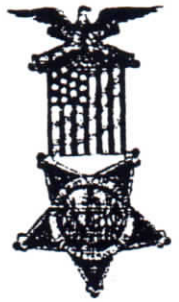




DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



*** PROCEEDINGS ***
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** THE 120th ANNUAL OHIO **
** DEPARTMENT **
** ENCAMPMENT **
**
** SONS OF UNION VETERANS **
** Of **
** THE CIVIL WAR **
**
** Held at **
** Mount Union College **
** Alliance, Ohio **
**
** June 14 , 15, 16, 2002 **
** Donald E . Darby - Commander **
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The 120th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department , Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio , from Friday June 14 th thru Sunday June 16th, 2002., with the Allied Orders , The Grand Army of The Republic Family , consisting of The Sons of Union Veterans of Union Veterans of The Civil War, The Auxiliary to The Sons, The Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic , and The Woman's Relief Corps. Members staying in Bica-Ross Hall Dormitory and meetings , events, and meals held at the Hoover Price Hall Building. , with Department Commander Donald E. Darby of Chillicothe, Ohio presiding .

This years GAR Allied Orders Encampment was hosted by the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

Friday evening activities started with the Dinner meal in Hoover Price at 5 pm and after at 7 pm , all groups convened for The "Campfire " Program , held in the Sons meeting room , and was planned by Department Chief Of Staff Robert Davis .

The Department Leaders of our Grand Army Family attending , were all introduced and each expressed the Wishes for all , for a rewarding Encampment , they in turn introduced their National Leaders in attendance.

The Sons Commander In Chief George Powell of Pennsylvania and The Auxiliary's National President Faye Carlisle of Pennsylvania had not yet arrived .

National President of The Ladies of The GAR when introduced gave an very impressive talk.

The entertainment of the Campfire was a program about Camp Chase and was very informative and was enjoyed by all , some people were interested and asked questions relating to Camp Chase.

The Sons of Union Veterans served refreshments after the program and the rest of the evening was a social time of renewing friendships and visiting . This time provides a good opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of all members of The Orders of The Grand Army of The Republic Family.

The business of Auditing of the Department Treasurer's and Department Secretary's Books was conducted after the Campfire social time , in the Department Commanders room at Bica - Ross Dormitory by the Auditing Council members PDC Terry Frost ; PDC Mark Eckley and Ray Nagel .

Saturday morning June 15th immediately after breakfast in the Sons Meeting room at 9 am.

The "Joint Opening " of the Sons and The Auxiliary was held - planned and conducted by The Sons Chief of Staff Bob Davis and The Auxiliary Chief of Staff May Frost .

Sons Commander Don Darby escorted the Department Auxiliary President Amy Miller to the front of the room where they stood , while the Sons Officers each escorting a Auxiliary Officer entered the room each stopping while being introduced then proceeding to the front of the room , saluting their presiding Leader then stood in line at each side . After all had entered the room ,

The Department Commander and The Auxiliary Department President were presented their Gavels to conduct their Encampment meetings .

They each expressed their appreciation for all in attendance , and thanked all responsible for the Grand Joint Opening , and expressed Good Wishes for a Prosperous Encampment .

Auxiliary Department President Amy Miller asked that she and the Auxiliary members be excused to go to their meeting room.

The Sons meeting room was quickly set up with the proper stations in place and Commander Darby took command by --

"Officers and Members of The 120th Annual Encampment of The Department of Ohio will now come to order. Guide you will determine if all present are entitled to remain.

Color Bearer you will assist on the right. He then asked for the Roll Call of Officers by the Secretary. All Officers were present except Patriotic Instructor Harry Eckley - at work - his brother Mark Eckley Filled his Station.

Grave Registration Officer Martin T. Lowery also absent.

Civil War Sites Officer Paul Huff absent

Historian Robert Woltz living in Florida Absent

Commander Darby then continued on with Ritual Asking Department Chaplain Keith Ashley to attend the Altar and give Prayer.

Pledge of Alliegence as Color Bearer presented Flag

Commander Darby declared The 120th Annual Encampment of The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War duly open to transact official business of the Department

He then introduced Commander In Chief, Sons of Veterans George Powell, who has graced us with his presence and if Commander In Chief Powell will introduce his National Officers present we will be much appreciative

Commander In Chief - "Good Morning Brothers, I am happy to be here, Thank you for your kind invitation. This is really nice. I have heard a lot about the atmosphere at the College and everything I have heard is good and I can back that up 100%, as for my Officers, we have my Senior Vice Commander Brother Robert Grim, "Bob"

I have Brother David Medert -the younger, is our Membership Data Base Co-Ordinator.

Brother Past C-In C Ed Krieser from Indiana here is our National Treasurer.

Brother Ron Gill from Indiana sitting right next to him is a member of Council of Administration.

General Medert the younger is also the Commanding Officer of the SVR, and I see several of the SVR Officers here today.

Applause for all -

Just to bring you up on things that are going on at the National level. We are growing. Not as fast as we would like, but we are growing. There are at least 10 new Camps so far this year and hopefully couple more in before my term is up. We have a new Department, The Department of Oklahoma. We are growing further to the West and to the South, which is great. One thing that I have seen as I have been going out is enthusiasm. Enthusiasm at the Department level is very good. It goes well for our Organization. The Banner is out, or the 4th issue will be going out very shortly. Its the 1st time in about 5 years that all 4 issues will be going out. I don't know about you guys - but I like the Banner.

I think it is something we can be very proud of, and the fact that it is going out to all the members.

The one thing about that unfortunately is, that it is very expensive. We are spending nearly \$30,000 dollars this year to get the 4th issue out. It works out nearly \$6.00 per man.

If you want to know where your per capita is going, \$ 6.00 of that is going for the Banner, so its going right back to you.

Its a good thing it is going out, but because of the expense we are going to have to do something about that at National.

Some of the options that is being kicked around, is that increase in per capita, your dues. Another thing is to cut back on some things, The Scholarships that we offer, some of the Special Projects that we fund.

(A voice came clear on the tape from the background - or stop raising or cut the wages of People at National level.) These are other ways we can do it, we have to do something,

we can't keep spending money from our reserves, we will run out of money, fairly quickly, the Order is

in good financial situation, we aren't going to run out next year or the year after, but we have to find a

way to balance our budget. These are some of the things that will come up at National and I want you to start thinking of them now, so you can take a active part in the deliberations.

Continue on of Commander In Chief Powells talk

I know Brother Greenwalt doesn't like this idea - but most Secretarys do like ti, we are talking about going to once a year recording .

That doesn't mean you hold on to the applications for a year . As soon as you get a new member application , it goes right in .

These are things that will be discussed at National Encampment .

So if you want to get your voice in , thats where you have to go. The National is the highest authority of our Order, they can over rule the Commander In Chief and they have , and I'm sure they probably will again this year . (this brought a lot of laughter on the tape)

Thats all I have to say right now and again I want to Thank You for the courtesies that have been extended to me here . The food is great , the sleeping room is fine , the hospitality is great ,

Thank You All - followed with applause -

Commander Darby took over again - Now Appointments of Committees

Where is Brother Grim - oh OK PDC Brother Grim - I believe you have always sat on the Resolutions Committee (Yes Sir , sometimes I would like to sit on Resolutions)

Fraternal Relations - Brother PDC Keith Ashley you are usually on that , and do a good job .

I will be delighted to serve Sir

On the tape there is a lot of kidding and laughter to make the Encampment enjoyable

Commander Darby - Let me ask , before , maybe the shirt may get him down - are you able to motivate Brother Corfman to serve on the committee with Keith ? Yes Sir , I think I can handle that

C, R & R Constituton & Regulations Committee Brother Grant and younger Medert

Officers Reports -

Commander Darby said I don't have enough people left , I don't think for Officers Reports I just want to let you all know , I think it was in 1896 there were 490 members that attended the Ohio Encampment So we are a little short .

(a voice on the tape --- put the Judge to work)

Commander Darby - Your Honor for the Officers Reports Brother Shaw

Now Brother Greenwalt who else do we have - " if you are asking me , break one of these new guys in whose back there with Brother Brad Tilton , or even maybe him or his buddy there beside him "

Commander Darby - Brad you are on the committee with Brother Shaw on Officers reports .

That should do for the appointments of committees .

One thing that I did forget to bring up , this meeting will - to the best of my ability be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order . I have one question for all of you , Who was Robert and why was he so important , that we go by his rules ? He wrote , I stinking Book , he wrote it because he went to a town meeting and there was not any rules to it so he wrote a Book. The only thing is Henry Robert was a Brig. Gen'l in the Civil War . He was in charge of the Defenses of Philadelphia and Washington and he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery . So as we like to say in Battery I , thats just a little bit of History .

Sr. Vice Commander if you would take the gavel , please , so that I may do my report .

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio
Annual Encampment
June 14-16 2002
Alliance Ohio**

Department Commander's Report

From: Donald E. Darby, Commander, Department of Ohio

To: All Assembled

Brothers,

It has been my greatest honor to serve you these last 12 months as your Department Commander. During this time I have tried to avail myself to all of you regarding questions or problems that may have confronted you. Some of you have taken the time to ask the questions or to air the problems that you have seen. To those of you who did I say BRAVO. Hopefully I have been able to provide answers to those questions. Sometime I know that the answer was not the one you were wanting but it was the answer.

The most important item in keeping this Department on a level footing and its continued growth is COMMUNICATION. This communication must be available from the newest recruit through the Camp Commander to the Department Commander. There is no such thing as a stupid question. If you have a question that is important to you then it is important to the Department and dare I say to the National Organization. At this time the Department of Ohio has the rare opportunity of having two of its members serving on the National Staff, Robert Grim as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and myself as a voting member of the Council of Administration. So if there is a need to communicate with National there could not be a better moment.

As this country has moved into the 21st century, this Organization has tried to keep up. For a number of years the National Organization as well as the Ohio Department has had an Internet web page. I would be interested in knowing how many members have visited these web sites. For the Camp Commanders there should be at least a monthly visit to the National Web site. How many of the Commanders have read the General Orders that is posted there? Did you understand them and if not did you ask the Department Commander about them? Did you read the minutes of the latest CofA meeting and have questions regarding their actions? For the Patriotic Instructors, have you visited the National Web site for lectures/stories that you could disseminate to your camps? There are at least 26 different items on this area alone. That is at least two years of camp meetings that you could use. For the Memorials Officers have you looked at the Memorials Assessment page and downloaded the form to register the monument in your hometown or county? Have you requested funds from National to assist you and your community in the restoration of those

monuments/memorials? I know of four camps in Ohio that has taken advantage of process. I would like to recognize those camps at this time. They are: Banning Camp #207 for work toward restoring an Ohio Monument in Gettysburg; Voris Camp #67 for their work at the Buckley Chapel in Akron, Ohio; Townsend Camp #108 for the restoration, in progress, of the GAR Hall in Frost, Ohio. I might add that this is one of the few remaining GAR Halls in Ohio; And last but not least McPherson Camp # 66 for work restoring the monument in Willow Grove Cemetery as one of its many activities of the Camp. I should at this time take a moment to announce that McPherson Camp #66 has been placed in nomination for the National Organization's "Abraham Lincoln Award" for best camp in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Just to let you know that the nomination of McPherson Camp #66 took five typed pages to list their accomplishments. These range from the restoration of a 2nd Civil War monument, planting of Willow trees in the Willow Cemetery, to publishing a book.

In my third Department Order I asked the Camp Commanders to forward me a list of brothers that have done exceptional work for the Order. Alas, we must have some very hard working but very shy brothers, as I received not one input. However, I do know of a few brothers that have selflessly provided glory to this Department, this Order and our Civil War Ancestors. Brother Paul Huff of Voris Camp for his work at the Buckley Chapel; Brother Scott Baker of McPherson Camp for compiling and writing a book on the soldiers buried at the Veterans Home In Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Brother Warren Gentzel of Groce Post Camp in Circleville who ALWAYS had an answer for the numerous inquiries by people seeking information on their Civil War Ancestor; Brother Ray Nagel, of Lytle Camp, who even after a heart attack was back one week later in the cemetery in Cincinnati registering Civil War Veterans Graves; Brother Bob Davis, my Chief of Staff who could always be counted. Finally I would like to take this time to honor a person that is not a member of this Order but did a lot for 210 Civil War Veterans buried in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mrs. Patricia Medert spent more than a few days walking in the cemetery and using the graves data base finding Civil War Veterans that did not have flag holders. Because of her work, Camp Enderlin #73 was able to secure not only the flag holders and the flags but also have them in place before Memorial Day. The acts of these Brothers and that of Mrs. Medert are truly consistent with the phrase "Keep ever green in our memory."

I have attended the following activities during my tenure as Department Commander:

1. Canal Winchester, Ohio Veterans Day Parade
2. Gettysburg, PA Remembrance Day Parade
3. Sultana Memorial Dedication in Mansfield, Ohio
4. Ohio Department Mid-Winter Meeting
5. Dennison Camp # 1 Installation
6. National Council of Administration Meeting Harrisburg, PA
7. National SUVCW Annual Encampment and CofA Meeting Springfield, MO
8. Buffington Island Memorial Service

9. McConnellsville, Ohio Re-enactment
10. Newark, Ohio Re-enactment
11. Flag pole replacement at the Civil War Monument in Lancaster, Ohio
12. Pickaway County Historical Society Historical Marker Placement
13. Chillicothe, Ohio Memorial Day Service
14. Assisted in placing 210 flag holders on Civil War Veterans' Graves
At Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio

Recommendations:

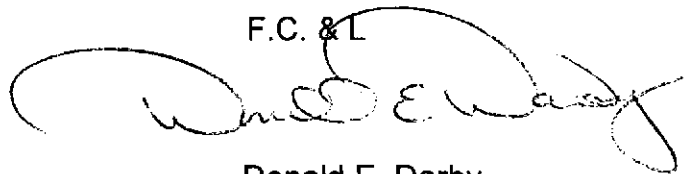
1. In order to keep the Department of Ohio Moving into the 21st century I recommend that the Department purchase the Department Secretary a computer, printer and Internet service with which to do Department business.
2. That for the 125th Department Encampment that medals be struck, in lieu of ribbons, to commemorate this event.
3. I recommend that the camps begin a search for the grave of the last Civil War Veteran in each county and assure that his Gravesite is appropriately marked the same. To which that the last Civil War Veteran's Grave in Ohio is so marked.
4. That a resolution to the National Organization be made for the manufacture of a 10, 25 and 50-year pin and that this pin is made available to the Brothers that have obtained said service to the Organization. Also that this pin be similar in nature to the "brass button" worn by members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
5. That a stipend of \$100.00 a year be made available to the Frost GAR Hall in Frost, Ohio for the general upkeep of one of the last remaining GAR Halls not under the auspices of the county commissioners.

In closing I would like to quote you the ending of one of William Shakespeare's works: We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he who fights with me this day shall be my brother.

Shed his blood

Submitted in:

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Donald E. Darby



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**REPORT TO THE 120th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
JUNE 14-16, 2002**

This report updates my report to the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Ohio Dept. on February 2, 2001. First, let me sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Sr. Vice Commander this past year. Your support and cooperation continue to be deeply appreciated. As Sr. Vice I have had the great opportunity to attend a wide variety of Sons events and meet many of our Brothers for the first time. I can tell you we have a fine organization of which we can be justly proud.

Since the Ohio Department Encampment last June, I have represented the SUVCW in the following activities:

July 4; Aug. 5, 25; Sept. 23; Oct. 28; May 12, June 2, 9

Guide, Camp Dennison Civil War Museum, Camp Dennison, OH.

Aug. 9-12

Delegate, 120th National Encampment, Springfield, MO.

Sept. 30

Attended the reception for the new Auxiliary President and Department Commander at Guysville, OH.

Oct. 14

Attended the dedication of Camp John McLean Memorial Park in Wyoming, OH, site of the training ground of the 75th OVI.

Oct. 26, 27

Registration and SUVCW recruitment, N. College Hill Re-enactment Weekend, Cincinnati.

Nov. 8

Represented the Department at the Induction Ceremony of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in Columbus. One of the inductees was Union General Roeliff Brinkerhoff of Mansfield, who had been proposed by the McLaughlin Camp.

Nov. 9

With Commander Ray Nagle of the Lytle Camp, presented a program at the Cincinnati Library entitled, "Digging Up Your Civil War Ancestors." Discussed our methods and progress in Graves Registration in the greater Cincinnati area.

Nov. 17

Representing Commander Darby, attended and spoke at the dedication of the historical marker in Columbus commemorating Morgan's Ohio Raid and Escape from the Ohio Penitentiary.

Nov. 11

Represented the SUVCW, along with members of the Lytle Camp, at the Veterans Day services at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

Dec. 16

Elected to Advisory Board of the Camp Dennison Civil War Museum, Camp Dennison, OH.

Jan. 8

Conducted the New Officer Installation at the Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10.

Jan. 10

Attended the regular meeting and New Officer Installation of Gov. William Dennison Camp #1 in Columbus.

Jan. 19

Representing Commander Darby, conducted the New Officer Installation at Capt. John Bruck Camp #96 in Hamilton.

Feb. 2

Attended and reported to the Ohio Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting in Columbus.

Feb. 12

Attended the joint Lincoln Day Dinner of Lytle Camp #10 and Bruck Camp #96 in Hamilton, OH.

Apr. 13

Attended the marker dedication ceremony for Camp Circleville, Circleville, OH.

Apr. 26

Manned SUVWCW table at the Hamilton Co. Genealogical Society Fair held at the Cincinnati Public Library.

Apr. 27

Participated in the Gen. U.S. Grant birthday celebration at Pt. Pleasant, OH.

Apr. 29-May 3

Registered students at the Sharon Woods Civil War Week program.

May 25

Attended the Civil War Memorial Services of Dennison Camp #1 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus.

May 27

Attended and spoke at the Memorial Day Services of Lytle Camp #10 at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

In addition, I have attended all but two of the regular meetings of my home camps: Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73 in Chillicothe and Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10 in Cincinnati.

As Local Site Chairman, I have continued initial planning for the 122nd National Encampment to be held in the greater Cincinnati area at the Drawbridge Inn, Fort Mitchell, KY from August 7-10, 2003. The Department of Kentucky brothers are being kept advised of developments and assisting in several areas. If you or members of your Camp have specific areas of experience in Encampment development, please let me know. (Latest developments will be reported verbally during this meeting.)

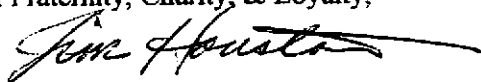
At the Mid-Winter Meeting I reported on the status of living Ohio Real Sons and Daughters. For your information I have updated this list with the help of information from PDC Keith Ashley and PDC Jerry Orton, who is the National Chair, Committee on Real Sons and Daughters. At the present time there are 11 in all: two living Sons whose ancestor served in an Ohio unit and one whose ancestor served from West Virginia; of the Daughters, four whose ancestor served from Ohio, and four who served from other states. (The current list is part of my report.) In this regard, I am sorry to report that Real Son and Brother Sanford Brumfield of the Brooks-Grant Camp passed away on Nov. 17, 2001.

Also relating to historical aspects of the Order, I recently obtained a biography of Cincinnati Elias Riggs Monfort, Commander of the GAR in 1915, from Brother E. Riggs Monfort III in California and worked with the National Webmaster to post the biography to the SUVWCW website.

Finally, let me say that I have been fortunate this year to have worked with Commander Don Darby, whose dedication and knowledge of our Order is demonstrated by positions at Camp, Department, and National levels. Also my thanks go to PCinC Dick Greenwalt who patiently answered my late night phone questions during the year.

I do not have any resolutions for the good of the Order at this time.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,



LIVING REAL OHIO SONS AND DAUGHTERS

No.	1	2	3
Real Son/Daughter	Charlotte Ayers	Dale Collier	Ader Bowman
Address		P.O. Box 5033	
City	Tilton, NH	Tiffin, OH 44883	OH
Father	Charles Dunkel Hammer	Harry Judd Collier	Jasper Phillips
Civil War Unit	Co. G, 124th OH Infantry	Co. F, 140th OH Infantry	1st TN Mounted Infantry
Notes	DUVCW Member	SUVCW Member	
 No.	 4	 5	 6
Real Son/Daughter	Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF(Ret.)	Mary Pickering Heron	Ruth Keis
Address	2368 S. Lima		147 Missick Ave., NW
City	Aurora, CO 80014	Oakville, Ontario	New Philadelphia, OH 44663
Father	Samuel P. Dinsmoor	Charles Dunkel Hammer	Salem H. Town
Civil War Unit	Co. B, 116th OH Infantry	Co. G, 124th OH Infantry	Co. C, 75th IL Infantry
Notes	SUVCW Member	DUVCW Member	
 No.	 7	 8	 9
Real Son/Daughter	Melvina Keeler	Onnie Mitchell	Rachel Perine
Address	172 S. Prospect	Box 314	
City	Oberlin, OH 44074	Gilbert, WV	WV
Father	George H. Summers	Cager Mitchell	Harvey Smith
Civil War Unit	Co. A, 4th WI Cavalry	Co. M, 7th WV Cavalry	Co. C, 142nd OH Infantry
Notes	DUVCW Member	SUVCW Member	PDP -LGAR
 No.	 10	 11	
Real Son/Daughter	Florence Schaublin	Emily J. Stevens	
Address	165 Highbluffs Blvd.		
City	Worthington, OH 43235	Omaha, NB	
Father	Samuel M. Fletcher	Samuel P. Dinsmoor	
Civil War Unit	Co. A, 136th PA Infantry	Co. B, 116th OH Infantry	
Notes	DUVCW Member	Col. Dinsmoor's sister	

6/12/2002

J. H. Houston

Department Commander, Donald E. Darby
Officers and Members of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It has been an Honor and Privilege to serve as your Jr. Vice Commander this year. My thanks to all of you who sent cards and e-mails regarding the death of my father and fellow brother this past April.

It pleases me to report, that through the efforts of National Jr. Vice Commander in Chief, Kent Armstrong we have added 18 members to our rolls this year with 2 that are currently in transition. All of these names came from our national website. In each case these members were contacted via Brother Armstrong, myself and of course Brother Greenwalt. Letters were also sent to the appropriate camp commander or camp secretary for further follow up and possible transfer from Department Member at Large status to camp affiliation. I was surprised to discover I expended over \$26.00 in postage.

In August, I was tasked by Department Commander Darby to comply with Department Order 01-2001 which followed National General Orders to secure copies of all camp rosters with our department and to forward copies to Department Secretary Greenwalt and Commander Darby.

In conjunction with my duties as Department Jr. Vice Commander, It has been my distinct pleasure to participate in the following activities.

- 21 August Invited at the request of Brother Brad Titkon of McLaughlin Camp to meet at the Ohio Veterans Home Museum. Please see my report under SITE COMMITTEE.
- 8 October Spoke to Lorain County Genealogical Society on the History of the GAR. Discovered that this group is using our GRAVES REGISTRATION forms. This has been added to our department website.
- 5 November Spoke to Cuyahoga County East Genealogical Society on the History of the GAR.
- 1 December Participated in Akron, Ohio at the installation of the Voris Camp Officers, for which we received noteworthy publicity through the efforts of Bro. Paul Huff PCC in the BANNER as well as the CIVIL WAR NEWS. My collateral duties as National GAR Highway Chairman allowed me to present a check to the AKRON GAR CHAPEL where this event Was held for their restoration efforts.
- 26 December Through an e-mail inquiry to Commander Darby, was highlighted in a local newspaper regarding the National GAR Highway through Ohio as well as information about the SUV.
- 2 February Attended the Mid Winter meeting in Columbus
- 4 February Spoke to the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society on the History of the GAR.
- 19 May Was the speaker at the Ohio Veterans Home , where I spoke to the Erie County Historical Society on the History of the GAR and its impact on the founding on the Ohio Veterans Home.
- 26 May Participated in Oberlin, Ohio (Lorain County) at headstone dedication services for Medal of Honor Recipient John Whedon Steele. Used the 1917 GAR/SUV Services with the VFW and American Legion participating in the various capacities.

In addition, I would like to RECOMMEND, that our national website be added to our national recruiting flyer. The importance of this can not be overlooked.

In closing, I wish to commend all of our brothers whose work does not go unnoticed but contributes greatly to our fine order. In FRATERNITY, CHARITY & LOYALTY

Jon B. Selmer
Jr. Vice Commander

Commander Darby - now the Patriotic Instructors report - Brother Mark Eckley - your Brother did not pass anything on to you ? - No Sir he did not , however we do still have the Patriotic Instructor Fund -- 10's , 20's and or Real Estate will be greatly appreciated .

Commander Darby - I do have a report from the Grave Registration Officer , I would like to share with you . So if Sr. Vice you can take over for me again for a few minutes .

This is from Martin Wayne Lowery - Commander Darby started reading the report , when he got to the 5th line - approx. Veterans still to be entered into database - he verbally commented - and I believe you added another 1500, is that correct (to whoever he was speaking to) - so that makes 5500. If you haven't done this job you may start by not knowing how to type by 4000 you can type with the biggest dog on the block. I just wanted to let you know what a job Martin is doing the Commander then went on reading the report - until he came to sentence of web page - again verbally commenting , If you have not visited that web site , once again there is a map of Ohio , its color coded red or blue as depended on wither the County has been worked or in process or if nothing has been done , you click on the County, you click on a last name and it starts spitting out information for you . Ok Its the best thing on the Web, National is looking at doing one right now.

Commander Darby then again went back to reading the report. Until he came to McPherson Camp , he again verbally added - He made the comment that there is a un godly amount of Counties that McPherson Camp has done. Basicly if it is in North West Ohio, they did it . I told you earlier 5 pages of activities from this Camp. When I was doing it for the Ohio Dept. , they had like 15,000 names and thats been 3 years ago , so there is now more than that. Then Commander finished reading report...

Cdr. Donald Darby
Ohio Department Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War

Dear Cdr. Darby

Because of personal commitments I will not be able to attend the Ohio Encampment, so therefore I am submitting to you my annual report. This is as of 10 June 2002.

Actual Veterans entered into National Database	27, 160
Actual Veterans entered into Ohio Dept. Database	28, 500
Approx. Veterans received in Dept. still to be entered into database	4, 000
Approx. Veterans still being researched by Counties	20, 000

We now have a total of 60 Counties being looked at or have been sent in by SUV Camps, County Genealogical Societies or Volunteer Helpers. There are 10 Ohio County Genealogical Societies looking at, or have completed, sending into Department their Veterans. 15 Counties have been sent in from SUV Camps. We are still asking for help in the following Counties:

Adams	Allen
Ashtabula	Auglaiza
Belmont	Brown
Carroll	Champaign
Clark	Clinton
Coshocton	Defiance
Harrison	Highland
Holmes	Jefferson
Licking	Logan
Madison	Medina
Miami	Scioto
Trumbull	Union
Van Wert	Williams

They can contact me or the Department Commander. Even if it's just recording the Veterans Grave Registration Cards located in the County Recorder's Office, this would be a big help.

At the last check with the National, Ohio and Michigan are running neck and neck on the most Veterans into National so far. We need to keep at it and make it our high priority. We don't want to leave a job half done from our Department. We still have a web page out there <http://www.frognet.net/~mlowery/ohiograve/ohiomap.html> and are still waiting on National to start theirs.

I want to thank everybody so far that has sent in their completed Counties this year. Scott Baker and J.B. McPherson Camp #66 keeps sending in completed Counties every year. Kent Dorr sent in Crawford County. Don Darby and Camp 73 Delaware County. Three County Genealogical Societies, Darke, Hocking and Wayne. If I left anyone out I want to apologize and thank you very much.

Yours in F.C. & L.
M. Wayne Lowery
Ohio Department Grave Registration Officer
SUVCW

Commander Darby Monuments and Memorials Report - Monuments and Memorials ,
something near and dear to my heart - So are the Boy Scouts to --

Commander, Fellow Officers, and members of the Ohio Department of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As Ohio Department Memorials Officer I have attended and participated in the following events through the past year.

2001

June = Re-Enactment at Newark, Ohio

July = Re-Enactment at McConnelsville, Ohio

July = Living History Weekend at Chillicothe, Ohio

November = was elected Camp Commander for Governor William Dennison Camp #125

2002

February = attended the Lincoln Dinner at Camp Groce #156

April = attended the Memorial Service for Camp Circleville in Circleville, Ohio with Battery I First Ohio Light Artillery

May = presided over the Memorial Meeting at Burr Oak Lodge with members of John S. Townsend Camp #108 and Governor William Dennison #125

May = Dedication of new flag pole installed at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. The flag pole was installed by members of Governor William Dennison Camp #125. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War William T. Sherman Tent #1016 donated a flag to fly above the graves of the men buried there.

During the past year as Ohio Department Memorials Officer I sent a letter out to all camps asking them to appoint a Camp Memorials Officer. (copy attached) The following camps responded: Camp Groce #156 appointed Brother Warren Gentzel, Camp Washington Wayne Manning #271 appointed Brother Robert B. Leach, and Camp William Dennison #125 appointed Brother Martin Lowery Jr.

This report is respectfully submitted by Donald Grant, Ohio Department Memorials Officer.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE
CAMP'S THAT DID NOT RESPOND.
PLEASE APPOINT A CAMP
MEMORIALS OFFICER



Greetings Brothers from the Ohio Department Memorials Officer,

I would like to ask that all SUVCW Camps appoint a Camp Memorials Officer. There is no provision in the Order's Regulations for a Camp Civil War Memorials Officer.

However, Camps are encouraged to create such an office and appoint such an officer. To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of a Camp's membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should:

(1) coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries;

(2) maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials - and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located; and

(3) provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM #61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

The purpose of the Camp or Department level Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs) within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

This initiative comes down from our National Organization. Through the Ohio Memorials Officer, any SUVCW Camp or Department may request money from the SUVCW Civil War Memorial / Monument Fund up to \$500.00 per monument or memorial for any repairs or restorations. Three Elected Council of Administration members will then review and grant monies as they determine merit.

I hope to hear from each camp within the next 3 months. I am available for any questions or concerns.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Brother Donald Grant
Ohio Civil War Memorials Officer
740-654-9724
Grantdon@hotmail.com

Commander Darby asked for Chief of Staff report and said - I want a same day finish , we know how long Gov. Dennison talks - (much laughter on the tape .)
 Chief of Staff Bob said - I was just going to let Dick file this as a report but I had to say something -(a voice on the tape said , we knew that) Bob said - back here is registration and the Chief of Staff Fund is right next to that, for anyone who would like to contribute ,

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT
 DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
 2001-2002

July 4, 2001	Participated in the 4 th of July parade in Pickerington, Ohio
July 20,2001	Participated with Gov. William Dennison Camp #1, in restoration of tomb stones and clean up of civil war veterans graves at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.
Sep. 3, 2001	Marched in Labor Day Parade in Canal Winchester, Ohio.
Sep. 15, 2001	Delivered speech on South steps of Ohio Statehouse, for Civil War Event. Subject of speech; 1861-1865 in relation to Sep. 11,2001. The fears and patriotism of both events.
Sep.-Oct., 2001	Promoted S.U.V.C.W. at school and historical events.
April 13, 2002	Attended plaque presentation in Circleville, Ohio. Camp Circleville and the 114 th O.V.I.
April 20, 2002	Restoration work to circle M in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Circle "M" is location of over 500 soldiers who died during the civil war. Camp #1, scrubbed all stones, involving three days of work parties. Scrubbed with half bleach and half water.
May 2-3,2002	Participated in Dublin, Ohio school civil war day. Twelve scenarios of civil war scenes. Dennison Camp #1 co-sponsored this outdoor school event.
May 10, 2002	Participated in same scenarios at Summit Station, Ohio, school.
May 24-25, 2002	Participated in placing over 3000 flags on civil war union veterans graves. <i>Good Col's Discharge S.U.V. COVERAGE</i>
May 25, 2002	Attended Memorial Ceremony at Circle "M", Green Lawn Cemetery. S.U.V.C.W. ritual ceremony held. Auxiliary placed two wreaths. Next to flag pole is a monument stone placed by the Womens Relief Corp. In 1910. Close to the monument is a concrete bench, placed by the Ladies Of the Grand Army of the Republic. The ceremony has been continued at Circle "M", since the closing years of the Grand Army of the Republic.
May 27, 2002	Marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Grove City, Ohio.

May 27, 2002

Attended the Operation Flag Ceremony in Westerville, Ohio. Operation Flag restores a cemetery each year, at a cemetery in Franklin County. Placing new military stones and repairing old family tomb stones. Governor Dennison Camp #1 provided a color guard.

May-June, 2002

Assisting Commander Darby in plans for 2002 Dept. of Ohio Encampment, Allinace, Ohio.

I wish all Allied Orders a safe and great encampment.

In F.C. & L,

Robert W. Davis
Dept. of Ohio
Chief Of Staff

S.U.V.C.W.

*DENNISON #1
FRANKLIN COUNTY GRAVE REGISTRATION*

*\$400 TO JUDY MORGAN
SAVGS SHEETS
FOR BANQUET*

Commander Darby - I will say this for Jim or whoever the new Department Commander is, that in January send out a Department Order saying -- it is coming up for Spring if you guys are having a event, if you wish me to attend, send in where you need me to be, before the end of January. To me sometime in May I got a call on Monday that says, hey we are having a thing on Saturday, they wanted me to be there. I think out of courtesy and also if you want people to attend your event, get on the web site early, get to the Dept. Commander early, so that he gets heads up and so he can plan his calendar. You can't do it on a Monday and expect the guy to show up on a Saturday or Sunday. It just doesn't happen.

Now I've timed this - wait for it - I am going to time this report -- Can we have the Secretary and Treasurer reports - OK Mark -
Dick Greenwalt - Secretary report first Sir

Department Commander , Donald Darby , Officers and Members of The Ohio Department ,
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

120 th Annual Ohio Department Encampment

Thanks for the opportunity to serve another year as Department Secretary
and for the efforts that have been made to assist me in fulfilling the responsibilities and duties of
my office

Since our last year's Department , the following Brothers have been reported as
Answering Their Final Muster Call :

Camp No. 7 Sanford Brumfield - a true Son of a Veteran
Camp No. 26 Leo Blackburn
Camp No. 66 Thomas Mehling
Camp No. 67 Dean Eck
Camp No. 91 Willard Baldwin
Camp No. 96 Carl Keller
Camp No. 142 Donald Silvis

The last Quarterly report to the National Organization for the Quarter ending March 31, 2002
showed that the Department had 21 Camps

2 Real Sons of a Veteran

38 Life Members

546 Non- Life Members

A check for \$1,740 was sent to National - \$1,635 for Per Capita Tax and
\$105.00 for the 21 new members gained during the Quarter

At last year's 2001 Department Encampment , The membership total was 580

and our present membership total is 586 for a slight gain

I am happy to report that the Life Membership re-imbursement was resolved at last year's
National Encampment and I sent the information for the necessary procedure for obtaining the
re-imbursement to all Camps having Life Members.

I can report that I received the checks for Camp No. 91 and for the 2 Life Members who are
Members At Large .

I hope that the few Camps that fail to meet the deadline for Camp Quarterly reports will make
every effort to get their reports to me on time.

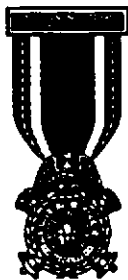
In F. C. & L.



Richard Greenwalt

Ohio Department Secretary

Commander Ok you still got eight minutes - now Treasurer report



Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

June 14,15,16, 2002

Office of
Ohio Department Treasurer
Richard L. Greenwalt

To Department Commander, Donald Darby , Officers and Members
120th Annual Encampment . of the Ohio Department , Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Thanks for allowing me to hold the office of Department Treasurer for another year .

My report from June 1, 2001 to May 30, 2002

INCOME

Love Gift from Department Auxiliary	\$ 25.00
2001 Encampment Registration	90.00
Chief Of Staff Fund	176.00
Patriotic Instructors Fund	162.00
Interest from Bank	61.25
Dues and Membership Applications	8,803.75

Total	<u>\$ 9,318.00</u>
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EXPENSES

National Organization Supplies	\$ 61.00
Donations approved during 2001	205.00
Printing and Envelopes	481.00
Postage	679.52
Encampment 2000	165.75
Encampment 2001	156.00
Secretary Expenses	129.50
Department Darby- National Encampment	225.00
Camp Re-imbursements	19.00
Encampment Ribbons	42.46
Per Capita and Membership Applications	8,755.49

Total	<u>\$ 10,919.98</u>
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Check Book Balance May 2002	\$ 8,971.45
Ohio Department CD	1,914.00
Ohio Department Permanent Fund	10,862.45

In F. C. And L.

Richard L. Greenwalt
Richard Greenwalt
Ohio Department Treasurer

Commander Darby - I believe we have to take a motion to accept the reading of the Secretary report and Treasurer report

PDC Keith Ashley - question - (his voice was not very loud on the tape , tried to copy as much as I could) - the dues seems to be like \$88.00 we took in and about \$87.50 that we payed out shouldn't we have kept more of per capita for Department , than that ?

Treasurer Dicks response - well possibly on the dates and etc thats what we did . Thats not giving you a very good answer . Each member of the Department -- each non-Life member sitting in this room is \$12.00 dollars payed a year to National , does that help answer ? Our books were audited last night and I don't have the information in front of me right now .

PDC Keith said , if we pay \$16 dollars a year and \$4 dollars is keep by the State Department by times of membership shouldn't there be a bigger difference ? By your figures we went in the hole this year .

Treasurer Dick - Oh yah I'm agreeing with you real quick , like . But it doesn't look quite that bad because , but at the National level last year they held on to a check for a long time in the amount of about \$16 Hundred dollars , it makes us look like we are in bad shape. I can explain it in Greenwalt language

Here Commander Darby responded - In response to that Keith I don't know whether you were aware at the last National Encampment in August , because of some problems with the executive assistant , this Department and about 4 others were almost not going to be seated, saying we were delinquent in our per capita dues. And we knew Dick better than that - and only to be found out that the last executive assistant had not opened the mail box , let alone answer it for about seemed like forever. There were a stack of mail like this -- and that is what came up and bite us.

PDC Keith responded - thats fine I understand .

Treasurer Greenwalt - if I can comment on that a little further . The check at National for the Quarter that ended in March of last year was cashed at the same time as the check for the Quarter that ends the 30th of this month The 2 of them together .

PDC Ashley - thats fine that explains it.

Commander Darby - If there is no further discussion , I have a motion on the floor and seconded all in favor of accepting the Secretary and Treasure reports say I , opposed same sign - rap of the gavel Carried

2002 REPORT OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
by Keith D. Ashley, PDC

Ohio Department commander, Donald DARBY, released information to all the camps in Ohio stating that my office would stand ready to assist in any memorial or funeral services of members of our order. I did not receive any requests for this service, however.

With the S.U.V. being the host organization this year, I am in charge of the the memorial service of the orders on Sunday morning. Please let me know of any brothers who have departed since last year. As I will be leaving Sunday morning to lead a tour for the University of Rio Grande on Civil War battlefields for 8 days, I have had to ask for help to handle the memorial service on Sunday morning.

I give praise to God for the return of health to Commander DARBY, past dept. commander, David V. MEDERT; and Judge Henry SHAW.

It is with great sorrow that I report on the death of Sanford BRUMFIELD in November. He was a real son of a Union soldier, Sloan BRUMFIELD. I and other members of Brooks-Grant Camp were pall bearers in Civil War uniform for his funeral and burial. This was noted in the "Columbus Dispatch."

I attended national encampment, 140th re-enactment of the 1st Battle of Bull Run, four sessions of filming of "Gods and Generals", Buffington Island re-enactment; reception for Commander DARBY; annual convention of the Ohio Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; a district meeting of the Ohio Ladies of the G.A.R.; all meetings of my camp; Remembrance Day; prepared the first draft of the Ohio Dept. L.G.A.R. constitution and by-laws;

In F.C. and L.
Keith D. Ashley, Chaplain

Notation from Department Secretary Greenwalt -
Memorial Service Program on Sunday morning was held in the Chapel
Department Chaplain Keith had to leave Saturday evening for another important commitment , but had the Allied Orders Joint Memorial Service , very nicely planned with music he had taped ahead and was played by his daughters . scriptures read , and the presenting of flowers for all deceased members of the Orders and Memorial to the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War members who were listed in the Secretary report . It was a very impressive ceremony , with several making remarks of how nice it was .

Department Darby said - That finishes Officers reports , Now Brother Secretary we are ready for Resolutions -
Secretary Greenwalt - I have 3

Whereas : National Park Service has instituted an admission fee at many Civil War Sites .
Whereas : Veterans of The Civil War Organization has been donating money to National Park Services for Civil War Park repairs and upkeep.
Therefore Be it Resolved : That Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War ask that the Ohio Department , Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War support a change in the National Parks Service admissions policy to allow the members of Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War , free admissions to all National Parks Service Sites , upon presentation of a current membership card.
And Be it further Resolved : That Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 , Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War , ask the National Delegate Body to top the decision .

The next 2 are rather long -

Whereas : Some Departments are assessing dual members , Department dues and National dues already paid by Dual members in his Camp where his primary membership lies.
Whereas : There is no cost to Department or the National Organization , in Camps haveing dual members that would neccessatate the need to assess Department and National dues a second time .
Whereas: New Camps often have dual members from established Camps as dual members in order to assist them in their formative periods , so that such a newly established Camp will be more assured of success in the operation and longevity .
Whereas : and the assessment of Department and or National dues , for dual members after the dual member has paid his National dues thru his Camp of primary membership, thus discouraging dual memberships which may not be in the best interest of newly formed Camps.
Therefore Be it Resolved : That the following be added to the Regulation of the Order -
a dual member. A dual Junior , or a dual associate of a Camp shall not be assessed any admission fee by the Camp, from which dual membership , Junior or Associate whose primary membership is in the same Department as the dual membership , shall not be charged Department or National dues.
A dual member, a dual Junior or a dual associate whose primary membership stateis , who is in a different Department , shall not be charged National dues , but will be assessed Department dues in the same amount as assessed Department dues in the same amount as assessed all other members , of that Department not including the amount assessed by the Department to cover the portion of dues , to be remitted to the National Organization , neither shall the Camp or Department assess a dual member in a higher amount that is charged any other member .

Commander Darby remarked - wow if you understood all that , you are a better man than I .

Dept. Secretary Dick then said now I have another one as long -
This is also from Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7

Whereas : Article 6 Section 3 of The Constitution of the Order - States -
A Department consisting of at least 3 Camps , may be formed by authority of the Commander In Chief and
Whereas : Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 5 - States -
that the Department covering more than 1 State must obtain permission of two-thirds of the Camps in that Department to allow new Departments to be formed by Camps in 1 State providing that

Departments and the original Department have at least 3 Camps And
Whereas : Departments covering more than 1 State have no incentive to allow Camps in a single State within a multi State Department to form a new Camp as the loss of such Camp will lower income from dues charged by Multi State Department . And
Whereas : The Maryland Department currently covers
Delaware - Maryland - Virginia - West Virginia - and the District of Columbia . And
Whereas : A Maryland Department meeting in the State of Delaware would require forming Camps in West Virginia to travel as much as 14 hours to reach a Department Encampment , thus making such a large Department have its Camps to attend difficult due to travel time And
Whereas : Separate Departments for each State in a Multi State Department would allow each Department to concentrate on the formation of Camps within each Departments boundary's as well as reduce travel to meetings .
Therefore be it Resolved : That Chapter 3 Article 1 Section 5 be stricken and replaced with the following :
When a Department consisting of Camps from more than 1 State have enough Camps within 1 State to form their own Department while still leaving the original State and the new Department with the number of Camps that is required in the Constitution . A majority of Camps within 1 State may request permission of the National Delegate Body permission to form its own Department to include all the Camps within the borders of the State of the new Department , providing it conforms to Article 6 Section 3 of the Constitution .
This Resolution was also provided from Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7

Commander Darby said - pass these on to Resolutions committee , Brother Grim and PCin C Medert

Now communications Brother Greenwalt - Yes Sir - Whoa no I have you on hold for a second , as hard as that is -

I have been remiss in not recognizing a few people who are here today . Will the Past Commander In Chiefs please rise - I would like to recognize from Ohio PCinC Richard Greenwalt
PCin C Charles Corfman ; PCin C David R Medert ; from Indiana PCinC Ed Kreiser
(a large round of applause) - Commanders please be seated
Past Department Commanders please rise - PDC Larry Swogger - 3 times Commander ;
PDC Dick Greenwalt : PDC Chuck Corfman ; PDC Keith Ashley ; PDC Bob Grim ;
PDC David R. Medert - 2 times ; PDC David V. Medert ; PDC Mark Eckley ;
PDC Terry Frost (a round of applause) Commanders please be seated . Oh yes and 1 last person , the present Commander of Molus , Terry Frost also a Past Commander of Molus
Brother Mark Eckley . (Another round of applause)

Now moving on with a rapid pace - Brother Greenwalt paraphrase communications
Secretary Greenwalt said may I say 1 thing first - I am Senior Past Department Commander of Ohio, Senior National Past Commander In Chief - meaning all who have served before me have died . -
my very first Department Encampment in Columbus, Ohio we had about 109 guys from Ohio present.
I was asked to take Junior Vice Commander - at the time of nominations both nominated Commander and Sr Vice Commander were not there . PDC W W Dorsey jumped up and said we nominate Greenwalt , there are about 6 PDC's here , we are electing you as Commander and we will see that you do right or we will kick ----- out of you . That was my first Department Office .

Now Communications , actually some of these came in as resolutions but they are communications ,
Commander Darby said paraphrase , shorten them down ,
this is from his Camp No. 92 his name is Robert Grim , they highly recommended him for the office

he is going to run for . The office that we think is very important . This was sent in as a resolution giving their support for him to serve as Commander In Chief , and asking the Departments support. Bob please no disrespect to you but to paraphrase , I will just read the Sons of Union Veterans accomplishments , not his SVR or the many Organizations he contributes much to.

A resolution of nomination and support for Brother Robert E. Grim as a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Submitted by the Officers and Brothers of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 Department of Ohio.

WHEREAS, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim has served as Commander of the Ohio Department and is the founder and a charter member of Henry Casey Camp No. 92, recruiting 27 members himself, and serving three years as camp commander, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim has served as Treasurer of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 since 1996, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim, in addition to being the Ohio Department Commander from 1994-95, served as a member of the Ohio Department Council of Administration from 1995-2000, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim, has also served as the Junior Vice Commander, Patriotic Instructor, Guide and Guard of the Ohio Department, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim, is currently serving as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief 2000 -2001, and was a member of the National Council of Administration from 1994-97; served as Chairman of the National Scholarship Committee from 1995-2000; served as a member of the National Program and Policy Committee from 1992 - 2000, and is currently the Chairman of that committee; served as National Patriotic Instructor from 1998-99; served as the Acting National Chaplain for the 1995 National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio; served as National Color Bearer from 1995-96; served as National Guide from 1993-94; served as Acting National Guide for the 1997 National Encampment in Utica, New York; served as National Encampment Banquet Master of Ceremonies in 1996 and again in 1997; served as a member of the National Encampment Budget & Finance Committee in 1997; served as Chairman of the National Encampment Resolutions Committee in 1996, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim is serving the Sons of Veterans Reserve as Deputy Commander with the rank of Colonel, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim organized Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1993, recruiting 26 members and serves as a Private in that unit, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim was commissioned 2nd Lt. Commanding 20th O.V.I. in 1993; was commissioned 1st Lt. Commanding 20th O.V.I. in 1994; was commissioned Captain Commanding 20th O.V.I. in 1996; and was commissioned Major and served as Commander of the 3rd Military District in 1997 and 1998, and was commissioned Lt. Colonel and named Adjutant General in 1998 and commissioned Colonel in 2000, and served as Adjutant General until his appointment as Deputy Commander of the SVR in 2001, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim serves as a Private in Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, and has attended Fort Niagara and Chillicothe Artillery Schools from 1993 through 1995, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim has served as Guide, Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander of the Central Region Association -- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; is serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; is a life member and Secretary General of the National Society Sons of Colonial New England, is a member of Lt. Jonathan Bressler Camp No. 1536 Sons of Confederate Veterans; is a member of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland; and the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio, serving as Vice President from 1988-93 and President from 1993-96; is a member of the General Society for the War of 1812, serving as Vice President General for the State of Ohio from 1988-93, and

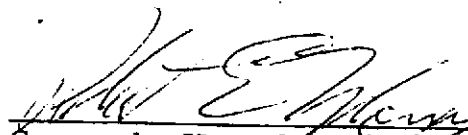
WHEREAS, Brother Grim is a member of Paul H. Hughey Post No. 25 American Legion being a U.S. Air Force Veteran, having served during the Vietnam War, and Whereas, Brother Grim is a member of 9 different Masonic Organizations including Virginia Civil War Research Lodge No. 1865, is active in numerous other Genealogical and Historical Organizations, is a Colonel in the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim has proven his strong interpersonal skills, tirelessly giving of his time and energy to recruit, visit and encourage the growth and development of the entire Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Camp, Department, Regional and National level, and

WHEREAS, Brother Grim has exhibited strong organizational skills with his successful resolution of departmental and camp problems, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Henry Casey Camp No. 92, the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorse and support the candidacy of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Robert E. Grim, for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the election to be held at the 121th National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois in August, 2002, and be it further

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



Commander, Henry Casey Camp No. 92



Secretary, Henry Casey Camp No. 92

The next communication is from Department of Michigan asking us to endorse Kent Armstrong for Sr. Vice Commander In Chief , I will lay it here if anyone wants to read his qualifications.
The next is a 2 pager from Ezra S Griffin Camp No. 8 Scranton, PA for Joseph Long Jr. For position of National Jr Vice Commander In Chief - that is also laying here , it is very interesting .
We received a communication or 2 from Dept. Of Wisconsin and his Camp of 3 pages for Stephen Michaels for Jr Vice Commander In Chief also . That is here to.

I have a communication from Commander In Chief , who is present , that is about

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 4
Series 2001 - 2002
George L. Powell, Commander-in-Chief
6114 Gillespie St.
Philadelphia, PA 19135-3611
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On behalf of the National Organization of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War I want to offer the condolences of our membership to the victims and to the families of the victims involved and to express the outrage of all the members of our Order to the attack today on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. At this time we must come together as an Order and a Nation. I there by urge all Brothers to:

1. Fly the flag of our Country as a sign of solidarity with the innocent victims.
2. Attend the church of their choice and offer their own prayers for those involved in this terrible tragedy.
3. Those Brothers who are able to please donate blood. I hereby order that all Camp and Department Charters be draped and all members are to drape their membership badge for the next 30 days in memory of the victims and their families.

By Order of:
George L. Powell
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

I have from Friends of Florence Stockage , Hartsville, SC a Thank you for the \$100.00 contibution to their Heritage Fund., July 2001 , voted on last year . Also from Akron Civil War Memorial Society , a Thank you for the \$100.00 contribution last July 2001 , voted on last year.
I have 1 from the War Between The States , I will put that here if you want to read it .
I have received 2 or 3 sets of communications from National Civil War Museum , Harrisburg, PA
I will put them here if any one wants to pick them up .
I brought along a couple of these Order Forms and put them out here , if anyone wants to Order Badges and so forth . THAT IS ALL SIR

Dept. Sec'y Dick - May I add one other thing , I received a phone call in regards to a Camp, the gentleman is sitting here in the room , Brother Keith Ashley due to the lack of paper work, confusion , or whatever , seemingly this Brother has added several new members to their Camp during the year. I did not receive as Dept. Secretary on the Quarterly reports , I did not receive the new members applications , to the best of knowledge I am suppose to receive them with this Quarterly report. As Dept Secretary I can not send in people who I have no names or addresses for. If I get them in to National , so they will get their Banners and so forth and the requiter gets recognition , seemingly there is going to be a total of 12 guys which is quite a thing . Brother Keith

Dept. Commander Darby said - Brother Ashley I think for bringing in 12 new members , deserves a round of applause (applause) Once again I think this echoes what I said in my remarks - communications - the second thing is - The Job Is Not Done Until The Paper Work Is Turned In . -

A Brother who brings in 12 new members and for whatever reason that paperwork does not reach the Department , I know if it were me it would be kind of frustrating , if I had really busted my buns , to get this done , and there was a snap-poo of some sort. I know we are all volunteers , but when you step in that position , you Rogered Up that you were going to accept it, then you got to carry out your duties.

I learned 1 thing , doing the National Encampment , that there needs to be a change to

The Ritual & Ceremonies Books

in No. 10 on my list says --- unfinished business ---

There can not be any unfinished business , when the Encampment is closed all the business either has been taken care of or referred to Committees .

So technically there is not any unfinished business OK so moving along in that direction .

Chief of Staff Bob Davis announced the greetings committee at the door -

He was told to escort them in by Commander Darby who said - looks like beautiful bookends on each side of Davis . Brother Davis said It is my pleasure to introduce to you the

Department of Ohio Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War Chief of Staff

May Frost and Polly Sholtz . Commander said Welcome Ladies

PDP May Frost responded - We bring you a gift from our Department President Amy Miller ,

also this is our Love Token from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans Ohio Department.

She said I told Polly (who is a very young girl , first Encampment) she had to give a kiss , along with the Love Token check , and she said no for me to give the check -

Commander Darby responded with - we appreciate your beautiful presence , the view from up here was bad until you 2 pretty ladies walked in , Thank you for coming in . Here is a

Encampment ribbon for each of you and your Department President . Then they were escorted

out . After they were out of the room - Commander Darby said you guys can't appreciate the look that little girl gave when May said she had to kiss Dick when the Love Gift check was given.

She would of rather ate dirt with worms in it then do that . (much laughter)

Treasurer Dick responded - you could tell she was a smart little girl (much more laughter)

Reports of Committees I would like to start first , with , while its not a committee , I believe the
report is very appropriate - Brother Silvis , Site Committee report

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

RE: OHIO VETERANS HOME (FORMERLY OHIO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME)

At the Ohio Department Encampment in 2001, the Sons of Union Veterans approved a resolution submitted by McLaughlin Camp # 12, in support of the Curator of the Ohio Veterans Home in her quest to Honor the GAR through interpretive means.

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* 2 At the urging of Brother Brad Tilton, of McLaughlin Camp, I attended a meeting on the 21st of August last year with several others to determine what if any help we could give. We were met by Ms. Dorothea Lofquist the Museum Curator and Steve Matune the Deputy Director of the Home. Ms. Lofquist is the driving force behind the museum and is very PRO GAR.

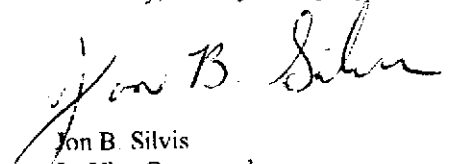
* 3 It is the desire of the museum to display relics and other data that tell the GAR story, its involvement in the founding of the home, and its connection as a veterans service organization. **THEY ARE ASKING FOR OUR HELP!** Who better to tell the story of the GAR than the GAR allied orders. This is an opportunity we can not and should not pass up. We have been invited to hold meetings or other events at the Camp, Department or even the National level at the home. We have the opportunity, right now, to be a major player in the future development of this museum.

* 4 Secondly, it was indicated to us, that one of the presently vacant "Cottages" might be available for our use in conjunction with the other orders for use as a permanent Department level home and civil war museum. All of our records could be consolidated in one spot. All of our Ohio Camps and Ohio Orders operating for a unifying and common goal. It is time to think outside of the box. These cottages the administration of the home would like see preserved and used for some significant purpose. Obviously, much additional thought and input needs to be done. To that end,

* 5 It is recommended that a Department Level Committee be appointed , to investigate the role of the GAR in the OVH museum setting and that they further determine the potential for participation by the allied orders and the extent to which we may be of assistance to the OVH in securing displays for the museum, and determine the interest in the potential use of a cottage as a possible future permanent home.

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Yours In,
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty


Jon B. Silvis
Jr. Vice Commander
Department of Ohio SOUVCW

(notation by Dept. Secretary Greenwalt - Brother Silvis during his report added verbally insertions that I have marked on his report as * 1 up thru to * 6.

- * 1 first of all , Paul Huff , the chairman of the Site committee had mentioned something here in his list last year regarding the Ohio Veterans Home was formally Ohio's Soldiers & Sailors Home in Sandusky.
About the Curator of The Ohio Veterans Home , Lofquist , wishes to recognize the Grand Army of The Republic .
- * 2 Immediately after last years Encampment at the request of Brother Radcliff , I attended a meeting at the Home , we attended a meeting , we were met there by Dr Robert Bartholomew of McPherson Camp No 66 .
- * 3 The museum is open 8 to 4 , 7 days a week , Staffed by some of the Veterans in the Home. The Home was founded in 1884 by the State of Ohio for the specific care of Civil War Veterans. The minute you drive thru the front gates that 99 acre site , the GAR Monument , the front gates you will see were donated by Ladies of the Grand Army of The Republic . The display cases of the Museum were donated by The Woman's Relief Corps also the gazebo out front . The Central building was the original Administration Building , they want to take the upstairs 14 foot square room and turn it into a Veterans Service Organizations .
She is giving us 1st crack at it , she said because we helped create that Home. In other words if we turn this down I think we are pretty stupid . Unbelievable the holdings in this Museum . It is the Desire of the present administration that there be increased awareness of this museum and its purpose up there . We can have a Civil War Museum ..
- * 4 (notation here from Secretary Assistant - The "Cottages" were each completely furnished from bedsheets, thru to towells, and washcloths , everything neccessary to occupy a "Cottage" By The Auxiliary To Sons of UnionVeterans of The Civil War .)
Many Civil War Veterans and their wives , occupied these "Cottages"
- * 5 We can have anyone of the "Cottages " but there is a lot of legal work to be done . Re-storation work to be done .
- * 6 Its time what I'm trying to say here is get off our butts. I want all of you to take the opportunity to see the Beautiful Home , The Museum and the Beautiful, Beautiful 99 acre Monument .
Gentlemen we have the opportunity and I want you to join me in making something happen .
I think it's time .

Commander Darby added - Just to let you know if you look back at these Soldiers & Sailors Home pictures that Silvis has in the back of the room , you will see a Statue of a Civil War Soldier petting a dog that was put up I believe in the last 5 years at least . They got some skinny guy to put on a Civil War Uniform and pose. They went to a pound and got a straggly dog and some how got him to pose . The good thing is the dog didn't go back to the pound, they cleaned him up and gave him shots , some food and one of the people at the Home , took him home and the dog got a good deal .

Brother Silvis I think I can do 1 of the 2 things that you asked in your Resolution . Brother Jon , I would like to appoint you as the Ohio Department Chairman for the Committee on the Veterans Home , that you will report to Brother Houston on that. I think we need to move forward for it, you will be the Chairman of the Committee and I will let you pick your boys and let Brother Houston know who they are.

Commander In Chief Powell said - Commander I think this is a good idea BUT your appointments die when you die , I think what you need is a Resolution , requesting that the incoming new Department Commander make that appointment .

Commander Darby - OK what he said -- (laughter) Well then what we will do is forward that to the Resolution Committee and I think I can work that out . OK

2002 REPORT ON THE BUFFINGTON ISLAND BATTLEFIELD
Keith Ashley

I have been quite active this year as before on working to preserve Buffington Island Battlefield.

First, Amos Loveday of the Ohio Preservation Office, still refuses to release the \$25,000 from Shelly Materials of Thornville, Ohio, despite requests from the Meigs County Commissioners. This is all the money that is left from the \$100,000 that the gravel company gave when it settled with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a loading dock. Mr. Loveday took the money and gave it to other places across the State of Ohio rather than letting it be use to match with the federal government in the 4:1 matching program of the National Scenic By-Ways Grant Program.

Southern Local School District has abandoned the Portland Elementary School very near the park as of fall, 2001, when it opened a new consolidated elementary school. Since then, I have been working with the Meigs County Commission to acquire the building so that it can be used in the future as a potential visitors' center and museum for the battlefield. Due to political reasons, the commissioners had to give first chance on the building to the Portland community. This group is forming a 501 (c) 3 corporation to take charge of the building as a community center with the plans to put part of the building into a Buffington Island center. I have been attending their meetings as an interested individual. This new Portland group lacks serious long-term support in my view. Should this group fail to function with the building, the building will then be turned over to the Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society for the sole purpose as a battlefield museum and visitors' center.

There has been a serious problem with those with good intentions about the battlefield who live outside the area. A married couple from far outside the area has been trying to dominate all that is being done to save the battlefield and exclude all others. Simultaneously, they have been angering all the local groups that have been working 15 years on this battlefield. They even tried to get themselves put on the board of directors for the Portland community group but were denied due to their lack of connection to the community and their 250 mile distance from it. The couple has refused to cooperate with local groups except the Portland community group for reasons I shall not go into.

After having indirectly caused the loss of a free infrared inspection of the battlefield, the Ohio Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has paid for an aerial inspection. They claim to have found a potential location for buried soldiers' remains, but no information is currently available whether this has been proven.

A person in the Buffington Island Battlefield Group, a group I would most likely categorize as a "renegade" group who fail to cooperate with anyone, released a story to a Charleston, W. Va., newspaper giving what I would consider harmful, incorrect facts concerning the battlefield.

The Ohio Historical Society under George Kane has done a complete reversal. After the society stated that it refused to buy more battlefield property but also wanted to abandon the park that was there, it has suddenly reversed this position and aided in the purchase of a small piece of the battlefield next to the current park. The Ohio Historical Society in its usual manner has also failed to attempt to work with or keep informed the local county

commission or the local county historical society. The money that was used to buy this property was poorly handled since it was a 1:1 match. Had the O.H.S. used the National Scenic By-Ways Program, it would have yielded much, much more in funds.

This year, an independent movie company from Indiana wants to film some of the battle for use in a film about a Confederate spy who goes to Cleveland, Ohio. He contacted the re-enactor's sponsoring group only about Memorial Day. After seeing that the company was a "for profit" company, the re-enactors have refused. The reason for the refusal is: all profit-making companies should be offering donations to battlefield preservation in return for failure to pay re-enactors, the actors that company wants in the event will not have training to handle firearms, the company has not promised to remain at a distance during its filming thus causing a problem with authenticity, the battle will not be named as such in the film but only listed in the credits at the end, the re-enactors feel that doing an actual battle on an actual battlefield requires more than just a generic battle, two other re-enactments are occurring the same weekend at Roscoe Village and McConnelsville; and independent films rarely see the light of day and are used only for the producers' resume.

I have been contacting candidates who are running for positions in the Ohio Legislature from the district that includes the battlefield. My hope is to gain promises prior to their election even though it is not uncommon for such politicians to fail to fulfill them. I have also contacted Joseph M. Farrell, Director of Economic & Community Development, asking for any help that he can lend to the battlefield preservation. As of yet, I have not gotten a response.

The wreath-laying ceremony at last year's Buffington Island event was well-attended. It went well except for a V.F.W. representative who decided to get on his soapbox and talk longer than the featured speaker. We have plans to prevent the problem this year. I thank Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 S.U.V. and the Maj. Daniel McCook Circle #104 L.G.A.R. for hosting the luncheon afterward. The ceremony will be held this year at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at the battlefield park at Portland, Ohio, during the annual re-enactment. All camps are urged to come and present a wreath for the ceremony. The re-enactment is growing in attendance by re-enactors a little each year.

The Ohio Bicentennial Commission is planning a special event in 2003 in September to commemorate the battle. This will involve a calvary ride by Confederate re-enactors across Meigs County for three days. There are said to be 60 cavalry lined up for this, which is an extremely large number considering that this would begin to be in a number with large Civil War re-enactments. When questioned why this could not be coordinated with the annual re-enactment in July, Mr. Darrell Markjohn, an attorney and re-enactor who is coordinating the event, said that the reasons were (1) that this was only 3 weeks at

the 140th re-enactment of Gettysburg and (2) that the heat of July would be hard on the horses. Neither reason seems to be of much basis, since 3 weeks after Gettysburg is sufficient time between the Gettysburg event and the annual re-enactment and since early September is usually as hot as mid-July in the Ohio Valley. Mr. Markjohn is the same person who agreed to speak at our campfire last year, and then neither his representative nor he ever showed up or canceled. Also, due to dangers of litigation from such a ride and due to lack of knowledge of the plans, local historical groups have refused to support the ride including Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7.

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A desirable idea is to locate either wealthy benefactors or companies who could be approached for monetary donations to buy battlefield property. If any of you have ideas on this, I welcome your input.

In F. C. and L.
Keith D. Ashley

Commander Darby

Thank you Keith

Chief of Staff Fund - by Chief of Staff Bob Davis

He said all donations were greatly appreciated

\$ 15.00	Gov. Dennison Camp No. 125
38.00	Vienna Camp No. 26
25.00	Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1
5.00	PDC - PCinC Charles Corfman
10.00	Department Sr. Vice Commander James Houston
15.00	Lytle Camp No 10
5.00	Dept. Chief of Staff Bob Davis
10.00	National Sr. Vice C in C Robert Grim
5.00	PDC Dave Medert
10.00	Sgt. Enderline Camp No. 73
10.00	PDC - P C in C Dick Greenwalt
5.00	Kirby Bauman
5.00	PDC Mark Eckley
5.00	Gerald Crawford
5.00	Brad Tilton
5.00	Kent Dorr
5.00	Jon Silvis
5.00	Commander Donald Darby

\$ 183.00

Patriotic Instructor Fund

PDC Mark Eckley assumed the station of Patriotic Instructor for the Department , during the Encampment , for his Brother Harry Eckley , who had to work .

Mark Eckley	\$ 5.00
Jon Silvis	3.00
Kirby Bauman	5.00
Ray Nagel	5.00
Bob Grim	10.00
Mc Clellan	5.00
Dick Greenwalt	5.00

\$ 38.00

This year's Encampment Credentials Committee Chairman , Ray Nagle , was not clear on the tape , to faint to hear - Department Secretary took from registration book -

28 Registered

Commander In Chief George Powell, National Secretary PCin C Edward Krieser , National Council of Administration Member Ron Gill , all attending from out of State were listed as guests

3 Past Commander In Chiefs from Ohio , and 6 other Past Department Commanders of Ohio , And Department Commander Donald E. Darby were in attendance .

Commander Darby - moving right along

Report from the Department Council

Basicly we looked over the Books last night , found everything in order . Dick did a fantastic job this year as always in keeping everything straight .

Commander - we have reached a point where we have reached item 13 -14 - 15 - 16 - 17

Those are New Business

Old Business

Nomination of new Officers

Election & Installation of Officers

The approval of the minutes

And the Closing Ceremony

Gentlemen it is 11:37 what we will do is break for lunch - Where did my Chaplin go !

A voice said we have 30 minutes yet - and in 30 minutes I would like to make an announcement

Wait - PC in C Medert would like to make an announcement that is near and dear to his heart

Brother Medert , do it now you have 3 minutes (a lot of laughter on the tape recorder)

Past Commander In Chief Medert said - This is a project this coming Sunday , we have a

Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient , I know most of the Camps probably have 1 in their area.

This Medal of Honor Veteran was buried in 1930 and there is no marking on his grave , that indicate he was a Medal of Honor Recipient . I contacted the Medal of Honor Society and got a real nice Bronze Marker . We are having a dedication ceremony this coming Sunday.

This man was a 18 year old drummer boy who saved one of the members in his unit out between the lines and saved his life , who died later on . He was promoted to Sgt. At that time. I have a picture of him , a picture of the guy he pulled off the battlefield . When you look at it a little later , you will see a certain resemblance to a certain person , all of you will know. This man that he pulled off the field is the great grandfather of Past President Richard Nixon . George Nixon . We varified this with the Nixon Library. We are going to have this dedication and have something different, that we are doing We are inviting all local people and Masonic Lodge and everyone else. This man was taken in the Masonic Lodge in 1877 , so we have got special dispensation from the Grand Lodge to take part in this ceremony and The Commandery is going to be there in uniform and Grand Lodge members will be there with their aprons and Masons as well. I am looking forward to this , we have not done this in many years. You are all invited to see this grand ceremony .

Commander Darby - Thank you Brother Dave - with no further - Brother Chaplain attend the Altar. We will start at 1300 or 1 pm or for the Marines , Mickeys big hand looks like this (demonstrated)

Saturday afternoon session June 15, 2002

Commander Darby took charge by saying moving right along with a rapid pace .

Have all the Encampment committees reached a verdict or conclusion --(We have Sir) --

Good we will start with Constitutions and Regulations committee -

(chairperson Brother Grant reported , we have nothing to report , Sir)

Ok now Resolutions committee -

PDC Robert Grim chairperson reported - Commander , Sir the Resolutions Committee has 4

Resolutions to report on , these Resolutions were read completely before so to as the commander previously said - paraphrase -

The first one, the Resolution of Recommendation that the next Commander , to appoint a special committee , on the Home , headed by our present Jr. Vice Commander Jon Silvis - The committee recommends the adoption of this Resolution presented by Commander Don Darby.

Commander Darby said - I believe at this time its appropriate to say that the recommendation of the committee will be passed or defeated by the sound of the Gavel , is that not right ?

PDC Grim said you need someone to make that a motion - this was carried out -

Commander Darby - OK its so moved any discussion on this matter , hearing none , all in favor say I .

All apposed same sign - rap of gavel - recommendation of committee , carried

No. 2 Resolution from Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 on seeking free admission at National Park sites - recommendation of committee , NOT to approve this resolution because the purpose of the admission fee is to help maintain the parks , it could lead to the fact that all Military Organizations may want that privilege also. No discussion - rap of gavel , recommendation of committee carried

No. 3 Next from Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 about dual membership

Committee recommended that this be passed on to National - under discussion Department Secretary Dick - just refers to dual membership ? (answer yes) A voice from the back , not at mike , to faint to hear on the tape asking a question , Committee chairman Grim answered , yes if he is a member of 2 Camps , he pays dues to both Camps , if a member of 2 different Departments he still has to pay both Department dues , but only pays 1 National dues .

Recommendation of the Committee to be passed on to National - rap of gavel carried

No. 4 Resolution also from Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 refers to Sections of Departments withdrawal Recommendations Committee wants to amend the Resolution as presented , it should appeal to National Encampment - no discussion - Recommendation of committee carried , rap of gavel

Chairman Brother Grim said that concludes the Resolutions Sir

Commander Darby Now Officers Reports committee

Brother Shaw chairman , The committee approves the Officers Reports but

We would like to address several recommendations in several reports , starting with Department

Commander Darby's recommendation's

No. 1 that was kind of general

Commander Darby interjects - I will amend my 1st recommendation which was that the Department purchase a computer & printer and Internet for the Department Secretary in order for him to do Dept. business . I will amend that as a Lap-top , (response from Brother Shaw not loud enough on the

recorder to hear) Now we have to go thru all 3 of them , I believe while I put No. 5 over No. 4 O B E , Overcome By Events , in that National already provides a service pin , so we cross that one off and we will mark that No. 4 - OK read thru them one at a time. Officers reports committee continued :

No. 1 paraphrased - already amended by Department Commander Darby , to purchase a lap-top computer and printer and Internet for the Dept. Secretary .

Question under discussion PDC Larry Swogger , I just want to know if our Sec'y Dick will know how to use this stuff - I don't want us to do anything that will cause him to resign, because he can't do what we want him to do, at least find out if he knows how to use it .

Dept. Sec'y Dick , Commander Sir , I want to comment on that , I have been sitting here thinking about

that pretty heavy and the only way that I will continue to work as Secretary with this equipment , is if my good wife Bea can do that part of it . I am not up on it and in my stage of the ball game Well I said to our Commander In Chief sitting here , the same as I said at the beginning of the meeting about the tape recorder - I may have sense enough to turn on the power but as far as skills and making use of it and so forth , thats the best of my knowledge now back to the computer , Unless Bea was going to do it , you better find someone else for this job .

Commander Darby said , well he said that with some deliberation in his voice Secretary Dick , comment , No I'm not threatening but I'm just saying how it is . I am 74 years old , I'm not in the best of health and I don't want to take on something I don't understand , or I don't want to understand and so forth .

Commander Darby injected - We have what is known as a cunnumdrum - that means when its about up to here in your ears --- I do not have a problem with Bea assisting you with - (a voice in the back - she already does about all of it) (a lot of laughter) (Dick said I don't either) (a lot more laughter) Does anyone else have a problem of having Bea assisting Dick. - (a voice again from the back on the tape - maybe the problem will be Bea) more laughter -

Commander said - Let me say one thing , He has to deal with Bea , I ain't going there , I have one I'm married to , I can't deal with anyone else. The one thing is regardless of who types it, basically the mandate from National is we have a legible report .

Sec'y Dick , let me interrupt a second , she has been typing what has to go into National. (that voice in back again see I told you she does most of it) laughter -

Commander Darby - So I believe it would be easier for all concerned , secondly it will provide a permanent record of whats going on , that doesn't go out with the dish water as times goes by.

As there is no further discussion in regard to this -

all in favor say I all opposed same sign rap of the gavel buy the man a lap-top , printer and Internet , E-Mail service So carried

Back to Brother Shaw chairman of Officers reports

Recommendation No. 2 Medal in lieu of ribbons - objections - rap of gavel print ribbons and medal Commander Darby followed with I believe Bro Houston or whoever is Commander following , will be wise to appoint a committee to start working on that of what would look like

Recommendation No. 3 Camps search graves

Committee recommended Titles also so marked - Under discussion - again the voice speaking not loud enough on tape - Commander responded - If I had my druthers , he would have a thing that said this is the last Civil War Veteran not only in the County but in Ohio at the very least .

Make sure his tomentone is legible , that he has a flag marker at the very least . I know that the County down by me , they can't even afford curtains for their Court Room , let alone , a maybe \$15 dollar Plaque. The County Commissioners can't do that , probably the County can't do that .

I would say at the very least it would have to be a legible stone and a flag marker . If the County or the Camps are financially able to come up with the Bronze Plaque more the better .

No other discussion any objections rap of the gavel so passed

Committee on Officers Reports and Recommendations continued :

Recommendation No. 5 now No. 4 - \$100.00 dollars to Frost GAR Hall - discussion or comments none rap of gavel so carried -

Commander Darby said - 100 dollars per year forever and ever until it falls to the ground - rap of gavel

Brother Shaw chairman saying moving down to Jr. Vice Commander Silvis report

Recommendation - Web site - Commander Darby said I believe that point is moved , its there already been moved so - rap of gavel Carried

next Memorials officer Grant report - suggests each Camp have a Memorial Officer

The committee recommended this be a Department decision - no action taken , no discussion

Brother Shaw said that concludes our Officers reports and recommendations

Commander Darby now we come to new business - Chief of Staff Bob Davis

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO ENCAMPMENT

2002

Subject; Plaque for marker for Governor William Dennison

Request ; Donation for plaque from Dept. of Ohio

Requested by; Governor William Dennison Camp #1, S.O.U.V.C.W.
Dept. of Ohio

Governor Dennison Camp #1 is seeking funds to place a bronze marker at the burial site of Governor William Dennison.

Governor Dennison was Ohio's first civil war governor. He was 24th governor of Ohio.

Governor Dennison is buried in section "C", lot 29, grave #6, at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Governor Dennison Camp #1 was chartered August 1, 1882.

The brothers of Camp Dennison #1 feel that after 120 years, it is time to place a marker at his burial site, showing that Governor William Dennison was Ohio's first civil war governor.

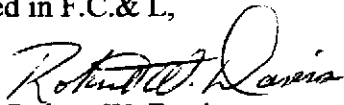
The bronze plaque will read; William Dennison
24th Governor of Ohio
1860-1862
First Civil war governor

The plaque will be mounted on a granite stone and anchored in the ground.

Cost of said memorial stone and plaque will cost \$200.00.

We are asking the Department of Ohio to donate \$100.00 for this memorial to Ohio's first civil war governor.

Respectfully Submitted in F.C.& L,


Robert W. Davis
Historian Governor Wm. Dennison Camp #1
&
Dept. of Ohio Chief of Staff
S.O.U.V.C.W.

CHECK TO:

→ WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP #1
COLUMBUS, OHIO

SEC/TRES. MEMPHAN
POWELL, OHIO

Continue on with \$100.00 for plaque - Commander Darby had question under discussion

I have a couple of questions - (Bob - yes Sir) At Dennisons Grave Site is there a family stone there or does the family have a problem with us to doing that ?

Brother Davis responded - first of all , a couple years ago , I ran in the national Genealogical magazine for any descendents of Governor Dennison. Thru contacts I had , I write periodically to this Lady , Great Granddaughter , who lives at Sommerset, Maryland . I have the paper to show that she gives permission to place the Plaque on the Cemetery plot . Now Greenlawn Cemetery says - on the plot they have one large huge stone that just says Dennison. Thats the family plot. There are small stones , that are this big , this wide by this high off the ground , placed rectangular around the huge stone ,

Where this Plaque would be placed by permission of Greenlawn Cemetery and with permission from the descendents , it can't be placed on the big Dennison Monument because that is the Dennison Family Stone. What we are going to do , anchor it right in front of the big Monument which is directly right behind the Governor's stone for his grave .

Does that answer that question ?

Commander Darby - second question - have you submitted - a - I guess he was the first Civil War Governor of Ohio - a - did you submit the paper work to the Memorials Commission at National Civil War Monuments ?

Brother Davis responded - yes - to be very truthful with you, at a recent meeting , someone reminded me that I came here 2 years ago and got some funding for the Cannon Monument at Canal Winchester, Ohio , so this is why I am submitting this request for \$100 dollars .

Commander Darby - is there anymore questions or comments - (another voice , I cant recognize) Yes Commander , can't that be submitted now to the National Committee ?

Commander In Chief Powell responded - Its a new Monument so that 's not covered , as not right now , not up to this Encampment .

Brother Davis said - I must say its not going to cost only \$200 dollars and if we can get \$100 from the Department , I can get \$100 from our Camp.

no further discussion - so moved and seconded - all in favor - opposed - rap of gavel - carried
Brother Davis said Thank You Gentlemen

Commander Darby - any other gentlemen with new business - (Yes Sir) (I think on the tape it sounds like Brother Crawfords voice) I would like to put before the Encampment a proposal to replace the Flag with a 50 Star Flag. We now have a 48 Star Flag .

Commander Darby's response - that Flag was Dicks , when he was in kindergarten (voice from the back on the tape - it would only have 13 on it then) A lot of laughter keeps Encampment meeting from being boring . Lets count to see if we have 48 or 49 - It's 48 --

We have a motion on the floor and a second to replace the Flag to include Alaska and Hawaii, seeing that they have been in the United States since I was born . Any discussion or objection

All in favor say I any opposed same sign - rap of gavel so carried . What scares me is he sat there and counted all those Stars . Any more new business

PDC Keith Ashley - Commander , possible you can help us with this, because of where you are located , but it's my understanding there is going to be a massive Ohio Bicentennial parade in Chillicothe on March 2, 2003 and I wonder if we should be in someway involved in that , In the fact that it will be so widely attended ?

Commander Darby responded - I will say this about that , I don't know squat about that from what I have heard , you have to watch Chillicothe , they don't have their ducks in a row . And this is one of Those times, about 2 months ago , the only thing they have come up with so far is they would like a cannon firing and I said good lets do it about midnight , the person said , We Are 200 Years Old - Click - so I guess that went over real well. - Thats as far as I have heard -

discussion on Bicentennial parade continued

a voice very faint I couldn't hear most of it -) I believe it was Bob Grim , saying I attended a meeting and something about a parade , (Sorry if it was you Bob -Bea)

Commander Darby - I'm telling you guys , know more than I do about it, I gave you my whole shot, I feel that we should attend - I say that as Commander of the 3rd Military District of the SVR and I do believe we should so that as the Sons of Union Veterans .

P C in C Dave Medert responded - I can add a little bit to that , this Bicentennial thing in Chillicothe will cover over about 8 or 9 months it isn't going to be all at one time , we will not be prepared for all at one time. There is going to be maybe one parade , maybe 2 or 3 parades , they don't know yet . But the SVR , I'm chairman of that committee is to obtain - you probably don't understand about this Bob But getting a collection of 50 or 100 Flags . I don't remember how many but we are in the process of getting those and trying to find a place to display those , there is all kinds of things in the hopper .

Nothing is pinned down , there will be a parade but it is still in the organizing stage , but none of this is going to happen until March of next year 2003. There is nothing set in stone as far as the CivilWar is concerned , the Director of Historical Society up there is the one who runs the Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corps so I am sure he is going to have the Fife and Drum Corps involved in it .

Commander Darby - said Brother Ashley , what I can do in regards to your question is investigate and find out and as soon as I get a definite , maybe I will dash it off to the new Department Commander that we can get it taken care of, but I think if nothing else the Sons of Union Veterans from the Department of Ohio , should be involved if there is a parade , we should be in it also the SVR , that doesn't mean you have to be from Chillicothe to be there , if you show up we will find a place to put you in a group. We just want to see your smiling face . Now any more new business

Sr. Vice Commander Houston , yes - Commander , just a couple comments , that I have made before that I want to remind you now . We will be calling on some of the folks here to help out with our National Encampment for August 2003 at Kentucky , next year . We are starting some activities , we want to remind you of is some raffle activities and money making activities to help defray the expenses , we have one started right here now , which is a frame of Camp Dennison , one of the primary recruiting and training sites of the State of Ohio , near Cincinnati. Raffle tickets there by Brother nagel or myself for a donation . We will have later on several more raffles - a souvenir medal of 1898 GAR national in Cincinnati as well. And moving down the road , I need help to maintain a table to hand-out leaflets at Springfield , at National to tell of our Encampment of 2003, at Kentucky.

Commander Darby - now anyone else with new business - yes Brother Larry -

PDC Larry Swogger - saying There is something new going on here in Stark County and it does involve us. They have decided to create at the McKinley Museum a Wall Of Fame

they are going to select 200 people who have contributed to the greatness of Stark County. A committee who is headed by a History Teacher will pick 100 names , Stark County picks 100 names for the Wall , all Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor winners, including Abraham Greenawalt , I have to nominate 5 people , I wanted you to know about it , I think this is great they have choose to include these Civil War people.

Another thing every year they have a Anniversary of Pres. McKinleys death , with a parade and wreath laying ceremony, a couple of years ago we voted that the Ohio Department would participate , Dick and Bea and I have done that but noone else from the Department has participated . We voted to do it , it should be done. (Commander Darby injected - you've got no argument so far) We even had the Department wreath , Brother Eckley had a special wreath designed to be placed . (Dick injected , yes Frosty Altland and I rode in the burial carriage in the parade one year)

Larry continued - the parade was set up downtown to the Monument last fall. And I was appalled of the complete lack of participation of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War in any way. I do not understand why this happened , we still should of had a unit in that parade , I know there weere other things going on but Ohio Department should of had this as top priority and people there . I also

want to report that Stark Countys Veterans graves on Memorial Day is very well appropriately done .
Commander - Thank you Brother Larry - communications , let the new Commander know of this event , early enough ahead . Now anyone else with new business

Bob Davis said we have Greetings committee from the Woman's Relief Corps at the door -
Ok show them in - Bob escorted and introduced

National President of the WRC Janese Jelstose and Jr. Vice President of Ohio Dept. Martha Shreves
Commander Darby said - Welcome Madam National President would you like to take the podium and address the group ? She said we came bearing gifts - (Commander said oh oh Dick took the last one someone gave to me .) This is just a token of our love and respect for you fellows . We hope you have a long and prosperous life. And a verty successful Encampment and may God Be Good To You.
Commander responded - We appreciate your stopping by and brought beauty to our room .

After they were escorted out Commander said - NOW is there anyone else under new business - Yes Ray , Ray ? Responded Our Department Web Site - If you look around , you can find a lot on there we have a officers page , if the Camp doesn't send me anything , I can't put it in there. If your Camp have a announcement of a aactivity , you would like people to attend , let me know I can put it up there. Everyones E-Mail is listed up there . There is a list of Camp Secretary's. Last year I sent things around to try to get the duty update . I got 2 updates out of all the Camps of the Department. All I can do is enter what the Camp Secretary's give me. I can't visit every Camp . In the past couple of weeks after I got out of the hospital of a heart attack , I put the History Of Ohio in The Civil War in Don Darby , I guess you typed that up and he did a heck of a lot of work on that thing . I was working on that when I had the heart attack (Commander Darby said I was not responsible for that) I was forced after looking at it there is so much in there of each Regiment they were mustered in and out of - It's in the ZIP file , You down load it and unzip it , I don't remember how many pages but there is a awful lot of information . Darby did a awful lot of work on it , and he should get applause for that . There was a lot of loud applause on the tape
That is all I have , except it is so interesting everyone should read it .

Commander Darby said - There is a couple of things we don't want to forget this year . The one thing that I know it should have come out in Resolutions and unfortunately for some reason the Resolution did not get here. And I want to bring it before you guys. , well to see what shakes out - its from my Camp . What the Resolution was from Enderline Camp No. 73 was that :

Currently we have a War Medal, one of those back there . We have no Medal in this organization to recognize the Veterans who served during Peace time . I personally fell thats a slight .

The Recommendation from Enderline Camp was that a Resolution was to be sent to National , to have a Peace Time Veterans Service Medal .

I don't know the exact wording to have it put before the Membership . I know that certain levels in the Organization , there is a thing that we are going to look like a Turkey Shadlin . (I hope I spelt that right from the tape - Bea) That only applys to the Commanding General of the SVR. , and thats not because he has the Medal. The thing is that the Brothers who served thru Peace Time should be recognized as well as those who served during war time , they should not have to share a Medal. There should be one made up. The other portion of that Resolution was

That is if you qualify for the War Time Medal , that you do not wear Peace Time Medal , you can have it but they can not be worn together . Because your War Time Medal is Senior to the Peace Time Medal.

That is the Resolution or at least the parphrase of the Resolution from Enderline Camp No 73 .

We have a motion and seconded - any discussion - I hear none - all in favor say I
opposed Same sign - Rap of gavel carried

Commander Darby Thank you Gentlemen

Commander Darby - a reminder see Dick for Credentials for National , Ohio needs a good delegation to vote for Brother Grim (a voice said Darby to) He made a bad pun - he said it isn't as Grim as it sounds , took you guys a long time to ketch that --- He also said vacations are great to be taken at that time in Springfield, Illinois. Give him your name and address if Brother Greenwalt doesn't have it, (Secretary Dick - I am puting a credential card list here right out in front of me ,) we need to save the postage , we want to make sure you get there and get a vote. In Kentucky August 2003 we are helping sponsor National. If nothing else come down for at least 1 day . If you have never been to a National , Kentucky is in your own back yard , other than the one we had in Columbus. Its worth the trip -

Secretary Greenwalt said - I asked last night before I got into spending money - I asked - I'm not up on this Internet - I asked if a guy could register and get his credential by Internet and vote , the answer I got was No. So if that is the case , we need to get this done , so Greenwalt sort of fouled up , I need to get some credentials from over at Philadelphia . So be sure you get your name down. As he said , if you are not a Past Department Commander , we have plenty of Representation also.

I remember one year in Ohio , it was said , what are they meaning with all these votes here stand up and be counted , felt like little kids - I said , we have enough Past Department Commanders , we don't have to stand up and be counted we are OK. NOW is everyone sitting calmly , (Commander said , only if you speak fast Dick) , Last year we did a terrible thing at Encampment , we did not send any donations or contributions to the National Funds . I kept quiet (a voice thats a first - laughter) we were running sort of go-go-go and everyone was at fault , someone should of stood up and say we need to get it done . This year we have a gentleman , who is in charge of one of those Funds , Brother Bob Grim is in charge of what they call the Senior Vice Commander In Chief Fund .

I make a motion we send a contribution of \$50 dollars to his National Fund .

Commander Darby - Let me ask you , why don't we do all the Funds at once.? We've got the Sr Vice the Patriotic Instructor , what other fund do we have at National , that we contribute too ?

Sec'y Dick said OK I wanted to ask about one of these pages .

Commander said OK lets do the National Funds first . I have a motion , I have a seconded to contribute \$50. Dollars to each the Sr. Vice and Patriotic Instructor Funds Discussion

a voice on the tape , Dick is it \$50 dollars we send each year ? - Yes - we should give last years and this to , \$100 dollars to help clear Dicks conscience of not sending last year .

Commander Ok do we have an amendment to make it \$100 dollars for each the National Sr Vice and Patriotic Instructor . Counselor said we have to vote on the motion first - now vote on the amendment well Ok now the motion is \$100 dollars to each , all in favor say I Opposed same sign rap of gavel We are there send \$ 100 dollars to each fund Ok now Dick what do you have ?

NOW we are in this fine Banner with Mr Lincolns face on - there's a page that says about the National Encampment Program Book - I am no artist or anything of that sort , but I think we should consider maybe to get our Department name in considering in light that we have National Officers . It says to show your support return this form with Ad , with your check to (Commander - wait Dick what time is it to be in by) - does not have a date - a full page is \$40.00 dollars if we do this somebody who is artistic should structure the page , in other words not just Ohio Department , there should be something on there . Full page is \$40 dollars - 8th of a page \$ 10 dollars - half a page \$25. Dollars

a voice in back said I move that we appropriate funds , that we have a full page for \$40 dollars on the program for the 2002 National Encampment - (Sec'y said add that the incoming Commander quickly appoint a committee to get this done so we can get this in)

Commander Darby said we have a motion of all of that and seconded - all in favor say I - all opposed same sign say I - hearing none - rap of gavel so done

Hang in there I have some Ladies outside beating on the door . Bring them in 3 raps of the gavel
Piano music - (the first time) - when Brother Davis escorted them in and said It is my pleasure to
introduced to you the Greetings committee from The Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic , we
have Past National President Katie Stiffler , Junior Vice President of Department of Ohio
Whitney Ashley and new member Sister Kelly Neil .

Commander Darby said - Welcome Ladies , you are fortunate you are not looking behind you , its bad
back there - See I told you not to look - lots of laughter - I told yah - I'm pretty well tone deaf but I
think it must of been a beautiful baby or something , Keith was playing back there.

Welcome Ladies , I hope that your Encampment is moving along as quickly as ours , if we could get
Dick to be quiet we would be done - again a lot of laughter - The floor is yours Ladies - (they were
not at the mike so very faint on the tape , couldn't hear what they said) Commander said -

Gentlemen a round of applause for the Ladies , Thank you for coming , Katie Stiffler said Thank you for
having us , we are always proud when 3 or more of the Allied Orders are able to meet in the same place
it is a very important thing for the Allied Orders to hang together . - again Keith played the piano music
as they were escorted out . Commander said - Keith is so uncontrollable , he just sits down and starts
playing . OK Back to Dick and spending money -

Sec'y Greenwalt said - well I'm sitting here looking at a group of intelligent men and wonder if we
need anymore donations or contributions, one head is no good to remember , 30 or 40 heads would be
better , is anyone coming up with something we need to consider ?

PDC Keith Ashley said - Its entirely up to the Body , but do keep in mind that the Ohio Historical
Society is in desperately need of funds to restore the Battle Flags at Ohio Historical Society . They have
500 Flags , some of which will cost up to \$5 thousand dollars to restore so they will take anything they
can get .

Commander Darby - are you making a motion of what anything is Brother Ashley . Yes Commander
I will make a motion that we send \$50 dollars as a token to the Flag Restoration
Commander - it has been moved and seconded that we send \$50 dollars to the Ohio Historical Society ,
I believe " Save The Flag Restoration " fund all in favor - those opposed rap of gavel carried
Dept. Sec'y said Keith if you will get tp me the address of where it goes , also Bob Grim , your fund
where does it go - answer to National Treasurer marked as Senior Vice Commander In Chief Fund and
as Patriotic Instructor fund .

Commander Darby - Yes Brother Nagel - (?? he never speaks loud enough to hear on the tape ??)

Give us a amount - OK It has been moved and seconded that \$50 dollars be sent to the Camp
Dennison Civil War Museum in Cincinnati - all in favor opposed - rap of gavel passed

Sr. Vice Houston - Commander I want to make a amendment to the motion , I would like as a Trustee
to the Camp Dennison Civil War Museum , I would like to amend the motion from \$50 dollars to \$ 100
dollars , this year the project is generally supported by the Daughters of American Revolution but they
declared lack of funding so this year we had to go out to try to scour additional funding to open the 1st
of May , so we are even having trouble to pay the electric bill, so I would like to amend that motion to
get \$100 dollars .

Commander - are we alright to that amendment - we sure don't want to keep the new Commander in
the dark . A lot of laughter - So that in mind any objections - all in favor - rap of gavel carried
Dick write the check - \$100.00 dollars .

PDC Keith - I just want to make a general announcement that on September 20 , there will be a release
of the Civil War movie " Gods with Generals "

If you see a big blotted Corporal on the scene , that is I , I would appreciate to be voted best blotted
corpse of 2002. Of the film . But it would be a good way , you might want to contact the Theaters and
have someone in Civil War uniform there maybe a good way to advertise for the Sons , I dragged my
body for 4 filming over there , I will be honest I don't want anything to do with it.

The next order of business is nominations of Officers , then the election and Installation .

Commander Darby said - before we go to nominations of Officers - I probably will get Boo-ed at stuff thrown or

Over the last year , well really over a lot of years - Brother Bob Davis has busted his butt, especially this year , he has been stroking it pretty hard . What I would like to do is entertain a motion that

Brother Bob Davis 's Encampment for he and his wife be re-imbursed to him for his work over the last years . I know he has worked hard over the last year for me -- for PDC's Terry Frost , for young Dave Medert , for Keith Ashley and others . We have used and abused him for at least 6 administrations. I would like to request a motion that he and his wife that their Encampment monies be re-imbursed to them this year - that is my motion - I have a second - any discussion on this motion ?

Bob Davis said - Commander Sir , I serve the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War of Ohio , I do it with Honor , I do it because my Great Grandfather's served the Union with Honor , my taking the money will be turned back into the State .

Commander Darby responded we will give it to you and whatever you do with it Brother Bob is up to you. Any more discussion - all in favor - opposed - so carried

Now the moment I have been waiting for 12 months - Let me say one thing . I've heard that the Past Department Commanders Badge is made out of lighter material , at least that is what I have been told , because the Past Department Commander says that the Past Department medal is a lot lighter than the one he had carried for the past year. I only relish the chance to be able to concur with that . So with no further a do we have the nomination of Officers . Will the guard please secure the door and let no one enter until we are done . (Commander ,so done)

For the Office of Department Commander of the Department of Ohio , I will open the nominations. P C in C David Medert - Commander I would like to nominate Jim Houston and I think anybody in here knows what he has done , He has done everything , he is just er-replaceable in this Organization , I would like to place his name for Department Commander . Bob Davis seconded that nomination

Commander Darby - said 3 times is there any more nominations , hearing none - I believe the question is Brother Houston will you serve - (I will Sir) Rap of gavel so done

Nominations now for Sr. Vice Commander - (a voice lightly - on the tape) I would like to nominate Jon Silvis . He has done a lot of good work and he has a lot of more work to do . It was seconded

Commander Darby - again asked 3 times for any more nominations - PDC Keith Ashley - I move that nominations be closed - rap of the gavel so moved - Brother Silvis will you serve (Yes Sir)

nominations now for Jr Vice Commander (again voice very hard to hear on the tape missed some of it) Brad Tilton , many of you know Camp 12 -- ? Over the year of his tenure he helped raise \$35,000.00 for a brand new Statue that was erected on the square of Mansfield, Ohio , also this year under his leadership raised another \$5000.00 for a plaque to be erected on the Memorial Building at Mansfield, honoring the Soldiers lost --???? - You will make a excellent choice to elect him as Jr Vice Commander of Department

Commander Darby - we have a nomination and has been seconded for Brad Tilton - 3 times any more nomination - rap of the gavel so done - Brad Tilton you are elected as Jr Vice will you serve (Yes Sir)

We have now Dept. Council - is there any nominations - a voice said I would like to nominate Don Darby for -- PDC Larry Swogger said You can't do it that way . The Sr Vice has to take the gavel for any nominations for you. (Commander - said but I just got a nomination) No you are not allowed to do it that way , you can't rule on your own nomination (OK Sr Vice , you have the call) I move that the nominations be closed - and a second was heard - Sr. Vice Commander - Don will you serve on Department Council (Yes Sir) rap of gavel so ordered .

Commander Darby - OK we have Department Officers I believe for the coming year - thats it .

Now on with business - approval of the minutes , I believe that was taken care of 1st shot this morning

Gentleman at 2:26 pm on Saturday the 15th of June we will go to the closing ceremony which will be the Installation of the new Department of Ohio Officers. And the closing of this Encampment . I believe that you all have done a lot of work , You probably got sick of hearing this High Speed and Slow Drag , but you guys did it , I was just dropping the hammer . I appreciate everything you all have done . I appreciate all you have done for me this last year . And more importantly for the Veterans -a- the Sons of Veterans . You couldn't of been prouder with that , I believe PDC Dave Medert the younger is coming up to do the Installation NOW , is that correct Dave - ?

PDC Dave Medert - reading the Ritualistic Ode - Department Don Darby I relieve you of the Command of this Department and pinned his Past Commander Badge in place . (PDC Darby said - Thank you Dave it is like I was told it is a lighter responsibility , I can stand up more .

A large amount of applause was heard on the tape

PDC Medert continued on with Ritual

Department Commander elect Jim Houston are you prepared to announce your Staff appointments and he handed the list (enclosed) to the Department Secretary Dick Greenwalt .

Brother Secretary - you will call the roll of the Officers elect , as your name is called , you will rise . At the Altar they took their obligations .

PDC Medert pinned on the Department Commanders Badge and said - I give you the charge of the Charter, Ritual , C & R and gavel for authority .

A large amount of applause was heard on the tape

Commander Jim Houston said - Thank You Dave - I have a couple of comments - a couple of years ago when I was running for Jr. Vice , one thing I was really sensitive about was Membership and I think one of the things we are really going to walk on strongly next year is increasing Membership in our Ohio Department . We have to get our word out as Brother Don said a number of times

Communication We've got to make sure that among ourselves we have good strong - GOOD Communication and that we can communicate to the public in the State of Ohio good things about our Organization and the Principals and the good work that we do. So I am going to count on all of you folks and I'm going to be in touch with a lot of you to make sure we continue to get the word out about

The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War in the State of Ohio and in closing from that remark , again, as I said earlier this morning I want to Thank you for electing me to office and now especially for electing me as Commander of the Department of Ohio .

The new elected Chaplain Craig Keller asked that the former Chaplain Keith Ashley to do the closing duties . So Keith did

Commander Houston then declared the 120th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department duly closed .

Sunday June 16, 2002

after breakfast at 8 am At 9 am all members of the Allied Family who were meeting at Mount Union College - The Sons of Union Veterans , The Auxiliary to Sons , The Ladies of The GAR , and The Woman's Relief Corps all convened at the Chapel for Memorial Service Ceremony .

This was planned by The Sons Department Chaplain PDC Keith Ashley .

Programs were handed out at the door , there was music, scriptures read , hymn inserts , flowers were placed by each Organization for their deceased members. PC of C Charles Corfman placed the flowers for and read the names of the deceased Sons , that were also listed in Dept. Sec'y's report on page 18.

This concluded all events of the 120th Encampment of The Sons . Followed by lunch - moving out - saying - " See you next year " same place in June Fathers Day weekend .

**DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS/COMMITTEES 2002-2003**

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Ohio Veterans Home	Jon B. Silvis, Chrm. (See Sr. Vice Commander)
2003 National Encampment	James H. Houston, Chrm. (See Commander)

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