



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio
125th Annual Encampment
Memorial Hall, Columbus, Ohio
16 June 2007**

Officer's Reports

And

Communications



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

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June 1, 2007

125 Annual Encampment Report

Brothers of the Department of Ohio,

I would like to thank the all the Past Commanders, Past Commander-in-Chiefs, Commander-in-Chiefs and all the other Brothers who assisted me in performing my job serving as Ohio Department Commander. I know that the success of any Officer in the Order is determined by the wealth of experience of the other Officers around him. I do look forward to continuing to serve this great Order and its cause.

I had the opportunity this year to travel to many of camps that I normally could not visit, due to the travel time and distances, I also got to represent our great Department of Ohio in many Dedications, Parades, Reburials, and other Events that further enforced the SUVCW motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

It was a very busy and productive year, we were able to resolve a dispute, and we went through the arduous task of relocating our Encampment to Columbus, due to the increase of costs at Mt. Union and the new requirement of liability insurance. We also came to the conclusion that if we made the Encampment at a more centralized location and made it a one day event, that it would attract more Brothers, due to the reduced expenses for the individuals at the Encampment. I would like to offer a special thanks to the following Brothers for all their hard work and putting up with me on this issue. Thanks: to Brother Bob Davis, Brother Jim Houston, Brother Brad Tilton and Brother Dick Greenwalt.

I have to also extend an important thank you to Brother Tim Graham, Brother Bob Davis, Brother Brad Tilton, and Brother Jim Houston for the long and tedious task of designing our special 125th Encampment Medal.

I steal the words from a great predecessor, using a Naval term that is the highest given in the Navy, BRAVO ZULU to you all.

My Past Travels are as follows:

2006

- Ohio 124th Encampment, Alliance, Ohio, June 16-17, 2006
- Buffington Island Ceremony, Portland, Ohio, July 22, 2006
- Walnut Grove Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio, August 5, 2006
- National SUV Encampment, Harrisburg, PA Aug. 11-13, 2006
- Willoughby Frontiers Day Event, Willoughby, Ohio September 8-10, 2006
- J.A. Garfield Camp #142 Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio September 30, 2006
- RB Hayes CW Event, Fremont, OH, Oct. 6-8, 2006
- OSU Memorial Park Dedication, Columbus, OH, Nov. 9, 2006
- J.A. Garfield Camp #142 Meeting & Cleveland Grays Veterans Day Program. - Nov. 11
- Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA, Nov. 17-19, 2006
- Camp 207 Installation & Meeting, Mt. Vernon, OH, Dec. 8, 2006
- Camp 142 Installation & Meeting, Hudson, OH, Dec. 10, 2006

2007

- Cincinnati Camps 8 & 10 Installation & Meeting, Jan. 6, 2007
- Midwinter Ohio Dept meeting, Columbus, OH - Jan. 13, 2007
- Lincoln Day Celebration, Columbus, OH, Feb. 10, 2007
- CW Monument Dedication, Lynchburg, VA, April 22, 2007
- CW Headstone Rededication, Huntington, WV, May 12, 2007
- Burton CW Event, Burton, Ohio, May 26, 2007
- Ohio 125th Encampment, Columbus, Ohio, June 16, 2007

Total Miles for time in office = 6582 miles

My Recommendations:

1. Recommend that all camps please ensure that you have all your **updated camp rosters and Camp Officer Lists**, including contact information, nothing is more frustrating than having outdated information !
2. Recommend that the Department of Ohio should continue to have 4 Dept. Council Meetings a year.
3. Recommend that we implement a Department of Ohio "Email Newsletter", this will help defray costs of mailing out hardcopies of the newsletter, we will still send a hardcopy to individuals that request it.

Note: The Dept and some Camp Newsletters are already on the OHIOSUV Website, you can view and print them from there.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ken L. Freshley

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Commander

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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June 1, 2007

125th Annual Encampment Report

Brothers of the Department of Ohio;

It has been a honor to continue to serve as your Department Signals Officer, I look forward to continue to serve you all if that is what the Ohio membership desires. Website is always being updated, If any Camps have any articles, stories please send them to me, thank you to all the camps who have sent in a few articles. We currently have over 500 pages on our Ohio Dept. Website.

I have not published many newsletters this year, due to a lack of information to put in it, I have only got a couple of items for the newsletter and I really do not believe that it is cost effective to send a newsletter that just has General Orders in it.

For The Buckeye Bugle newsletter, any information that any camp wants to put in to it please submit to me:

Submission Dates: March 10 for Spring Issue, July 10 for Summer Issue, Sept. 10 for Fall Issue, Dec. 10 for Winter Issue

Recommendations:

1. For the Website, I would like all Past Department Commanders to provide me with a photo and Bio to put on our Past Department Commanders webpage.
2. Please have all camps continue to submit the new officers for the camps, so that I can update the Website.
3. To continue to post the Department Proceedings, Orders and Newsletters, and other important forms to the OhioSUV website to help defray costs. This information will be stored in the password protected area, to protect the members phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses. The current username is "ohiosuv", password is "1861" If you need additional assistance please contact me.

My Past Travels are as follows:

Please refer to Commander's Report

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Encampment Meeting

May 5, 2007

Senior Vice Commander and Department Memorials Officer Report

June, 2006	Department Encampment
June 24 - 25, 2006	Reenactment Battle in Trinway, Ohio
July 8 - 9, 2006	Reenactment Battle in McConnelsville, Ohio Marker Dedication for two soldiers who died on the Sultana
July 29, 2006	Represented the Department of Ohio for Brother Dale Tallmans funeral in Worthington, Ohio. Brother Tallmans was past Camp Commander of Governor William Dennison Camp #1
August 5, 2006	Marker dedication for Privates Andrew S. and Henry T. Barker of the 22nd Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery. Services were conducted by Governor William Dennison Camp #1, in Worthington, Ohio
August 6, 2006	Represented the Department of Ohio for the grave marker dedication for Revolutionary War veteran Private Paul Hively in Baltimore, Ohio
August 12, 2006	Inspected a Civil War Monument at Fultonham Cemetery, near Zanesville, Ohio Contacted the Banning Camp in Mt. Vernon, Ohio to help with getting repairs done
August, 2006	Talked and corresponded with Ohio Division Commander Scott Morris of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to get a proper marker for the Confederate Veteran who lays at rest in Lancaster, Ohio. Have included email correspondence.

September 4, 2006	Participated in the Labor Day parade in Canal Winchester, Ohio with members of the Governor William Dennison Camp #1, Bob Davis, Camp Commander
September 8 - 10, 2006	Living History weekend at the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival
September 22 - 24, 2006	Reenactment Battle in Marietta, Ohio
October 1, 2006	Represented the Department of Ohio at the Save Our History presentation of a \$5000 grant to the Sherman House in Lancaster, Ohio
October 6 - 8, 2006	Living History weekend in Robbins Crossing at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio
November 11, 2006	Participated in the Veterans Day Parade, Lancaster, Ohio Participated in the memorial service at the GAR monument at Forrest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio Participated in tombstone dedication for Private Samuel Kokensparger of the 43 rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
December 20, 2006	Installed camp officers for John S. Townsend Camp #108 in Athens, Ohio
January 11, 2007	Installed camp officers for Governor William Dennison Camp #1 in Columbus, Ohio
February, 2007	Organized William McKinley Camp #21 in Lancaster, Ohio
April 27, 2007	Attended Lincoln Funeral Ceremony at State House Rotunda in Columbus, Ohio
May 5, 2007	Presided over Department Council Meeting at the request of the Department Commander, also chaired Monuments and Memorial Committee at the Civil War Gun Show in Mansfield, Ohio
May 12, 2007	Attended funeral services for Private Roland Gillispie of the Seventh West Virginia Calvary, Company F, in Huntington, West Virginia
May 19, 2007	Cleaned GAR Monument and Tombstones around monument in Lancaster, Ohio Attended Mollus Meeting at Shaw's Restaurant in

Lancaster, Ohio

May 26, 2007

Attended Memorial Day Services in Lancaster, Ohio

Represented the Department of Ohio at events and installed camp officers upon the request of the Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Grant, Sr.
Sr. Vice Commander
Memorials Officer

Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Junior Vice Commander's Report to the Annual Encampment

June, 2007

Brothers, I have, since the June Encampment, attended and participated in the following events.

1. The National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Where I represented the Department in National Business.
2. The reenactment at the President Rutherford B. Hays Center, Fremont, Ohio.
3. The Veterans Day event held at the Grays Armory Museum, November 11th.
4. At the annual Camp meeting of the James A. Garfield Camp No.142, I was elected Junior Vice Commander.
5. Attended the Annual Christmas Party held at the Cleveland Grays Armory Museum.
6. Also in December I swore in the newly elected Officers of the McLaughlin Camp no. 12, in Mansfield.
7. Spend two afternoons at the Ohio Genealogical Society Convention at Columbus. I forwarded Info on three prospective members to respective Camps. The Dennison camp is looking at about six prospective members at this event. The Department of Ohio needs to **greatly expand our participation** at this event. The Ohio Civil War Families puts in more effort, and I had never heard of them.
8. The Ohio Civil War Show, where I arranged for space that the Department can use for promotional activities.
9. The Burton, Ohio, Reenactment.
10. The Department Encampment, in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Graham

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT
June 16, 2007

(Combined Report: Chief of Staff, Fraternal Relations, Encampment Committee, 125th Encampment Medal Committee and Camp Chase Representative.)

Attended the 2006 Department of Ohio Encampment, Alliance, Ohio. Attended Parades, Department of Ohio and Dennison #1 Camp Activities.

Planned and carried out with Governor Dennison Camp #1 the Rededication Ceremony for two Civil War Union Veterans of the Barker Family at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Worthington, Ohio. Taking part in the ceremony were Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, Ohio Comdr. Ken Freshley and three Allied Order Presidents, along with other guests and re-enactors. Letters were sent to all Allied Orders.

Marched in the Labor Day Parade with Wm.Dennison Camp #1 and re-enactors.

Secured site for the Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting and attended on January 13, 2007 at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Served on the 2007 Dept. of Ohio Encampment Site Committee and Planning Committee. Met with committee members Jim Houston and Don Grant to secure arrangements at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial and the caterer.

March 6th, mailed out packets to Commander Freshley and Allied Order Presidents. Packet contained cover letter, schedule and registration form. They were asked to make copies to mail out to their membership. Deadline for registrations, May 15th to secure caterer for luncheon.

June 4, Met with staff at Veterans Memorial and Caterer to set final preparations for Encampment.

April, Secured volunteers for Dept. of Ohio, S.U.V.C.W. recruiting table at the Genealogical Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Assisted Dept. of Ohio Jr. Vice Commander Graham in recruiting.

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Memorial Day weekend, I assisted the Governor William Dennison Camp #1, placing 3,000 United States flags on Union Civil War Veterans graves at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Attended the Memorial Ceremony at Circle "M" and the Ex-Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Green Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial Day attended Operation Flag Ceremony at Salem Heights Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

June 3rd, as Camp Chase Representative attended the Camp Chase Ceremony for confederates who died at the Camp Chase prison. Camp Chase Cemetery is well kept and in good repair.

I wish all Brothers a great Encampment.

In F.C.& L,

Robert W. Davis

Don Darby

From: "SignalOfficer" <signalofficer@OhioSUV.com>
To: "Donald E. Darby" <darby@horizonview.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 12:19 PM
Subject: FW: Ohio Dept Historian Report

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From: Bob Wolz [mailto:bwolz@trumanlittlewhitehouse.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 8:54 AM
To: signalofficer@ohiosuv.com
Cc: bob.wolz@craftsmandesigns.com
Subject: Ohio Dept Historian
Importance: Low

Dear Commander, Officers, Members all:

It is with great pleasure I submit this report as Ohio Department Historian. While it is brief, the work is none the less important.

We are an Order founded upon history and as the Order grows older its history is important to us all.

To make this information as accessible as possible , my web address has been widely published and numerous inquiries come in throughout the year. These seem to fall within two categories: Those seeking family information and occasionally information as to

Post records about a relative and those seeking information about our Order or the Grand army of the Republic.

The first area on family history is difficult as we have no genealogy depository either on the national or local level. I attempt to forward this type of inquiry to a brother living in the area that the inquiry involves. Perhaps they are seeking gravesite information .

A reply also lets them know there is no central depository for their search and I try to make suggestions where to look such as local historical societies or the Ohio State Historical Society, the National Archives or the Mormon Church Family Center.

Information on the Sons of Veterans or Grand Army organization or badges is much easier as I have references on these in my personal collection. The national website listing of Camps and Posts is a great benefit. Quarterly an article appears in the Banner explaining various badges used by the Sons throughout its history.

A number of officers, departmental and national, have been very upset by the sales of items on the internet. There are two types of concern. The sale of stolen items or at least items that never were personal property such as post and camp charters, letter of patents, etc. we attempt to get the seller to donate these to the national headquarters and also to ask our members not to bid on them. This has been met with mixed results as some Brothers feel they have the right to bid on anything and too bad the Sons didn't do a better job of keeping track of their possessions . The second is the so called GAR Death Badge which is in fact NOT a GAR badge, but the Malta jewel or membership badge of the Masonic Order known as the Knights Templar. Sellers know a Masonic badge brings \$10, but a GAR badge might sell for \$40 so they insist they can lie and cheat to maximize their profits.

A Brother from Oregon put a large display up in Mansfield this May at the Civil War Collectors Show trying to correct this error. Not all dealers intentionally commit fraud, but have been misinformed. The GAR ONLY wore a black silk ribbon to funerals and on Memorial Day. There was no Death Badge nor Widows Badge or worst yet, Lincoln's Funeral Badge. The story began in 1990 when a new Brother from Illinois named Brad Long issued a little booklet called Collecting GAR Memorabilia. He reasoned since the Malta badge was often found with other clearly marked GAR badges that it too was a GAR badge. He discounted the truth that many veterans loved the appearance of the military looking uniforms with capes, kepis and swords of the various men's fraternal orders like the Masonic Knights Templar . The Oddfellow's Knights Militant, The Knights of the Maccabees or the Catholic Knights of Columbus. In 1890, the Masonic Order numbered around 800,000 compared to the GAR's 400,000. Of course many veterans belonged to both . This error has been widely repeated and a number of us

5/30/2007

are trying to prevent further spread of the error.

I am always happy to answer questions about the Order . Please feel free to email me at Bob.Wolz@Craftsmansdesigns.com

It is always a pleasure to serve the Order and you my fellow brothers.

Fraternally yours in F, C, & L,

Bob Wolz, PDC
Ohio Department Historian

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Following the 124th Ohio Department Encampment in June of 2006 (which, unfortunately, I was unable to attend because of illness) I thereafter attended the 125th National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from August 10, 2006 through August 13, 2006, a majority of the Camp Meetings of Richard Enderlin Camp No. 73 in Chillicothe, Ohio in 2006 and to date in 2007, and Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 18, 2006. Additionally, I attended the Ohio Department Midwinter Meeting held at Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

As a member of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, I participated in a reenactment held at Marietta, Ohio on the weekend of September 22 – 24, 2006. Scheduling conflicts, much to my disgust, made further participation impossible.

My duties as Adjutant General, Sons of Veterans Reserve have occupied a substantial portion of my "free" time, specifically, receiving and cataloging the Reports from the various SVR Units throughout the United States, keeping the National Roster up to date, answering or attempting to answer the myriad of questions that seem to arise almost on a daily basis, shepharding the finances of the SVR, preparing the Annual Adjutant General's Report for submission to the National Encampment and arranging for and overseeing the SVR Breakfast at the National Encampment on August 12, 2006 and the SVR Breakfast at Remembrance Day on November 18, 2006. In addition to the foregoing, it was my pleasure to handle the very limited sales of the 50th Anniversary Remembrance Day Medals - - - with all 300 of the medals having been sold by the middle of September, 2006. Following that, the SVR elected to offer Challenge Coins for sale, and I was designated to undertake this task. The coins were taken to Gettysburg for the Remembrance Day weekend and it is well worth noting that PCinC and current Department Secretary Donald E. Darby single-handedly "hawked" over 90 of the coins at the SVR Breakfast on Saturday, November 18, 2006.

In addition to the foregoing, I delivered three Living History presentations focusing on the aspect of Civil War Artillery Reenacting as follows: on October 8, 2006, I made a presentation to the Delaware City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio; on November 7, 2006, I made a presentation to the Plain City Kiwanis Club held at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio; and, on November 9, 2006 I made a presentation to the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution held at the Columbus Maennerchor Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. Later in the Spring of 2007, indeed, on May 3, 2007, I represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve at a JrAFROTC banquet and presented an award to a Cadet on behalf of Enderlin Camp No. 73.

Shortly after the first of the year (2007) certain issues arose relative to liability insurance and other expenses that were sure to be incurred at Mt. Union College for the Department's 125th Annual Encampment. Throughout the process, I worked closely with Department Commander Ken L. Freshley, Department Secretary Donald E. Darby,

Past Department Commander David V. Medert, Past Department Commander James H. Houston and Chief of Staff/Fraternal Relations Chairman Robert W. Davis, in an effort to resolve the expense issues. Ultimately and after considerable discussion, a decision was made and another location was secured, specifically, Veterans Memorial in Columbus and for a one day event on Saturday, June 16, 2007. The cost difference and thus the savings to each member has proved to be significant. Additionally, projected attendance for the 125th Department Encampment is more than twice the number in attendance in 2006.

During the year 2006, I devoted significant efforts on a Disciplinary Proceeding initiated within the Department of Ohio by then Department Commander Raymond C. Nagel against Keith D. Ashley. A formal Hearing was scheduled in this matter for Saturday, December 9, 2006 at Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. However, prior thereto, indeed on December 8, 2006, the Disciplinary Proceeding was resolved eliminating the necessity for a Hearing. This resolution was memorialized in a Document entitled **Order of Disciplinary Council Upon Admission** dated December 8, 2006 and duly executed by the Keith D. Ashley, the accused party, by his attorney, I. Carson Crow and by me as Chairman of the Hearing Counsel. On December 12, 2006, the originally signed Document and two copies thereof were forwarded to Donald E. Darby, Ohio Department Secretary, to be maintained as part of the permanent records of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been quite an honor for me to have been afforded the opportunity to serve our Order during the 2006 – 2007 year and I am indebted to each and every elected and appointed officer for their kind assistance and cooperation extended to me during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
Patriotic Instructor, Department of Ohio
May 29, 2007**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio Buffington Island Representative
Report for June 16, 2007**

Commander Freshley & Fellow Brothers,

It is a great honor to report to you on the events of this past year at Buffington Island. On Saturday, July 22, 2006 at 1:00pm, a wreath-laying ceremony sponsored by the Ohio Department SUVCW was conducted at the Buffington Island State Park in Portland, Ohio. A copy of the program flyer is attached to this report for historical documentation purposes. As there was no Civil War reenactment at that location last year as in previous years, attendance was understandably down, but it was well attended by brothers of various camps. Following music and speeches detailing the history of Morgan's Raid and Meigs County's role in the Civil War, wreaths were laid at the battlefield monument by the Ohio Department SUVCW, various SUVCW Camps and others. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Portland Community Center served a luncheon for all participants.

During the past year there have been a number of very positive developments regarding the preservation of the Battle of Buffington Island legacy. Work on the park by the Ohio Historical Society to repair the battlefield obelisk monument as well as the restroom facilities have continued. The Portland Community Center & Buffington Island Civil War Museum, located next to that park, has continued to receive grants and donations this past year to improve their facility. Their battlefield museum officially opened last fall. This museum contains many local accounts of Morgan's Raid through southern Ohio and is continuing to collect accounts on this important part of Ohio's Civil War history. If any camp or brother has information such as soldier or sailor diaries, newspaper accounts, contemporary documents, etc. about Buffington Island or Morgan's Raid participants, we would like to get copies of them to the museum.

It is with deep regret to inform the Ohio Department that a lawsuit was filed recently in Meigs County Small Claims Court regarding the SUVCW Buffington Island ceremony mentioned above. Unfortunately, Brother Jim Oiler will be responding to these charges in court beginning next Thursday on issues related to last year's wreath-laying service. His assistance and support of our ceremony last year, and with wreath-laying ceremonies there over the past several years, has been invaluable and is worthy of especial recognition here.

Additional recognition needs to be given to Myla Raymond and the Portland Community Center and Buffington Island Civil War Museum volunteers, as well as members of the Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 and the Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2 for their constant help, support and efforts with the wreath laying ceremony and preservation of the memories of those who fought at Buffington Island. The support of Commander Freshley and all of the other brothers and camps in the Ohio Department is also greatly appreciated for their encouragement and attendance of last year's Buffington Island service.

All brothers and camps are encouraged to make extra efforts to attend the wreath-laying ceremony at Buffington Island State Park this summer on July 21, 2007 at 11:00am. Following the ceremony, there will again be a reception for all participants. Tours of the adjacent Buffington Island Civil War Museum and a reenactment sponsored by the 91st Ohio Infantry will be held throughout the weekend. In addition, there will be a PowerPoint presentation given by Brother Henry Burke of Gen. Fearing Camp #2 on the Underground Railroad in Ohio, complete with photographs, maps of escape routes and much more. Photos, copies of a diary and other historical information about home guard units from Washington County who fought at Buffington Island will also be presented to the museum at that time. Brothers, it is important that we continue to remember our state's only major Civil War battlefield.

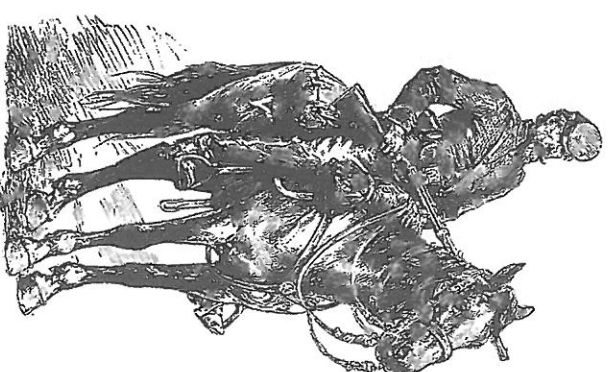
Finally, on a personal note, I regret that I will be unable to attend the Annual Department Encampment this year because of family medical issues, but I pray it will be a fruitful meeting for all.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Scott A. Britton
Buffington Island Representative
(Member of the Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2)

Battle of Buffington Island Commemoration Ceremony

**First Annual Event
Sponsored by the Ohio Dept
Sons of Union Veterans**



**July 22, 2006
Portland, Ohio
1:00 pm**

**Special Thanks to the Portland
Community Center for hosting this
event and providing refreshments**

ORDER OF EVENTS:

Formation and arrival of the SUV Color Guard

Welcome & Opening Remarks

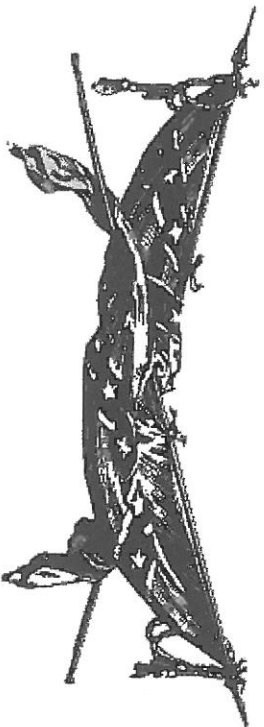
Invocation: Chaplain

"God Bless America"

"Buffington Island & Morgan's Raid"

"Dixie"

Ohio & Meigs County During the Raid



ORDER OF EVENTS:

Presentation of the memorial wreaths

Remarks to honor those Civil War veterans

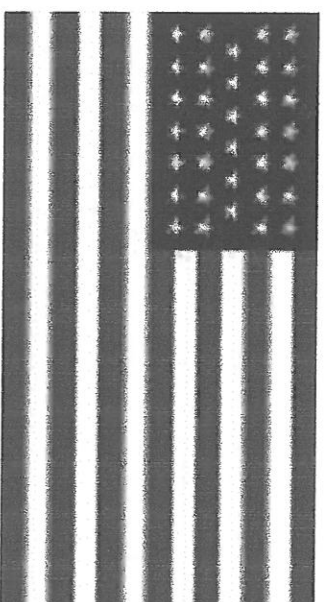
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Salute to the Fallen Soldiers: SUV Color Guard

Taps

Benediction: Chaplain

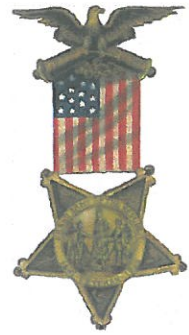
Announcements (Refreshments & Museum Preview)





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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Bradley A. Tilton
Eagle Scout Coordinator
P.O. Box 7224
Mansfield, Ohio 44905
June 16, 2007



Report to the 125th Annual Encampment

Brothers:

Over the past year I have issued Eagle Scout certificates to 72 young men from all over Ohio. I request reimbursement of \$95.45. This breaks down to \$57.45 postage and \$38.00 for certificates.

Yours in F, C, & L,

Bradley A. Tilton

Bradley A. Tilton
Eagle Scout Coordinator

2006/2007 Department of Ohio Eagle Scout Expenses

6/8/2006	\$3.48 postage
8/1/2006	\$0.87 postage
8/11/2006	\$17.50 certificates
9/29/2009	\$0.87 postage
10/17/2006	\$3.48 postage
12/4/2006	\$15.27 postage
12/11/2006	\$0.63 postage
1/17/2007	\$1.50 postage
2/20/2007	\$14.88 postage
3/15/2007	\$1.74 postage
3/29/2007	\$0.87 postage
5/3/2007	\$20.50 certificates
5/3/2007	\$10.44 postage
5/29/2007	<u>\$3.42</u> postage
	\$95.45

Ohio Dept Graves Registration Report

Ohio Dept Encampment June 16 2007

**Submitted by Kent Dorr,
Ohio Dept SUVCW Graves Registration Officer**

Figures for 2006/07 (Since 2006 OH Dept Encampment):

4017 Ohio burials registered on National Database

Ohio total 51,131. Ohio has currently registered approximately 12,000 more burials than any other state. National has over 400,000 registered.

Ohio backlog (To be entered in National database): 14,000

Accomplishments:

Attended 2006 National Allied Orders Encampment – Harrisburg PA

Had article on The SUVCW Graves Database Project published in the Jefferson County Genealogical Society's Newsletter

Collected Chief Staff Fund S.U.V.C.W.

William Lytle Camp # 10 Check #412 \$35.00
Ken Wilson
6999 Copperglow Ct.
Cincinnati, OH 45244

James Garfield Camp \$50.00
David A. Britton
22751 Hilliard Blvd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Wm. Dennison Camp #1 \$25.00
Robert W. Davis Treasurer
84 Kramer St.
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Comdr. Jim Crane
Keller Camp # 8 Fairfield, Ohio
8127 Lake Valley Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45247 \$ 25.00

Comdr. Howey
William Sherman Camp # 93
Included in check with Luncheon \$ 10.00

Sent check for \$ 30.25
Includes : Check in Lunch checks.
\$15.25 Lunch
\$5.00 Late Fee
\$10.00 Chief of Staff Fund

Total Chief of Staff \$ 145.00

This will possibly cover Postage
Saturday Doughnuts
Mullins
Coffee
Cream, etc.
Orange juice
David Medert's Lunch (National)

Bob Davis

Don Darby

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Subject: encampment

Brothers,

Due to my camp commander's urging and my desire to serve this department, I will be seeking the office of Sr. Vice Commander at the Dept. of Ohio Encampment. Jim Crane plans on nominating me for this position of which I would be very honored to serve for this department. As many of you know, after I served as Jr. Vice Commander a couple of years ago, I was unable to attend the next encampment to run for Sr. Vice due to my oldest child's illness. She is well and I am ready to serve, if the Ohio Dept. desires me to do so. I would appreciate your vote.

The following is a breakdown of my SUVCW service:

Charter member of the Gen. Lytle Camp #10, Cincinnati
 Served as Chaplain, Jr. Vice & Sr. Vice

Reorganized the Capt. Bruck Camp #96, Hamilton
 Served as Commander

Organized the Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp #8, Fairfield
 Served as Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Historian & Treasurer

Served as Dept. Chaplain-2 yrs. and Dept. Jr. Vice Commander

Thank you.

In F, C & L,
 Craig W. Keller, PCC

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**Col. Zenas R. Bliss, Camp 12
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of Council**

November 9, 2006

To the Brothers of the Department of Ohio:

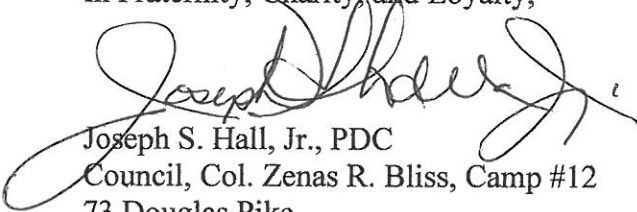
We, the Brothers of the Colonel Zenas R. Bliss, Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island, strongly support and endorse Leo Kennedy, PDC in his running for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Kennedy has served our Order as Camp Commander, Department Commander, Past National Graves Registration Officer, National Communication and Technology Committee Member, and currently serves on the National Council of Administration. He has held every position within Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 and in the Department of Rhode Island. He is currently serving as Department Treasurer. Brother Kennedy also serves in the Sons of Veteran Reserve since 2001 and is commissioned as a Captain, serving as the Public Relations Officer for the Headquarters Company.

As a Life Member of the Order, Brother Kennedy has received the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star from then Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser. He was also honored as a Kentucky Colonel at the National Encampment in 2003. All of Brother Kennedy's distinct attributes and accolades are clearly spelled out in the enclosed resolution.

We ask you, our Brothers, to consider Brother Kennedy as he runs for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment in August 2007.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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RESOLUTION

The membership of Col. Zenas R. Bliss, Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island at its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 26, 2006 hereby approved the following resolution supporting the nomination of Brother Leo F. Kennedy for the position of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 126th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in St. Louis, MO.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy is a descendent of Stephen Kettle and George Kettle who both served in the Civil War from the state of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy is a Life Member of the SUVCW having joined our organization in 1988. He has held every position within Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 and in the Department of Rhode Island and is currently serving as Department Treasurer. Brother Kennedy also serves in the Sons of Veteran Reserve since 2001 and is commissioned as a Captain, serving as the Public Relations Officer for the Headquarters Company.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy has served our Order with distinction on both the National Graves Registration Committee and the National Communication and Technology Committee. From 1997 to 2003, Brother Kennedy was annually appointed as the National Graves Registration Officer and has performed tremendous work in this important duty of our Order. He has served on the Council of Administration, elected for a 3-year term 2004-2007 and is currently on the Memorial Grants Committee.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy has twice received recognition for his duty and loyalty to the Order; first in 1998, the Department of Rhode Island named Leo F. Kennedy as the outstanding member of the year and in 2001, Brother Kennedy received the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star from then Commander-in-chief Edward J. Krieser. He was also honored as a Kentucky Colonel at the National Encampment in 2003.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy continues to serve his community for 26 years as a Deputy Chief with City of Cranston Fire Department; as a member RI Critical Incident Stress Management Team; a Communications Specialist with RI 1- DMAT, Department of Homeland Security; and as the Operations Officer – Town of Smithfield Emergency Management Agency. He is a member of International Association Fire Fighters, International Association Fire Chiefs and serves on the RI Urban Search and Rescue Team. He received three commendations for service at the World Trade Center from Sept. 11, 2001 to Sept. 26th, 2001.

Whereas, Since 1988, Brother Kennedy has been a member and serves as a Gun Sergeant of Battery B, 1st RI Light Artillery a living history organization and part of the Rhode Island State Militia. Sergeant Kennedy received the State Militia Meritorious Service Award in 1998, fifteen-year service award from the RI State Militia, and the Military Order of St. Barbara. He is a graduate of Providence College and was elected to the Eta Lambda Honor Society.

Therefore be it known that; Col. Zenas R. Bliss, Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island announces its support in nominating Past Department Commander Leo F. Kennedy for the position of Jr. Vice Commander in Chief at the 126th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in St. Louis, MO. This resolution will be presented at the Department of Rhode Island Encampment on April 7th, 2007.



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21 April, 2007

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Brother Bennett:

The following resolution was proposed, seconded and unanimously passed by the Department of Maryland at it's annual encampment held on April 21, 2007 in Chantilly-Dulles, Virginia.

Whereas Brother James Hanby Sr. (PDC), having served in the following SUVCW positions and is currently serving as an elected member of the National Council of Administration, has distinguished himself in myriad ways.

- Six terms as Commander, Appomattox Camp No. 2
- Two terms as Department Commander, Department of Maryland
- Was a member of the resolutions committee at the 2005 National Encampment
- Member of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation Board of Directors

Whereas, in addition he has served in leadership roles in the community such as:

- Currently serving as a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of New Castle, Delaware.
- American Legion Post #811
- W.M. of Granite Corinthian Lodge No. 34
- A leader in many other Masonic Organizations
- Founder of the Brandywine Historical Society
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Lombardy Foundation
- Past-member of the New Castle County Historic Review Board
- Six-term President of the H.O.P.E. committee, an employee community outreach group, raising funds for Junior Achievement of Delaware and other worthy causes. He holds Junior Achievement's 2nd highest award for his services to that program.
- Chairman of the Finance Committee of Siloam U.M.C.

Now therefore, The delegates at the 120th Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland hereby RESOLVES its support for the election of PDC James Hanby for the position of National Junior Vice Commander at the 2008 Annual National Encampment and we solicit your support for James' candidacy.

Copy to: James Hanby Sr.
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I am running for the position on the Council of Administration. I am a member of the U. S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis, Mo., Department of Missouri. I have been a member of the Sons since 1984 and have held several different officer positions in the Camp, Department and National Organization. I am asking for your support by voting for me for this position on the Council of Administration.

In 1984 I joined the W. t. Sherman Camp #65 and was elected secretary/treasurer. I was secretary/treasurer 10 years which has the rank of Past Camp Commander. In 1995 I helped form the U. S. Grant Camp #68 and was elected secretary/treasurer. In 1995-1996 I helped form the Department of Missouri and was elected as the first Department Commander.

I filled out the paper work and secured Federal EIN numbers, Missouri incorporation papers and sales tax numbers for several camps and the Department.

I formed an SVR unit and have been the Adjutant since its inception.

Served as National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

Served on the Real Sons & Daughters committee.

Served as a member and chairman of the Ebay Surveillance committee.

Served as a committee member on the 2001 National Encampment in Springfield Mo.

Served on the National Encampment Site committee.

Served as a member of the Council of Administration.

One of the founding members and a director of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

I am in charge of the merchandise program for the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

In 2004 I was awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star which is our Order's highest honor by Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong.

I am chairman of the 2007 National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, Mo.

I have been honored to serve the Sons and ask for your support in electing me as a member of the Council of Administration at the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis, Mo.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Robert M. Petrovic

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Don Darby

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Brother Donald,

Our Col. Hecker Camp #443 SUVCW, Belleville Illinois has helped to obtain and place a Government Headstone on an unmarked grave of a Ohio Civil War soldier.

Wanted you to have the information for your grave registration.

The soldier is Private James DeVan Battery D, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery (originally 117 Ohio Infantry). DeVan was born July 7, 1840 and died in East St. Louis, Illinois February 26, 1923. Burial is at the Greenwood Cemetery, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

According to his obituary, he was a member of the GAR. It probably was the Irving McDowell Post # 507, East St. Louis, Illinois. I'm trying to verify his membership.

With my assistance his descendant gathered family and military history and completed the application for the headstone with our local VA office.

Then something amazing happened. Within 30 days of submitting the application, the headstone was received and placed at the cemetery! That has to be a record.

Donald, we need your help. The Col. Hecker Camp is going to dedicate the monument within sixty days.

We want a small (12"x18" on stick) Ohio flag for the grave. In addition could your Department or the State of Ohio provide a certificate acknowledging and honoring DeVans' service? These, of course, will given to the descendants.

Attached is an image of DeVan's headstone.

Your help is very appreciated!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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