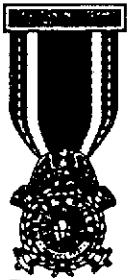


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Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

118th ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS OF YEAR 2000
June 16, 17, 18, 2000

The 118th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio with Department Commander David V. Medert of Chillicothe, Ohio, presiding.

Friday evening June 16, 2000

The only business transacted was the auditing of the Department Treasurer's books by the Auditing Committee.

This years Encampment was hosted by The Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic, starting with The Campfire. The entertainment of the evening was a fine program of Ducer music and guitar with different types of music and some Civil War Songs. We would be amiss if we did not mention the antics of the dancing puppet, controlled by Dept. Sr. Vice Commander Terry Frost, and the rendition of The Battle Hymn of The Republic with all those in attendance joining in with a zeal that made one indeed feel glad to be a part of such a Patriotic Family, as is the Grand Army Family. At this time the Ohio Dept. Heads of the GAR Family holding their meetings here at this Encampment were introduced, and they in turn introduced their National Leaders in attendance. Each introduced guest wished The Encampment to be successful and beneficial in helping to preserve the Memory of The Boys In Blue. The Ladies of The GAR served bountiful refreshments and the rest of the evening was spent in a time of reminicing and renewing acquaintanceships and meeting members of the Orders who were new this year to The Organization and the Encampment and making sure that they felt welcomed. Good fellowship was enjoyed by just sitting and visiting with all.

Saturday June 17, 2000

The first order of business was the Joint Opening with the Auxiliary in the Sons meeting room in Hoover-Price Hall.

Department Commander David V. Medert and Auxiliary Dept. President May Frost were introduced at this time, by being brought in followed by their Department Officers each being introduced by their Department Office, and name and rank.

We were honored to have in attendance our Commander-In-Chief Danny Wheeler of New York State, and the National President of The Auxiliary Mary Jo Long, of Pennsylvania. Both brought the Greetings of The National Organizations and expressed their wishes for all a profitable Encampment, and expressed their thanks for the way they had been received, and Presidents husband and chauffer Joe Long.

Thanks was given to Chief of Staff Robert Davis and the Auxiliary Chief of Staff Amy Morgan for the impressive joint opening ceremony and all their work to accomplishing it.

The Auxiliary members were excused to their meeting room and the business of The Sons Encampment was ready to proceed by setting up the Stations and Altar and Commander Medert to get organized..

Commander Medert opened the 118th Annual Encampment by proper Ritual proceedings. Roll call was called with the following Officers absent Chaplain; Patriotic Instructor; Color Guard; and Genealogist; Commander Medert filled these Stations by appointing =

Kirby Bauman as Chaplain
Jon Silvis as Patriotic Instructor
Mark Eckley as Color Bearer

and a welcome to all by Commander David V. Medert and thanking them for attending the Encampment. He then appointed the following on

Committees:

Registrations - Ray Nagel and Donald Darby
Resolutions - PDC Robert Grim ; PCC David R. Medert ; Jon Silvis
Officers Reports - Mark Eckley ; Terry Frost ; Dan Hinton
Visitations - PCC Charles Corfman and PDC Keith Ashley

He honored National Commander In Chief Danny Wheeler by introducing him next, inviting him to speak.

It is always a honor and privilege to come to Ohio Department and be able to bring Greetings from the National Organization. It is special to be here in a Department that has a very good record of trying to do what our Organization stands for. And I salute the Past Commander-In-Chiefs here in this room here today. Now I know what they went thru and I'm looking forward to joining their elite club. I am real proud of what we have tried to accomplish this year.

I want to pass out this document because I feel this Document belongs to each and every member here. I just received this just before I came here . What I have is the Document from the Nationals lawyer on the GAR Hall and Camp # 112 of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the dispute they had with HGAC. It is now a done deal. You the members asked for this 2 years ago. You were willing to spend your dues money to accomplish this so we were able to settle this out of court. I would say we had spent \$7000.00 dollars and we are going to get the final bill later. But in all acutality we were looking at another 3 years of bitter court fight and a lot of effort of the Camp and the Lawyers, and my insistance trying to settle this out of court, and the case is closed now and saved your membership dues of about \$20,000.00 dollars. That we will be able to spend somewhere else down the road. What I would like to do is pass this legal Document around, have you look at it, feel it, and see that it is the Offical Document and one we should be proud of.

--- A question was asked - Raise your hand if you don't know what he is talking about ---Many hands were raised. ----

C In C Wheeler explained it further ; In 1992 the dispute started. In 1988 is actually when the GAR Hall was sold to the HGAC. I heard for 1 dollar , now I have heard \$10.00 dollars..

We had a written agreement , contract with them that it would remain a GAR Post Hall. Then the HGAC started re-building the building and put a painting of the Confederate Line taking the Union Line, which didn't go over too well. They put State Flags along the sides of the room and of course we all know that there are a lot of Southern Flags with the Confederate Emblem on. So what we had was a GAR Hall with a lot of Confederate articles in it. That didn't set too well with the Camp Members of Camp # 112 and I understand that.

They took away our style meeting room and it was not able to set up, the Union Stuff of the Meeting room couldn't stay upstairs so all the pictures, artifacts ended up in a damp basement. If you had went there before you have seen the pictures of the members of the GAR Post and there were a lot of them. So this order you have in your hand today you will notice all things are coming out of the basement and the Flags are coming down, Camp #112 has a right to cover up the picture with a frame when they use the building. And we have a clause in this agreement that we can actually replace the painting, but the problem is I said I thought we could get a artist to come in and change the painting, but they said that it is an original and worth \$35,000.00 dollars. So I guess what we will have to do is spend a hundred and cover it when Camp #112 uses the building. But basicly that is what it is all about and it was a case where the GAR Hall wasn't

being used as our forefathers had intended it to be and so you can see we have had this dispute for 8 years and 2 years ago at the National Encampment about 1:30 a.m. at a meeting , when the Order was decided that the National would take over financially take care of trying to get the matter solved, and once National got involved , I personally believe we had done what the members wanted. Does that explain it -- if any more questions come see me later.---

One of the things I have tried to do as Commander-In-Chief of this year was start a couple of new programs to see if we could get some generations going. As far as getting new members and that type of things. One of these programs I come up with a new Award and at the National Encampment I will be Awarding a Certificate to Departments for 3 new Camps. And I have just received from your Secretary of varification of 5 new Camps, so those of you who can't be at Lansing , The Department of Ohio will be receiving a framed Certificate of Award. Thats were membership starts at the Camp level and when you have growth of a new Camp, Ohio can't do anything else but go up. I commend all of you for the hard work of the Membership because that is where its at. I ask all members to give their best to all new and also younger members to make them understand what our Organization is all about.

Thank you for having me.

Remark by Commander Medert - If you are ever in Gettysburg, stop by that GAR Hall. Our Annual Mememorance Day Parade marches right pass that Hall , all give eyes left and hand salute as we pass it. It is a beautiful Hall, and the Brothers really put in a lot of effort to get that back .

One thing we are going to do - We have a microphone set up over here when Officers or anybody gives a report, we ask that you talk in the microphone, we also have a tape recorder that has been approved, recording the discussions during the meeting which will further assist Brother Greenwalt with the Proceedings. This recorder was furnished by Commander Medert. The gavel was then turned over to Sr. Vice Howard Terry Frost while Commander David V. Medert gave his report:

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT JUNE 17 - 18, 2000 COMMANDERS REPORT

Commander In Chief, Danny Wheeler, Sr. Vice Commander In Chief Ed Kriesser, Past Commander In Chiefs, Officers and Brothers of the SUVCW it has been an honor to serve you as the Ohio Department Commander, SUVCW this past year.

This has been a very active year for the Department. Some of the activities will be emphasized more in depth when Officers of the Committees give their reports. To highlight a few:

- Brother Baker has not only been active in further developing our Web Site with links to various camps, research societies, and Civil War activity sites, but also in developing the Graves Registration Program currently under review by the National Committee on Communications.

- Brother Gentzel has assisted many individuals in obtaining information on their ancestors. As a result of his assistance, some of elected to join our Order.

- Brother Silvus and Baker have been instrumental in assisting the Churchills during their travels along the GAR Highway. He has further been active in attempting to obtain Highway Markers to be placed in strategic locations.

-Brother Lowery continues to update the Ohio Department Graves Registration database through input provided by the camps. He has also assisted many people in locating the final resting place of their ancestor.

-Our Department Counselor, Brother Shaw, has been active in assisting with the transfer of the Xenia Children's Home and with the proposed re-write of our Department By Laws.

-The Department Council has met three times this year to discuss ongoing and future activities regarding the Department and National Order. These meetings have proved useful in keeping current with the status of the Department.

I realize that I have not given credit to every Brother or camps activities, for that I apologize. Hopefully, we will be made aware of all activities during this encampment.

We have also experienced growth in the Department, not only an increase in membership, but in camps as well. This year, four new camps have been added to the Ohio Department; General William H. Lytle #10 in Cincinnati, Lt. Washington Wayne Manning #271 in Bethel, General Alvin C. Vores #67 in Cuyahoga Falls, and Groce Post #146 in Circleville. We had hoped to reinstate the Captain John Bruck Camp #96 in Hamilton prior to the Encampment but were unable to arrange a date for installation. We welcome these new camps and look forward to returning Camp #96 to the active rolls. The Camp Organizers and the Brothers that assisted in the formation of these camps need to be commended for their tireless efforts.

We have a Department to be proud of. There is so much talent within the Ohio Department that has yet to be tapped. More and more camps and Brothers are becoming deeply involved in Monument Preservation and Graves Registration. Recruiting efforts are steadily increasing. Twelve years ago there were 4 active and 4 dormant camps in the Ohio Department; today we have 22 active and none dormant. Twelve years ago we had 150 members; today we have 568.

In closing, I want to say once again that it has truly been an honor to serve as your commander during the past year and that I am proud to be a member of the Ohio Department and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have a heritage that we should all be proud of.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.

David V. Medert
Commander, Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ACTIVITIES

June 27, 1999	Key speaker at the King-Sturgill Family Reunion. Gave remarks for the re-interment of Mr. King.
July 16 - 18, 1999	Attended the McConnellesville reenactment
July 17, 1999	Placed a wreath and gave a speech at Buffington Island

July 21, 1999 Participated in the cannon fire at the Lancaster Spring Festival in Lancaster, Ohio.

August 12 - 15, 1999 Attended the National Encampment in Indianapolis, IN

September 5, 1999 Marched in the annual Labor Day parade in Canal Winchester, OH

September 11, 1999 Attended the quarterly Department Council Meeting.

October 1 - 3, 1999 Attended the annual BSA Fall Camporee at Burr Oak State Park. Assisted the Camp Commander of Dennison #125 in passing out SUVCW Eagle Certificates.

October 8 - 10, 1999 Attended the annual Harvest Fest at Burr Oak State Park.

Nov. 18 - 19, 1999 Attended the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gettysburg, PA.

February 15, 2000 Attended the annual Lincoln Dinner hosted by the Groce Post Camp #146 in Circleville, OH

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For many years, we have discussed the return of the Ohio Department Membership Listing. This can only be accomplished with the aid of all camps. It was requested in Department Orders and approved recommendations from previous encampments and Department Commanders that all camps submit a typed roster of their camps to the Department Secretary and the Assistant Department Secretary. Therefore recommend that all camps submit a current roster to the above no later than 1 August 2000. PASSED
2. In order to provide all camps with current and proposed information in a timely manner, it was recommended and approved at the 117th Ohio Department Encampment that all camps provide an email contacts to the Department Commander, Secretary, and assistant Secretary. Not all camps have complied with this recommendation. Therefore, recommend that all camps provide an email contact to the above no later than 1 August 2000. PASSED
3. Recommend that all camps, when submitting rosters to the aforementioned officers, include email addresses of Brothers having such. PASSED ADDING WITH BROTHERS PERMISSION
4. In order to keep the Ohio Department Web Site current, recommend that camps provide the Department Communications Officer updates regarding officers and points of contacts. Those camps having web sites should inform the Communications Officer of their site so he can provide a link to it. PASSED SEND TO SCOTT BAKER
5. Many times, Departments and National are requested to provide an Honor Guard for the services of a deceased Brother. This has resulted in Department Commanders scrambling to identify an Honor Guard and have them in place for the ceremony. Often this cannot be accomplished. Therefore, recommend the formation of area Honor Guards who would be willing to conduct services for passing brothers. PASSED INCOMING COMMANDER TO WORK ON DETAILS

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
OHIO DEPARTMENT
SUVCW
HOWARD T FROST

I want to first thank the Ohio Department for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Ohio Department Senior Vice Commander. I Have been busy doing this and have enjoyed myself.

The following is a list of events that I attended during the past 6 months.

July 16th thru 18th

Attended the McConnellsville Ohio Civil War Days.

July 17th

Attended the Buffington Island memorial ceremony where I assisted in laying wreaths for several orders.

July 21st

Participated with the Columbus Orchestra in an event at Lancaster Ohio.

Aug 19th thru 21st

Attended the National Encampment of the SUVCW in Indianapolis Ind., where I attended all meetings and events that I was asked to. Represented the Ohio Department in all voting matters.

Sept 21st

Attended the Brooks Grant Camp meeting in Pomeroy Ohio.

Sept 25th

Attended the Ohio Department staff meeting in London Ohio.

Oct 1st thru 3rd

Attended the Boy Scout encampment at Burr Oak State Park. Took part in handing out Eagle Scout awards to several boys and passed out information about the SUVCW.

Oct 7th thru 10th

Attended the Burr Oak Civil war days where I assisted in passing out information about the SUVCW.

Oct 18th

Attended the John S Townsend 108 Aux. to the Sons camp meeting in Stewart Ohio. Here I was installed as the Ohio Department Counselor. Also I assisted in the induction of two ladies in the camp. These Ladies were two of my sisters.

Oct 24th

Attended the joint ceremony's for the Ohio Department Commander Dave Medert and the Ohio Dept President of the Aux. Mae Frost. in Stewart Ohio at the Red Bird Ranch.

Nov 10th

Attended the Camp meeting of Gov. William Dennison 125 where I was appointed the Camp Chaplain. Also at this meeting I installed the Camp officers for the year 2000.

Nov 11th

Marched in the Veterans day parade in Athens Ohio representing the Ohio Department SUVCW.

Nov 19th thru 20th

Attended the remembrance day activities in Gettysburg Pa. Attended meetings and the parade thru down town Gettysburg.

Attended all camp meetings of Gov. William Dennison Camp 125

Attended all meetings of John S Townsend Camp 108 to which I was voted in as Commander for the year 2000.

Continue of Sr. Vice

The most important is along with a couple members of my Camp, Norm Lowery and Martin Lowery, we set up a booth at Ohio University and boys came by and looked at our Civil War Table. Some of them kind of shucked us until we started asking questions. Some of the Lady's asked if we celebrated Mothers Day and we said yes, and they said that come out of the Civil War and they realized it was not just blood and guts that came out of The Civil War., then they started paying attention to us. We had a display of Civil War items and passed out applications to the SUVCW.

I have attempted to stay busy and promote the SUVCW wherever I went and whatever I did. I was also the counselor to the Ohio Department Auxiliary President Mae Frost.

Jan. 18, 2000 Installed the Officers of Brooks Grant Camp # 7 in Pomeroy, Ohio. I also gave a short presentation on Co. G 63 OVI, a unit of which my Great Grandfather was a member.

Jan 22, 2000 Conducted the mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Department held in columbus, Ohio. I conducted this meeting due to the Commander being ill. A copy of the proceedings of this meeting was given to Commander Medert.

Feb.7, 2000 Met with the Athens County Veterans Office in an attempt to retrieve a set of Ohio Soldiers in War. This is still on going, but I hope to get these books.

March 9, 2000 Installed the Officers of Benjamin Derring Camp SUVCW in Marietta, Ohio.

March 18, 2000 Attended the Ohio Department Staff meeting held near London, Ohio.

April 15, 2000 Went to the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony held in Springfield, Illinois along with Ohio Department Commander Dave Medert.

May 18, 2000 Attended Show Case 2000 held at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio

I did go to the Southern part of the country around Atlanta and saw the battlefields in a different prospective. I saw the 9 different battlefields, around Georgia and Tennessee, so I got a Southern prospective. It didn't change my life but I got to see it differently.

Civil War Battlefields visited during the year of 1999-2000

Gettysburg. Pennsylvania

Buffington Island, Ohio

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lookout Mountain

Missionary Ridge

Chickamauga And Chickamauga River

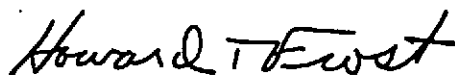
Atlanta

Kennesaw And Kennesaw Mountain

Big Shanty, Georgia

Again I want to thank the members of the Ohio Department for everything you have done to help me during my year as your Senior Vice Commander

F.C. & L.



Howard T. Frost
Ohio Department
Senior Vice Commander
SUVCW

Jr. Vice Commander Donald Darby

Jr. Vice Commander gave a oral report , so copied from the recorder --

My report will not take long, We brought in 27 new members thru National and that didn't take up a lot of time doing paper work. One thing that did was trying to track down who the Jr. Vice were for the Camps. I think the Dept. Commanders recommendation on Resolutions that we turn in a up to date roster will make life a little easier for the next Dept. Jr. Vice, because the thing I was operating under was 2 years old. So I was kind of hoping the guy was still a member when I sent the money in.

We did have approximately a 30 day delay from the time National got the application off the internet and I had to go that based on the check, before it actually got to me., so that is a little lag time, so consequently its a week or so before the Camps actually got it in the mail.

The only thing I was involved in I made a 200 page Patriotic Instructor Book for my Camp on disc. Basically it was about people who weren't always in the History Books, like some soldiers from various Counties who contributed to war efforts but didn't quite make it in the History Books. Things like Andersonville, different Medal of Honor Winners and things along that line. We do have that in our Camp and I recommend that other Camps start it up in that area. If you want contact me and I will E-Mail or Mail it to you but it is kind of thick.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Department Commander, David V. Medert, Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

Thanks for the opportunity to hold the office of Secretary for another year. Deaths are very important parts of any Organization During the past year the following Brothers answered their final Muster Call. this is to remember those who have passed

Camp # 1 RAYMOND TALLMAN and THOMAS WOLFE

Camp # 43 CARL LATHAM II

Camp # 51 JACOB COBLENCÉ - Jake was a Life Member and very active

Camp # 73 HUGH CLARK and ROBERT RITTINGER

Camp # 91 WILLIAM BROWN and WESLEY WATSON

Commander- 3 raps - Standing moment of silence for Departed Brothers.....

During the year the Ohio Department added the following new Camps;

GENERAL WILLIAM H. LYTLE CAMP No. 10, Cincinnati, Ohio with
Commander James Houston

LIEUTENANT WASHINGTON WAYNE MANNING CAMP No. 271, Bethel, Ohio
with Commander Frank Manning

GENERAL ALVIN C. VORCES CAMP No. 67, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
with Commander Paul Huff

Special recognition to Department Commander Medert and to Brother Robert B. Leach for their efforts on behalf of CAMP No. 271.

Congratulations and Thanks for the members of these Camps.

Both new members and transfers from other Camps, who have made it possible for these Camps to become part of the Ohio Department
May your Camps accomplish much for The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

GROCE POST No. 146, Circleville, Ohio

with Commander Warren Gentzel

CAPTAIN JOHN BRUCK CAMP No. 96 , Hamilton, Ohio

with Commander Craig Keller

continue Department Secretary

JOHN BRUCK CAMP No. 96 is a re-instated Camp,
GROCE POST No. 146 and JOHN BRUCK CAMP No. 96 have been added
since April 1, 2000, and will be added on the Quarterly Report to the
National Organization this Quarter ending June 30, 2000.

The Ohio Department can look with pride on what has been accomplished.

Unfortunately there are still Camps in the Department who do not get
their Camps Quarterly Reports in to me so that I can compile the
Department Quarterly Report and get it to National Secretary prior to
the due date. Example ; This Quarter ends on June 30th. My report
must be in to National before August 1st. I ask for the reports and
checks back to me before the 15th of the month. I must have the
statistics and membership application to compile my report.

I AM STRESSING TO ALL CAMP SECRETARIES PLEASE COMPLY.

Respectively in F.C.&L.

Richard Greenwalt - Ohio Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

To Department Commander, David V. Medert, Officers and Members
Thanks for the opportunity to hold the Office of Dept. Treasurer
for another year -- my report from June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000

INCOME from June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 -- \$8,654.58

Love Gift from Department Auxiliary - \$25.00

1999 Encampment Registration - 75.00

Chief of Staff - 76.00

Patriotic Instructor - 45.00

Interest - 81.00

Dues and Membership Applications \$8,352.50

EXPENSES - from June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 - \$8,925.45

\$6,291.50 - National Organization per capita and membership
applications

84.50 - National Organization for supplies

50.00 - National Chief of Staff Fund

50.00 - National Sr. Vice Commander-In-Chief Fund

165.00 - Department Encampment

100.42 - Printing of Department Proceedings

40.28 - Postage for Department Proceedings

150.18 - Printing of General Orders

594.00 - Postage for General Orders

303.29 - Department Sec'y for postage and telephone

225.00 - Department Commander to National Encampment

116.50 - Refunds to Camps

approved expenses by 1999 Encampment

167.66 - Fayette Flag

25.00 - Ohio Civil War Trails

300.00 Camp Dennison Museum

150.00 - Canal Winchester Project

17.20 - Robert Davis

47.11 - Howard Frost

34.01 - Harrison Scott Baker II

19.80 - PDC Keith Ashley

Check Book Balance May , 2000 \$5,640.54

Ohio Department CD 697.50

Permanent Fund, Ohio Dept. 9,630.63

Respectively in F.C. & L.

Richard Greenwalt
Ohio Dept. Treasurer

COUNSELOR'S REPORT

respectfully submitted,
Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
Counselor, Department of Ohio
June 8, 2000

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

During the 1999-2000 year, I attended the 117th Ohio Department Encampment in Alliance, Ohio, the 118th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Additionally, I participated as a member of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery in the following: attended an Artillery Refresher course on April 10, 1999; participated in the April 23 - 25, 1999 Civil War weekend event at Gallapolis, Ohio; attended Artillery School in Chillicothe, Ohio on the weekend of June 4 - 6, 1999; participated in the July 16 - 18, 1999 Civil War weekend event at McConnellsville, Ohio; participated with the Battery at concert at Lancaster, Ohio; and, attended an Artillery Refresher course on April 16, 2000. On Monday, May 29, 2000, I marched in the Delaware, Ohio Memorial Day parade representing the S.U.V.C.W. and S.V.R., and at Oak Grove Cemetery I presented a few remarks and delivered the Gettysburg Address.

A substantial amount of my time as Counselor, during the months of June and July of 1999 were directed towards resolving a title issue that had arisen with respect to the Ohio Soldiers & Sailors Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio. In this regard, I had occasion to examine and study a rather exhaustive file relating to the Home that was prepared by Past Commander in Chief David R. Medert and was of enormous assistance, lots of other documents with which only we lawyers can find solace and I was the sender and recipient of numerous lengthy e-mails as well as snail mail correspondence and engaged in more long distance telephone conversations than I am able to remember. The issues were finally appropriately resolved and it was indeed my good fortune to work through this process in very close concert with Department Commander David V. Medert, National Counselor James Pahl and Past Commander in Chief Andrew M. Johnson.

Over the past several months, and at the request of Department Commander Medert, I have been engaged in an effort to rewrite the Department By-Laws and bring the same up to date. In this regard the advice and suggestions of Department Commander Medert and Brother James Huston have been invaluable. In addition to the foregoing, Brig. Gen. David V. Medert, in his capacity as Commanding Officer of the S.V.R., has placed on my shoulders the task of preparing a Discipline Section for the S.V.R., much along the same lines as the new section as enacted at the 118th National Encampment in August of 1999. This project is presently ongoing.

Commander Medert - from recorder - to add a little more to what Henry was saying ; there was property down there sitting out front of the entrance. We really made some good points with Greene County, that those items are not to leave Greene County. We told them we were not trying to take property away from them. Quick claim deed it had to be signed - there was no way around it, because of the wording in these different breaks of titles, and deeds that were gained down thru the years, so what we did was working with the Association there, The items are to remain in Greene County, either at the school or a Veterans Association- VFW-Am Vets-American Legion-or whatever or even the Greene County Historical Association. They were afraid we were going to come in there and take their property away. We assured them that we just did not want to lose any heritage that Greene County put forth for toward the war effort.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT
Dept. of Ohio
S.O.U.V.C.W.

June 2000

- (1) Since the State Encampment June of 1999, I have been busy raising funds and making plans for erecting a monument to Pvt. Alfred Cannon 95th O.V.I. Co. D. This monument was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 29, 2000. The monument became a reality in perpetuating the memory and history of Pvt. Cannon and post #261 of the Grand Army of the Republic at Canal Winchester, Ohio. With over 90 contributors and \$805. collected by the Canal Winchester intermediate school the monument was erected.
- On Memorial day May 29, 2000, 11:30 A.M. reenactors and representatives of the Allied Orders were present to make this memorable occasion.
- Thanks to Jr. Vive Commander Donald E. Darby for representing the S.O.U.V.C.W.
- (2) Since last June I have taken part with others of Governor William Dennison camp #1 in identifying civil war veterans buried in Franklin County.
- Thanks to Susan Debo, wife of PCC Darel Debo. She has organized and followed through with filling out the forms for the S.O.U.V.C.W. All of Franklin county has been 90% completed.
- (3) May 21, 2000, I attended the S.O.U.V.C.W. and Auxiliary Memorial ceremony at Frost, Ohio.
- (4) May 27th, I assisted camp Dennison in placing 3,000 flags on civil war veterans graves, at Greenlawn cemetery Franklin county, Columbus, Ohio.
- (40) March of 2000 I mailed out Chief of Staff appeal to all camps in Ohio. With the percentage of camps donating is it worth the time and postage. I'm getting negative response, that with dues increases they don't feel the Dept. of Ohio needs the rest of their dues money.

Submitted in F.C. & L,


Bob Davis

Money donated to Chief of Staff Fund at Encampment

\$ 3.00	- Bob Davis	
5.00	- Terry Frost	
10.00	- Robert E. Grim	Personal - 100.00
2.00	- Joe Long	Camps - 50.00
3.00	- Don Darby	total
3.00	- Gerald R. Crawford	\$150.00
3.00	- Jon B. Silvis	
3.00	- Andrew Francis	
5.00	- Lee Green	
3.00	- Dan Hinton	
5.00	- Richard Greenwalt	
50.00	- Ralph Shadel (Richard Shadel)	
5.00	- Chuck Corfman	

only 3 Camps responded to letter - Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp #125 \$15.00
Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp #73 \$10.00
Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp #1 \$25.00

Department Chief of Staff oral report taken from tape recorder -

It gives me great pleasure to serve under the command of our Commander Medert, and I must say over the past period of time since our last Encampment I have mailed out appeals to all Camps, and only 3 responded.

Since last June I have spent many hours even while in Florida in regards to Pvt. Alfred Cannon Monument. This is a new Monument built in Winchester, Ohio, Franklin County. I hope all have read my paper of the deeds of Pvt. Cannon who gave up his spot at Andersville to allow a friend to go home to his wife and kids, then later he died in the stockade at South Carolina with typhoid, January 21, 1865, a few days before the surrender at Appomattox.

So the old GAR Post # 261 in Winchester has his memory on a plaque on a 4 foot high granite stone about his deeds and GAR Post # 261. Up until that time they did not know there was a GAR Post in that town. I am now sending out 4 packetts to Anderson Museum also Florence, South Carolina Stockade Museum, National Cemetery and our GAR Museum at Philadelphia, even our GAR Museum did not have any record of a GAR Post # 261, so that is why they are getting a packett.

Florence Stockade, toward the end of the war, where men were shipped from Andersonville and other Stockades, 2100 men layed outside the wall for a period of time and at the National Cemetery there are 1600 men not identified. At Andersonville on their computer they only had Pvt Cannon listed as a prisoner, period. Now with this packett they will have this information and can put in their computer of what he did.

I helped out quite a bit with the Franklin County Grave Registration as I now understand it, now Franklin County is almost complete.

May 26, 2000 I attended Governor Taft Wreath laying ceremony at the State House.

April, May, June participated in 10 living history scenes in various schools in Franklin County, and Licking County.

Department Encampment June 17-18, 2000 Patriotic Instructor Report

Ohio Department Commander, Past Department Commanders, Officers, and Brothers of the SUVCW it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the Patriotic Instructor Of the Department of Ohio SUVCW this past Year.

I am proud to say that we have in excess of 500 members in the Department of Ohio with four new camps added.

In closing I would like to say how proud I am to be a member of the SUVCW and it was an honor serving the Ohio Department this year.

Respectfully submitted in F.C.& L.

Harry W. ☐Skip ☐ Eckley
Patriotic Instructor, Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

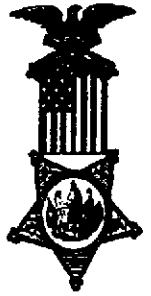
Events

July 31-Aug. 1, 1999 Hartville, Ohio
August 28-29, 1999 Lisbon, Ohio
December 10, 1999 Newton Falls Ohio
May 27-28, 2000 Burton, Ohio
May 29, 2000 Sebring, Ohio Memorial Day parade
May 29, 2000 North Georgetown, Ohio Memorial Day Parade.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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**DEPARTMENT ORDERS
2000-3
April 23, 2000**

1. This will be the final set of Department Orders issued from this Headquarters. I want to thank every Brother for their support during my tenure as Department Commander. We have had a busy year and have experienced much growth within the Department. I wish I had the opportunity to visit more Camps than I did, but due to personal family tragedies, illness and other commitments, I was unable to. I do appreciate the reports that were sent to me keeping abreast of Camp activities.
2. We have had added four new Camps to the Ohio Department with a fifth to be installed before the June Encampment. They are as follows:
 1. General William H. Lytle #10 in Cincinnati, Ohio; Commander James Houston
 2. Lieutenant Washington Wayne Manning #27 in Bethel, Ohio; Commander Frank Manning
 3. General Alvin C. Vores #67 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Commander Paul Huff
 4. Groce Post #146 in Circleville, Ohio; Commander Warren Gentzel
 5. Reinstatement of Captain John Bruck #96 in Hamilton, Ohio; Commander Craig Keller

Congratulations are in order for these Commanders, Camps, and to Brother Robert Leach who help organize Camp #27.

3. The second annual wreath laying ceremony for the Battle of Buffington Island will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 200, at the monument in the battle park on State Route 124, Portland, Ohio. All camps and auxiliaries are urged to present a wreath, which can be reclaimed after the ceremonies. Brooks-Grant Camp #7 and Major Daniel McCook, Circle LGAR will have refreshments for participants afterward. For more information contact PDC Keith Ashley.
4. There will be a rededication of the Alfred Cannon Monument in Canal Winchester, Ohio at 11:30 a.m., May 29, 2000. Those wishing to attend the ceremony or to help, please contact Chief of Staff Robert Davis.
5. We are still experiencing difficulty in assembling a Department Roster to be distributed to the Camps. Several requests have been made for camps to forward a copy of their roster to PCNC David R. Medert for compilation, however, not all have complied. Therefore, all Camps are requested to mail (or email) a copy of their current roster to:
PCNC David R. Medert
16 Shawnee Dr.
Chillicothe, OH 45601
suvew@bright.net

Further, please bring a copy of your roster to the Ohio Department Encampment.

6. The 118th Ohio Department Encampment will be held at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio, June 16 – 18, 2000. For those wishing to stay at the college for the entire weekend, the cost is \$74.00 which includes your room Friday and Saturday night, and all meals from Friday evening through Sunday lunch including the banquet Saturday evening. Those wishing only to attend the business session of the encampment and not remain overnight, costs are only for meals and registration for the encampment which are detailed elsewhere in these Department Orders.

Realizing this is Father's Day weekend, many Brothers have elected not to attend in the past. Therefore, we are restructuring the order of business for the weekend in hopes to get more in attendance. Order of business for the weekend is as follows:

- Joint Camp fire Friday evening
- Joint opening 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning
- Comments from Commander In Chief Danny Wheeler
- Officer reports with recommendations
- Resolutions
- Report on credentials
- Business sessions throughout the day
- Nomination and election of officers PRIOR to close of business Saturday
- Banquet Saturday evening
- Joint Memorial Service Sunday morning
- Complete any unfinished business from Saturday
- Installation of Department Officers if not done on Saturday

This is where many decisions are made that impact the Ohio Department. Your attendance is welcomed and highly encouraged.

7. The following committees are hereby appointed for the Ohio Department Encampment:

- Resolutions: PDC Robert C. Grimm, Chairman
- Officer Reports: PDC Mark Eckley, Chairman
- Credentials: Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, Donald E. Darby, Chairman
- Fraternal Relations: PCNC Charles W. Corfinan, Chairman
- Correspondence: PCNC Richard Greenwalt

Resolutions are to be submitted to PDC Robert Grimm no later than June 1, 2000. Officer reports are to be submitted to PDC Mark Eckley, no later than June 9, 2000. Registration for the encampment is no later than June 12, 2000, to PCNC Richard Greenwalt.

8. Camps are reminded of the near approach of Memorial Day and are urged to tender their services accordingly. Every member should remember all veterans on this day for the sacrifices they have made in maintaining the liberties and freedom we enjoy.

The following is quoted from Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Division Order No 2, series 1901 "Chaplains Circular":

"Once more we approach the day set apart by loyal hearts to remember with flowers and bury beneath the beautiful blossoms of the May-time the graves of fallen heroes. A loving nation reveres the memory of it's soldiers dead, and follows the muffled drum with that strange communing of gladness for treasuring the memory of heroic deeds, and of sorrow that so many have fallen, may tottering to their mounds of earth upon the hill. The swift and tender feet of children shall gather the flowers, the loving hands of women who have suffered and who understand shall twin them into wreaths of victory and great hearted Comrades and Sons of Veterans shall place them on the graves of the Nation's heroic dead. From no hands should the flowers fall more tenderly and lovingly than from ours, Sons of Veterans. It is eminently fitting and to be hailed with supreme satisfaction that from the hands of the surviving Grand Army of the Republic we

receive the proud commission to go with them as they march placing the emblems of purity and immortality upon the graves of their dead Comrades.

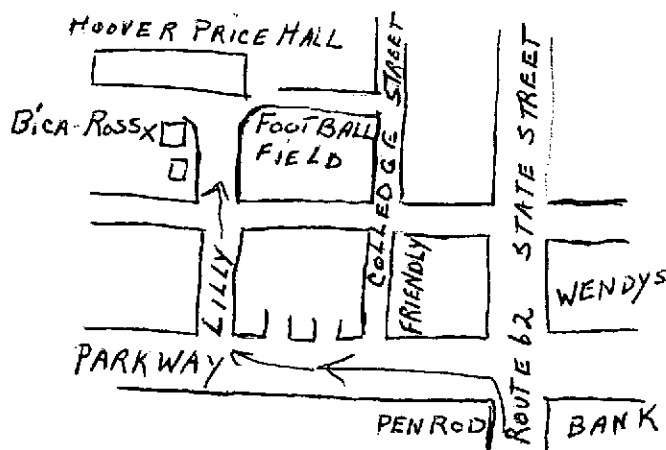
Every Camp should prepare to fittingly observe Memorial Day. By brothers, see that the grave of every soldier and brother in your immediate neighborhood is covered with beautiful flowers in sweet remembrance of deeds of patriotism and valor and brother love. Take from the day its lesson. Live a life of unselfish devotion to honor and country and God, that the victories of peace, may be, if possible, greater than the victories of war".

9. In closing, I want to once again thank everyone for their support and to commend the officers of the Ohio Department for the hard work they have put forth this year. The success of the Ohio Department would not be possible if it were not for the Brothers that comprise it. Thank you.

In F.C. & L.


David V. Medert
Ohio Department Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

from Dick Greenwalt - Ohio Department Secretary-Treasurer
Package deal for Ohio Department Encampment - \$ 74.00 per person
wives or guests can come for same cost
If you are unable to attend full Encampment the individual meals are:
Breakfast \$ 4.00 held Saturday and Sunday mornings 8:00 a.m.
Lunch \$ 5.75 Saturday and Sunday 12:00
Dinner \$ 7.50 Friday evening only 5:00 p.m.
Banquet \$10.75 Saturday evening only 5:00 p.m.
all meals are served cafeteria style in Hoover-Price Hall except
except Banquet
Individual meals if you decide at meeting to stay and eat with us
reservations not neccessary - pay at that time to me - Dick -
But - Banquet reservations must be to me by June 9th, 2000
wives and guests are welcome
If only want to stay one night - over night cost is : Lodging \$15.00
Linen \$ 5.80 total \$20.80 per person
Checks for all package deals or individual costs are to be made out
as : Richard greenwalt : and sent to me by June 9th, 2000.
This year we will again be in the - Bica-Ross Hall - Dormitory
with the self adjusting air conditioning and room, - bath rooms -
LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND PLANS ON ATTENDING OUR
118th OHIO DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio June 16-17-18, 2000
Richard greenwalt - phone 330-823-6919 usually until 11 p.m. evenings



all meetings will be
held in
Hoover Price Hall



GAR Highway Officer
Dept. Commanders Aide

Department of Ohio

Immediately upon assuming the office of GAR Hwy Officer I commenced to travel the GAR Hwy in the areas of which I live. I traveled the complete distance in Cuyahoga County and Lorain County. At no point have I noticed any signage.

I made contact with past Dept. GAR Hwy officers to see what they have accomplished. One such accomplishment is having Route 6 listed on the official state map as the GAR Hwy. This is still being done.

Contacted the Governors Office directly, in regards to having appropriate signs posted along this route, especially in light of the fact that the Governor "Ordered" signs posted along the "APPALACIAN" hwy to honor Governor James A. Rhodes. The Governors reply was that it is up to each and every community to which Route 6 flows to place their own signs.

Contacted, 103rd. OVI museum and the Soldiers, Sailors Monument Commission upon whose bounderies route 6 borders in regards to the placement of signs. Both groups are interested in this project.

Rcvd note from the Dept. Commander regarding the Ohio Historical Marker Program, being supported by the Longaburger Basket Company. I wrote for, Rcvd, and forwarded this application to the Dept. Commander for his review.

Rcvd a note from P C in C Alan Loomis regarding a trip by a husband and wife author team to traverse route 6 from coast to coast. Spent a great deal of time in correspondence and E-mail regarding this trip. I invited this couple to spend a day or two in Cleveland, and I would be happy to host them. Sadly, they did not contact me on their trip thru Ohio.

Reccomendations:

That all camps be instructed to start a letter writing campaign to each of the cities along route six to post appropriate signs. PASSED with can be encouraged rather than instructed

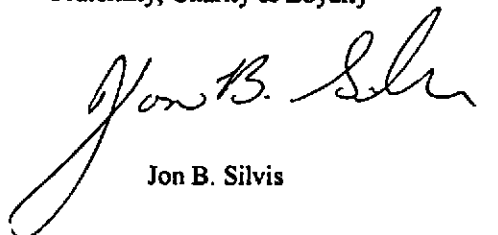
That this encampment, accept the Ohio Historical Marker Program and that the Camps be asked to help support this program. NOT PASSED due to probable cost

Lastly, that a manufacturer for these signs be contacted for a price quote and that a sufficient number of signs be procured so as to at least place 1 sign at each county boundery along this route.

***** PASSED with get price quotes for signs
Dept. Commanders Aide;

I had the pleasure of representing the Department Commander in Northern Ohio. The only duty upon which I was called was to represent the Dept. Commander at the installation of the A.C.Voris Camp in Summit County, Akron, Ohio.

Yours in
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty



Jon B. Silvis

OHIO DEPARTMENT GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT
JUNE 17, 2000

There is a total of 39 Counties being looked at, at this time. (See attached sheet)

We also have several Volunteers looking at certain Cemeteries in other Counties.

As of today I have had 55 inquiries this year and the County G.R.O.s has had unknown number more.

I received an up to date list from Leo Kennedy, National Grave Registration Officer, of all Civil War Veterans buried in Ohio Cemeteries that has been sent into National and I have started an Ohio Department Civil War Veterans Grave Registration Database. I will be putting it in the web page soon.

(<http://www.frognet.net/~loweryjr/ohiograve/ohiomap.html>)

There are 32, 617 Veterans in the Camps being Processed, (which means the Camps are still working on them.).

The Department has 1,600 Veterans being entered into the Ohio Database and receiving more each day from some of the County G.R.O.s.

The National Database has approximately 9,993 Veterans buried in Ohio entered in it from the following Counties:

Adams	Fayette	Montgomery	Scioto
Ashtabula	Franklin	Jackson	Morgan
Athens	Fulton	Knox	Morrow
Brown	Gallia	Shelby	Summit
Butler	Hamilton	Logan	Vinton
Champaign	Hardin	Lucas	Clark
Clermont	Henry	Madison	Perry
Clinton	Holmes	Mahoning	Pickaway
Cuyahoga	Huron	Miami	Ross
Erie	Fairfield	Noble	Paulding

Total Civil War Veterans found buried in Ohio as of today 44,160.

I have several County G.R.O.s that would still like to have the Department Database Program if it ever gets back from National.

M. Wayne Lowery
Ohio Dept. Graves Registration Off.

Insert from recorder of oral additons to Brother Lowery's report

Also this was a good day for me to come up here, I got 3 Volunteers, so that helps . Thats 3 or 4 more counties we are looking at. It takes a lot of people to cover Ohio, it is time consuming.

OHIO DEPT. COUNTY G.R.O.S AS OF 17 JUNE 2000

COUNTY	NAME	E-MAIL	ADDRESS
Ashland	Dorr, Kent	DORR64OVI@aol.com	
Athens	Lowery, M. Wayne	mlowery@frognet.net	5 4th St Jacksonville, OH 45740
Butler	Keller, Craig	Cke1008855@aol.com	
Clermont	Huston, James	jhouston@cinci.rr.com	
Crawford	Dorr, Kent	DORR64OVI@aol.com	
Cuyahoga	Pykare, James F.	pykare@worldnet.att.net	
Delaware	Darby, Donald	darby@mail.bright.net	
erie	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Fairfield	Grant, Donald	grantdon@hotmail.com	
Franklin	Debo, Susan/Darrell	DDEB085000@aol.com	Columbus, Ohio
Fulton	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Gallia	Trowbridge, Mike	btsgun@hotmail.com	
Hamilton	Nagel, Ray	orion@fuse.net	
Lancock	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Henry	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Luron	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Lake	Horgan, Brian	BHorganPA@aol.com	
Lucas	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Lahoning	Bundy, Patrick	PBundy2001@aol.com	
Leigs	Ashley, Keith		34465 Crew Rd. Pomeroy, OH. 45769
Louroe	Hinton, Dan	hinton22@sprynet.com	
Lorgan	McElfresh, Wayne	walmack@mp.net	
Lorow	Dorr, Kent	DORR64OVI@aol.com	
Loble	Hinton, Dan	hinton22@sprynet.com	
Ltawa	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Laulding	Lowery, M. Wayne	mlowery@frognet.net	5 4th St Jacksonville, OH 45740
Lerry	Lowery, M. Wayne	mlowery@frognet.net	5 4th St. Jacksonville, OH 45740
Lickaway	Darby, Donald	darby@mail.bright.net	
Lortage	Elliot, Michael	Avsprocess@aol.com	2541 Ogden Ave. Akron, OH. 44312
Lichland	Dorr, Kent	DORR64OVI@aol.com	
Loss	Darby, Donald	darby@mail.bright.net	
Landusky	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Leneca	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Lummit	Elliot, Michael	Avsprocess@aol.com	2541 Ogden Ave., Akron, OH. 44312
Linton	Lowery, M. Wayne	mlowery@frognet.net	5 4th St Jacksonville, OH 45740
Lashington	Hinton, Dan	hinton22@sprynet.com	
Lilliams	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Lood	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	
Lyandot	Baker, Scott	hsbaker@data.com	

More from recorder of meeting; (I hope I got it right by playing it) --

Commander Medert - Report from Bro. Lowery regarding cost of access. First you must purchase micro soft access for 600 dollars that includes access program. Then if you want to do annual update it costs from 125 to 200 each year, so it is quite extensive. Commander In Chief I don't want to jump on toes or anything like that but the program that I understand talking with Bro. Baker is he has authorized rights under micro soft ; with certain limitations. The program that he wrote is strictly access , strictly with graves as per graves registra . No one can alter that, you can't change grave number, birth date or anything like that. Another thing in order to license or write as such he must put that on Micro soft outlook express and Micro soft internet explorer, which if on your computer, you don't have that it will automatic install that. It will not interfere with any web browser you use or any E-mail account you use, it will just install it on there and you can't take it off it will just take up a little room.

The cost of that program is only about \$3.00 cost of the CD and shipping . This was turned over to the Council of Administration in March. I won't take up our time of the lengthy discussion , it was turned to be voted on at the Commandry level. Commander In Chief Wheeler did give us permission to go ahead and use that , and I have selected to not institute that into Ohio until the whole Orgaization has voted on that..

So once you get it, its a valueable data base to use. So Bro. Lowery said we are to vote on that at National so we will have a indepth report on that. I was hoping that Bro. Baker would be here to expand on that a little more. Commander Wheeler do you have imput;

Commander Wheeler -- We have changes on the committee, looking at this. Chairman on this committee is Keith Harrison. Keith agrees with everything you said . We had a couple of hard heads on the Committee , 1 is not on the committee now and the other I think will be getting off. I think at National Keith will straighten all this out, Keith has assured me that what you guys are doing is not wrong, so I believe he will take the format and go.

Commander Medert -- Part of that delay was my fault doing to much of assume process. When Bro. Baker developed it and sent it in to Bro. Kennedy, the National Grave Officer, they worked back and forth for about a month and a half. Then Scott sent it to Bro. Pabl who is the National Counselor, he provided the legal verbaledge in it. No where in the line did it say we should get this to the National Communications Committee who must approve all that E-mail. Because of all these people with all these E-Mails going back and forth with all of us on it, we didn't ask for their permission to sent it to them.

ON WITH OFFICERS REPORTS -----

Eagle Scout Co-ordinator Elmer Bennett

Elmers report was so faint on the recorder, I couldn't copy it ---

Commander Medert then said he wanted to recognize Jr. (Elmer) And read the letter that was dated Nov. 1999 from the Boy Scout National Office in Texas.

Dear Mr. Bennett, Congratulations on 60 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America. -----

---wirth great pleasure your Veterans Certificate; marking years of selfless service to the youth of our Nation, is inclosed. Best Wishes for many more good years of good Scouting and Good Health. Gerry B. Ratcliff - Chief Scout Executive..

Elmer then received a standing ovation from all present;

Guide report oral copied from tape James Houston Jr.

As guide --- everyone here is a member. I did represent the Chief Commander and the Dept Commander at the July 1999 Graveside Remembrance service for Lysis Montford in Cincinnati, he was a Past Commander In Chief of the Grand Army of The Republic in 1915. I also represented the Dept Commander and gave remarks at U.S. Grants Birthday Celebration at Georgetown, Ohio

2000 REPORT OF THE CIVIL WAR SITES CHAIRMAN

This year has seen a lot of activity. First, Shelly Materials of Thornville, Ohio--the owner of a large section of the Buffington Island Battlefield--has been sold to a company in Ireland. The company is still being run by the Shelly family. Through rumor, it is understood that gravel mining is still planned. The company has clear brush in one area near the river in order to allow the archeological study of that site as required by the Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.A.) between Shelly and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During June, 1999, Heidelberg College's department of archeological conducted a study of the battlefield land not owned by Shelly Materials. In December, 1999, it conducted a second survey of the 40 acres owned by Shelley Materials along the Ohio River. This 40 acres has been called by the company, "The Bloody Ground".

In early June, 2000, Heidelberg College held three presentations--one in Pomeroy, one in Columbus, and one in Toledo. These were to reveal their findings. Proof of the battle was found in expended bullets. However, the search of "The Bloody Ground" revealed that Shelly Company was again in error as it originally had been when it said there was no battle at all. Findings show dropped bullets and other objects. One important find was a unique Civil War belt buckle never before known.

Heidelberg College further said that in accordance with historical research, evidence of a temporary camp prison for Confederates was shown. However, a June 4 story by Associated Press incorrectly reported that the area was a prison and not a battlefield and even contradicted itself in the story. As a result, I have been flooded with phone calls, e-mail, and verbal statements asking about the truth. I have prepared copies of a letter that you may send to your local newspapers to refute this. I am also calling the Associated Press to protest this story.

Franco Ruffini of the Ohio Preservation Office has stated that his office refuses to support the law suit with a friend of the court brief out of custom even though the office has no policy against doing so and is supposed to be preserving history.

Both state and federal permits have been granted Shelly Materials, and the company has said it plans to dig this year. However, a court case in the Meigs County Common Pleas Court by the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society is still pending against the issuance of the state permit. The society is likely to ask for an court injunction to delay mining until the court case is decided. The case is likely to be appealed all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court.

There have been problems with the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission and another group calling itself the "Buffington Island Battlefield Group" (B.I.B.GP. I was attending the meeting of the latter group when suddenly I was no longer informed of their meetings. This happened simultaneously when the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society ordered that group to cease contacting the historical society's lawyer and causing them to

be charged for legal fees since the B.I.B.G. was not donating anything toward the legal costs. A woman connected with both the B.I.B.G. and the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission has created problems with the three groups working together because she has given incorrect information and has insulted people. Attempts are being made with Edd Sharp, president of the B.I.B.G., to come and make a presentation to the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society and discuss strategy.

The Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society is still needing donations to cover current and future legal fees. The Ohio D.U.V. donated \$140 last week to the historical society's legal costs.

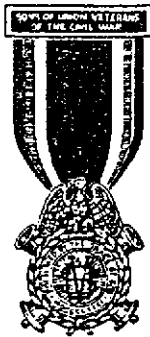
The B.I.B.G. and Ohio Civil War Trails Commission have applied for TEA-21 funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation to purchase battlefield property and place markers on the Morgan's Raid trail. However, these groups have indicated they want to place 15 markers in Meigs County after the historical society has already covered the county in these markers. Also, the B.I.B.G. and Ohio Civil War Trails Commission do not have the right of eminent domain to legally take property unlike the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society that does have this right. Shelly will not likely sell unless legally forced to do so.

The Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society are planning to write for the 4 to 1 matching funds to purchase battlefield under the National Scenic By-Ways funding. The Ohio River was designated eligible for these monies.

The annual wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the Buffington Island Battlefield park at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 15, at Portland, Ohio. Over 50 letters of invitation to participate have been sent out to Union and Confederate groups as well as veterans' groups and other similar historical and patriotic groups. Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 and Maj. Daniel McCook Circle Ladies of the G.A.R. will furnish food and drink to those participating in the ceremony. Gov. Taft has refused to speak for the ceremony. Work is being done to obtain the two men running for the U.S. House of Representatives in that district as speakers.

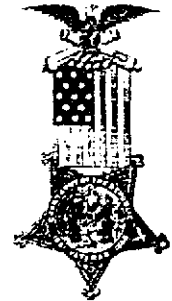
I have attended all meetings of my camp, the Ohio Department mid-winter meeting, the national S.U.V. encampment in Indianapolis, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, several Civil War re-enactments, and the Ohio Dept. Daughters of Union Veterans convention this month. I participated in the filming of a Civil War movie in March called "The Greatest Adventure of My Life". I formed the Maj. Daniel McCook Circle No. 104 Ladies of the G.A.R. in Middleport with 30 charter members. I played "Taps" at the unveiling of the Alfred Cannon monument in Canal Winchester. I have recruited a real son as well as several other members for my camp. I had a display table at the Ohio Genealogical Society convention in Cincinnati for the S.U.V. I assisted at the marking of a Congressional Medal of Honor winner of the Civil War. I chaired the wreath-laying ceremony last July in Buffington Island. I furnished a list of almost all Ohio G.A.R. camps to the national committee.

Keith D. Ashley, Chairman



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April 2, 2000

To All Department Commanders:

The following are proposed changes to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as approved by the last National Encampment. In order for them to take effect, the Departments must also approve them. Please add a vote on these amendments to the agenda of your Department Encampment this year. Please forward the results of the vote to me at the above address.

The amendments are:

ARTICLE VI, FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT, SECTION 3

Amend to read:

A Department consisting of at least three (3) camps may be formed by the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE VI, FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT, SECTION 4.

Amended to read:

RESERVED.

ARTICLE VIII, PERMANENT FUND, SECTION 2

Amend to read: (Wording amendment to follow "New York Stock Exchange")

American Stock Exchange or NASDAQ

and Delete the following:

"or are registered under the so called "Blue Sky Law" in the State where such corporations or trusts are located."

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Todd Shillington
Secretary
National Organization, SUVCW

cc: All Department Secretaries
Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
James Pahl, National Counselor
Richard Orr, PC-in-C

Department Secretary Greenwalt read this letter

Discussion followed and voted upon

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

The results of the vote was sent to National Secretary as ordered.

NEXT COMMUNICATIONS READ BY SECRETARY GREENWALT;

He stated that some endorsements from Camps were sent in as Resolutions, so he had to sort them out as he went along;

Endorsements from several camps - for Howard Frost for Ohio Department commander

Resolve that the General B. Lytle Camp #10 endorse the candidacy of Bro. James Houston for Ohio Dept. Jr. Vice Commander

Commander Medert said this is a endorsement not a resolution

Forms returned of Jon Silvis - explained that Jon Silvis sent out forms listing his qualifications for the office of Ohio Dept. Jr. Vice Commander -

Forms returned of endorsements from Camp # 271 and Camp #7 Brooks Grant Camp and Camp #67

Commander Medert said these are endorsements

Camp # 10 resolve endorsement for Donald B. Darby for Ohio Senior Vice Commander

Commander Medert said this is an endorsement

Same Camp # 10 and Camp # 73 endorsement for support for Donald B. Darby for Member of The Council of Administration at National level

Commander Medert said this goes to Resolutions committee

Endorsement for PDC Robert Grim for National Jr. Vice Commander In Chief. Ohio is proud of Brother Grim and his accomplishments . Unanimously endorsed --

These endorsement of Bro. Grim and Bro Darby were sent to National along with the voting result of the changes to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Resolutions passed at Department.

Communications from other States:

Indiana - from Ron Gill for nomination of Edward K. Kreisner and his qualifications; for Commander In Chief for Ohio Department consideration

Nevada - request of consideration for Commander In chief from Alan Peterson and his qualifications.

Rhode Island - request of consideration for Commander In chief for Alan Peterson from New England States

Pennsylvania - asking for support for George Powell for Sr. Vice Commander In Chief
THESE WERE ALL - left up to the Ohio Delegates who attended National at Lansing, Michigan in August 2000.

All Resolutions went to Resolutions committee for later voting

The Ohio Encampment expressed appreciation to Department Commander David V. Medert, for his years service and also for his generous donation of the tape recorder and tapes to help the Department Secretary in his job of preparing the Department Proceedings.

Under communications --- Commander Medert spoke of receiving E-Mail communication in regard to the TEA- 21 Grant that Keith spoke of in his report as Chairman of Civil War Sites. Commander Medert -- This TE-T Grant or whatever it is , I received E-Mail from Commander Ed Sharp who is the Ohio Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A quick summary of this

They were applying for this Grant which will mark the Morgan Trail and purchase battlefield property which may turn the Gravel Company back.

They would like to have the support of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans . Their application deadline was June 15th. Our Encampment not being until today so there was no way to get Department approval, so what I did was petition the Department Council and got their advice and so worth ---

response from Bro. PDC Grim was if I understand this request correctly he wants the Ohio Department to support the application for the TEA-21 Grant and the money from this Grant will be used to mark the Trail and blah-blah and so forth ---

Bro Grim said if the money is coming from a respectable source and the Trail markings will be used to not the efforts of Ohio Veterans to stop Morgan, that he would be in favor of it.

Commander Medert -- our concern was we didn't want the funds to be used against any kind of legal suit against the Government either State or Federal, or on the part of the Ohio Department Sons.

So what I did , I got back to him (Sharp) and asked -What are you going to do with the money-

I will summaries his response --

It is a Grant from the Federal Highway Fund for various transportation projects, as well as preserving historic sites. The Grant is funded on a 80 to 20 percent arrangement. The Government puts up the 80 percent and we are required to furnish the 20 percent. We have partitioned several State agencies to get this money. The current cost estimated is around \$350,000 for the Morgan Trail. The land acquisition is still being negotiated as well. Right now we have commitments on about 140 acres of battlefield that circles all of Dukes surrender site.

I am not going to keep on going with this, it only explains more so on the advice of the Council we saw that we would be in no danger as a Department or as a Order of the Sons of Union Veterans in endorsing his request so we did go out and endorse his (Sharp) request of support for the Grant, with the understanding that we or the Sons would not be involved in any legal battle or anything like that which would desecrate our ancestors or the Order itself.

So I did want to bring you up to date on that.
Thanks for your efforts on that to Keith.

Commander Medert stated that in the By Laws and also the C.R.&R. That the Department Secretary is to receive a salary each year., amount to be voted on each Encampment., all that Brother Greenwalt asks for is to be re-imbered for expenses of postage and telephone thru out the year. Motion on the floor - to continue that practise of Postage and telephone calls on be half of the Ohio Department. / added to that motion was -- / add a meger amount for his expenses for transportation to set up Encampment. Brother Greenwalt -- declined - stating he only lives about a mile from the College and it keeps him busy. He appreciated the thought.

Motion seconded re-imbered for postage and telephone expenses for Dept. Passed.

Motion seconded and passed

RESOLUTIONS READ BY THE COMMITTEE AND VOTED ON

Resolution from - General Benjamin Ferring Camp # 2

Requesting - dues increase of \$1.00 be recended to as they were as of January 1, 1999.

2 suggestions to save money - send out Department Orders in the form of E-Mail
DISAPPROVED - committee felt this was impractical
- only 1 mailing to the same address

DISAPPROVED - each member is intitled to mail

discussion on Resolution -

Commander Medert - when we restore the recommended restoration of the per capita tax are we talking of Department increase of \$1.00 or National of \$2.00?

PDC Grim - the Resolution only deals with Departments \$1.00

question from floor - has circumstances changed of the Treasury since increased?

Commander - increase in postage that is why it was voted on to increase of \$1.00 at that time we had no idea that National would increase by \$2.00, at that time also..

Question from floor - does the Department need this money any less ?

PCC Medert - comments around Camps, to the Camps \$1 dollar didn't seem lokie much but \$3 dollars put a strain on some Camps Treasurys. To Bro. Greenwalt (Treasurer) how will it have a adverse on the Depat. Tresurey? Response - We have CD's.

Resolution PASSED to go in affect as of next quarter

Resolution from - Serg. Richard Endrine Camp # 73

Asking the Ohio Dept to endorse a resolution to the National Organization and to National Military Organizations, urging them to have the Veterans Administration develop and finance a grave marker flag holder to recognize Congressional Medal of Honor Winners.

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE - PASSED

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp #7

Requesting that the National Organization to prepare the National Roster that the National Encampment had requested some time ago.

PASSED

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp #7

Request a Unknown Soldier placed at The Arlington Cemetery

NOT PASSED

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp # 7

Want the National Commander In Chief to start making plans to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

APPROVED

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp #7

That is a person already on a National Committee and they are removed by a incoming Commander In Chief, they should be notified of their removal, otherwise they would contiue as a member of that Committee. Responded to by Commander In Chief Wheeler

COMMITTEE APPROVED

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp # 7

Opposing the National Archives Plan of the raising of the fees of copying the Military Records.

APPROVED

Continue of RESOLUTIONS - READ AND VOTED ON

Resolution from - Brooks Grant Camp # 7

Whereas: The Amendment to the U. S. Constitution has been before us several times, over the past few years to protect the United States Flag from desecration

And

Whereas; An Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is always accompanied by pasific legislature to interperate that amendment.

Whereas; The United States Flag code does not permit placement of any wording on the U.S. Flag.

Whereas: Flags of The Civil War did contain names of Battles, Regiments, States and so forth.

And

Whereas; Civil War RE-Enactors need to be able to re create Flags of The Civil War, or to re-enact Civil War Units and Civil War Battles.

And

Whereas; Allied Orders of The Grand Army of The Republic need to be allowed by law to place their names and numbers on the U.S. Flags in the custom of The Grand Army of The Republic .

Therefore; Be Resolved that this be approved.

Discussion was held on the floor.

Committee concurs

Voted to ACCEPT the Resolution as stated.

Resolution from - John S. Townsend Camp # 108

Seeking donation for up keep of The GAR Hall at Frost, Ohio. Both the Sons Camp and the Auxiliary hold their meetings there. It is for one thing in need of a new roof.

APPROVED by the committee - suggested \$50.00

VOTED AND PASSED

committee said this concluded the Resolutions .

The Department approved the donation of the usual sums of \$50. Dollars to both the National Patriotic Instructors Fund and the Senior Vice Commander In Chiefs Fund .

Also approved was the sum of \$225. dollars to the incoming Department Commander if he attends the National Encampment in August 2000. In Lansing, Michigan.

PDC Keith so moved the Department to authorize the making of the Encampment Ribbons for 2001. Commander Medert - stand as moved... Rap of gavel

Also Keith so moved a motion for to take out a full page ad in the National Encampment Book. Seconded and Passed - cost \$30.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

- READ AND VOTED ON ;

page 5 - Commander David V. Medert report - 1. PASSED - Assistant Secretary PCC David R. Medert - he has email. PCC Medert spoke on how important it is to have correct mailing addresses.

Secretary Greenwalt responded - I get back about 20 or so wrong addresses each mailing of ones who have moved - sometimes the post office puts on the new forwarding addresses but most times not.

2. PASSED

3. PASSED - adding with Bros. Permission

4. PASSED - add send to Scott Baker

5. PASSED - add incoming Commander to
Work on details.

Page 8 - Jr. Vice Commander report - That all Camps provide current listing of Officers and Offices, that can be issued by the Department Secretary to all Officers of The Department.

Committee concurred - Assistant Secretary PCC David R. Medert

page 13 - GAR Highway Officer report - 1. Passed - with Camps can be encouraged rather than
Instructed

2. Ohio Historical Marker Program

Committee did not concur due to cost - not passed

3. Highway signs

Committee concurred - adding with get price quotes for signs

Counselor - Judge Henry Shaw

Discussion of hiring a recording reporter to take down Proceedings. He said - I have forgotten what the charge is today. But at least consider that for the Proceedings. My opinion is that it is virtually impossible for to take down in long hand all the wording of discussions.

I would like to make a motion that authorities within the Department of Ohio investigate the possibilities of securing the services of a short hand reporter for the future. Seconded

Discussion from the floor - Dept Treasurer Greenwalt - I can not see doing it, We put out more information now than other Departments. I will oppose to spending the money for this.

- another, in due to recending the \$1.00 fee of membership dues, we may be running a little short of money.

- isn't that what we got the recorder for ?

Commander Medert - So Motion has been made and seconded that Brother Henry Shaw will look into the cost ability and ficeability to have a Court type stenographer here to assist the Dept.

Sec'y during Annual Encampments ... Voted on by Hand Vote - OPPOSED by Majority

BY LAWS REVISIONS

Commander Medert - Did everbody pick up a copy of the existing By Laws and the proposed By Laws and a copy of the Changes that were also with those packages ?

What we are going to do instead of going thru here and reading line by line, word by word, I am to be going thru the comments on revisions to which will be , unless I hear a discussion or hear disagreement, they will stand at the sound of the gavel , per the changes.

Looking at the existing By Laws which we know of to be current as of 1985. If at anytime that I get into something that , where it will stump me or make me look embarrassed , I will turn it over to the Judge..

Under Article II - Section 2 - grammar re worked in both paragraphs
- Life Members deleted in first paragraph
- Past Commanders added in the first paragraph

(The old By Laws say as a membership in the Department Encampment, you can be so as a Life Member) The C&R does not constitute that, this is what is in compliance with the C&R, so even though you are a Life Member this does not mean you are automatic a voting member at the Department. Any Past Camp Commander is permitted in there, is not held against the Camp. You can not come in as a Delegate, that is what that states.

Section 6 - First sentence change to provide the authorization to the Department Commander with the consent of the Department Council for sub Dividing the Departments into Districts. Paragraphs A&B reversed. The Grammar has been re-worked specifically provides in Paragraph A - for a 30 days written notice for District Meetings to be given to the Department Commander. That is if we continue growing at the rate we are growing right now, Right now we have 22 Camps, if we want to break down. We will still have our Department Encampment naturally each June - but if we want to break down into Districts that is what they had way-y-y back when they had hundreds of Camps here. That gives us provision to do so.

Article III - Section 5 - delete- the matter of mailing copies of Banners to current Practice.

Commander Medert said - explain this -

Dept Sec'y Greenwalt = way back when the Banners came to the Dept. Sec'y who then sent them out to Camp Sec'ys, and many did not get. This was corrected by National and now each member is sent from National, we don't need that in the By Laws.

Article VII - in sub paragraph B, the Ohio Soldiers & Sailors Orphans Home in Zenia, Ohio is deleted, in so much as the permises were transferred in 1999. So we do not donate any more money to Zenia Childrens Home.

Article VIII - State Camps and Members At Large Section 2 - minor change in the second sentence - The following words were added to the second sentence - quote with the approval of that Camp - inquote. The purpose of this addition is to provide at leasy some discretion to that Camp, into which a Member At Large seeks transfer.

Article X - Additions and Amendments - completely re written as Article X presently exists it is unrealistic and virtually impossible to ever amend the By Laws or to provide such neccessary additions to them, that might arise from time to time with the present cumbersome 2 years carry over. An orderly mechanizem has been duly provided so that upon proper and timely written notice Amendments or Additions to the By Laws can be offered and acted upon at the Annual Encampment or at a Special Meeting of the Department called solely for the purpose of addressing additions and or Amendments.

Commander Medert said - this is really in conforming to the way that we make the Constitution and Regulations. Why wait 2 years or more if it is voted on at Encampment, it should be acted upon at that time. So that is why Article X was re-written.

Article XI - Former XI has now become Article XII and given a title otherwise any changes are solely cosmetic. This Article XII is new in its entirety and is conforming to Chapter V Article VII of The C&R.

Commander Medert = with the sound of the Gavel all the way thru these are our new By Laws. I will go ahead and sign them on the back as well as Commander In Chief who is here, he will sign them. Department Secretary Greenwalt will sign them as well and Counselor Shaw. Since there were no changes or anything to that we will ---- the By Laws, you have picked up are now the existing By laws and you will have plenty to take back to your Camp, and to your Camp members and so forth. Make certain these will not get lost.

Commander Medert -- Now this is something that is always fun to do.

I have some Awards, I do want to pass out, today, and I would like to see this carried on. Because There are a lot of people out there -- probably there is a lot of people doing things that I am not aware of (laughter) --- that need to be recognized and the only way we are made aware of them is by someone bragging upon a Brother or bragging of a Camp member or something like that, bringing it to our attention to recognize those individuals. There are many unsung heroes out there in our Camps, those going out - maybe sitting in the middle of cemeteries, spending days on end, digging in the ground looking for markers and so forth. These we are not aware of unless, we are having a beer or coke and talk about it, or hear of it.

If you know of anyone, who you think should be recognized in any way, get it to our attention, so we can do it at Department level and hopefully they someday can get recognized at the National level also.

So I do have some Certificates of Merit to pass out today.

Some of the members are not here, but I do want to be sure they get to their respective Camps.

All the Certificates read - Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, Ohio Department

Certificate of Merit

Issued to --

This one is issued to - Brother Warren Gentzel - for distinguished service in perpetuating the Memory of The Grand Army of The Republic and the men who served in the Union 1861-1865 by organizing the Groce Post Camp # 146 in Circleville, Ohio.

Also serving in the Office of Ohio Department as Genealogist.

This one is issued to - Brother Harrison Scott Baker the Third - for serving in the Office of Ohio Web master and for developing the Grave Registration Program.

(Injection by Commander Medert - Scott put a lot of work and time in this program)

This one is issued to Brother James Houston - for organizing the Gen'l Wm. H. Lytle Camp # 10 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This one is issued to Brother Paul Huff - for organizing the Gen'l Alvin C. Vorces Camp # 67 at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

(Injection by Commander Medert Paul hand delivered, federal expressed, everything, he did a super job. Paul we appreciate all the efforts you did do up there.)

This one is issued to Brother Craig Keller - for his work for re-instating the Capt. John Bruck Camp # 96 in Hamilton, Ohio.

This one is issued to Brother Robert L. Leach - for his work in organizing the Lt. Washington Wayne Manning Camp # 271 in Bethel, Ohio

This one is issued to Brother Wayne Lowery - for his work in Ohio Grave Registration Office.

This one is issued to Brother Jon Silvis - in his office of my Personal Aide
And The Ohio Department G.A.R. Office.

They all received a hearty applause of appreciation by those present.

Commander Medert - again I know there are many more of you Brothers out there doing a lot of hard work in Memory of our ancestors. I do appreciate it, I know a lot of your Camp members and family members are, But the ones who can't say thank you are the ones you are doing it for - our Ancestors -

Please keep up the good work and if you do know of somebody who is deserving of an Award please get it to our attention so we can recognize them appropriately.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commander Medert - I thing Brother Greenwalt has some announcements to make -
Secretary Greenwalt - from National Quarter Master , be aware of - Reproductions of Original
Sons Badges of Philadelphia Camp , made from the original die. Ribbon is red/white/blue , Medal
is Bronze, actual overall size 3 inch, cost \$15.00 at Museum \$17.00 by mail order. I know some
of you ar Badge collectors.

Also Minature Reproduction of GAR Membership Badges \$20.00 mailed.

I ordered 5 of these new Ritual Ceremony . I am half afraid to order -- they change these by a few
words here and there every year. The same way with all things.. I thought I should get some of
these but only ordered 5. I think the incoming Commander should get one, I suggest maybe the
incoming Sr. Vice Commander, I've got one as Dept. Secretary, 2 more are available, and I think
they can be handed down each year until new changed ones are issued again.

I have something else , We have little cards here that are called Sons of Union Veterans for
Encampment -- you will need one of these when you register at the National Encampment. I
know that 2 gentlemen in the back want you to go and vote in Election. This is a good chance to
go and open your mouth on issues. I am disturbed as a Past Commander In Chief with a small
group . We need more common sense people , we are not opening our mouths enough and
voicing opinions, so there is one way to do it, is to go and speak up, things may change around.
Seriously if you are going to National make sure that I sign the card as Department Secretary and
have the rest filled out.

Thank you Commander that is all I have

Commander Medert - If you are planning on going to National and if you have never been there ,
you will not be admitted as a Delegate to vote, unless you have a Delegate Card from Department
Then you will say , well we will just find Dick up here someplace and have a Delegate /Card filled
out and he is a busy person at National and you might not be able to find him in time to register.
Register early, get your information in. It will be in Lansing, Michigan and they do a pretty good
job, it will be a exciting Encampment . If you want to have a good time, come on up.and be heard.

Brother Ron Gill announced that David Porter Camp, Dept of Indiana is hosting the Central
Region Conference this year. If you don't know what the Central Region Conference is, - all
States of the Mid West starting with Ohio to the west, we all get together for meeting. About the
first week in October, but this year it is the last week in September - 30th. We will tour the GAR
Memorial Opera House and Museum , meetings, and Banquet that night Sat. 30th. There use to
be many State Delegates come for the meetings and we would like to have that happen again. We
would like to see many of you there., for more information see me afterwards.

Commander Medert - is there anything more before we go into Election ?

If not guards secure the doors and let no one in or out during the election voting.

Credential Committee Report - 35 members present
3 Past Commander In Chiefs
7 Past Department Commanders
12 Camps represented

As well as we can assertane - some didn't fill in much information when signing

Suggestion that have a count off - 31 eligible voters

ELECTION of new Officers for the Ohio Department --- many of the nomination speeches were very flowery and long , so to save printing , - from the tape recorder copied highlites;

Nomination of Commander by PDC Robert Grim ---- I place the name of Terry Frost for Commander of the Ohio Department . In Military a long time, a retired police officer. Terry has organized and been the leader of the John Townsend Camp, Frost, Ohio. He has done a excellent job of promoting that Camp. He has done a fantastic job serving as Commander of the third Military District of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve. He is the type of person we would like to have as Commander of the Department. And it is a high honor to me to place his name .

Nomination of Sr. Vice Commander by Henry Shaw --- It is my pleasure and priveledge to offer the name of Danald Darby for Senior Vice commander. You all know him well. He is a hard working Son and works for the Order and smiles all the time. He also works for his Community, he holds a responsible position in the Juvenile Division of The Courts of Common Plea, of Ross County and holds other positions with that County, working with the young people, he comes across as being kind of tough and rough with these young people but he is getting results with them. He is a credit to his community. You can see his work in this Organization , he is a superior credit to theis Organization so I am priveledge to place his name as Sr. Vice Commander, not only is he a hard working fellow but he is also a darn good friend of mine.

Nomination of Jr. Vice Commander by PCC David R. Medert --- I would like to place the name and nomination James Houston for Jr. Vice. He is a member of our Camp, Chillicothe. He was also started and instrumental in starting Wm. H. Lytle Camp. He has been to the last 2 National Encampments. He initiated the Grave Registration Program in Fairmont County, and researched 17 Cemeterys on his own. He assisted in the re-instablishment of the John Bruck Camp # 96. He surveyed additions and photographed all Civil War Cannons in Hamilton, Fairmont and Warren Counties. In 1999 he represented then Commander In Chief Andrew Johnson on occasions. Also represented the Ohio Department on occasions. He is a previous Plant manager of Franklin Mint Corp. And operation manager for Dunn and Bradstreet . He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio and would drive to Chillicothe once a month for meetings of the Camp. His qualifications for The Sons is from H. H. Houston his Great Grandfather and 2 others. I highly recommend Jim.

Nomination of Jr. Vice Commander by Paul Huff -- I would like to place the nomination of Jr. Vice Commander of Jon Silvis. I have a long list of qualifications and letters have been sent to Camps and Department Secretary. I know for a fact he was co-founder and Charter member of the James A. Garfield Camp # 142. He was 2 times Commander of Garfield Camp and Camp Council, also Camp Treasurer. In Department he was Patriotic Instructor for 1998- 1999. Department GAR Highway Officer - 1999 until now, and much more in offices. I think he will be a good Department Jr. Vice Commander.

Due to 2 nominations for Jr. Vice Commander there was ballots handed out for written voting. James Houston was elected

Secretary and Treasurer staying the same again.

2449 CENTER AVE,
ALLIANCE CH 44601
SEPTEMBER 18, 2000

DEAR DAVE,

HERE THEY ARE THE PROCEEDINGS
AT LAST. I HOPE TO GET THE LAST OF
THEM DONE AND IN THE MAIL TOMORROW
I GOT NATIONALS FROM BUD THE
OTHER DAY. I WONDER HOW THE MORE
RECENT ONES ARE COMING?

I AM CONTINUING TO IMPROVE.
I AM BACK UP ON MY CRUTCHES
MUCH OF THE TIME FOR WHICH
I AM THANKFUL.

IN F. AND C
Dick

The following Officers , elected and appointed , were installed by Commander In Chief Danny Wheeler of New York and was assisted by Past Commander In Chiefs David R. Medert and Charles Corfman. These Officers to serve the Ohio Department for 2000 to 2001.

Department Commander	---	Howard T. Frost ,	149 Estates Dr., Athens, Ohio 45701 Phone - 740-592-4818
Sr. Vice Commander	---	Donald E. Darby,	1382 Western Ave, Chillicothe, 45601 Phone - 740-772-6081
Jr. Vice Commander	---	James Houston Jr.	955 Woodcreek Dr. Milford, Oh 45150 Phone - 513-248-2239
Secretary & Treasurer	---	PCC Richard Greenwalt	2449 Center Ave, Alliance Oh 44601 Phone -330-823-6919
Dept. Council # 1	---	PDC Keith Ashley	34465 Crew Rd , Pomeroy, Oh 45769 Phone - 740-992-7874
Council # 2	---	PDC Mark Eckley	2959 Duquesne Dr., Stow, Oh 44224 Phone -330-342-3692
Council # 3	---	Jon Silvis	19731 Laurel Ave., Rocky River, Oh 44116 Phone - 404-331-8089
Personal Aide	---	PDC Robert Grim	5367 SR 72 South, Sabrina, Oh 45169 Phone -937-584-4622
Chief of Staff	---	Robert Davis	84 Kramer St. , Canal Winchester, Oh 43110 Phone -614-837-3580
Patriotic Instructor	---	Harry Eckley	249 15th St., Sebring, Ohio 44672 Phone -330-938-3202
Chaplin	---	Raymond Nagel	6600Betts Ave., Cincinnati, Oh 45239 Phone -513-931-5131
Counselor	---	Henry E. Shaw Jr.	27 Griswold St, Delaware, Oh 43015 Phone -740-369-3722
Color Guard	---	Kirby Bauman	225 Hayden Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45431
Guide	---	John Rix Seibert II	P O Box 9311, Akron, Ohio 44305 Phone -216-784-5664
Guard	---	Dan Hinton	Rte 2 Box 139-1-A, Waterford, Oh 45786
GAR Highway Officer	---	Jon Silvis	19731 Laurel Ave, Rocky River, Oh 44116 Phone - 404-331-8089
Historian	---	PDC Robert Wolz	1913A Seidenburg Ave, Key West Fl 33040
Genealogist	---	Warren Gentzel	168 W. Mound St., Circleville, Oh 43113 Phone -740-477-5658
Graves Registration	---	Martin Lowery Sr.	P O Box 224, Jacksonville, Ohio 45740 Phone - 740-767-2120
Eagle Scout	---	Elmer Bennett	1510 Harding Ave., Mansfield, Oh 44907
Signals Officer	---	H. Scott Baker	P O Box 411, Upper Sandusky, Oh 43351 Phone -419-294-5649
Monuments Officer	---	PDC Mark Eckley	2959 Duquesne Dr. Stow, Oh 44224 Phone- 330-342-3692
Civil War Sites Officer	---	Paul Huff	1030 Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221 Phone - 216-923-5896

The Ohio Encampment expressed appreciation for the attendance of not only Commander In Chief , but also for the attendance of our other out of State guests and invited all to attend future Encampments.

SATURDAY EVENING June 17 , 2000

The Annual GAR Family Banquet began with all Dignitaries brought in to the head table. The Posting of Colors by the members in Uniform was impressive. It was a honor of the Ohio Department to have all 5 of the Ohio Leaders of The Grand Army Family at the head table. Again this year we were honored to have the National Heads of our Sister Organizations that meet with us and our Commander In Chief Danny Wheeler.

Each were introduced and made remarks , they also introduced their National Officers in attendance.

Out of State attendees recognized were National Vice Commander In Chief Edward Krieser and Past Department Commander Ron Gill of Indiana, also Past Department Commander Joe Long, husband of the Auxiliary National President Mary Jo Long of Pennsylvania.

The speaker presented an interesting talk dealing with the Underground Railway and displayed artifacts dealing with his subject.

The presentation and the retireing of the Colors by some of our members in Civil War uniforms reminded us of our Great Heritage.

The remainder of the evening was socializing with the Auxiliary and a Reception of refreshments in honoring our out going Department Commander and Department Auxiliary President .

SUNDAY MORNING June 18, 2000

The Memorial Service presented by the Ladies of the Grand Army of The Republic for the GAR Family was held in the newly constructed Chapel on the Campus of Mount Union College.

We were one of the first non-college groups to have the opportunity to use it.

Past Commander Keith Ashley was the organist and he was maybe the first outsider to have the opportunity to play such a fine instrument.

Those in attendance could not help but remember those members who died during the past year of each Organization. Also members who have passed on in previous years and their labors for their Grand Army Family Organizations and to resolve to carry on in

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

This Memorial service was a fitting climax to the Department Encampment.