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Held at
Mount Union College
Alliance , Ohio
June 13, 14, 15, 2003
James H. Houston - Commander
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The 121st 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 13, thru Saturday June 14th and Sunday June 15th, 2003 . With the Allied Orders of The Grand Army of The Republic - (GAR-) Family , consisting of The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War , The Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War , The Woman's Relief Corps , and The Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic. The members of the GAR Family resided in the Bica-Ross Hall, Dormitory and all meetings of each group held seperately and events were held in the Hoover-Price Hall Building , where also all meals including the Banquet on Saturday night were served - all meals were served as cafeteria style except the Banquet .

This year's GAR Allied Orders Encampment activities were hosted by The Woman's Relief Corps

Friday afternoon was checking in and registering for all in Bica-Ross Dormitory with Richard Greenwalt as Ohio Department Encampment Chairman handing out room keys.

Dinner was served at 5:00 p.m at Hoover-Price Hall , followed by at 7 p.m. All the Allied Groups convened in the Sons meeting room for the "Campfire " Program , planned and hosted by the Woman's Relief Corps committee with Past Department President Ruth Bauman , serving as Master of Ceremony , at this time The Ohio Department Leaders were introduced of each Group , who in turn introduced their Staff of Officers and their National Leaders , each expressing a desire for all Organizations to have a rewarding Encampment . We of the Ohio Departments are impressed by the attendance of the National Officers of the GAR Family that journeyed to Alliance to meet with us and their presence adds to our meetings . This year again we were honored by all 4 of Our National Leaders were present - Our National Commander In Chief of the Sons - Robert Grim only had to travel from Sabina, Ohio - The Auxiliary National President traveled from Massachusetts , The Womans Relief Corps National President from California and The Ladies Of The GAR , National President traveled from New York .

The Program given by PDP Bauman was of the History of Ohio and the BiCentennial of Ohio 2003 She passed out Books and Literature of the History and BiCentennial furnished by The Secretary of State of Ohio . That Ruth had acquired for all. For her Master of Ceremony program .

The program that followed for the Campfire was presented by Mrs Sandra Zikuish of Mentor, Ohio dressed in replica clothing , as first person presentation of Betsy Ross history , leading up to when she sewed the Flag , her talk and her visual aids of sitting and sewing were well received . She showed many after her program of how to cut out a 5 point star.

After the program , the W R C committee invited all to a social time and delicious refreshments of homemade cookies . It was good to visit with friends we hadn't seen since last years Encampment.

The only business on Friday evening for the Sons , was the Auditing of the Department Treasurer's Books that was done over in Bica-Ross Hall after the "Campfire" activities , held by the Department Auditing Committee . PDC Donald Darby , PDC Howard Frost, and Brother Raymond Nagel , held in Don Darbys room , he acting as host with refreshments after the auditing and just sitting and visiting for a few hours.

Many sit in the lobby of Bica-Ross and visited long into the night before retiring .

Ohio Cemetery To Get New Statue

OREGON, Ohio — A new Civil War soldier statue created in Vermont will be dedicated at Willow Cemetery on May 24. The figure replaces a statue that disappeared in the 1920s. It will be mounted on a base erected in 1882 by Hyatt Ford Post #14, Grand Army of the Republic.

Thirty-five thousand dollars for the new memorial was raised by the James B. McPherson Camp #66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Harriet Brubaker Tent #139, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Greater Toledo Civil War Round Table; East Toledo Historical Society; and City of Oregon.

The dedication program will begin with a 1 p.m. parade. Speakers will include SUV Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, Mayor Marge Brown and DUV past president Pat Day. The program will include music by the 5th Michigan Civil War Band and artillery firing by the 21st Ohio Independent Light Artillery.

The statue was carved from Vermont granite at the Celestial Memorial Sculpturing Studio in Barre. Studio craftsman Andy Hebert spent four months carving the monument. Vermont native Whitney Maxfield served as the model. Sculptor Ryan Mays used a photo of Maxfield to create the small clay figure, which was then cast in plaster and bronzed.

Hebert transferred Mays's creation to the large piece of granite. Final touches to the face and legs were done by studio artist Gary Sassi. Hebert and Maxfield hosted members of the Green Mountain Civil War Round Table who viewed the statue before it was completed and shipped to Ohio.



Vermont native Whitney Maxfield, right, was the model for the granite statue created for Oregon, Ohio. Andy Hebert, left, carved the monument. (Photo and information by Sharon Wood)

Saturday June 14, 2003 Joint opening with The Auxiliary

In the Sons meeting room at 9:00 a.m. The Annual Joint opening for The Sons and The Auxiliary was held under the Leadership of The Sons Chief of Staff Robert Davis and

The Auxiliary Chief of Staff Sarah Cherry

The first of the line of Officers to enter the room and be introduced were

The Sons Department Commander James Houston who escorted the Auxiliary Department President Amy Miller and stood at the front of the podium, As The names of each Departments Officers were read - the women were escorted in by the same Officer of the men and both introduced. Each saluted their presiding Officer and assumed position in a line - the men on the left by Commander Houston and the women on the right. After all Officers were presented - The Chiefs of Staff's each presented a Gavel to their Leaders with brief appropriate remarks. All people in attendance stood during the presentation of the line of the Department Officers - Commander Houston as his first official duty with his Gavel gave a resounding rap for all to sit. Commander Houston and President Amy gave appropriate speeches thanked the Chief of Staffs for their efforts of making a nice Joint opening, Commander Houston introduced his Commanding Officer Commander In Chief Robert Grim and remarked that great to have him in attendance. President Miller in turn introduced her National President Cynthia Brown and welcomed her.

President Amy then asked Commander Houston for she and her Auxiliary members be excused to go to their meeting room. Applause from the Sons as they left the room.

Immediately the Sons meeting room was put in Order with proper Stations in place to open the 121st Annual Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans Encampment.

And called to order by Department Commander James M. Houston of Milford, Ohio. The Guide assisted by the Color Bearer checked all dues cards to make sure that all were entitled to remain.

Commander Houston then asked for the Roll Call of the Officers by the Department Secretary Richard Greenwalt - He responded finding - Grave Register - Wayne Lowery - Historian - Robert J. Wolz - Genealogist - Warren Gentzel absent. Sec'y Greenwalt said - Sir, the roll is called - absentees noted - Commander Houston opened the 121st Encmpment in Ritualistic form He appointed PDC Keith Ashley to serve as Department Chaplain pro-tem to give the opening prayer at the Altar and sit in that office until the elected Department Chaplain Craig Keller arrives -

Pledge of Alliegence was lead by Color Bearer Kirby Bauman -

Commander Houston - By virtue of the authority invested in me I hereby declare the 121st Annual Ohio Department Encampment of The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War duly open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. - rap of the gavel - "Again I want to thank you all for coming this weekend to attend our 121st Annual Encampment here in Alliance, Ohio at Mount Union College. I hope you have a enjoyable time and we have a productive session."

Commander said "one thing I want to note is I will be passing around a card for you to sign to send to Brother Mike Trowbridge, who just had triple-by-pass surgery. He sends his regrets, as you know he is a dedicated member of the Order, his thoughts are with us and ours are definetly with him"

"Now I would like to introduce the guests. Jim Kiger who is Commander of the Department of Kentucky, Jim, thanks for coming - applause - we will hear a lot later about the 2003 National Encampment, that most of you know by now it will be held at Fort Mitchel, Kentucky, thats Jim's home territory and the Dept. Of Kentucky is working with us in presenting this National Encampment. Glad to have Jim here"

Next guest - "I would like to present Ohio Sons PDC Terry Frost in his role as High Commander in the Military Order of The Loyal Legion - Terry responded as - I went out last month, I am Past Commander - Commander Houston said - good to have you with us anyway - laughter - applause -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ACTIVITIES 2002-2003

DATE	ACTIVITY	ORGANIZATON	EVENT LOCATION
2002			
6/22	Department Encampment	Department of Kentucky	Camp Nelson, KY
6/23	Medal of Honor Ceremony	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Chillicothe, OH
7/20	Buffington Is. Memorial Services	Department of Ohio	Portland, OH
7/28	Camp Dennison CW Museum Board Mtg.	Camp Dennison CW Museum*	Camp Dennison, OH
8/8-11	National Encampment	S.U.V.C.W.	Springfield, IL
9/2	Labor Day Parade	Gov. William Dennison Camp #1	Canal Winchester, OH
9/11	Camp Meeting	Gov. William Dennison Camp #125	Athens, OH
9/17	Camp Meeting	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Chillicothe, OH
9/26	Museum Guide - Ohio Hist. Society	Camp Dennsion CW Museum	Camp Dennsion, OH
9/28	Willow Walk Program - Willow Cemetery	Gen. James B. McPherson Camp #66	Oregon, OH
10/15	Camp Meeting	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Chillicothe, OH
10/25	Civil War Days Registration	Sharon Woods Park	Cincinnati, OH
10/26	Nat'l. and Dept. Commander's Reception	Department of Ohio	Lafayette, OH
11/7	Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation	Columbus, OH
11/9	Grave Marker Dedication	Gen. James A. Garfield Camp #142	Westlake, OH
11/9	Camp Meeting	Gen. James A. Garfield Camp #142	Cleveland, OH
11/9	Pres. James A. Garfield Celebration	Gen. James A. Garfield Camp #142	Cleveland, OH
11/10	Veterans Day Services	Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10	Cincinnati, OH
11/13	Monument Building Rededication	Capt. John Bruck Camp #96	Hamilton, OH
11/16	Remembrance Day Services	SUVCW	Gettysburg, PA
11/19	Camp Meeting	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Chillicothe, OH
12/17	Funeral Services - Bro. Forrest Altland	Gen. William McLaughlin Camp #12	Wooster, OH
12/18	Installation of Camp Officers	Gen. William McLaughlin Camp #12	Mansfield, OH
2003			
1/2	Installation of Camp Officers	Gen. Benjamin Fearing Camp #2	Marietta, OH
1/7	Installation of Camp Officers	Gen. James B. McPherson Camp #66	Oregon, OH
1/9	Installation of Camp Officers	Gov. William Dennison Camp #1	Columbus, OH
1/11	Installation of Camp Officers	Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10	Cincinnati, OH
1/14	Installation of Camp Officers	Capt. John Bruck Camp #96	Hamilton, OH
1/21	Installation of Camp Officers	Brooks-Grant Camp #7	Middleport, OH
1/25	Recruiting Talk about SUVCW	6th OVI Reinactors	Cincinnati, OH
2/1	Mid-Winter Meeting	Department of Ohio	Columbus, OH
2/8	Lincoln Birthday Dinner	Gov. William Dennison Camp #1	Granville, OH
2/9	Lincoln Birthday Dinner	Gen. William McLaughlin Camp #12	Mansfield, OH
2/12	Lincoln Birthday Dinner	Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10	Hamilton, OH
		Capt. John Bruck Camp #96	
		Nelson-Garfield Camp #3 (KY)	
2/13	Lincoln Birthday Dinner	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Circleville, OH
3/8	National Council of Administration Meeting	SUVCW	Sandusky, OH
4/15	Lincoln Memorial Services	SUVCW	Springfield, IL
4/25	SUVCW Recruiting Table	Ohio Genealogical Society	Columbus, OH
4/26	U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration	U. S. Grant Birthplace	Pt. Pleasant, OH
4/30-31	Sharon Woods Civil War Days	Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10	Sharonville, OH
5/4	Memorial Day Meeting	Gov. William Dennison Camp #125	Burr Oak State Park, OH
5/13	Camp Meeting	Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73	Chillicothe, OH
5/17	Ohio Presidential Weekend	U. S. Grant Birthplace	Pt. Pleasant, OH
5/24	GAR Monument Dedication	Gen. James B. McPherson Camp #66	Oregon, OH
5/25	Memorial Day Service	John S. Townsend #108 Auxiliary	Frost, OH
5/26	Memorial Day Service	Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10	Cincinnati, OH
5/30	True Memorial Day Service	Capt. John Bruck Camp #96	Hamilton, OH
6/7	Department Encampment	Department of Kentucky	Camp Nelson, KY
6/13	Department Encampment	Department of Ohio	Alliance, OH

*-SUVCW Representative on Board

Note: Attendance at regular Camp Meetings of my home Camp, Lytle #10 are not shown above.

Commander Houston - I will continue with the Senior Vice Commander
Jon Silvis report

Senior Vice Jon - Thank you Commander - I tried to get around as much
as I could , I will high-light a few things , I have done this year

SR VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

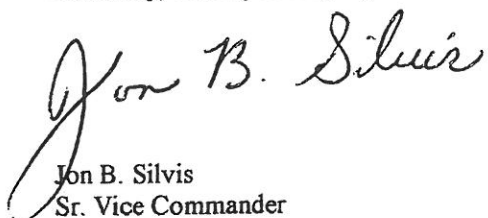
Commander Houston
Brothers

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Senior Vice Commander this year.
It has been a busy year for me as Sr. Vice Commander.

- 16 June 2002 Attended opening ceremonies, Dept. of Ohio DUV, Canton, Ohio
- 9 Nov. 2002 Attended headstone dedication services w/ Commander Houston and Jr. Vice Tilton
in Westlake, Ohio. for Pvt. Chauncy D. Hall. That same day toured Grays Armory, were
present at wreathlaying services at President Garfields Tomb, and lastly toured the
Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Public Square in Cleveland.
- 29 Jan. 2003 Spoke to the Lakewood Historical Society Womans Board, on the History of the GAR.
- 3 March 2003 Spoke to the Westlake Senior Center on the History of the GAR
- 8 March 2003 At the Request of C in C Grim, arranged for the National Council of Administration
to meet in session at the Ohio Veterans Home.
- 5 April 2003 Invited, to attend the Chartering of a DUV tent in Freemont, Oh. Unfortunately last
minute family duties precluded me from doing so.
- 31 May 2003 Present at a Monument Dedication in the City of Willoughby, to 93 Civil War
Veterans resting in Willoughby City Cemetery. (New monument created by the
North East Ohio Civil War Roundtable)
- 7 June 2003 Attended a meeting of the Cleveland Soldiers and Sailors Monument Support Group.

It should be noted, both the Ohio Veterans Home and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument
are significant Civil War Monuments in Ohio. Both of these entities have expressed
support to the SUVCW if we in turn help them. As the Department Sr. Vice Commander
it has been an honor to be present and have unfettered access to these organizations. I
have attempted to spread the message of the GAR at every opportunity and call attention
to us and the purposes of our order.

Yours In,
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

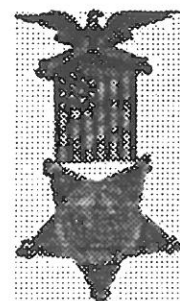

Jon B. Silvis
Sr. Vice Commander

Jon finished his report by adding - back to the November ceremonies
at Cleveland - one of those rare moments where all 3 Commanders all at
the same place = Commander Houston = myself Senior Vice Commander =
Junior Vice Commander Tilton . of the Ohio Department



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

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Report to the 121st Annual Encampment

Brothers:

It has been my honor to serve the Ohio Department as Junior Vice Commander this past year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. I have been able to visit several camps during the year. Thanks to all for the kind receptions and hospitality.

I would also like to thank all the brothers who helped provide and verify information for the "Camps of the Ohio Department" handout. This handout lists the meeting dates, times, and locations, as well as a contact person for each Camp in the Ohio Department. It has been very helpful in recruiting new members.

Since the 2002 Department Encampment we have enrolled 17 members-at-large. All applications were forwarded from the national web site and JVCinC Steve Michaels. In each case, I contacted the gentleman, welcomed him to our order, and invited him to join the camp nearest his home. I also sent a copy of his application to the local camp for follow-up. Many have already joined local camps.

The Ohio Department had two recruiting tables this year. The first was at the Ohio Genealogical Society 2003 Annual Conference in Columbus in April and the Ohio Civil War Collectors Show in Mansfield in May. Thanks to Dennison Camp 1 for providing the Color Guard at the OGS Society of Civil War Families Banquet. Thanks also to McLaughlin Camp 12 for acquiring the table at the Mansfield Show.

Since the last Ohio Department Encampment, I have participated in the following activities:

Jul. 20	Buffington Island Memorial Service, Portland - Brooks-Grant Camp 7
Aug. 9-10	121 st National Encampment, Springfield, Illinois
Sept. 3	McPherson Camp 66 meeting, Toledo
Sept. 5-8	Triennial Conference, General Society of the War of 1812, Toledo
Sept. 12	Dennison Camp 1 meeting, Columbus
Sept. 22	Headstone Dedication, Mansfield - Constitution Chapter SAR
Sept. 25	Banning Camp 207 meeting, Mt. Vernon
Sept. 28	Headstone Dedication, Waldo - US Daughters of 1812
Sept. 28	Willow Walk Cemetery Tour, Oregon - McPherson Camp 66
Sept. 29	Malabar Farm State Park Heritage Days, Lucas
Oct. 5	Rutherford B. Hayes Service, Freemont

Oct. 10	Voris Camp 67 meeting, Akron
Oct. 12	Civil War Ball, Mt. Vernon - Banning Camp 207
Oct. 13	Battle of Normandy Presentation, Mansfield
Oct. 13	Memorial and Patriotic Association Dinner, Mansfield
Oct. 26	Ohio Department Reception, Lafayette
Nov. 7	Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction, Columbus
Nov. 9	Headstone Dedication, Westlake - Garfield Camp 142
Nov. 9	Garfield Camp 142 meeting, Cleveland
Nov. 9	James A. Garfield Service, Cleveland
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Parade and Service, Mansfield
Dec. 16-17	Funeral Service for PDC Forest Altland, Wooster
Feb. 1	Ohio Department Winter meeting, Columbus
Feb. 8	Dedication of John Sherman Plaque, Mansfield
Feb. 8	Lincoln Day Dinner, Granville - Dennison Camp 1
Feb. 9	Lincoln Day Dinner, Mansfield - McLaughlin Camp 12
Feb. 13	Dennison Camp 1 meeting, Columbus
Mar. 2	Nathaniel Massie Service, Chillicothe
Mar. 8	Council of Administration meeting, Sandusky
Apr. 4	Jared Mansfield Chapter DAR meeting, Mansfield
Apr. 5	Institution of Bainbridge Tent 150 DUV, Freemont
Apr. 24-26	Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Columbus
May 2-3	Ohio Civil War Collectors Show, Mansfield
May 8	Voris Camp 67 meeting, Akron
May 10	Ohio Society SAR Conference Banquet, Springfield
May 15	Banning Camp 207 meeting, Mt. Vernon
May 20	Mansfield Christian School Awards Program, Mansfield
May 25	Statue Dedication, Toledo - McPherson Camp 66
May 26	Memorial Day Program - Logan's Orders, Mansfield, Ohio
May 26	Medal of Honor Plaque Dedication, Mansfield - McLaughlin Camp 12
Jun. 8	Camp Chase Service, Columbus - Dennison Camp 1

In addition, I attended all monthly meetings of McLaughlin Camp 12 and all monthly meetings of the Richland County Joint Veterans Council.

Recommendations:

1. Members-at-Large who join through the National Web Site pay \$31 for first year dues. The Ohio Department then charges \$22/year thereafter. I recommend Member-at-Large dues increase to \$25 for 2004, \$28 for 2005, and \$31 for 2006. Ohio Department Member-at-Large dues should thereafter be the same as listed on the web site. This will encourage Members-at-Large to join local camps where the dues may be slightly less.
2. I recommend the Department Jr. Vice Commander keep the "Camps of the Ohio Department" handout updated as Camp meeting dates, times, locations, and contacts change.
3. I recommend the Department Jr. Vice Commander explore places to distribute the "Camps of the Ohio Department" handout. This could include the OGS Library in Mansfield, the Hayes Library in Freemont, Ohio State Library in Columbus, and the Ohio Historical Society Library in Columbus.

4. I recommend the Department Jr. Vice Commander obtain recruiting tables at the Ohio Genealogical Society 2004 Conference at Wilmington and the 2004 Ohio Civil War Collectors Show at Mansfield. In addition, the JVC may also explore other opportunities for recruiting tables around the state.

Finally, I would like to thank Jim Houston, Jon Silvis, Dick Greenwalt, and Kent Dorr for their help and support over the past year. I look forward to being able to visit more Camps and meet more Brothers over the next year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty



Bradley A. Tilton

Commander Houston - Thank you Brad , your recommendations will go to the recommendations committee . We have a special request from the back gallery - back there that everyone giving a report from now on , use the microphone over here . Now we will move on to the Council of Administration which particularly embraces the auditing committee - would you like to give a report at this time . Brother Terry Frost - PDC Frost said " I'm not sure how I got elected to be chairman of this - We met last evening , the auditing committee and I think we had a very productive meeting . We found the Books of last year to be up to date - This year I might say - to the penny, Dick is to be congratulated on his job of good work . loud applause We have one recommendation from the auditing committee --- This came out of a personal thing so - as we all know Dick & Bea do a lot of work in having this Encampment at Mount Union College. It is the recommendation of this committee to take before the floor sometime today, that Dick and Bea be provided their room & board for this Encampment free of Charge for the work they put on the line. that we don't even know about , I can bring that up later , by a form of a motion by somebody , but that is our recommendation, that , that be done . Thank you Commander Commander Houston said " Thank you Terry " applause

Next I will ask for Personal Aide if he has a report
No report - Sir
Commander said " I must not have done anything wrong - a lot of laughter

Commander Jim called on Department Counselor -
Honorable Henry Shaw down in back - do you have a report
Henry said " Tis in writing and I stand on it " laughter and applause

COUNSELOR'S REPORT

To date, and with a great deal of satisfaction, I am most pleased to report that the Department of Ohio is not involved as a party litigant in any proceeding presently pending in any Ohio Court or in any Federal District or Appellate Court situated in the State of Ohio. On several occasions, since the 120th Department Encampment, I have discussed a variety of problems with several Brothers in distress without, of course, providing any sort of legal advice, and have hopefully guided these Brothers to explore a course of action to enable them to satisfy the issues presented.

Since the 120th Ohio Department Encampment in June of 2002, I attended the 121st National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois from August 8, 2002 through August 11, 2002, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 16, 2002, a majority of the Camp Meetings of Richard Enderlin Camp No. 73 in Chillicothe, Ohio and attended the Lincoln Dinner at Circleville, Ohio on February 13, 2003. As a member of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, I participated in the following: the June 28 - 30 2002 Civil War Weekend event at the Licking Park District at Newark Ohio; the July 10 - 21 2002 Civil War Weekend event at Roscoe Village, Ohio; the November 1 - 3 2002 Civil War Weekend event at Guyandotte, West Virginia; the Artillery Refresher Course at Bro. George Foltz's farm in Bremen, Ohio on April 6, 2003, and, Artillery School at Chillicothe, Ohio from April 11, 2003 through April 13, 2003.

In addition to the foregoing, I participated in the Civil War Mock Trial at Logan, Ohio on February 21, 2003, I appeared as Adjutant General, SVR and was a Greeter at the Delaware County Employees Recognition Luncheon held on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio on April 30, 2003, participated in the Civil War Weekend in Sunbury, Ohio from May 9 through May 11, 2003, participated in the annual Memorial Day parade in Delaware, Ohio on May 26, 2003 and presented some brief remarks and delivered President Lincoln's November 19, 1863 Address at Oakgrove Cemetery in Delaware, Ohio immediately following the parade.

**Respectfully submitted,
Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
Counselor, Department of Ohio
June 05, 2003**

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OK now Patriotic Instructor Don Darby , as he was giving his report he injected different comments , creating a lot of laughter as he was speaking .

Department of Ohio
Patriotic Instructor

Donald E. Darby
1382 Western Ave
Chillicothe, Ohio

Commander Houston and brothers here assembled

Subj: Department Patriotic Instructor Report to the 121st Department
Encampment

1. This has been an eventful year for the Department of Ohio. The Last Soldier Project that we adopted prior to it being adopted by the National Order is going well. Special recognition should be given to Brother Timothy E. Ward, from Garfield Camp #142. He has single-handily documented 66 of the 88 counties Last Soldiers. I can tell you that because of this work, Ohio is by far ahead of the rest of the Departments in this project. Brooks-Grant Camp #7 is far enough along in the project to request funds from the Memorials Fund.

As I am also the National Patriotic Instructor, I was able to mesh the two jobs together. Because of that I would like to call your attention to a new section of the National Web page. At the urging of National Junior Vice Commander Steve Michaels and with great assistance from the National Webmaster Alan Shepard, we created an "Education Section" for the web page. Here you will find Audio Historical tapes, Veterans Recollections, Civil War Documents, Articles on Naval Actions, a segment of a history book dealing with the Civil War from 1885, and quizzes. We were able to incorporate recruiting with this as well. When you take the quiz an email is automatically sent to the participant asking if he is interested in joining the Order.

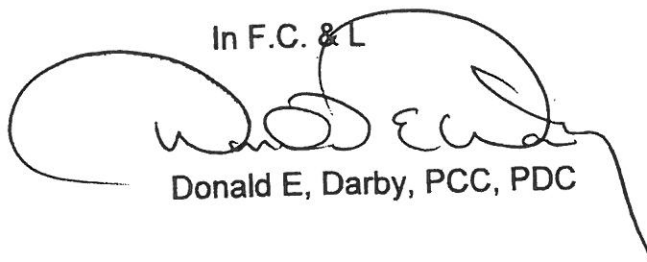
Over the years I have been collecting articles from various sources, usually from the 1880's, concerning the Civil War and its personalities. I tried to get the little known folks, the common soldier. It is an on-going project. I have here two CD's that I have made to give to the Department. I can see these being used in two ways 1) Placing the articles on the Department web site or 2) being added to and the Department selling them as a fund raiser. I invite all brothers to contribute stories regarding Ohio soldiers from their counties. I feel that unless we preserve some of these written stories the sacrifices of these veterans will be lost forever. Also they make very good Patriotic Instruction for your meetings.

I encourage camps to get involved in the National ROTC/JROTC medal Project. This year only Gov. Dennison Camp 125/John Townsend gave the award within the Department of Ohio.

2. I have attended the National Department Encampment in Springfield. Ill, all camp meetings of Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73, the Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting and various re-enactments.

I remain

In F.C. & L



Donald E. Darby, PCC, PDC

Subject: Ohio Dept. Grave Registration Update, June 2003.

Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2003 02:44:40 -0400

From: "M. Wayne Lowery" <mlowery@frogn.net>

To: "Houston, James" <jhouston@cinci.rr.com>

Commander Houston,

I will not make the Encampment so the following is the up to date report concerning Grave Registration in the Ohio Department.

1. Total Veterans reported to National 37,278
2. Total Veterans at Department to be entered 4,000
3. Camps and County Gen. Soc. are working on approx. 20,000
4. Our Camps are in work in 28 Counties. The County Genealogical

Soc. are in work in 11 Counties. Still need Volunteers in the following Counties:

Adams	Ashtabula	Auglaiza
Carroll	Coshocton	Defiance
Harrison	Holmes	Licking
Scioto	Shelby	Trumbull
Union	Van Wert	Williams

Again a special thanks to everyone that has contributed to this project in both time and money.

Yours in F.C.&L.

M. Wayne Lowery
Ohio Department Graves Registration Officer
Jacksonville, Ohio

2002-03 Report of the Ohio Department Chaplain Craig Keller, PCC

Ohio Department Commander, James Houston, 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 such requests for this service.

As Dept. Chaplain I represented the S.U.V. at five events this year. I gave the benediction at the Butler County Soldiers & Sailors Monument 100th year ceremony of the cornerstone laying on November 4, 2002 (this monument was built due to the efforts of the G.A.R.); the invocation, benediction and keynote address at the 134th Annual Memorial Day Service held at Greenwood Cemetery in Hamilton and gave a speech at Cleveland Elementary School in Hamilton on May 28. I was the organizer and host of the 2nd Annual Lincoln Day Dinner for the Capt. Bruck #96 (Hamilton), Gen. Lytle #10 (Cincinnati) and Nelson-Garfield #3 (Kentucky) camps held on Feb. 12 at the Colligan Lodge in Hamilton. I also participated in the U.S. Grant Birthday Ceremony held at Pt. Pleasant on April 26.

In addition, I've been an active member of the 2003 National Encampment Host Committee, working specifically with securing entertainment for the "Campfire" and coordinating the displays and exhibit area.

In F, C & L,

Craig W. Keller, Chaplain

June 13, 2003

To the Commander in Chief Bob Grimm, Ohio Department Commander Jim Houston, and other Officers of the Sons of Union Veterans,

I would like to report on activities during the past year. I participated in the following:

Battle at Granville, Ohio = June, 2002

Battle at McConnellsville, Ohio = July, 2002

Meeting at Governor William Dennison Camp #1 = September, 2002

Re-elected Camp Commander of Governor William Dennison Camp #125 = November, 2002

Attended Lincoln Dinner in Circleville, Ohio, hosted by Groce Post Camp = February, 2003

Battle at Georgetown, Ohio = April, 2003

Dedication Ceremony of State of Ohio Plaque for US Grant's birth place = April, 2003

Memorial Meeting at Burr Oak Lodge, joint with John S. Townsend Camp #108 and Governor William Dennison #125; guests Ohio Dept. Commander Jim Houston and Chief of Staff Bob Davis = May, 2003

Battle at Sunbury, Ohio = May, 2003

Represented SUV at Confederate Memorial Service at Camp Chase Cemetery = May, 2003

Two Memorial Services for Fallen Brother Glen Lackey of Governor William Dennison Camp #125 and Fallen Brother Frost of John S. Townsend Camp #108 = May, 2003

LEONARD

As for the Last Veteran's Project, we presently have 64 Ohio Counties identified. The Last Veteran was Brother Daniel Clingaman who served with the 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Company D. and is buried in The Wauseon Cemetery in Fulton County. Please see the booklet containing details.

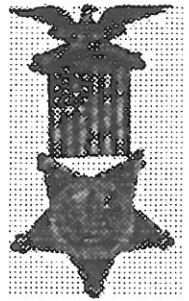
Presentation of Certificate and Pin of Recognition to Brother Tim Ward, James A. Garfield Camp #142.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Grant, Sr.
Ohio Department Memorials Officer



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

Bradley A. Tilton
Eagle Scout Chairman
P.O. Box 7224
Mansfield, Ohio 44905
June 14, 2003



Report to the 121st Annual Encampment

Brothers:

Over the past year I have issued Eagle Scout certificates to 43 young men from all over Ohio. I request reimbursement of \$69.23. This breaks down to \$27.34 postage, \$3.39 for envelopes, and \$38.50 for certificates and promotion pamphlets.

I recommend that the "About Our Organization" sheet, the "Camps of the Ohio Department" pamphlet, and a short congratulatory note be sent along with each Eagle Scout certificate.

Yours in F, C, & L,

Bradley A. Tilton
Eagle Scout Chairman

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

RE: OHIO VETERANS HOME, SANDUSKY, OHIO

The Ohio Department, SUVCW, has had a strong presence at the Ohio Veterans Home this past year. The Ohio Veterans Home (OVH) was built in 1886, with the help and urging of our parent organization the GAR. This 99 acre home is a monument to the Civil War Veteran and the allied orders, thus it behooves us to take an active role at the home.

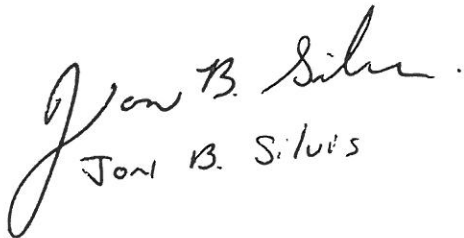
- * 15 July 2002 Distributed a letter to all camp commanders for distribution regarding the OVH and urging brothers to take an interest there for the benefit of our order. Enclosed, a flyer regarding the "Memorial Walkway" project at the OVH.
- Ms. Dorothea Lofquist, OVH Museum Curator, and the OVH administration "OFFICIALLY DEDICATED" the "Veterans Legacy Room". This is the room in which we (the allied orders) get to tell the GAR story as well as our individual stories.
- * 8 March 2003 At the request of C in C Grim, arranged for the Ohio Department, to host the National Council of Administration meeting at the OVH. To say we were warmly received is an understatement. We met in the museum and introduced Mr. Steve Matune the Director of the OVH, who enthusiastically welcomed us to the OVH. We had the privilege to tour the facility, sample the cafeteria, placed a wreath in the cemetery and toured one of the vacant "cottages" on the grounds.

RECCOMENDATIONS :

Brothers and Camps be encouraged to support the OVH, the museum and the "Legacy Room" within the museum.

That a Membership Medal, Lapel Pin and Rosette, be purchased for permanent Display in the "Legacy Room"

Continue a Department Level Committee, regarding the OVH.


Jon B. Silvers

OVH Vital Statistics

Vets Hall transfers to Nursing
Home from 03/12— 04/08/03

Darrell Arbour
Dale Miller
Kenneth Moran

A-unit
1-S
A-unit

Vets Hall Admissions from
03/12—04/08/03

Anthony Constantine
Gerald Wulforst

D-1
D-1

Census as of 04/08/03

Nursing Home 419
Veterans Hall 209
Total 628



Historic Visit by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Due, in part, to the influence and support of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the Ohio Soldiers & Sailors Home (now Ohio Veterans Home) opened Nov. 19, 1888 to care for disabled Civil War veterans. Therefore, it was with great pleasure for OVH to host the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the G.A.R.'s legal heir, for their National Council of Administration meeting.

While at OVH, they paid their respects to the 2,059 fallen Civil War veterans at rest in our cemetery. A beautiful wreath was placed at the Obelisk (shown at right). The Obelisk was dedicated by the Woman's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary of the G.A.R., to commemorate the Civil War.

Mr. Robert Grim, the National Commander-in-Chief, presented OVH with a copy of "Civil War Veterans Buried at the Ohio Veterans Home – Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home – Sandusky, Ohio," 2001. Various resources were used to gather data, including information from the actual headstones. The project was compiled by members of the James B. McPherson Camp # 66, which encompasses Northwest Ohio.

Conference attendees also sampled OVH cuisine, toured the facility, and formally thanked OVH staff and residents for hospitality shown during their visit.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Robert E. Grim, Commander-in-Chief (OH); Dorothea Lofquist, Museum Curator, Ohio Veterans Home; Col. Andrew M. Johnston, Washington D. C. Representative and Past Commander-in-Chief (MD); David R. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief (OH); James B. Pahl, Esq., National Counselor (MI); Robert M. Petrovic, Member of the Council of Administration (MO); Harrison Scott Baker II, Chief of Staff (OH); Kent L. Armstrong, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (MI); Stephen A. Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (WI); Edward J. Krieser, National Secretary and Past Commander-in-Chief (IN); Max L. Newman, National Treasurer (MI); Donald E. Darby, Member of the Council of Adm. & National Patriotic Instructor (OH); Ronald B. Gill, Member of the Council of Administration (IN).

Article and photo submitted by
Dorothea Lofquist, Museum Curator



CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT
DEPT. OF OHIO
S.U.V.C.W.

DEPT. OF OHIO ENCAMPMENT

JUNE 14th, 2003

- June 15, 2002 Took an active part in the planning of the 2002 Dept. of Ohio Encampment in Alliance, Ohio.
- July 20, 2002 Attended the ceremony at Buffington Island, Ohio.
- June To Oct. Raised funds for the Memorial Plaque for Governor William Dennison, 24th Governor of Ohio and first Civil War Governor.
- Aug. & Oct. Helped with planning of reception for Commander-In-Chief Robert Grim and Dept. Commander James Houston at the Red Brick Inn at Lafayette, Ohio.
- November Attended the Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame Awards in Columbus.
- Mounted the plaque for Governor William Dennison in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Plaque reads, "William Dennison, Jr. 24th Governor of Ohio 1860-1862" "First Civil War Governor".
- March 2003 Mailed Chief of Staff Appeal letters to all Ohio Camps.
- April & May Helped with restoration of 375 civil war veterans grave stones In Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.
- May 4, 2003 Attended William Dennison #125 and John S. Townsend #108 Memorial Day Ceremony with Comdr. Houston at Burr Oak State Park Lodge.
- May 23 & 24 Helped place 3,000 flags on Civil War Veterans Graves in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.
Saturday, represented the Dept. of Ohio at the S.U.V.C.W. Ceremony at Circle "M" and Governor Dennison Plaque Dedication, Green Lawn Cemetery.
- May 25, 2003 Attended Memorial Ceremony with Comdr. Houston at Frost, Ohio.

June 8, 2003 Represented the Dept. of Ohio and National Dept. at the Camp Chase Ceremony, Columbus, Ohio.
As Dept. of Ohio Camp Chase Representative, I have been Working to restore the joint ceremony at Camp Chase. It was Civil War Union Captain William H. Knauss who caused the Camp Chase Cemetery to be walled and preserved. 2,260 Confederate prisoners of war are buried at this location. Camp Chase was also a training camp for Ohio Regiments.

During 2002 and 2003 I have been serving on the 2003 National Encampment Committee.

I wish to extend to my brothers a great 2003 Department of Ohio Encampment It has been a pleasure serving under the Leadership of Commander James Houston.

Submitted In F. C. & L,



Robert W. Davis
Chief of Staff
Dept. of Ohio
S.U.V.C.W.

Commander Houston said " all resolutions go to the Resolutions committee for review and presentation this afternoon - giving them time to review them .

OK now Dick do you want to start reception of the Communications ?

Secretary Greenwalt responded " How would it be , the length of the communications , to do the Secretary and Treasurer's report which is not very long ?

Commander said " we are glad to hear that , they are not very long " a lot of laughter in the background - OK go right ahead - We got that timer on you Boy - again a lot of laughter

Dick said how long - Jims replied and Darbys reply - 10 minutes

Dick said " HOW LONG " FOR BOTH OF THEM =

Commander said yes , you better get talking = again a lot of laughter =

Dick said well I can use some of the time left over from some before me =

Commander said " I can get you more water if you need it = lots more laughter

Everyone seems to be enjoying the meeting

As Secretary Dick was reading his report he inserted comment of why the true Son of a Civil War Veteran of Camp # 7 was changed , that he was still living , a mistake .

CAMP CHASE, COLUMBUS, OHIO
REPORT

JUNE 9th, 2003

Since June of 2002 I've been working on re-establishing a good relationship between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Son's of Confederate Veterans.

In the past twelve years certain persons with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, American Legion, and Hilltop Historical Society did not want Union re-enactors taking part in the Camp Chase Memorial Ceremony.

A new chairman of the Hilltop Historical Society is, Lt. Col. Richard Hoffman, U.S. Air Force (Retired). His aim as is mine is to reestablish a joint ceremony of Union and Confederate participants.

Captain William H. Knauss, Civil War Union Officer, preserved the Confederate Camp Chase Cemetery. He also distributed flowers sent by rail from the South, placing them on the graves. He organized Decoration Day Ceremonies at Camp Chase. These ceremonies consisted of the Grand Army of the Republic, Confederate Veterans and the local public.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans hold a separate Confederate Memorial Day at an earlier date. It is my hope they to can return to the joint ceremony, that took place during the lives of our Civil War Ancestors. This is my goal, working with the Hilltop Historical Society.

Governor William Dennison Camp #1 of Columbus, Ohio furnished the Union Color Guard for the ceremony held on June 8th, 2003. Yours truly attended representing the Dept. of Ohio and National Dept. S. U.V.C.W.

Submitted In, F. C. & L,



Robert W. Davis
Camp Chase Representative
Dept. of Ohio
S.U.V.C.W.

A book that is available;

Story of Camp Chase by William H. Knauss
Available through "Blue & Grey Magazine.

2003 REPORT OF THE BUFFINGTON ISLAND BATTLEFIELD CHAIRMAN

This past year saw another very successful wreath-laying ceremony at the annual re-enactment of the Battle of Buffington Island. Over 20 organizations placed wreaths at the monument. For the first time, the Confederate re-enactors joined in the ceremony rather than having a private separate ceremony.

This year, I have given three school presentations at the battle park to students. In doing this, I inspected the main monument to find that the mortar is crumbling and chunks of mortar and stones are coming loose. I have been in contact with one trustee of the Ohio Historical Society concerning this dangerous situation. He is trying to assist me but needs more input from groups like ours to impress the need on the society.

The school building at the site was to be turned over to a community group, but the Ohio Attorney General has stopped this saying that the Meigs County cannot legally give property to an organization. This situation is still trying to be resolved.

I am beginning to look at a different strategy to save the battlefield. I have tried to meet with my state representative, but difficulties have prevented this from occurring. I am trying to get assistance in locating major businesses in Ohio that may be contacted for donations to use in matching federal grants for property purchase.

The 140th re-enactment of the battle will occur on July 19-20 at Portland, Ohio. The wreath-laying ceremony is set for Saturday, July 19, at 12:30 p.m. I again urge all Ohio camps to bring a wreath and participate. No pre-registration is required. Wreaths may be reclaimed after the ceremony if desired. Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 and the Maj. Daniel McCook Circle #104 will again be providing a lunch to participants.

The Ohio Bicentennial Commission is planning a 3-day cavalry ride by Confederate cavalry re-enactors across Meigs County to portray Morgan's Raiders. This is being chaired by Mr. Darrell Markjohn, an attorney from the Canton area. The ride is scheduled for September 5-7 beginning at Wilkesville, Ohio, and ending at Bashan in Meigs County. The brochure says there are to be 160 cavalymen.

The Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society wanted to work with Mr. Markjohn on the raid, but he was unwilling to work with local groups unless it was on his terms. He was unable to answer questions about legal liability. He also refused to hold this ride in conjunction with the annual battle re-enactment saying that it was too soon after the 140th Gettysburg re-enactment. Very little of the actual path taken by Morgan's Raiders is being followed. The ride will not end at the battle location. Serious questions arise as to crowd control and parking. If 160 cavalymen are obtained as promised, it would be among the largest number of cavalymen at a re-enactment. In the last week, the 140th Gettysburg re-enactment has been postponed until August 8-11.

Keith D. Ashley, Chairman

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio GAR Highway Office Report

Commander,

I thank you for the privilege of serving as the Dept. GAR Highway officer for the past year.

I have spent most of the year reviewing and deciphering the many letters of correspondence between the previous officers and the State Dept. of Highways which attempt to find a way to get the Highway marked. Everything seems to point toward the same thing... The State of Ohio has no desire to be involved financially with the placement of these signs. To maintain proper signage we will have to take it upon ourselves to provide for the maintenance and replacement of said signage. To this end I wish to make the following recommendations.

I recommend that the GAR Highway officer be charged with maintaining a program for sign maintenance and replacements so that the GAR Highway will be properly marked for all time.

I recommend that an ongoing fund be established for the erection, maintenance and replacement of the along ~~US 6~~^{US 6} THE GAR HIGHWAY
TO A SIGNS IN THE STATE OF OHIO

I recommend that an appropriation from the general fund be made in the amount of 750.00 for the initial creation of replacement signs.

As to provide continuity for these recommendations, if approved, I pray that the incoming Commander consider re-appointing me as GAR Highway officer for the Dept. of Ohio SUVCW.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Brother Robert E. Rock
Commander AC Voris Camp #67
SUVCW

REPORT OF THE 2002-3 FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Good fraternal relations seems to be the situation in the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Two important items were forwarded by me to our other Allied Orders.

First, was the death of the last living Union widow, Mrs. Gertrude (GRUBB) JANEWAY on January 17, 2003, Blaine, TN. As soon as I was notified on January 18, I immediately worked to notify all the other groups in Ohio. It was my privilege to receive permission of the Ohio Department Ladies of the G.A.R., the Ohio Dept. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ohio Department Woman's Relief Corps to present wreaths in their behalf at Mrs. Janeway's funeral. I handled the cost of this entirely myself and made the wreaths for the ceremony and then took them there personally. I regret that after contacting four different leaders in the Ohio Department Auxiliary, I was unable to obtain permission to take a wreath in their name to the services. I do thank Brother Gerald Crawford traveling with me and acting as honor guard and pall bearer for the funeral. I also was bugler for the burial service playing "Extinguish Lights."

Second, is the current problem of dealing with the Ohio biennium budget bill. This bill will have a serious negative affect on those groups using documentation of lineage for membership. The reason is that the budget bill is trying to eliminate non-certified copies of vital records, which currently cost 25 cents, and require only certified copies to be issued at a current cost of \$12 plus an additional \$5 increase that is being requested.

I am assisting the Ohio Department Daughters of Union Veterans with their upcoming state convention.

Keith D. Ashley, Chairman

Commander Houston said
next We will have the Secretary report
Are you ready Secretary Dick - yes Sir
Commander said - Don Darby are you ready with the bell timer
a lot of laughter - Darby said I'm ready

Department Commander James Houston , Officers , and Members of The Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
121st Annual, Ohio Department Encampment June 13 - 15 , 2003

Again it has been a privilege to serve as Department Secretary , and I appreciate the assistance rendered , so that I could meet the responsibilities of my Office . The Annual Report adopted by the National Organization , that is being used for the first time and the Camp Status Forms - will , we hope relieve much of the Stress of the responsibilities of this Office.

Since last year's 2002 Department Encampment ,
The following Brothers have answered their Final Muster Call.

Camp No. 7 Myron Jones Jr.

~~Camp No. 7 Omie Mitchell - a true Son of a Civil War Veteran~~

Camp No. 12 Forest Altland - a Past Department Commander

Camp No. 26 Julian Mohr

Camp No. 50 Frank Foight III

Camp No. 66 William Mallory

Camp No. 108 Leonard Frost

Camp No. 125 Robert Lowery

Camp No. 142 Robert Karrick

The first Annual Report which was recently sent to the National C.E.O. Showed the
Ohio Department Having 20 Camps
2 + True Son
39 Life Members

A check for \$ 8, 541. 00 accompanied the report

\$ 8, 406.00 for per capita and the remaining \$ 135.00 for 27 membership applications.

The Department lost a Camp - Groce Post Camp No. 156 Circleville, Ohio

Also 8 - 9 members due to death

5 members received Honorable Discharges

And Remainder dropped for non-payment of dues

Thankfully we Added over 70 to our membership

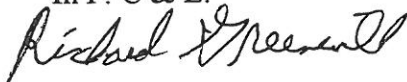
Last year 2002 total For all members was 586

total for this year Is 507

I am happy to report that the Department received its re-imbursement for the Members At Large Life Members . And as Secretary of Mc Clellan Camp of Alliance , I received the refund check for the Camp Life Members. I hope that the Camp Secretaries of the Camps having Life Members sent in the required Forms, so that they would receive their re-imbursements also.

Sending the Camp Status Reports in as required should help me keep up on address changes and also changes in Membership Gains and Losses. Let us hope that at least some of the members , who were dropped this year , will think enough of the Organization to re-instate .

In F. C & L.



Ohio Department Secretary

Ohio Department Treasurer Report June 13-15, 2003 121st Department Encampment

Income from June 1, 2002 to May 30, 2003

June 2002 Encampment Registration	\$ 112.00
Chief Of Staff Fund	183.00
Patriotic Instructor Fund	38.00

2002 to 2003 Interest from Charter Bank	67.71
Dues and Membership Applications	\$ 17,537.00

Total Income	\$ 17,937.71
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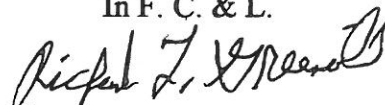
Expenses from June 1, 2002 to May 30, 2003

National Organization Supplies	\$ 65.00
Donations approved at 2002 Encampment	551.50
Printing and Envelopes	740.26
Postage	731.95
Encampment 2002	491.38
Secretary Expenses	83.45
Department Commander James Houston	
for National Encampment	225.00
Camp re-imbursements	246.00
Per Capita and Membership Applications	
To National	\$ 13,506.00

Total Expenses	\$ 16,640.04
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Check Book Balance May 2003	\$ 7,259.85
Ohio Department C D	\$ 1,940.00
Ohio Department Permanent Fund	\$ 11,264.78

In F. C. & L.



Richard L. Greenwalt
Ohio Department Treasurer

Brothers , that is my Treasurer report, if you listened you heard a lot of money has changed hands

Commander Houston = Dick is that completion ?

Dick - yes that 's the completion of those 2 , the Secretary and Treasurer reports , Loud applause
Commander said = My God = congratulations Dick - ah - I can't believe that = I thought it would
go on for another 10 minutes - thats a lot to report - another long and loud applause

I think we have time then Dick , you still have 2 minutes before the bell by Darby , We can go on
in to reception of Communications you received . Paraphrase them

Secretary Greenwalt said - if you had seen my file 13 you would think I didn't save any

Commander = OK lets get started = start paraphrasing - laughter from assembly

When Secretary Dick Greenwalt read the list of deceased Brothers , he said I'm going to take a little more time on the second name , because there are Brothers sitting in this meeting , who will not be to the Memorial Service and I , in my heart - I may get emotional, but I think that is one thing we should remember those who have gone ahead and have done what they could for the Organization. The one I am going to speak of is "Frosty" Forrest Altland , he was a Past Department Commander I have his obituary (he held it up) , I am not going to read the whole obituary , but I owe it to him to read maybe a paragraph , his picture is in the article for some to look at and remember his coming to every Encampment . There are Brothers in this room who participated in "Frosty's " funeral. He lived to be 95 years old , he was a credit to Sons of Union Veterans to a pretty old age . The paragraph I would like to read . He was a Life Member of The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War , he served as Camp Commander , Department Commander and many other offices including National Offices , you will notice he is listed in The "Banner" in the list of National Officers as Committee Member Emeritus yet today .

He was chairman of the National Military Affairs committee. Frosty was the Adjutant of the 3rd Miliary District SUV for 20 years . He was a soldier in the 19th Volunteer Regiment re-activated out of Salem, Ohio . Even with his crippled handicap of his legs and feet , from polio he still in uniform participated in many re-enacting battles at the cannon and powder box He first obtained the rank of 1st Lieut. In the Military Reserve.

When "Frosty" died I got on the phone to Charlie Corfman back there and we talked - Chuck if I say anything not right , get up and say so - Charlie told me that "Frosty" had requested having the Cannon and a Sons of Veterans type of Military funeral . = I am going to put his obituary right here on the table and would like to have you read it , please don't take it with you so others can read it. I have here a couple of pictures of his funeral services in the snow at the cemetery, Brother Commander Houston and other Officers participated , Brother Corfman and others in uniforms gave cannon volleys and Charlie Corfman's son with Bugle . sounded "Taps " "Frosty" was buried in the Civil War uniform his Grandfather fought in . That got thru to this ole boy quite a bit . "Frosty" was my Adjutant when I was Commander of the 3rd Miliary .

Frosty and his wife Orma did not have any children. But he was shown great Honor by the attendance of his Camp No. 12 Brothers and our Department Commander and many other Brothers and Sister Auxiliary members making me proud to be a member of this Organization.

Then Secretary Richard went on with reading the rest of the deceased Brothers names - he made the remark that Frank Foight III had been to some Ohio Department Encampments from way over in West Virginia , he came in a wheel chair . Another dedicated Department member.

Commander Sir - that makes a total of 8 deceased Brothers

Now this next item and won't take much time to point out - Rock (Robert Rock) gave this to me this was in the Akron Paper and a nice picture and write up of A.C. Voris , after which Rock's Camp is named , I will also lay that here for all to look at , we do get some articles in the papers . I got also of Sandusky and several of you that were there at Sandusky are in this picture .

Commander Sir that finishes my Secretary report A loud long applause

Now the Treasurer Report =

Commander Houston said " I sure hope it is shorter that the last report .

Treasurer Dick said "I want to emphasis that \$13,506.00 was sent to the National Organization from the Ohio Department Treasury

Dick - OK , on communications to be perfectly honest - these communications will take a while with your permission Sir , I would like to talk a little on this 1st one ,

Commander Houston said - as long as its brief - OK

Secretary Dick continued - well as this is very pertinent , the gentleman that wrote this is in the room - Brother Duane Gentzel - sent me what needs to be coming in and I think everyone in this room needs to know what needs to be coming in to the Department Secretary, on a new member and so forth . This is on Brother Ronald Spencer , the check is dated the 6th of June , and I got it this week , on the new Camp Status Form. Now I don't have anything to do with = change these, don't change these , or forget about it and so forth , this is all handed down from above at Nat.

There are suppose to be 2 copies of these = 1 that I send up to the National C.E.O. And 1 that I keep , these Camp Status Reports , if you are not all familiar with them , they are both here for to look at , I won't take much time , but it is very important , and in case you don't get a chance to look at them , you go down along the line , 1st thing -new Brother - next re-instated Brother - continue on deceased Brother , Brothers change of address , Brother transferring out or in , so that covers all the possibilities and make good sense and you get 2 copies from me - or suppose to Now where do you get more copies = you run them off of your electronic equipment or you go to a printer and have them made . But anyhow that comes in to me , plus the application as it use to be , and what I am suppose to do = what I will do Lord willing = is I hang on to these , in this case of this sample I have shown you , I will keep until the 30th of June and at that time what ever I have of the Camp Status Reports I will send in my report to National and I must and I stress I must have a application for all new Brother members . Then I make out the check for whatever I have . I also must have address of Brother that has moved . What I am saying in a nice way - I hope - these need = lets make it even stronger THESE HAVE TO BE DONE, THIS WAY , or I can't send them in to National. I will hang on to them , until I get applications also .

For example - Keith has been trying real hard to clear up - he has cleared up - I will pat him on the back - Keith has sent to me recently 3 guys , but I can't do a darn thing with those because I don't have the Camp Status Report Form

PDC Keith Ashley spoke in the background - but not at the mike so not loud enough to record. Secretary answered - I don't know - I don't have , as of right now , these 3 guys are in sort of limbo and when I get the Status and applications - the way we go. OK is there any questions on these Camp Status Reports ?

Commander Houston said you guys can sort that all out and ask Dick questions later .

We will finish communications after lunch . Be here promptly at 1: o'clock we have a lot of work ahead of us , this will give dick a chance to get a second wind , Chaplain close the Bible for recess - 3 raps of the gavel - all rise - 1 rap of the gavel then dismissed OOP's wait a minute Chief of Staff Bob Davis you have something - he was not at the mike , but did announce , we have everything out of here by 4 o'clock , the football team guys need the room for their dinner also at 8 pm a reception for the Department Commander and Department President will be held in the WRC 's meeting room , nice fireplace, a piano for Keith to play , a really nice room .

Commander Houston called the meeting back to order , with Chaplain , open the Bible and now Secretary Dick go on with communications .

A voice in the back of the room - not at the mike not clear on the tape something about Commander there are 2 resolutions last year that were approved from Brooks-Grant Camp

The 2 (really 3) Resolutions that was being spoke about , approved at last June 2002 to be sent to National = but was never received= again presented at Ohio Department Encampment June 2003 , presented to the Resolutions committee and Secretary was instructed to send to August 2003 National Encampment .

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 .

approved by committee

The next 2 are rather long -

Whereas : Some Departments are assessing ~~Department~~ 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 neccessitate 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 .

*approved by
committee*

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

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It was recommended that , that gets transferred over to the Resolution committee , also the
second one regarding dual membership , and once again this was approved here last year , but
didn't get to National .

The committee recommended that also goes to the National Resolutions committee , so they can
address it again.

Commander Houston said = Can you put that in a form of Motion ? =

a voice said thats my motion = seconded - all in favor signify with Aye - approved likewise
(rap of the gavel) , so carried

Commander Houston = Resolutions committee Report , and use the Mike

PDC Medert said - can you hear me now ? Laughter - yes loud and clear -

1st

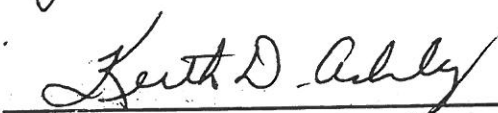
RESOLUTION

(Celebration of Presidents' Day in Ohio)

- 1 Whereas, state institutions such as universities and colleges are
2 failing to set aside Presidents' Day as a holiday for staff and
3 students; and
- 4 Whereas, state institutions are moving the celebration of Presi-
5 dents' Day to calendar dates such as December 24 to avoid
6 the celebration of the holiday; and
- 7 Whereas, the failure to celebrate Presidents' Day, which honors
8 George Washington, the "Father of our Country", and Abraham
9 Lincoln, "the Great Emancipator", while celebrating holidays
10 for other Americans is unpatriotic; therefore, be it
- 11 Resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veter-
12 ans of the Civil War asks for a change in Ohio law that requires
13 all Ohio institutions receiving money from the State of Ohio
14 must celebrate Presidents' Day on the calendar date set aside
15 by the U.S. Congress and close all non-essential activities on
16 that day; and be it further
- 17 Resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 asks the Ohio De-
18 partment to do the same.

CHARTEASON?
AEE. TO INFORM
CO & COMMITTEE
RW CODE & RPT
NEXT YEAR?
SUGGEST ALSO CONSIDER
SIT ON COMMITTEE.


James W. Oiler, Commander


Keith D. Ashley, Secretary
BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7 S.U.V.C.W.

Presidents Day Feb 17

Washington B-Day Feb 22
Lincoln's B-Day Feb 12

Passed March 18, 2003

Resolutions committee = In discussion of this 1st one

One of the things we would like for to ask clarification . It appears to us that we would like to recommend , that the incoming Commander - the reason we say this is - appoint a committee to review the existing code and to report at the next Encampment and suggest the Ohio Counselor to sit on that committee , because number 1 , we don't know the code , that says this is happening . What Keith and the Camp is saying down there is - Ah - with all the Holidays that are in January, February, March and all that Spring Breaks going on , that Universitys are not observing that day and they are trying to co-in-cide with something else . But we don't see where the Law was written, where they are going to try to do this , so we would like to have that the incoming Commander appoint a committee and get the current Counselor to chair that committee

Commander Houston said = will the presenter agree to each of those amendments

voices in back = We will We have a motion to accept that recommendation , do we have a second OK all in favor say aye Rap of the gavel so ordered

Secretary Dick = question - this goes in the proceedings as written up ? (Commander , right !)

Next - paraphrased - Monument Inspections in need of repairs

Committee chairman - what we are suggesting on that is since it is, yes , owned by the Ohio Historical Society and is a Park , = however = the Monument was placed there by private citizens of that particular area. We would like to suggest that the community , commit a request of donations to make those repairs , because the Ohio Historical Society is not going to go out and repair the Monument , so it will become upon the citizens to do so. The only Law that is in effect right now is any Monument and a Cemetery that the Commissioners may go ahead and take care of that ---have to do cemeterys anything other than that .

You can get with a couple of us after if you like = we just had another Monument repaired in Chillicothe and the ways we raised money .

But to have the Ohio Historical Society to do that repairs ===(something was said and a lot of laughter in the back of the room) = Yea - that's right = more laughter =

We are changing to suggest you go ahead commence to the Ohio Department Memorial and to the National Memorial for donations.

Commander Houston = Keith and Brooks Camp are you guys in agreement to that alteration ?

OK as ordered we have a motion to accept that Resolution , do we have a second OK
all in favor signify in saying aye Aye Rap of gavel so ordered

RESOLUTION

(Repair of Buffington Island Battlefield Monument)

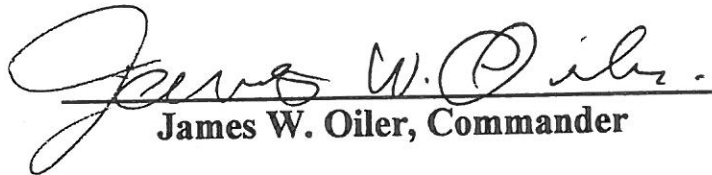
1 WHEREAS, recent inspection of the battle monument at the Buffington
2 Island Battlefield Park at Portland, Ohio, reveals that it is need of immedi-
3 ate repair due to its crumbling; and

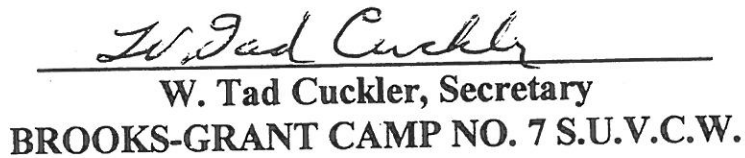
4 WHEREAS, the cutbacks by the State of Ohio has resulted in similar cut-
5 backs to the funds given to the Ohio Historical Society, owner of the
6 Buffington Island Battlefield Park; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the
8 Civil War asks the Ohio Historical Society to inspect the Battle of Buffing-
9 ton Island monument, determine methods for its repair and the cost to do
10 so, and make plans to carry out the needed repairs as soon as finanically
11 possible, and be it further

12 RESOLVED, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 asks the Ohio Department
13 to support this resolution.

SUGGEST THIS AS A REQUEST TO
ON MEMORIAL & UTA MEMORIAL FUND


James W. Oiler, Commander

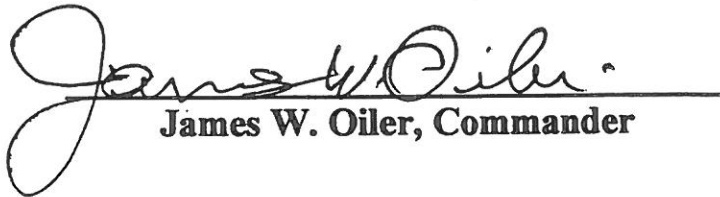

W. Tad Cuckler, Secretary
BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7 S.U.V.C.W.

Passed May 20, 2003

RESOLUTION

(SUPPORTS OF U.S. SENATE BILL #659)

- 1 WHEREAS, gun control supports are trying to eliminate guns from the
2 public by placing lawsuits on gun manufacturers for producing guns; and
- 3 WHEREAS, successful law suits against gun manufacturers will cause these
4 businesses to cease or to increase prices to exorbitantly high prices to cover
5 the costs of such law suits; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Civil War re-enacting depends upon reproductions of period
7 guns and cannons to re-enact the Civil War in order to educate the public
8 on the Civil War; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the
10 Civil War supports legislation like U.S. Senate Bill #659 which will make it
11 impossible to sue gun manufacturers for manufacturing guns; and therefore
12 be it further
- 13 RESOLVED that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the
14 Civil War asks the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil
15 War to support this action.


James W. Oiler, Commander


W. Tad Cuckler, Secretary
BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7 S.U.V.C.W.

Passed May 20, 2003

APPROVED

Resolutions committee chairman = next paraphrasing - Brooks - Grants Camp No. 7 supports the Legislation, in regards to guns, recommendation as presented = We support that Commander Houston = do we have a motion to approve that recommendation of the committee voice in the back - motion made we approve that recommendation and send to National, do we have a second - those in favor signify with saying aye Rap of the gavel So ordered

Next one - paraphrase - Sons of Union Veterans - G.A.R. National Proceedings to be put
on CD 's - Committee = We support that =

RESOLUTION

(Compiling National G.A.R. Records)

- 1 WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the
2 heir to the Grand Army of the Republic; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the national journals of proceedings of the Grand
4 Army of the Republic hold valuable historical information; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the national journals of proceedings of the Grand
6 Army of the Republic are scattered in different locations; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the purpose of othe Sons of Union Veterans of the
8 Civil War is to preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the
9 Republic; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union
11 Veterans of the Civil War asks the Ohio Department Sons of
12 Union Veterans of the Civil War to support action by the national
13 delegate body to compile all national journals of proceedings of the
14 Grand Army of the Republic on CD and make these CD's
15 available for sale.

James W. Oiler
James W. Oiler, Commader

Keith D. Ashley
Keith D. Ashley, Secretary

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7

Passed January 21, 2003

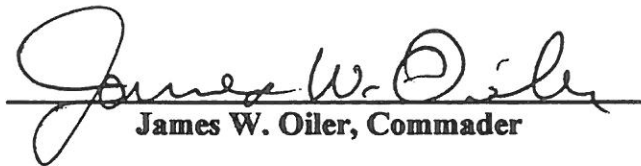
Commander Houston = motion to accept committee recommendation - a second OK
all those in favor signify by aye OK rap of the gavel So ordered

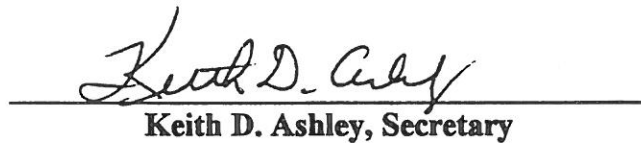
Department Secretary - question does this go to National ? (Commander - right)

RESOLUTION

(Compiling Ohio Department G.A.R. Records)

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2 heir to the Grand Army of the Republic; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the journals of proceedings of the Grand Army of
4 the Republic hold valuable historical information; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Ohio Department G.A.R. journals of proceedings
6 are scattered in different locations; and
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8 Civil War is to preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the
9 Republic; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union
11 Veterans of the Civil War asks the Ohio Department Sons of
12 Union Veterans of the Civil War to compile all Ohio Department
13 G.A.R. journals of proceedings on CD and make these CD's
14 available for sale.


James W. Oiler, Commader


Keith D. Ashley, Secretary

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP NO. 7

Passed January 21, 2003

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committee*

RESOLUTION

(9th Circuit U.S. District Court)

1 Whereas, the 9th U.S. District Court of the United States has
2 ruled that the words "under God" are illegal in the "Pledge of
3 Allegiance"; and

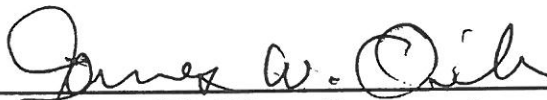
4 Whereas, the words "under God" do not endorse any particular
5 religion in violation of the U.S. Constitution; and

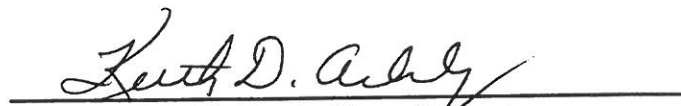
6 Whereas, the ruling of the 9th U.S. District Court against the
7 use of "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance" represents an
8 abuse of judicial power of this court; and

9 Whereas, this ruling then will eventually result in the outlawing
10 of the words "In God We Trust" on our coinage placed there
11 originally by Abraham Lincoln; therefore, be it

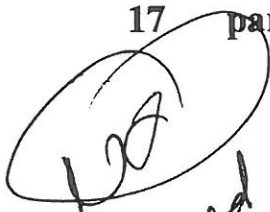
12 Resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Vet-
13 erans of the Civil War asks for the impeachment of those
14 judges of the 9th U.S. District Federal Court who voted that
15 the words "under God" are unconstitutional; and be it further

16 Resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 asks the Ohio De-
17 partment to do the same.


James W. Oiler, Commander


Keith D. Ashley, Secretary
BROOKS-GRANT CAMP #7 S.U.V.C.W.

Passed March 18, 2003


not approved
next page
discussion

Next = Circuit Court

Be it resolved Brooks-Grant Camp # 7 ask for the impeachment

The Committee on this Resolution say = NO =

a lot of discussion in the room , (no one going to the mike) , and long speeches

Commander Houston gained control again - we have motion and seconded to the amendment to change those wording All those in favor signify by saying aye rap of the gavel so ordered

Now what we have to vote on , that we have the recommendation of the committee -

NOT to accept the Resolution = is that correct ?

Committee chairman , said yes our discussion of the committee , we feel this should be handled at the Judicial level and not for us to try to change that OR to get involved , we don't think we ought to do that to ask the impeachment of any body of the Judicial Courts = (much more discussion going on in the room , not at the mike.) Not loud enough to hear on the tape Commander Houston again gaining control - Do we have a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee which is NOT to accept the Resolution ? Motion so made and a second Commander said - all those in favor of accepting the committees recommendation , all those in favor signify by saying aye Several loud ayes Opposed likewise (no response) rap of the gavel OK so ordered

Secretary Greenwalt - question - before we go any further - this resolution as written does not go into the Proceedings publication ?

Commander Houston - It does go in the Proceedings as proposed , the Recommendation of the committee as not accepted goes in the Proceedings and the voting of accepting the committees recommendation is to also go into the Proceedings . OK

this is just for the Resolution committee , not a resolution presented by a Camp

We are going to introduce this Resolution as a committee that the Ohio Department , support PDC Don Darby in his seek for office of Commander In Chief

Commander Jim Houston said = " Why don't we do that right now " We have a motion to do that and Bob seconded that motion All in favor signify in saying aye Loud ayes in the room rap of the gavel So ordered

PDC Don Darby said "Thank you Brothers "

Chairman of the committee Medert said " Now the problem we have had in the past and its not finger pointing or anything like that -- We need to make certain these get to National -- Who'es going to be responsible for taking those up

Commander Houston said " the new Commander will be , so whoever is the new Commander will be responsible for not leaving here with out them ."

Chairman PDC Dave Medert said " May we make a suggestion that we have a couple of copies , of these made and those attending National , lets make certain , "

Secretary Dick said " question - now on these resolutions , I send 1 copy of these into our Executive Officer with our copy of our Installation of Officers , the National Secretary Ed Kreiser responded all reports go to the CEO , but Resolutions goes to the National Secretary

Commander Houston = repeat Resolutions go to the National Secretary ,(again National Secretary Kreiser responded yes) = that is a little different than what I told Dick "

Commander Houston Now lets get Officers Reports and Recommendations going - something was said to him in the background and much laughter - that will be fine - I will bring that over here than you can talk here -

It was the Parlimenterian PDC Don Darby speaking , " I believe in the past when we have done approvals on these Officers Reports , it has been by the sound of the gavel , that if there have been no objections "

Commander Houston ' that sounds good to me , all those in favor signify by saying aye - Aye rap of the gavel so ordered OK go ahead Don with Officers reports "

Commander Houstons report - recommendations

1. He made the recommendation of \$40.00 expended for a full page Ad in the Flyer for the National Encampment .
Approved by the committee - Commander , said I hope there is no objections (rap of gavel)
2. We approved \$300.00 expenditure to the Encampment Host committee
Secretary Dick corrected - that is for the National Encampment Committee
(any objections rap of gavel so ordered)
3. Establishment by the new Ohio Department Commander , whoever that may be , that he is to establish a Camp Develope Committee to look in putting Camps in the areas where we have voids
Approved by the committee (Any objections Rap of the gavel So ordered)
4. We have approved
Of a review of Ohio M A L (Members At Large) To insure that we are getting members into the Camps rather than just in limbo in the M A L . (Any objections Rap of the gavel)
5. We also approved
The Budget preparation in process to be re-instituted by recommendation of the Commander
(any objections Rap of the gavel so ordered)

Treasurer Dick Greenwalt - question - before we finish that one off = then we need the new incoming Commander to get a Budget committee - right (Commander Houston said , thats what it says , thats right) OK just so I know -

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Continue on with committee on Officers Reports and Recommendations

Junior Vice commander report : We approved his request for a increase from the current MAL (Membership at Large) over a period of years , so that it matches the National MAL - which is \$31.00 - We approved that - and we also would encourage the Jr Vice Commander to insure that we don't have a lot of people in the MAL = that they start getting slotted in to Camps , where they can become a active member .

Commander Houston - any objections - rap of gavel - so ordered

Treasurer Greenwalt asked - now that is \$31.00 MAL ? Chairman Terry Frost said - well its a graduated thing , we will show you our graduated notes .

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Eagle Scout report : We approved his request to have a flyer about our Organization with and also a congratuatory letter to accompliment each Certificate given to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout

We also approved to re-imburse the \$69.20 that Brother Tilton had payed out in his Eagle Scout duties .

Commander Houston - any objections Rap of the gavel So ordered

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GAR Highway report : We approved the maintaining of the sign maintance program, and we can lump this all together .

That the fund established for erection and replacement of these signs that the State of Ohio is not getting off their duffs to do and also

We recommend and approve the recommendation for \$750. Dollars in seed money for creating the replacement of signs . And also that the GAR Highway Officer should contact the National Memorial Committee to see about getting finding outside of the Departments seed money.

A long discussion followed - a voice not at the mike , quite faint , question , existing signs , who owns them , if you go out there messing with State Property , are they going to arrest you ?

Commander Houston - Thats a good question - where is my Counselor - his voice faint on tape of his answer - other discussions going on - = You will have a problem putting them on the Ohio Rightaways = Past GAR Highway Officer Gentzel has worked very hard at that ?= The State won't allow it = Roadside rests around Chillicothe , and I think Fremont , = West of cleveland = ? Imagine , paint them ? = roadside rest Vermillion = thats the only ones I have ? On the west side there is = we have been trying to get one from State of Ohio = about 3 or 4 voices all talking at same time ? = Commander Houston got control back , lets get back to the Recommendations Committee chairman , OK Don Darby lets go

PDC Don - why don't we look at it this way , We recommend approval based on the legality of replacing the signs if its legal for us to do so .

Then if its not the seed money comes back and we march ahead .

GAR Highway Officer Rock - said I will accept that amendment to my recomendation

Commander Houston - OK does everybody accept that amendment ? - any objections to the amendment ? OK we will go with the basic resolution with the amendment , any objections to the overall recommendation ? Hearing none - He rapped the gavel - So ordered

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Continue on of Report of Officers Reports and Recommendations Committee

The Site committee report recommendation

The Site committee had requested that a membership medal , a rosette , and a lapel pin be purchased for permanent display in the Legacy Room in the Museum of the Ohio Veterans Home at Sandusky, Ohio

We approved this - PENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION -

The reason being there are Medals that can only - lets see - can not be put on display ! They can only be put in Museums and they always remain the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War . In other words if the Museum closes down , up there , we want our Badges back, we don't want them sold somewhere .

We vote for approval pending the approval by the National Council of Administration .

Commander Houston - Jon Silvis is there any objections of the committees recommendation of approval ? - (no) - is there any objections He rapped the gavel so ordered

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Brother Tilton Junior Vice Commander had 2 others - sorry -

He recommended that Department Jr Vice Commander keep the Camps of Ohio Department handouts updated = we recommend that

also The Department Jr. Vice Commander explore places to distribute the handouts We also approve of this recommendation

Commander Houston - is there any objections - rap of the gavel so ordered 1 more - the Junior Vice Commander to obtain tables for the 2004 OGS conference and explore places for any other recruiting tables We also approved that

Question ? Commander - Yes Sir - you are going to force the incoming Junior Vice Commander to go do that activity ? Is that what you are asking ? Because if you enforce that , I can not go along with that recommendation .

Commander Houston - we should add = May explore = if there is a problem of manning the tables = he may shop at places . Any other objection

Commander In Chief Grim , I have 1 more question - would we be able to have some sort of limits on that of costs of tables at places . Some places are quite high . And if you do several that kind of expenditure otherwise its open ending .

Chairman of committee Darby - there again it will be the Brothers preperation committee to determine of how much money would be used . (a voice said that allows a lot)

Any other objections Rap of the gavel So ordered OK thats it ? Thank you very much Don and the committee OK I would like to go thru 1 more here than we will get this back together .

Here the tape ran out and he kept talking while the electronic engineer replaced a new tape

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Commander Houston asked the Department Secretary Dick for communications

Secretary Greenwalt - At lunch time Mae Frost handed me this information of the Revamping of the GAR Hall at Frost, Ohio the article has a excellent writeup and pictures - this is where some of our money went last year . I will put this out here for all to see .

Commander Houston said = let me intereupt you for a minute here - Hopefully we will also see that in the next issue of The Banner .Because I summarized some of that information , pictures we had taken at the GAR Hall , should appear in The Banner . OK go ahead Dick

Communications continued

Secretary Dick = I already talked about the letter from Brother Gettings

next - letter from Grand Rapids, Michigan asking for endorsement of one of their members for Commander In Chief at National Encampment in August 2003

next - letter from Department of Wisconsin asking for endorsement of one of their members for Senior Vice Commander In Chief at National Encampment August 2003

This one is news of Ohio Camp - Craig Keller, Chaplain of the Ohio Department is bringing back the John Bruck Camp, No. 96, Craig was the key note speaker for the local Memorial Day program, local Veterans Organizations, were also on the program, Bruck Camp also participated with 6 members in uniform with Camp Colors May 30, 2003

Commander Houston commented that is great -

Secretary Dick said = some of these Camps really do the job and they don't send in reports to Department, so we don't hear too much about it sometimes.

This letter is from Commander In Chief Robert Grim of March 15, 2003 he was warning us that the new forms were out, and to be sure to make use of them.

This one I will try to keep as brief as possible, you can see there are a lot of pages to this. It is resolutions out of the Massachusetts Department, to summarize it, they want Brothers of the States to be alerted of what they are proposing at National Encampment August 2003 and have all attending to have an insight of what it will be about.

They have done a lot of work with charts breaking down what States had what National officers and also that the Council of Administration conducts most of all the business, that we do not hear about, that the members and delegates who spend their money to go to National Encampment should have something to say about.

Commander Houston said = to interrupt you Dick a minute I will ask Commander In Chief Bob to say a few words on that, it is pretty involved, Commander Grim can you summarize that with the knowledge you have?

C In C Grim = The Dept of Mass. Is not real pleased by the way the National functions and they are proposing Resolutions that will effect the complete re-write of our Constitution By Laws. There is not much we can do about that here at the Ohio Department level. This is an issue that the National Convention will concur with. They are asking the National Convention to re-do the whole Organization. I doubt if the delegates at the convention will accept these Resolutions, but for our purposes, it is to make us aware that Mass. will present that proposal at Convention.

Commander Houston said = Thank you Commander and before you start again Dick, one thing I do want to mention and Dick didn't let me forget it - on the Delegates going to National - you will need a **Delegate Card** and we have Delegate Cards here - = I have a question for C In C on these delegates, should we vote here and what happens to the others not here who attend (C In C Grim's voice in answering was faint on the tape)

Can we have a show of hands of who are planning to attend the National Encampment.

Keep in mind how this works, that the PC In C's get a vote = the PDC's get a vote = the current Department Commander gets a vote and the rest of the 507 Ohio Department members divided by 20 get a vote = a big discussion and rumble went on in the room about this =

Can we have a show of hands of Past's who are going to get a card - less than 20 - OK

Now we must vote to agree to designate those who raised their hands to be delegates. Delegate Cards must be signed by the Department Secretary, so get them here today

Now Dick before I cut you off - continue on with communications

a communication from Iowa Department for nomination for one of their members as National Council of Administration in August 2003 at National Encampment also

1 from Department of Indiana a nomination for one of their members for National Council of Administration at national Encampment August 2003

Secretary Dick said - that completes the communications Commander Sir at this time it was announced that the Greetings committee from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War was at the door - Commander said to admit them - 3 raps to raise the assembly = PDP Mae Frost and National President Cynthia Brown were escorted in and welcomed by the Department Commander Jim . Mae as Ohio Department Auxiliary representative during her speech presented a check of a Love Token from the Auxiliary to the Sons of \$25. Dollars , And said Thank you for letting us interrupt your meeting - Someone said any time you want to bring a check --- and lots of laughter National President Brown said I certainly hope everything is going fine for all of you . Commander Houston gave each a Sons Encampment ribbon and said I certainly hope you Ladies have a successful Encampment , so glad to have you here . Asked guide to escort them out .

As they went out it was announced that the Greetings committee from the Womans's Relief Corps was at the door - Commander directed them to be escorted in and welcomed PNP Linda Bennett and Beth Norton - Linda being the spokes woman said - We extend greetings from the Ohio Department Woman's Relief Corps and we hope you are having a successful convention , and we have this gift for you from our President Margaret . Commander said - Thank you very much , we enjoyed having you Ladies come see us and I want you each to have a Department Encampment ribbon . I had a good relationship attending events with your President Margaret . Please take her a ribbon from me also. They were Escorted out

Commander Houston then got back to old business - I want to make a couple notes here that came from resolutions from last year .

1 is from Brother Crawford that we purchase a new Flag . We have a new American Flag donated by the Present Commander In Chief Brother Grim and he deserves a lot of credit .

A loud long applause followed

and another thing that JonSilvis , Sr. Vice commander , recommended last year that we put the Web Site on the National recruiting flyer and I think if you go on the National Web-Site and print that out today , you will see that on there . So that has been taken care of . Applause

Dick I think we are back to you for to finish off all your items of Secretary . Is there any more unfinished business ? There really shouldn't be any OK

We will move into New Business

the 1st thing I want to do is call up Brooks-Grant Camp members - a voice said KeithAshley is Greetings committee out visiting the Auxiliary and Ladies -

OK we will wait until he gets back . I have some presentations to give out at this time and Keith was the 1st one , so

I have several Certificates of Merit here - some of them were recommended by the various committee chairman and others I recognized that having worked with them over the year .

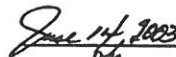
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This certificate is awarded to

In recognition of distinguished service in 2002-2003
In perpetuating the memory of the
Grand Army of the Republic
and
The men who served the Union 1861-1865




James H. Houston, Jr.
Department Commander


June 14, 2003
Date



Jerry Crawford Step up here please

Jerry went with Keith and they did all the work that dealt with the funeral of Mrs Janeway , and participated in the ceremony , and they ushered in the funeral service , and did other activities . Jerry also went to Gettysburg , I want to present the Certificate of Merit to you Gerald Crawford for your dedication for the Organization Jerry congratulations

Jerry responded by saying - I appreciate this as much as I appreciate the one that Bob Grim gave me . One thing I want to again bringup is about Mrs Janeway and her passing . There still has someexpenses left from the funeral . I would like to hear a motion sooner or later that we have our Secretary and incoming Commander get in touch with them and see if there is any substantial amount left of the funeral expenses and we could make a proportional donation to that . Thank You

Commander Houston said = we will handle that under new business , when we finish with giving out these presentations .

Next is Ray Nagle

Now Ray has done a lot for me as Personal Aide , but he also has done as serve as Department Signal Officer , Web-Site Officer , and not only beyond that Ray still works heavily in Spring Grove Cemetery recording graves of Civil War Veterans , there are almost 3000 that Ray has recorded in that Cemetery -- Ray Congratulations - loud applause

next my Certificate of Merit is in the same section , that has to do with up in Northwest Ohio and that is my friend sitting right here at the table Harrison Scott Baker the Second - and he has recorded and worked with and this is a specific recommendation from the Department Graves Officer , (but I have knowledge of what is going on and agreed to) The work Graves Officer Wayne Lowery has been able to do with Scott. I think they have recorded in that area 14,000 thousand or so (Scott corrected him 23 thousand) Congratulations Scott - who responded thank you - A loud applause

Certificate of Merit Awards given out by Department Commander James Houston continued

next Junior Vice Commander Bradley Tilton Brad will you come up
Brad is actively visiting Camps . As you noticed from the flyer and I encourage you to get these
flyers , A lot of work is involved in digging out the information of where the Camps are going
to meet and the time they are going to meet.

I have participated with him in several events , he has scheduled at the Ohio Genealogical Society
of Civil War Families , and recruiting the Color Guard for that . And his work has really beared
fruit , we have 2 new from the Cincinnati Camp and another 1 solely from the recruiting from that
Convention of the Ohio Genealogical Society Civil War Families. So I just want to mention a few
things he has done and congratulate him and give him this Certificate of Merit . Applause

This morning you heard of a Award to Timothy Ward and that is rightly deserved . I want to
include a Certificate I personally did . I know that Don has already gave Tim a Award , but I
want to include this . If a representative from Garfield Camp , I will just give this to him , to pass
on to Tim.

Commander walked away from the mike as he was talking and said something about Don Grant
kept tract of all of this . He also has produced a newsletter . Don has done a lot of work on this
and kept the spirits up of ??????? As they went along ?? He is a key activity of our Order , he
really deserves a lot of credit . ?? And I would like to congratulate Don with this Applause

and as we go further than that we go to the guy who started this all in a way . Thats
Don Darby Past Department Commander Don , he is - been - my personal advisor , but you
heard our Commander In Chief read off this morning the number of activities that Don is doing in
our National Organization . All the work he has done to start activities ,
such as last Union Veterans

He deserves so much credit , we are really lucky to have Don with us . Applause

Now I would like to call up 2 Individuals , I worked with over the last year , but I must say I had
to do a lot of driving to do it , because they are at the other end of the State of Ohio .

Duane Gettings And Jeff Eversman
from James McPherson Camp , Toledo Camp.

Now you probably have heard about these 2 individuals , because they won the Lincoln Award for
the best Sons of Union Veterans Camp in the United States .

Now I tell you they have done a lot of work and just a few of the projects , just recently they
completed a project to re-constructed a Civil War Soldier Monument in Willow Cemetery ,
outside of Toledo and it was just marvelous effort that took years , first to get the funds to do this
and the road blocks along the way . You just wouldn't believe , so they have been active in a
number of events and in terms of Grave Registration - that we just talked about that - one of the
members here Scott participated in that , and we are just very pleased about that.

In fact one of the events that I discussed with Jeff about a couple weeks ago was - I read the
minutes of the Camp and the 1st thing , the week after it seemed like - they put on a service
dedication at the new Monument of The Civil War Soldier at Willow and they said " What project
can we take on next " It is really truly a great Camp . Congratulations Duane and Jeff
followed by A long loud applause and several YAH's

Certificate of Merit Awards given out by Department commander James Houston continued

of course heading up that area Duane Lowery - Duane is not with us today , he is the guy , who leads the band on this and doing a tremendous job . This morning when I read his report - already 7000 thousand in the works and another 4 000 thousand more , well over 40, 000 thousand . That is tremendous and amazing and he deserves a Award .

another Gentleman Bob Davis - announced he is also out on Greetings committee

Commander Houston said we will go on and when he gets back

next we have 2 actually male and female Richard and Bea Greenwalt one of them right over here Department Secretary and Treasurer Dick - actually I would like to try to present Bea's tonight if that 's OK Richard said = that would be real fine she would be very appreciative . Commander , these Awards because these guys really do a fantastic amount of work . they do they do a lot of work that of us don't understand that , but I have worked with them this year and I can tell you that the work on the getting of the General Orders out , the Proceedings out and of course all the work he has to do as Treasurer as well is amazing . They really work out as a dual , they work together and that's great . Congratulations Dick - he said Thank you - A loud applause

Bea will get hers tonight at the Banquet

Now another Certificate of Merit for Past Commander In Chief David R. Medert I'll bring this electronic equipment to you - a lot of laughter and talking going on as Commander Houston did that and he was talking as he did it - I was down there several times this year , but it was Dave that superintended the Medal of Honor Service and worked to get that thru . For Sgt. Enderlin And also Re-dedicated the Enderlin Monument that is in the park there with a fantastic ceremony . It is all re furbished , Dave made the arrangements in Columbus to have it re-done , re-positioned and all that arrangements that needed to be done . He really embodies this here to perpetuate the memory of The Grand Army of The Republic . Dave I just want to give this to you , you deserve it - a long loud applause

next is Senior Vice Commander Jon Silvis - Jon organized and turned in a report this morning of all the work he did (no not all the work) About the work he did and organized the meetings of the National Council of Administration at the Ohio Veterans Home . The work he has done - we hope in the developing of continueing long term and relationship in Sandusky Veterans Home also participated at the ceremony of Monument Dedication in the Cleveland area . This is only a few mentions of his work and I want to Honor you Jon with this Certificate Jon responded with Thank You followed by a loud long applause

We really have some great people in this Department that work hard for the Organization

Certificate of Merit Awards given out by Department Commander James Houston continued

Now I see that the gentlemen are back from the Greetings committee

Robert Davis will you come up please

He responded with , we have 2 Ladies at the door - Commander said - well just tell them to wait a minute , Rest Easy (Laughter , Bob said you want me to tell them that rest easy - laughter) You come up please - (being out of the room , he doesn't know about the Commander giving out the Certificate of Merit) -

Now Bob Davis has been my Chief of Staff this year and he is always --- if I had any questions or anything he was really there for me . Beyond that you heard his report this morning about the work he did establishing the Governor Dennison Marker at the cemetery in Columbus, Ohio and also working to get us back into the Normal Mode (I guess you can , ah might say that) in Camp Chase in Columbus . I certainly appreciate all the work you did there Bob and you deserve this Certificate of Merit . Applause Bob Davis responded by - The Camp Chase - the one hoping to get Sons of Confederate Veterans holding a joint Memorial ceremony back with us .

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Now then another of our visiting representatives that was out of the room when this all started PDC Keith Ashley will you come up please

We have heard some of the activities that Keith has done . But - it is just amazing some of the things he has done , talk about the amount of work and generation that he will do . What I said when I presented the Certificate to Jerry Crawford about the funeral --- Keith put it upon himself to represent the Order at the funeral of Mrs Janeway , participated by making and taken wreaths and was the Bugler during the service . He wrote a article for The Banner , based on that work that he did down there in terms of the funeral . He also as you know he keeps up annually our ceremony at Buffington Island and that is really a great ceremony . This year again on self initiation he went and represented our position at Chandlersville .

Also another thing Keith did this year was suggest to us that we remember the Ohio Soldiers at Gettysburg by placing Ohio State Flags on all their grave sites in the National Cemetery . As I had said earlier to Keith I'm not sure we have the funds in the Department to do that between Stated Encampments , so I don't know about the funds . Keith didn't let that faze him , he wrote letters to State officials , He got from the Attorney General and he placed flags on Remembrance Day on every grave there at the National Cemetery from the State of Ohio .

Congratulations Keith A huge large loud applause (Richard told me a standing ovation) Keith responded Thank you - it was a pleasure to represent the Department and be part of the funeral service , I will put pictures taken at the service , back there for to look at . It was quite benefical that the Commander allow us to represent the Ohio Department at Chantlersville hearing We were the only ones out of State that were there and because we were out of State we were given extra consideration in news coverage , it did make a big difference . More applause

Bob Davis said - Commander we still have the Ladies at the door - resting easy - laughter Commander ordered them to be escorted in 3 raps to call up the assembly as they entered Welcome Ladies - they were introduced as Jean Hilton and Julia Rock Greetings committee from the Ladies of The Grand Army of The Republic Jean said on behalf of our President we bring you this little token of appreciation for all you have done for her this year .

Commander responded with Thank you and please accept these Sons Encampment ribbons and take one for you Department President also , with my appreciation . And we hope she continues to have a successful Encampment . They were escorted out with applause .

Commander Houston said -We are under new business is there any other items of new business
PDC Terry Frost said - yes commander
under new business I want to make this motion

We come here at Mount Union College for Encampment each year - it runs very smoothly
We get our meals tickets , we get our keys and rooms assigned , it all runs smooth for all of us .
We don't understand all the work behind this , that Dick and Bea Greenwalt do to put this
Encampment together, but we do know all that is done while we are here .

I would like to make a motion that they be re-imbursed for this Encampment - their Encampment
fee and as long as it is at Mount Union College , they ought to be able to stay here .

I entertain a second to that .

Commander Houston = yeah - seconds all over - all in favor signify by saying Aye
opposed likewise Loud Ayes

Richard said no A lot of laughter with Commander Houston saying we don't entertain that
Richard - Thanked them all .

again - while we are here I would like to make a motion - since forever - laughter
Bea Greenwalt has put out the Proceedings of the Ohio Department and they keep getting better
every year . They started out fantastic and now better than fantastic . Ahhh she does this because
she is married to Dick , but the up-side of this is

As long as Bea does the Proceedings , if we pay her \$100 dollars for the year for doing the
Proceedings . I entertain a second to that motion --- loud seconds all over

Commander Houston - all those in favor signify by saying Aye - loud Ayes rap so ordered
Dick said - you didn't let me vote on that - laughter - you couldn't beat the gavel

Commander - we are still under new business -

Keith Ashley spoke - Commander (Yes) - This didn't get time to get by the Camp but as I
mentioned earlier about the cost of records, I'd like to ask the Encampment to continue to
support of the practice of providing non - certified copies of vital records and the cost .

That we send letters to all members of high assembly on Bill supporting this , otherwise we will
be paying \$17.00 a record instead of a quarter . Calling it privacy control

Don Darby spoke - Commander (yes) - I would like to make a amendment to that .

I can't remember who does it , but the Clerk of Courts are going for charging like a dollar for
copies and things . There is a Organization , I think , - is it the Public Defenders Office ? --
anyway there is a State Office that requires that to lower that to a dime basicly because it hits the
people . I think if we not only contact the State Legislators , but this Organization to see if they
can keep the cost down , because of the inability of the records to .

Keith spoke again - also this does say Vital Records that are referred to , we are not talking every
record , but just those that will effect us

a voice ?? Said - I'll make the amendment to that

Commander Houston - can we have a vote on the amendment . Somebody second the motion to
make the amendment All those in favor signify by Aye opposed so ordered rap of the gavel
Now OK we are going to vote on the amendment as amended

All in favor Aye All opposed Rap of the gavel so ordered

any more new business

PDC Keith - Commander I would like to announce the oldest Emancipation Day celebrated in
the United States is going to be celebrating its 140th Anniversary this year , it started in 1864 , its
been going annually , that is in Gallipolis, Ohio . They are having a major celebration this year
and I would urge the incoming Department Commander to try to let us know if we will participate

or send a representative because they would like to know as soon as possible , because they are trying to get their program together . I think that its something probably the Sons should get involved with. The 3rd Saturday and Sunday in September. I'm not sure when the parade is going to be , as of yet I don't have all the information .

Commander Houston - said I see the current Senior Vice and Junior Vice making copious notes . I think suggestions taken . Any other new business ?

Commander (yes) Parlimentarian Darby speaking Yes Sir suggestion for a motion (yes)

Jerry Crawford - again reminded the Commander of the suggestion he made in regards to the funeral expenses , when the Commander gave Jerry his Certificate of Merit and said we will handle that under new business .

Jerry said - I would like to have the Secretary to becoming official , to get in touch with Gruell and see if there is any balance for Gertrude Janeways funeral and if so that we make a proportional donation to the funeral expenses

Secretary Dick - said I don't have a name or address to send to . As Treasurer - a top money specific amount , like no more than

Commander Houston spoke - yeah we have to have a specific amount that we are talking of . No more than a certain amount will be appropriate in the motion

a lot of discussion kept going on , on the tape , voices from all over

Jerry Crawford said - 3 Organizations our womens groups donated \$50 dollars

Commander Grim said National has already gave \$500. 00 Discussion continued

Darby Parlimentarian stepped in and said \$200.00 is proposed

My cue is they have got \$500.00 from National Sons of Veterans And \$150.00 from various Allied Organizations , I really think \$200 is quite a lot . I don't know if the Department of Tennessee donated any , but I fully feel enough discussion , and that it should be a maxium of \$100 dollars , that is my feelings . And no more discussion A motion made to limit it to \$100 dollars a second was heard vote on the motion for \$100 dollars - all in favor signify by Aye very weak amount of Ayes on the tape , Opposed likewise He rapped the gavel so ordered Jerry Crawford again said Commander (yes) the motion of the purpose of my suggestion was like I said , I would want our Secretary to get in contact with Gruell the caretaker and see if there is a balance , if there is no balance we don't need to send any .

Secretary Richard again said - I don't have a name or address of who to contact ..

Bob Grim started to speak - with this new recording system , we have to congratulate ourselves for 3 years - and ironically this was the end of tape Electronic engineer putting in new tape no recording of what Bob was referring to -----
new tape part 5 -

PDC Larry Swogger spoke , but not at the mike - he spoke It has bothered me for several years , with all these new members coming in we are the only Organization of this type that has a nice initiation ceremony , but yet we do not do it . (Voice in background - questioning) Larry answered there are lots more - By Golly I move that next year the Department do a initiation , its about time we did one.

Commander Houston - anyone second Larrys motion to have a initiation ceremony next year .
Silence --- motion fails for lack of second

? Spoke - in regards to what PDC Swogger is saying - part of the initiation ceremony tells you that the distance between the Altar and the Commanders station , is restricted ground and the only time you are suppose to cross that is for ceremonial purposes (sorry I couldn't record the rest the voice got faint . ? Go around this side of altar ? - Commander said - good point

PDC Keith Ashley spoke - Commander - If the incoming Department Commander is able to make Buffington Island , We should vote on a wreath for that .

I move that this Department Commander to purchase a wreath for the ceremony
a voice said - we already got a wreath

Commander Houston said - yes we got a couple of wreaths OK no motion

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PDC Don Darby - as long as we are spending money , I think we have to authorize the spenditure for ribbons for next year for the Encampment .

I make the motion that we authorize the money to purchase the ribbons . Discussion followed about the amount of money

The motion was made and seconded , we authorize to spend \$60.00 for Encampment ribbons for next year Encampment - discussion , none

Commander Houston all in favor signify by saying Aye Aye opposed likewise rap so ordered

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Commander (yes) I would like to make one point too Sir . In going along with what Dave said - the Altar will be placed in the center of the room , it will be covered with the Altar Cloth , solid blue for Camps , red for Departments and Gold for National , = I don't see NO red cloth = (talking going on from many)

Commander Houston responded by - I think we probably have the red one here - Yeah - we probably have heavy motion here now but we will take that in good advisory . Thank you and I would expect that to come from the Color Bearer , so thats good , you are doing your job.

A lot of laughter on the tape -- all are enjoying the meeting

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OK now any other new business (Treasurer Dick asked are we still spending money) Laughter
Yes Sir

Commander (yes) a reminder at Department last year (the Commander and many laughing so loud , it covered what was said) = to Frost GAR Hall , continuence = Commander said continuence thats right (something more said but more loud laughing .) Thank You Commander Terry =

Treasurer said \$100 dollars , for Frost GAR Hall right = Commander said right . Now is there any other new business , if not we WILL proceed to nomination of new Officers -

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Treasurer Dick - Commander Sir - (Commander - Oh we have more !) still asking about money (OK proceed)

We neglected - we almost neglected last year - and we are near doing the same thing this year. There are 2 National Funds and (Commander said that is a good point) and its going to look bad for the Commander In Chief if we don't contribute .

(Commander Houston said - why don't you make the motion about those 2 National Funds)

OK I will make a motion that the Department contribute to the sum of \$50 dollars to the Senior Vice Commander Fund at the Natioal level and \$ 50 dollars to the National Patriotic Fund

seconded by many - voted on and passed so ordered .

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NOW are we ready - Commander (yes) Commander In Chief plug your ears - a lot of laughter He is one of ours and I think we need to vote to purchase a gift for our Commander In Chief (a lot of commotion and laughter going on) (not clear of all that is said on the tape) I make a motion for \$75. Dollars for a gift for our own Commander In Chief Robert Grim at National Encampment . = Treasurer spoke - a little bit of a amendment on that motion that the incoming Department Commander is in charge of securing the gift with the help of whoever he choses and present it from the Department at National . (more comments and discussion in back) Commander Houston said - well I don't think there is any question about that of the added words to the first motion , a new one does not have to be made. And that \$75 dollars and for the incoming Department Commander to shepard that OK do you want to vote on all that motion Yes 's - all in favor - voted on and carried rap of the gavel so ordered
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OK NOW - no more - Keith Ashley said Commander Sir - (yes) while you are mentioning that , it kind of stole my thunder a little bit , but if the Commander In Chief would come up for just a moment (talking and walking at the same time - whatever he said created a lot of laughter) Keith saying as he was walking and comments going on - Fraternal Relations not only between Organizations == ? So as he is chair of Fraternal Relations committee here in Ohio , I want to give the Commander In Chief this - it will not be a dust collector , since he has called me a time or 2 , I think he can use this in good efforts . C In C Grim said Thank You very much -- comment by Robert Rock - open it up - a lot of laughter and comments - Keith said - its not a Civil War pin but == C In C said - it has words on it - hold it out like that it says Civil War Muster Pin Keith said - all Union Soldiers and Confereate Soldiers got muster out pins with their Regiments and company printed on it . C In C Grim again said Thank you very much Keith
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Commander Houston OK here we go again , any more new business OK then we WILL proceed with nominations of new officers - Counselor said - Commander Sir - laughter as Commander Houston said I knew it !! How about take a 10 minute break - (thats wise , by Commander) time at 20 minutes to 3 be back here ready to go OK will the Chaplain attend the Bible for a recess - 3 raps -
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Commander Houston under control again - Chaplain , attend the altar - Now I remembered I had something under new business before officers for next year . - this created a lot of laughter - PDC Keith Ashley was out doing visitations and I overlooked to present the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War Annual Membership Award . This goes to Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 , that is good for 2002-2003 and I would like Keith to come up and accept it . Applause and a Thank You from Keith Secretary Dick - we should tell how many new members Keith brought in - (Yes OK go) as you know there was confusion with Brooks-Grant sending in applications of new members that Keith had secured , but anyhow when it was all straightened out , this Brother gentleman over here was responsible , during -- before Encampment during C In C Bob Grims year officially and legally at least 20 new members in Brooks-Grant Camp And I think Keith deserves another hand of applause = so done loud and long .
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Commander Houston - NOW are we ready , business to proceed for nominatons of new Officers
OK good We will proceed

and the 1st Officer is Department Commander for year 2003 - 2004

Do I hear any nominations - yes Brother Tom I recognize you - (not clear on tape what he started to say) ?? Gen'l James A. Garfield Camp No. 142 Cleveland , , I would like to propose the nomination of Department Commander , a distinquished member of our Camp .

Jon Silvis

Everybody in the room knows him . This is my 1st Encampment and I heard his report this morning , at the Department level , and his actions at our level , is many fine things he has done , working with Sanduskys Soldiers Home and I think and his dedication to this Organization , should carry over to Department Commander of Ohio - seconded by many

Commander Houston asked 3 times if any more nominations

Commander I move nominations to be closed - ask him if he will serve

Commander Houston said = will I ask him if he will serve - will I ask him - we better have that - Jon Silvis will you serve next year as Commander of the Ohio Department 2003 - 2004

Yes Sir

Congratulations - applause

next is for Senior Vice Commander for Department of Ohio for year 2003 - 2004

Yes Sir (again not at mike , not clear to pick it all up) I would like to nominate

Brad Tilton Of McLaughlin Camp No. 12 He is a valuable member

(sorry I couldn't hear the rest on the tape) Seconded by many

Commander Houston asked 3 times if any more nominations for Senior Vice Commander

Commander I move nominations to be closed - rap of the gavel so ordered

Bradley Tilton will you serve - yes - congratulations Applause

moving right along now Junior Vice Commander for Department of Ohio for year 2003 - 2004

Yes Bob Davis - Commander I would like to take this opportunity for a man who has done a lot of work for this Department - I would like to make the nomination for Junior Vice Commander Don Grant , 5th cousin of General Grant - Second for that nomination

Commander Houston asked any more nominations once

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Yes Sir ? ? I would like to make the nomination for Junior Vice Commander

Jeff Eversman from Gen'l J.M. McPherson Camp No. 66 Jeff has single handed - well with help to raise \$ 35 thousand dollars for GAR Monument in the Willow Cemetery ,

for the last 3 years he has been the leader and the force behind , for tours of those Cemetery's called Willow Walks , he has Authored a Book of the Civil War , printed 12 hundred copies , of which 40 are left , all the rest sold , he has culivated relations , not only with McLaughlin Camp of Mansfield , Ohio but 2 Brother Camps across the State line to Michigan - Smithfield and Jackson He is Past President of the Historical Society under his direction and the help of Brother Staffacre who is seated to your right the Camp has gathered 23 thousand names for the Grave Registration Program just for Ohio alone . And on top of that he was Commander at the time our Camp was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Award , at this time I would like to nominate

Brother Jeffrey Eversman for Junior Vice Commander of Department Seconded by many

Ask if any more nominations Commander asked if any more nominations 3 times -

Commander I move nominations to be closed rap of gavel so ordered

Commander Houston said - Now what is our procedure for this of 2 nominations
 A motion was made we will proceed with secret written ballot . Motion seconded
 All in favor signify by Aye All opposed likewise Rap of the gavel so ordered
 Secretary Greenwalt said this is good , once in a while to remember how to do these things We
 need paper to make 2x3 ballots big enough to write the name
 .Commander said we are going to need a lot - bringing laughter in the commotion of making
 ballots . During this time PDC Keith Ashley said - Commander - (yes) while they are making
 ballots , where there is no other nominations for a office I move that the Secretary cast one
 unanimous ballot for those offices .
 A second was heard - all in favor - Ayes - passed and so ordered by gavel
 Commander - (yes) will the 2 candidates stand , and tell which is which OK Tom please stand
 The one in the back here is Jeffrey Eversman and is from Toledo Camp No. 66 And
 Don Grant over there is Commander of Gov'n Dennison Camp No. 125 and he is from Lancaster,
 Ohio .
 Commander (yes) the guide has the ballots ready - OK pass them out
 Secretary Dick reported everyone is eligible to vote but the guests from Kentucky , Massachusetts
 and Indiana - confusion , commotion , kidding going on
 Counselor intervened and said - everyone stand and count off by number then sit down ended
 count with 33 voters .
 Secretary suggested that Commnder In Chief Grim tally the votes collected by the guide - more
 commotion and visiting going on , on the tape while waiting , the C In C Bob reported
 Commander - Gentlemen the tally of votes is that
 Jeff Eversman of Toledo camp is elected as Junior Vice Commnder of Ohio Department
 Comman der Houston said =
 Jeffrey Eversman will you accept the office of Junior Vice Commander of Ohio Department year
 2003- 2004 He responded with Yes

next Council of Administration for 3 year term Is there a nomination
 PDC Larry Swogger said , I believe you are - Commander Houston responded not yet I haven't
 been nominated
 PDC KeithAshley responded - I would like to nominate Commander James Houston for Council
 of Administration , He has worked hard for the Department all year , visiting and participating in
 many State activities , he is a good represntative of the Order . Seconded by many
 Commander Houston said - Now Larry I will turn the gavel over to Senior Vice Jon Silvis
 who said we have a nomination and second for Council of Administration for 3 year term He
 asked 3 times is there any more nominations C In C Bob Grim said - I move that
 nominations be closed rap of the gavel Jim will you accept - he responed with yes

Now I will take back the gavel and go on
 Yes Keith - Commander I move that the notes of the Secretary , be made as Offical Proceeding
 of this Encampment along with the recorded tapes .
 Commander Houston said Very Good do I hear a second to that
 OK all in favor signify by Aye opposed likewise Rap of gavel so ordered

completed now we proceed with the Installation of the elected Officers
 PDC Don Darby will conduct the Installation who suggested , maybe the Incoming
 Commander may want a little bit of recess to check his appointments
 Jon Silvis responded all ready done

PDC Darby started the Ritual Installation by -

Department Commander James Houston , I am relieving you of Command of the Department on behalf of the Officers , I convey to you their Thanks for the manner in which you discharged your duties - he continued with the Ritual by presenting the Past Commander Badge to PDC Jim saying it isn't as heavy as the Commander's Badge and it doesn't create as many headaches either , as he was pinning the Badge on Jim .

PDC Houston was then seated by the Installing Officer to his left - a long and loud applause

PDC Darby continued on by the Ritual - Department Commander elect are you prepared to appoint your Staff of appointments = Jon Silvis responded with yes Sir

Guide will hand your list to the Secretary

Secretary you will call the roll of Officers elect , who will go to the Altar for your obligations - Then he went on with the Ritualistic ceremony

ending with the charge to Commander Jon Silvis , I give you the charge of the Charter , Ritual , C.& R. and presenting the gavel for authority

Jon responded with a Thank you And accepted by applause from all assembled

Commander Jon Silvis said = my speech will be very brief , I want to thank especially Dave and also Bob Grim - 10 years ago we went to Installation of Camp , its been a long 10 years and a lot of fun Thank you Brothers

It is my goal this year to kind of focus on the values of our Organization , Monuments and things like that

and I hope I'm worthy because as you look around this room , I've got some big shoes to fill . So I understand we can no longer have any more business , but I will entertain any last announcements .

Secretary Greenwalt responded - a couple - Don Darby needs to sign these Installation forms with your permission sir . 1 goes to National and 1 remains in the Department files .

Banquet is at 5:30 - are some of you going to wear uniforms to post Colors - the reason I am asking a photographer from the Alliance Review is suppose to be here about 5: 30.

Joint Memorial Service tomorrow morning in a different room than usual it will be in the meeting room of the Woman's Relief Corps who have charge this year , the same room where the Department Commander and Department Presidents Reception was held last evening .

Delegate Credentials for National , I have signed as Department Secretary , take these with you and we will hope we have a good attendance from Ohio Department .

Go and support our friend Commander In Chief Robert Grim . But more important we can go and show that Ohio gives a darn about the Organization and about our Heritage . Commander Silvis said = Thank you Dick Is there any other final notices

National Chaplain Henry Shaw responded = echo of Dick about Credential Cards , the Ohio Department Committee did a lot of work , I can tell you that , for this National Encampment and I'm sure you will enjoy it .

Past Department Commander Jim Houston who has worked real hard on the National Encampment committee said = a couple of special things , I think you will be pleased to see , the National Encampment Medal this year . We have a lot of activities planned and hope to see you all there .

PC in Chief David Medert said = if you can't come for the whole thing at least come for Saturday afternoon , where we can vote for one of ours into the National Honors . You won't have to stay all night , you can make it for the voting of the business session and go home .

Commander Silvis again asked is there any other final thoughts -
there being no further business to come before this Encampment , we shall proceed to close .
You will give attention while Department Chaplain give our closing Blessings
he gave 3 raps of the gavel The Chaplain proceeded to the Altar and with Ritual prayer closed the Bible and Commander Jon Silvis =

I declare the 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War duly closed Final rap of the gavel

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Saturday evening June 14, 2003 : The Annual Allied Orders Joint Encampment Banquet was held This years Host Organization , The Woman's Relief Corps , used the Ohio Bi-Centennial and National Flag Day of June 14, for the decorations of the tables , Mount Union college had also with tablecloths and napkins did Red , White and Blue colors . It was very Patriotic . The Banquet as usual was well attended , in addition to our Department Leaders and the National Visiting Leaders of our Organization , as our guest was National Commander of The Loyal Legion Gordon R. Bury III who is also a PDC of Ohio Department and PCC of the National Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War .

The speaker of the evening was newly elected and Installed Ohio Department Commander Jon Silvis of Camp No. 142 , for the rest of year 2003 - to June 2004 . He gave an inspiring talk which was well received and very interesting . He had displayed several artifacts and many were also provided by Camp No. 67 . This was a Banquet that should provide memories for those in attendance for many years . Later this was followed by the drawings of the Raffles held by the 3 Womens Organization with many of the men winning prizes .

The evening concluded with a Reception held for the Department Commander and Department President with many refreshments and friendly visiting for several hours .

Sunday morning June 15 , 2003 The final of the 121st Annual Encampment for the Sons was participating with our Sister Orders in a joint Memorial Service at 9 a.m. Held in the Woman's Relief Corps meeting room , at Hoover Price Hall, Mount Union College , Alliance , Ohio this is a pleasant large room with a piano on which Brother Keith Ashley played the Memorial Hymns For the Service Program . Each member who had answered his final Muster call , since last years Encampment in June , names were read and a tribute was placed to his Memory

" from Bea Greenwalt - Thank you the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans for the check consideration , yes Dick Treasurer , gave it to me == it is most appreciated and going toward printing a Book of GAR Post of Alliance. My certificate is grand , framed and hung .

I am sorry for the places that I could not decipher on the tapes of persons not speaking into the mike , of what they said - I think Dick got tired of hearing me re-run the tape so much.
When Dave Medert II was Commander and he donated the tape recorder he specified that when making a motion or speaking to state name first , which was a big help in knowing who is speaking . Now I guess by voice and some I am probably wrong .
Thank you for your consideration - Bea " See you next year Encampment same place
May your year be successful in everything you do

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