrected, however.
July 17-19	Attended the McConnelsville Ohio Civil War Days. Many activities were attended by myself, both S.U.V. related and S.V.R. related.
Aug 21-23	Attended the Cambridge Civil War Days. Passed out copies of the History of the S.U.V. as well as several applications
Sept 14 th	Attended the Aux. to the Sons reg meeting in Frost, Ohio. Their meetings are held in the H.G. Frost GAR Hall. I assisted them in installing 2 new members.
Sept. 18-20	Attended the Somerset Ohio Civil War Days. Also passed out articles on the history of the S.U.V.
Sept. 16	Attended the Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp # 73 regular meeting in Chillicothe, Ohio.
Sept.	Attended a workshop involving several children at Strouds Run State Park. Gave them a little bit of history on it's Civil War.
Oct.	Assisted in the installation of a satellite camp in Circleville, Ohio This would have been an arm of Richard Enderlin Camp 73

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- Oct 2-4 Attended Springfield Ohio Civil War Show. Had a membership tent there and was one of many members that talked to people about the S.U.V.
- Oct 7-11 Went to Springfield MO, where I attended an Army Reunion of the 13th Combat Eng. from Korea. I went to a cemetery and observed where several Civil War dead were laid to rest. This cemetery has both Union and Confederate separated by a short stone wall. I placed a small American flag on this wall.
- Oct 17 Attended a bake sale held by the Frost Ohio Aux to the Sons. Bake sale was held in Stewart, Ohio. Money was raised for their camp.
- Nov 20-22 Attended Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pa. Marched in the parade which was over 1 mile in length. At the SVR breakfast on Saturday I was promoted to the Commander of the 3rd Military District.
- Nov 28 Was sworn in as Commander of John S. Townsend Camp #108 S.U.V.C.W. in Frost, Ohio
- Jan, 16, 1999 I was appointed Chaplin of Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp #125 by Commander Mike Bash.
- Jan 19 Installed Officers of Brooks-Grant Camp #7 Pomeroy, Ohio
- Feb 18 Attended an open hearing in Pomeroy, Ohio with the Army Corps of Engineers over the Buffington Island Battlefield.
- Feb 25 Held a Civil War evening with the Athens County Shrine Club. Artifacts were displayed and a speaker on Gen Stierman gave a short presentation.
- March Held regular Camp meetings
- April Attended Gallipolis, Ohio Civil War Days event
- May 15 Attended the MOLLUS Encampment in Lancaster, Ohio, where I was elected to an office in the order.
- May 30 Attended the Frost Aux. memorial service in Frost, Ohio

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May 31 Attended the Burlingham, Ohio 109th memorial service where I was given the honor of reading General Order #11, which was issued by General John Logan C-N-C of the G.A.R., May 5, 1868

May Met with a group of men at the Sherman House in Lancaster, Ohio. The purpose of this meeting was to start-up an SUVCW Camp in the area. I learned by myself that William McKinley Camp 21 had been chartered on October 27th, 1901 in Marietta Ohio. A copy of the charter has been found and will be taken to the Ohio Dept. meeting June 1999.

Yours in FC&L

Howard T. Frost
Ohio Dept. Jr. Vice Commander

Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

To: Department Commander, Mark Eckley
Officers and Members of the Ohio Department
Of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
At the Ohio Department 117th Annual Encampment

It has been an honor to serve the Department for another year and to see an increase in membership and also to observe the concern of members and their willingness to advance the ideals upon which our organization was founded.

The Grim Reaper visited 9 members since last year's Department Encampment; Listed by Camps those who answered their final Muster Call:

Camp No. 7	Fred Crenshaw
Camp No. 12	Donald Runyan
Camp No. 43	Charles Davis
Camp No. 51	John Parkinson and Jacob Coblens
Camp No. 91	William Smith and Wesley Watson
Camp No. 92	Raymond Grim
Member at Large	Lee McDowell

As of the Quarterly report for the Quarter which ended on March 31, 1999
The addition to the Ohio Department of membership was by:

Initiation 110

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Re-instatement	10
Transfer	18

Several of these transfers were from the National Membership at Large

During last year's national Encampment a Resolution was passed that the Membership at Large were to belong to a Camp in the Department where the Members reside or to belong as a Member At Large of that Department. 1 of these members, Brother THOMAS BEACH is a LIFE MEMBER.

During the year until march 31, 1999, the Department lost 8 members by death: Brother Jacob Coblenz died on April 18, 1999.. 65 were dropped, 6 were honorably discharged 1 was transferred to another Department1 was transferred to another Department.

As of the March 31st report to the National Organization Ohio Department membership was 553.

CONGRATULATIONS to Camp #73 for the largest membership gain. Camp #108 almost doubled its membership during its first year in the Department.

Thanks to the Camps for sending their Quarterly reports, per capita checks, Membership applications and fees to me by the 15th of the month flowing the end of the Quarter. So that I can compile the required Department Quarterly report into the National Organization, so tat the National Secretary and the national Treasurer can make out their reports. Please keep me informed of address changes. I usually have at least 10 or more of the Department General Orders returned to me because of wrong addresses

In F.C. & L

Richard Greenwalt
Department Secretary

OHIO DEPARTMENT TREASURER REPORT

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To Department Commander Mark Eckley, Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Department Treasurer for another year.

This report of my office from June 1, 1998 to May 31, 1999

RECEIPTS:

\$	25.00	Auxiliary Love Gift – June Encampment 1998
	72.00	Registration 1998 Encampment

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217.00	Chief of Staff Fund – June Encampment 1998
105.00	Patriotic Instructor Fund – June Encampment 1998
7,326.45	Per Capita and New Members
224.00	Members At Large
91.96	Interest Checking Account
125.00	Central Regional
25.00	Camp #66 Commanders project
<u>15.00</u>	Camp #91 for supplies
\$8,226.00	

	June 1, 1998	June 1, 1999
All non-Permanent Funds	\$7,210.91	\$7,388.41
Permanent Fund	\$8,539.99	\$8,990.92

DISBURSEMENTS:

\$	698.27	Hosting 1998 Encampment
	42.70	Ribbons for 1998 Encampment
	150.00	Soldier Monument Trust
	20.00	½ page ad for National Encampment
	50.00	Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund 1998
	50.00	Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund 1998
	220.00	Keith Ashley Telephone and postage
	5,222.50	National Organization Per Capita and new Members
	150.00	Department Commander toward National Encampment
	100.00	Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society
	90.90	Printing Proceedings of 1998 and mailing envelopes
	60.00	National Organization for Ohio web page
	317.40	Printing department General Orders
	523.00	Postage for Department General Orders
	473.95	Hosting Central Region
	197.00	Department supplies
	<u>162.00</u>	Department Secretary postage and telephone
	\$8,577.72	

In F.C. & L

Richard Greenwalt
Ohio Department Treasurer

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June 19, 1999

To the Officers and members of the Ohio Department, SUV

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Patriotic Instructor. However, my employment has taken up more time this year than had been planned. With this in mind, I would like to report my activities for the year.

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1. Spoke with Dept. Cdr. Eckley regarding what his wishes were for the Patriotic Instructor.
 2. Attended ceremonies for Sgt. Howell B. Treat, 52 OVI in Painsville, Ohio w Dept Cdr. Eckley. Sgt. Treat is a Medal of Honor Recipient
 3. Wrote Cdr. Eckley with a rough draft of "Guidelines for Patriotic Instruction."
 4. Represented the Ohio Department at the Presidential Wreath Laying with my home camp for President James A. Garfield at Lakeview Cmty. Cleveland, Ohio
 5. Attended the Department mid-winter meeting
 6. Wrote an article for Farm & Diary News regarding GAR relics they were questioning in an antique collectors column.
 7. Spoke to several Historical and Genealogical Societies on the history of the GAR.
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** Copies of the Guidelines for Patriotic Instruction are available at the Department Encampment or will be available from me directly.

Last Item is that as of this date I have collected \$75.00 dollars for the State Patriotic Instructor Fund.

Yours In;
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Jon B. Silvas

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COUNSELOR'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report that the Department of Ohio is not involved as a party litigant in any proceedings presently pending in any Ohio Court or in any Federal District or Appellate Court situated in the State of Ohio.

One Opinion has been rendered relative to a possible liability issue relating to the restoration of an iron fence surrounding the Memorial in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe. The Opinion was requested by PCinC David R. Medert.

In conformity with Department Order No. 3, Judge William J. Martin of the Carroll County Court of Common Pleas and Attorney George H. Knell of Mansfield have offered their services to assist in whatever legal problems may arise confronting the Order.

In an effort to assist Graves Registration Officer Donald Darby in his ongoing and monumental project, I personally collated and provided to Brother Darby copies of the Delaware County WPA burial records of the Civil War Veterans separated alphabetically and into individual manila files for each of the 57 Delaware County Cemeteries, containing a total of 1708 Union Veterans and 2 Confederate Veterans. I am currently working with the City of Delaware Administration relative to a Memorial Service for Veterans, including two Union Veterans, whose remains were moved from a condemned mausoleum for reinternment across the street in Oak Grove Cemetery in the City of Delaware.

I have been in somewhat regular contact with Department of Michigan Commander and National Civil War Memorials Officer Kent L. Armstrong as well as National Counselor James Pahl to commence efforts nationwide to evaluate and improve legislation or create new legislation for purposes of protecting veterans memorials of all wars. More on the foregoing should appear in the upcoming issue of the BANNER.

On the Ohio Scene, a substantial portion of my time has been focused on the Buffington Island issue. In this regards, and in the course of a County Commissioner swearing in ceremony in my Courtroom on December 11, 1998, at which Congressman John Kasich was the "swearing in Officer", I used my Bench as a "Bully Pulpit" to inform Congressman Kasich of the cloud of doom looming over the Battlefield site and requested, successfully, his assurance of assistance. His interest and cooperation was further assured later in an informal discussion with the good Congressman and his Chief of Staff. In addition to gaining the attention of Congressman Kasich, some 100 or so spectators became informed of the Buffington Island situation.

On the State level, I have corresponded with each of the 99 State Representatives and with each of the 32 State Senators as well as with Governor Taft to apprise each of them of the proposed mining operations on the Battlefield site and seek the appropriate assistance of the Governor's Office. The House and Senate in our preservation efforts. In view of the February 12 demonstration on the State grounds with the authorization of Commander Eckley, I corresponded with the House and Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle to clearly articulate the position of the Ohio Department and the National Organization relative to the demonstration. Thereafter, the Governor's office made a follow up contact with me and the same holds true with several of the House members. My own Representative, Jon M. Peterson is prepared to go to the mats for us and introduce legislation, if necessary

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During the 1998-1999 year, I attended the National Encampment in Harrisburg, The Springfield, Ohio Civil War Show, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, the Mid-Winter Department Meeting in Columbus, the Mansfield , Ohio Civil war Show, and will attend Artillery School in Chillicothe on June 4, through June 6.

On a strictly ceremonial side, I adopted the role of Major Shaw, SVR, and acted as aide and escort to a Lincoln personality, the featured guest speaker at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in the City of Delaware on February 16 (a sell-out event with lots of press coverage) and functioned in a like manner for a General Sherman Personality at a local Kiwanis event on February 18. On Memorial Day, I marched with the 121st O.V.I. in the Delaware Parade, and at the cemetery I presented a few remarks in remembrance of my Pennsylvania Civil War ancestors (great grandfathers Hendrickson and Kern) and my wife's Civil War ancestor (her great grandfather Burkett), delivered the Gettysburg Address and had the honor of receiving the flag and placing it at the base of the G.A.R. monument.

To date, it has been an informative year and a real pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry E. Shaw Jr.
Counselor, Department of Ohio
June 3, 1999

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

DONATIONS GIVEN TO Chief of Staff fund:

DON DARBY	\$1.00	Camp #73
DAN HINTON	2.00	Camp #2
ED KREISER	5.00	Camp #116 Indiana
DAVE R. MEDERT	5.00	Camp #73
FRANK TRAUTMAN	5.00	Camp #2
JACK ROSE	5.00	Camp #21
TIM PARK	5.00	Camp #12
RALPH SHADEL PDC	10.00	Camp #12
MARK ECKLEY	5.00	Camp #91
SKIP ECKLEY	5.00	Camp #91
TERRY FROST	5.00	Camp #108
JON SILVAS	3.00	Camp # 142
CHUCK COFFMAN PDC PCC	5.00	Camp # 51
DICK GREENWALT PDC PCC	5.00	Camp #91
KEITH ASHLEY PDC	5.00	Camp #7
LARRY SWOGGER PDC	<u>5.00</u>	Camp #91
Total	\$76.00	

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Chief of Staff Tim Park

1999 REPORT OF THE CIVIL WAR SITES CHAIRMAN

Keith D. Ashley, Chairman

This has been a rocky year. I have been constantly involved in trying to preserve the Buffington Island Battlefield. I have worked extremely closely with the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society and its president, Mrs. Margaret PARKER.

Shelly Material, Inc. of Thornville, Ohio owns a major section of the battlefield including the site of the headquarters of Rebel General, John Hunt MORGAN, and a section near the Ohio River called "The Bloody Ground," where much of the fighting occurred. This latter place is the propose to purchase more ground.

Last June I attended a mediation meeting at the Ohio State House with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Shelly Materials, and its archaeological study company (Gray & Pape of Cincinnati), the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission, and various other Civil War interested individuals. At that meeting, the representative of Gray and Pape, the archaeological firm representing Shelly Materials, stated in direct answers to my question "Can the unmarked veterans' graves be located?"; "Yes." Since that meeting Shelly Materials has fired that firm and hired another out of state. Further, at this meeting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers state that all present would be listed as "interested individuals" in the matter of the loading dock and therefore receive updates and information. This promise was never carried out.

In August I attended an appeal to the Ohio Mining Commission's ruling that temporarily put a stay on the Shelly Materials mining permit. Later, the commission set aside the denial of the permit and reinstated the permit to mine. At this time, Shelly Materials could begin moving ground if they wished. However, moving sand and gravel by truck is quite expensive making the loading dock imperative to their operations.

In early fall of 1998, Shelly Materials finally offered a compromise as follows " (1) \$100,000 would be given for signs to mark Morgan's Raid across Ohio (2) "The Blood Ground" would be given to the Historical Society once vacated sometime in the next 30 years (3) the copy of the archaeological study would be given to the Ohio Historical Society (4) an archaeological study of the land could be done and (5) the least important ground would be mined first with the rest being done in sections according to a time table to allow for time to raise funds to buy the ground through eminent domain. A week later, Shelly Materials withdrew the offer just as it was about to be accepted at the best possible compromise. No reason for the withdrawal was given.

At that point the Meigs Count Pioneer and Historical Society instituted a law suit in Meigs County Common Plea Court challenging the mining permit on the fact that Ohio Reclamation law required the land "to be restored to its original purpose." We content

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that one a Civil War Battle occurred there, the only purpose for the land became a Civil War battlefield. However, there is no precedent in Ohio law for using this as an argument.

The evidentiary hearing was set for Tuesday June 1. On the last possible minute before the date of the hearing, Judge Frederick CROW III, cancelled the hearing saying that the attorneys could submit prepared briefs. Newspapers and others showed up for the cancelled hearing. No reason for this action has ever been given after having had the case of the court docket for months.

Shelly Materials came back in early December with a counter proposal. This time it promised (1) only \$25,000 for the markers for Morgan's Raid, less any costs incurred in fighting the law suit in Meigs County (2) no time table would be given on mining any part of the land (3) "The Bloody Ground" would NOT be given to the historical society (4) the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission (which has not funding whatsoever) could conduct archaeological studies of the battlefield and (5) the copy of the archaeological study would go to the Library of Congress. Nothing in this last proposal offered anything in preservation of the battlefield.

In mid-December, a story was issued in the Meigs County newspaper quoting Amos LOVEDAY, head of the Ohio Preservation Office, saying that Shelly Materials had done all it could. I replied by letter to the editor stating that Loveday was a puppet of Gov. VIONOVICH. Loveday would say anything the governor wanted in order to keep his job. He was hampering our preservation efforts. In addition, Shelly Materials was doing little more than following Ohio law in its actions (Example Shelly Materials said it would watch out for human remains as it excavated.

To make matters worse, the Huntington District U.S. Army of the Corps of Engineers is "in bed" with Shelly Materials. This district has never had a controversial a decision to make as this one. [The Corps has always rubber-stamped permits to sand and gravel companies. After receiving no response to letters requesting the Ohio Dept. S.U.V.C.W. to be listed as an "interested party" in the negotiations concerning the loading dock, I went to Brother Henry SHAW for help. Also, the Benj. Fearing Camp of Mariette jumped to my aid to confront U.S. Sen. Michael DEWINE's staff concerning the failure of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to play fair in this matter.](#)

[In mid-December a story hit the AP wire on the battlefield. At that point CBS news contacted the historical Society with possible interest in producing a story on this mess. The CBS withdrew without explanation. Brother James OILER tried to get NBC to do the story. They looked at it and did the same.](#)

[In October, 1998, I contacted the Ohio Adjutant General's office asking him for his help in locating and preserving the graves of the Civil War dead on the battlefield. Two days later I got a call from his office saying that they were on top of this, and I would hear quickly. TWO MONTHS later, I received a response from the Ohio Governor's](#)

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Veterans' Office giving lip service to the plight and referring the letter on to yet another bureaucracy. In mid-December, I received cemetery complaint forms from all of this! Unfortunately, the laws of the State of Ohio do not recognize human remains as being human after the bodies were buried more than 125 years.

I wrote a letter to Commander-in-Chief JOHNSON asking for his help to call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to task for their unfairness. I did not hear anything from this appeal. However, I later sent both him and the senior commander of MOLLUS material in order to protest the approval of the Corps for the dock.

In late November, the Ohio EPA asked for letters of groups who wished to be listed as an "interested party". That statute would allow us to have input in their hearings. However, they can only deal with questions of water quality. The only argument that could be made with them was that human remains might end up in the water.

A hearing was set for February 18, 1999 at Pomeroy, Ohio for both the E.P.A. hearing and the Corps hearing. I immediately sent out an appeal for groups to come and testify including presidents of the Ohio Allied Orders, several S.U.V. camps, the S.V.R., Gov. Taft, Ohio Rep. John CAREY, Ohio Sen. Michael SHOWMAKER, U.S. Rep. Ted STICKLAND, and U.S. Sen. Voinovich and U.S. Sen. DEWINE. I also appealed to Meigs County Veteran's groups to support this, and wrote a letter to the editor of the local newspaper for this purpose. This hearing was the largest in the history of the Huntington District Corps where bussing was not used. Over 200 people attended. Testimony went from 7 p.m. to midnight. All testimony was against the dock.

I was able to emphasize my frustration at the refusal of the Corps to acknowledge the Ohio Dept. S.U.V.C.W. as an interested party and presented them a hand-written request telling them there were witnesses to the request this!

An umbrella organization was formed on February 6 at Athens, Ohio to coordinate efforts of all Civil War groups to save the battlefield. The Ohio lieutenant governor's office sent representation.

I was then in contact with Gov. TAFT's office, who said that he wanted the SECTION 106 process (of the U.S. Corps of Engineers) to take its course. To this I replied that it may be too late if the Corps granted the permit.

I contacted Sec. of State Kenneth BLACKWELL who is reputed to support historic preservation. His aid asked to be kept informed and suggested possible free legal assistance through a Cincinnati firm. Commander ECKLEY contacted this attorney only to find out that he works for Shelly Materials!

On February 12, a rally was held at the Ohio Statehouse for preservation of the battle. With snow and 30 mph gusts, I fied along side Brother James OILER, drummer. No

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[state officials even paid attention. One television station was there and a picture of the rally appeared in color in many papers across Ohio.](#)

Stories on the battlefield have been done by the Cleveland “Plain Dealer”, The Columbus “dispatch”, The Ravenswood News”, the “Toledo Blade”, the Southeast Ohio magazine”, “The Civil War News” < the “Camp Chase Gazette.

Bother Charles “Chip” HERR has been working to organize meetings with members of the Ohio Legislature and Ohio Congressional delegation. We met at the Riff Center in Columbus on Monday, March 15. Representatives of the offices of U.S. Sen. DEWINE, U.S. Sen. VOINOVICH, U.S. Rep. STRICKLAND, and Lt. Gov Maureen O’CONNOR attended. There were 27 people present, including for the first time the Ohio Daughters of the Confederacy and the Underground Railroad Commission. DeWine’s representative questioned why Shelly Materials was not present to mediate the memorandum of agreement. It was quickly pointed out that not a single group agreed with Shelly Material’s memorandum!

I presented a list of items needed from our federal officials to assist. No sooner had I finished than Amos LOVEDAY, the head of the Ohio Preservation Office, state empathically that we needed to make clear what we wanted! I asked him where he was while I read my list. He then tried to say that no efforts had been made to trade land with Shelly. I quickly corrected him on the issue and pointed out Shelly’s true desire was not to negotiate. The attorney for the Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society pointed out that he felt that Shelly Materials would quickly given up the property if the company were given a way out. He further pointed out, while staring directly at Mr. LOVEDAY that it was not Shelly that was the enemy but the State of Ohio! TOM SNYDER, president of the Civil War Trails Commission that four states are currently working together to develop Morgan’s Raid trail, but the destruction of the battlefield would end that. He also pointed out that 55% of Kentucky tourism – the highest proportion of tourism – is due to the Civil War and not horses or whiskey as previously thought.

Since the meeting, I found out that a year ago, Mr. LOVEDAY went behind my back to the president of the Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society and told her I was a “nut.” I should be removed as a trustee of the society, and that I was hurting the preservation efforts. The attorney for that society told Mrs. PARKER to always do the opposite of whatever Mr. LOVEDAY said. I sent a letter of objection to Mr. Gary NESS, president of the Ohio Historical Society and supervisor of Mr. LOVEDAY.

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On Tuesday May 18, I attended a meeting at the Ohio Preservation Office in Columbus after only 6 days prior notice. Shelly Materials, Amos LOVEDAY, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society and I were present. After being told that all objections had to be issued by March 1, the attorney for Shelly Materials sat in the meeting, changed several wordings, and provided no copies of the changes. The Corps never allowed any opposition to the changes or the memorandum of agreement itself. It was signed despite our opposition. This agreement has now been sent for review by the Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. As of this date, I have heard nothing.

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I attended a meeting on May 6 concerning federal grant money available for historical sites only in 14 river counties of Ohio. I have contacted Gov. Taft's office and my state senator to ask they put the money in the budget for matching the federal money. This is an 80% federal – 20% local matching grant. It is the cheapest possible way for the State of Ohio to save the battlefield.

The Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society is over \$3000 in debt to try to save the battlefield as they have no income for this. All members, camps, and department heads needs to send donations to the society at P.O. Box 145, Pomeroy, OH 45769.

Now onto other matters. I received a request from Mary C. Campbell of the Grant Birthplace group for the Ohio S.U.V. to participate in the April 24th ceremonies to recognize that birthplace site on the National Register of Historical Places. She further asked for our participation in next year's ceremonies. The new department commander will need to handle this item.

I received a phone call on February 2 from Brother Fred CRENSHAW of Suitland, Maryland, who is a member of Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7. He said that Walter HILL, historian for the black Union soldiers' monument in Washington D.C. will not include Brother CRENSHAW's four black ancestors. The reason given was that these ancestors had fought in white units and not colored units. This is obviously a result of the fact that those units with the monument tried to say that all black soldiers were not allowed in white units. When proved wrong, this action was the result of their embarrassment. I have sent letters to my U.S. representative protesting this. Unfortunately, Brother CRENSHAW died very unexpectedly this spring. His widow has asked that we continue the fight. Commander-in-Chief Johnson has also been made aware of this reverse discrimination.

Commander ECKLEY asked me to represent him at a re-dedication at the Ohio Statehouse for a plaque to Andrew's Raiders of the Civil War. Many of these men were from the 2nd and 33rd Ohio Infantry regiments. Brothers Robert DAVIS and Brent NIMMO of Dennison Camp #1 also attended. A smaller plaque was added to the old one making additions and correction of participants. The Ohio Adjutant General Spoke briefly. Several descendants of Andrew's Raiders were participants. About 60 people attended.

I assisted at the Civil War living history at Canal Winchester on May 13-14 in behalf of Brother Robert DAVIS. I attended the Ohio Commander Military Order of the Loyal Legion's spring convention where I gave a report on Buffington Island.

I attended Civil War Decoration Day ceremonies at the Meigs County Civil War statue serving as bugler, fifer and wreath presenter. I served as bugler for local Memorial Day ceremonies, also. I attended the Ohio Civil War Relics show at Mansfield in May.

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I attended the Ohio Department Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil war convention on June 13-14 at Bucyrus, Ohio. Due to the absence of Commander ECKLEY, I brought greetings to the D.U.V. and gave a report on the battlefield.

I attended all of my own camp meetings as well as a meeting of Wm. Dennison Camp No. 125. I regret that my memory failed me and I forgot to install the officers at Benj. Fearing Camp No. 2 in Marietta. I deeply apologize for my shortcoming and will try to make up for it in the future.

I have been busy organizing the memorial ceremony at the re-enactment for the Battle of Buffington Island. This ceremony will occur at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 17, at Portland, Meigs County, Ohio. All camps and the department are asked to present a wreath at the ceremony. These may be reclaimed afterward. The Adjutant General of Ohio will be the main speaker. Several Civil War groups have committed to attend. Brooks-Grant Camp will furnish sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks afterward. We are planning to have a lot of media coverage in order to draw attention to the battlefield.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio
Graves Registration Officer
Donald Darby
1382 Western Ave
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

To' Ohio Department Commander
Fm: Graves Registration Officer

Subj: Graves Registration Officer Report

During the last 12 months I have coordinated the input of Civil War Veterans graves to the National Graves Registration Data base. The following camps have reported to me their activities:

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- a. William Dennison Camp #1: 200 graves located.
 - b. McPherson Camp #66: 11,108 graves located. 360 cemeteries, 1,038 GAR men in 5 counties. Project has been on-going for three years.
 - c. Sgt. Enderlin # 73: Graves in Ross and Pickaway Counties entered in Ohio Data base and National data base (Approximately 3,000 names). Delaware County and Hamilton County are currently "in Work." PCinC Medert has accomplished the restoration of the Civil War monument at Grandview Cemetery, a project that received \$15,000.00 from the Ross County Commissioners via O.R.C. 5901.33 which requires the county to "maintain in

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good repair all monuments within a cemetery.” This camp also has repainted two cannons within the Chillicothe City limits.

- d. William Dennison #125 : Athens County (1790 names) have been entered in the Ohio and national Data bases. Moran (1000 names), Perry and Vinton (1138 names) County graves are currently “in work.” Brother Martin Lowery has established a web site for the graves registration project. It has met with great success and has brought me and other brothers many email questions and comments. The Sons of Confederate Veterans sent a CONGRATULATIONS for a job well done on the web site. Brother Wayne Lowery convinced the Township Trustees in his area to repaint repair a Civil War Cannon after they were approached to sell the cannon to a “museum.” The sale was turned down and the trustees vowed to keep the cannon.
 - e. And Henry Banning Camp in Mt. Vernon is currently working on the graves in their county.
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I have conducted liaison and communications with Yuba County, California and they in turn sent the names of Ohio veterans buried in the GAR Plot in that county. The Ohio Veterans’ Home in Sandusky, Ohio have sent me a list of the 1500 Civil War Veterans buried in their cemetery. They also stated that there is an Obelisk in the center of the cemetery as well as GAR markings on the entrance of the Home. We have also received correspondence with the brothers in Missouri listing Ohio veterans buried there. I recently received communication from Jackson County. The sexton there stated that he had a listing of the Civil War veterans produced by a member of the GAR. They also have “several” GAR plots in that cemetery.

I attended re-enactments at McConnelsville, Gallipolis. Living Histories at Burr Oak State Park and Springfield, Ohio. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA. The mid-winter meeting in Columbus, Ohio. I also attended the re-dedication of the Civil war monument in Chillicothe and the replacing of three markers in Circleville.

I would like to make one recommendation if I may. I would like to request that Ohio Department provide \$400.00 per year to re-produce copies of the Graves Registration forms, I have contacted local printers and they state that for that amount they can provide 10,000 copies.

I remain in

F.C.&L
Donald E. Darby
Ohio Graves Officer

Concur with need for the forms. Committee would have Returned to Darby to re-check on lower cost for less forms.

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REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN - ROBERT DAVIS

During the course of the year, I participated in various ceremonies, events, and programs for the betterment of our Organization and keeping the memory of the BOYS IN BLUE alive. Dressing in period dress and portraying Gov. Dennison.

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1. O worked to get the Gov. Dennison Camp #1 officer situation cleared up and get the Camp back in good standing with the Ohio Department.
 2. Attended the Central Region Meeting held in Lancaster, Ohio in October, and helped host the tour of the Capitol in connection with it. I dressed as Gov. Dennison and on the bus trip told of the History pertaining to him.
 3. Attended in November, observances at the Veterans Hall of Fame
 4. Dedicated the Veterans Wall Mall at the Ohio Statehouse
 5. Mailed out to Camps requesting information of History for a history book. I received only 2 responses, Pomeroy and Columbus Camps, no interest – no book.
 6. April and May presented programs for 2 middle schools which created interest of many students, was in period dress Good News coverage for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
 7. Collected and brought to the Ohio Department Encampment many large posters made by students of various subjects dealing with the Civil War. These I displayed in the hallway at Hoover-Price Campus Center and they were much enjoyed by those who took time to examine them.
 8. I took part in several Living History Civil War events
 9. Added my efforts to the appeals against the action of the Shelly Gravel Company regarding the Buffington Island Battlefield site takeover.
 10. Attended meetings of the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission
 11. Several times dressed and portrayed Gov. Dennison and told of history pertaining to him
 12. Participated as a member of State House cannon crew.
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RESOLUTIONS

Initiation of national Membership Numbering system

WHEREAS, the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been unable to set up a national membership numbering systems for the organization: and

WHEREAS, THE INCREASING NUMBER OF GENERATIONS REMOVED FROM Union ancestors that members become, the more need there will be for greater genealogical research to determine lineage: and

WHEREAS there is no way to issue membership numbers to most deceased members: therefore be it

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RESOLVED That Brooks-Grant Camp supports the following method of issuing membership numbers by the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war:

1. All life members –living or deceased—shall be given the same national membership number as their current life membership numbers.
2. All current members who are not life membership members and who were not required to submit a membership application at the time of obtaining membership shall be issued the next membership numbers after the life members.
3. All members – living or deceased – who obtained membership at a time when membership application was required to be submitted to the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war shall be issued the next numbers after the previous categories are numbered in the order in which they joined the organization. If numbering should be in alphabetical order.
4. All future members of the organization shall e issued numbers in the order in which their application are received.
5. All life members shall add the letter “L” after their membership number.
6. All associates shall add the letter “A” after their membership number.
7. All members who join on a collateral ancestor shall have “C” after their membership number
8. Juniors shall not be issued membership numbers.
9. No number shall reflect the department through which membership is obtained; nor will the membership number contain any type of date for any purpose.
10. The National Secretary shall assign membership numbers in consecutive order and place on each application in the possession of the national order.
11. Camps may issue a camp number for their own camp and place on the applications but the national; Organization shall not keep any type of index on camp membership numbers.

Keith D. Ashley, Commander

W. Tad Cuckler, Secretary
BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7
Passed January 19, 1998.

RESOLUTION
(S.V.R. Fife & Drum Corps for the Last Union Widow)

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WHEREAS, the last known living widow of a Union soldier is Bertha January (A.K.A. Bertha Janeway): and

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans should have appropriate representation at the funeral of the last Union widow: therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War establish a fife and drum corps through the Sons of Veterans Reserve; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the S.V.R. Fife and Drum Corps be present at the funeral and graveside services of the last Union widow; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sons of Union Veterans shall pay the transportation and lodging for a maximum of 10 members of the Fife and Drum Corps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Keith D. Ashley, Commander

W.Tad Cuckler, Secretary
Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7
Passed January 19, 1998

AFTER DISCUSSION AT DEPARTMENT MEETING:
ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE SVR FIFE AND DRUM CORPS RESOLUTION

This resolution was not approved:

As the Department should not dictate to the Sons of Veterans Reserve as to what it should do regarding the funeral and other services at the time of death of the last living widow, of a Union Soldier, Bertha Janeway, and that the national Organization of the SVR determines how, when, and how much money is to be spent.

RESOLUTION

(Change of Time for election of Officers at national Encampment)

WHEREAS, the election of officers occurred after 1 a.m. on Sunday morning of the 1998 national encampment of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: and

WHEREAS, many delegates left before the 1998 national encampment elections because of the extremely late hour of those elections: and

WHEREAS many elderly or ailing members cannot endure participating in a business session at late hours of the evening: therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the national organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War make a change in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations assigning the election of officers as the last order of business IF held before 9 p.m. on the last day of the encampment or 4 p.m. of the last day of the national encampment if more business is to transpire after said election of national officers, and be it further

RESOLVED that a newly-installed or appointed officer of the national organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall not begin his duties of the office until the adjournment of the national encampment.

Keith D. Ashley, Commander

W. Tad Cuckler, Secretary

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP No. 7
Passed January, 19, 1999

AFTER DISCUSSION AT DEPARTMENT MEETING

REGARDING Election of Officer, Our Commander-in-chief Johnson assured us that the resolution regarding the time of election and installation of National Officers would be handled differently at this years National Encampment than has been the case under the last 2 Administrations and would be held at a more reasonable time.

RESOLUTION (CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS)

WHEREAS, Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 of Middleport, Ohio and the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been seeking to stop the erection of a sand and gravel loading dock at Portland, Ohio due to its incursion on Ohio's only Civil War battlefield: and

WHEREAS, permission to place a sand and gravel loading dock at Portland, Ohio, on the Buffington Island battlefield must be approved by the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of engineers: and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must take into account the historical impact of any loading facility they approve: and

WHEREAS, there are between 54 and 105 Civil War Veterans buried in an unknown location on the Buffington Island battlefield: and

WHEREAS, the planned location of the loading facility on the Buffington Island Battlefield is believed a likely location for the unlocated Civil War veterans: and

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WHEREAS, the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has repeated and knowingly refused to answer any communications from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to list the organization as an “interested party” in the negotiations concerning the permit for a loading dock on the Buffington Island Battlefield: and

WHEREAS, The Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has added much newer organizations than the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as an interested party while the newer organization had less than a dozen members: therefore be it

RESOLVED that the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War issue firm protests to the U.S. Army Corps of engineers for failing to proceed by their own guidelines concerning the proposed loading dock at Portland, Ohio on Buffington Island Battlefield.

Keith D. Ashley, Commander

W. Tad Cuckler, Secretary
Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7
Passed January 19, 1999

This motion was discussed and was STRONGLY APPROVED

Whereas, the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW requires all camps and departments to have a seal, and

Whereas, the National Organization has failed to provide a source of camp and department seals despite repeated requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ohio Department ask the National encampment to either eliminate a requirement for camp and department seals or find a source to provide these.

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June 19, 1999

AFTER DISCUSSION – action was taken that the Department Secretary was ordered to send the National Organization a copy of this Resolution for consideration.

DEADMAN’S ISLAND

The details of the War of 1812 are nt known to many, despite that fact it gave us the most famous flag in American history – the *Star Spangled Banner* – and our National

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Anthem. One of the forgotten aspects of the second war with the British Empire is the imprisonment of servicemen at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Great Britain had a large naval installation there and was a marshaling site for troops coming from Europe. In the harbor there was a prisoner of war internment camp and a prison hulk, the Magnet. Men from the United States as well as from Napoleon's Armies were held there. From 1812 through 1815 some 8,100 Americans went through the facility – 195 are still there on Melville Island (also known as Deadman's Island or Target Hill) in an unmarked cemetery.

Some of these army personnel, many being captured at the Battles of Beaver Dam and Lundy's Lane. This includes men from the 6th, 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd Army regiments.

Most were captured on the high seas, including crews from the frigate *Chesapeake*; the schooners *Growler*, *Vixen*, and *Julia*; the brig *Rattle Snake*; sloop of war *Wasp*; Privateers *Thomas*, *Enterprise*, *Montgomery*, *General Plummer*, *Cossack*, *York Town*, *Revenge*, *Lizard*, *Rolla*, *Snap Dragon*, *Saratoga*, *Diomedes*, *Guerriere*; Merchantman: *Porcupine*, *Ulysses*, *Thomas*, *George*, *Nonsuch*, *Frolic*, *Three Sisters*, *Hazard*, *Montesella*, *Perseverance*, *Romp*, *Mark Ann*, *Hiram*, *Leander*, *Ten Brothers*, *Eagle*, *Isabella*, *Nancy*, *Wave*, *Sukey*, *Financer*, *Friendship*, *Jane*, *flash Ambitious*, *Experiment*, and *Fair American*.

There are sixty three Frenchmen and nine Spaniards interned there. In addition there are 104 Negro slaves that died at Halifax who joined the British forces in the Chesapeake Bay area when Washinton was captured and the attack on Baltimore occurred.

A condominium had been proposed to be built on the site of the cemetery. This required a zoning change from the city of Halifax. Concerned citizens of the area and others interested in the historic value of the place appealed to the city council. It now appears that the efforts have been successful and the city of Halifax is attempting to get the title to the property and have the place designated a site of historic interest.

Members of Congress and the office of the President have been contacted to have the United States be involved in the preservation of this cemetery and to have a monument erected.

It will soon be two hundred years since these events occurred. The American prisoners of war who gave the supreme sacrifice need to be recognized and not be lost to history.

Those that die in service to the United States should not be forgotten.

Harrison Scott Baker II

Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Proceedings of 1999 Encampment

President (1996-1999)
Ohio Society War of 1812

SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE STATE OF OHIO

Organized January 6, 1895

Proposed Resolution on Deadman's Island

Whereas _ The Department of Ohio of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been made aware of an unmarked cemetery on Melville Island (also called Deadman's Island or Target Hill) which is located in the Northwest Arm of Halifax Harbor, Nova Scotia, Canada. This site contains the remains of 195 Americans who died as prisoners of war of the British Empire during the War of 1812;

Whereas – The Department of Ohio feels that any desecration of this sacred place would dishonor the memory of these patriots;

Whereas – The Department of Ohio believes that this cemetery should be properly marked by the United States government;

Therefore – be it resolved that the Department of Ohio of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War requests that the United States be actively involved in the preservation of this island where American servicemen gave the supreme sacrifice and that a suitable monument be erected thereon

Harrison Scott Baker II

President (1996-1999)
Ohio Society of the War of 1812

Graves Registration Officer
James B. McPherson Camp #66
Department of Ohio
SUVCW

AFTER DISCUSSION – action was taken- The resolution was APPROVED and the Department Secretary was ordered to send a copy of this Resolution to National Organization for consideration.

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The Department Encampment meeting was put at recess and we had a guest James Glover of the Ohio Trails of the Civil War , who urged that we cooperate with the Ohio Bi-centennial Commission. After he was excused the questions came up from several as to why none of active Civil War Groups in Ohio are represented on this Commission. Especially in light of the number of men that Ohio has furnished for the North during the Civil War. New York and Pennsylvania were the only States that furnish more.

Brother Ed Kreiser PDC from Indiana, spoke in his capacity as General Chairman for the 1999 National Encampment. He made remarks regarding the upcoming National Encampment as being a special Encampment the 50th Anniversary of the last GAR Encampment. He urged our attendance and asked that we consider contributing to the National Program book. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed that the that the Ohio Department contribute the sum of \$30.00 for a full-page ad.

A discussion was held concerning the idea that at the Department and Camp Level, our Organization should be taking an active part in working with the VA in the area of rehabilitation. Action on this was tabled until the 2000 Encampment, allowing time for further study and a passible job description for the member chosen to head up such services as may be approved.

John S. Townsend Camp No 108 sent in letters supporting:
David V. Medert for Ohio Department Commander
Howard T Frost for Ohio Department Senior Vice Commander
Donald Darby for Ohio Department Junior Vice Commander

The Department Secretary reported that he had received communications supporting
Danny Wheeler of New York for Commander-in-Chief
Alan Peterson of Rhode Island for Sr. Vice CinC
George Powell of Pennsylvania for Jr. Vice CinC.

A discussion was held regarding the Camp Dennison fund that was established during the administration of PDC Herbert. It was voted to bring this project to conclusion and that the Department Treasurer is to send a check for \$300.00 from the Department as its contribution

Brother Greenwalt announced that he was asking Mount Union College for Father's Day weekend in the year 2000 for our Encampment.
Department Secretary-Treasurer Greenwalt stressed that he needs the Quarterly Report Forms, and membership applications on time, so that he can make out the required Department Quarterly Report for the Nation. He pointed out that most Camps comply, but that there are still some that don't which makes his job almost impossible.

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE 1999 Department Encampment.

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I. Noted to approve the Department Commander's recommendations:
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- A. To increase the Department Commander's allowance for attendance at the National Encampment to \$225.00
- B. To raise Ohio Department dues \$1.00 per year beginning January 1, 2000.
- C. Donate the sum of \$100.00 to Buffington Island Fund
- D. Encourage the Camps of the Department to donate at least \$20.00 to the Buffington Island Fund.
- E. The Department to work to put together a Book on the History of the Ohio Department with PDC Robert J. Woltz to be in charge.
- F. The Department continue to strongly support Civil War Preservation.
- G. That each Camp appoint an E-mail contact.

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II. The following were recommendations of the Senior Vice Commander were approved:
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- A. That each Camp of the Department be furnished with a copy of the Ohio Department Roster and that both the Department Secretary and the Assistant Secretary will then be able to furnish the up-date for the Department to each Camp by E-mail.
- B. That the Ohio Department Host the 2002 National Encampment with the suggested site of the Radison Hotel in Columbus

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III. The following recommendations for the Senior Vice Commander were discussed and the following action taken:
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- A. The recommendation concerning Department By-laws. It was pointed out that our Department By-laws had been approved by the National Organization and that any Camp that wants changes made, should present their proposed changes in writing for the consideration of the 2000 year Department encampment.
- B. The recommendation regarding the concluding of all Department business on Saturday was discussed and it was decided to continue the format of the Encampment business as is, with the election and installation of officers on Sunday morning. Newly elected Department Commander may call a

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meeting of his staff for early Sunday afternoon if he chooses to do so.

- C. Regarding Ohio Department Encampment discussions be included in the proceedings. Department Secretary pointed out that Ohio Department, is one, if not the only Department that issues Department Proceedings to members who attended the Department Encampment, These proceedings include actions taken during the Encampment, and that in the future he will make an effort to list Resolutions Recommendation and issues that come up for a vote and are not passed. He said “that he will not try to record discussion remarks, only the outcome of the vote on these.”
- D. The recommendation regarding the purchase of a cassette recorder for the Department Secretary. No action was voted on who was to purchase or as to its cost.

IV. Voted to a \$50.00 contribution for the National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

V. Voted a \$50.00 contribution for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. This high office this year is held by OHIO PDC Robert Grim.

VI. It was voted on Honorary Membership at this year's Department Encampment for Past Department Commander Forest Altman. "Frosty" was unable to attend because of his health. He is 92 years old and still lives alone, doing for himself.

VII. Voted that Ohio Department continue its support of the Ohio Trails.

VIII. Voted to spend \$150.00 for the Canal Winchester Fund.

IX. Voted that the Secretary's minutes would be the official minutes for the Encampment

X. Voted that Department Secretary purchase a new Department Commander's Badge and Rituals from the National Quarter Master.

The Department Audit Committee reported that their Audit found that the Department Treasurer Books were off by 41 cents.

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SATURDAY EVENING

At the Banquet Saturday evening in Hoover-Price Hall we were honored to have the Head Table full of the Ohio Department Presiding Officers of the Grand Army Family and the following presiding National Officer” Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Andrew Johnson, National President of the Auxiliary Betty Baker, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army Jennie Vettes, National President Woman’s Relief Corps Mary Phelps.

Each of the National Heads brought their official greetings from their respective organizations, they introduced members of their National Staff from Ohio. They gave remarks and urged attendance at their National Encampments. The attendance of presiding National Officers always adds interest to the Department Encampment. The program for the Banquet hosted by the Woman’s Relief Corps, was a Musical Program. After some problems with their electrical system, the couple provided with a wide variety of music which proved to be worth waiting for.

The evening concluded with a reception for Department Mark Eckley and Department Auxiliary President Sarah Cherry, with a good time visiting.

There was also a Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) meeting held.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning the Annual Memorial Services were held, to honor those who died during the year. Acting Chaplain Tim Park, participated with our Sister Organizations for this Joint Memorial. The following Brothers answered their Final Muster since last year’s Encampment

Camp #7	Fred Crenshaw
Camp #12	Donald Runyan
Camp #43	Charles Davis
Camp# 51	John Parkinson and Jacob Coblenz
Camp#91	William Smith and Wesley Watson
Camp #92	Raymond Grim Jr.
Membership at Large	Lee McDowell

Business meeting back in session with the Department election held with the following Brothers being elected. The officers both elected and appointed were Installed by Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert and Commander-in-Chief acting as Installing Officers, Acting Chaplain Tim Park was Installing Chaplain:

Department Officers elected and installed for the year 1999-2000

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Our newly elected Department Commander David V. Medert made a few remarks and announced an Officers meeting would be held after lunch.

This concluded the Ohio Department Encampment business and the Encampment was closed in Ritualistic Form.

Submitted by Ohio Department Secretary PDC/PCC Richard L. Greenwalt.

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