



Minutes
128th Annual Encampment
Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
12 June 2010

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Secretary/Treasurer

The 128th Encampment of the Department of Ohio was held in Room 201 of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building, Columbus, OH, on Saturday, 12 June 2010.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The Department Council met at 8:20 a.m. Council Members Donald Grant, Sr. and Ken Freshley were present (Council Chair Raymond C. Nagel was unable to attend). Also present were Commander Robert W. Davis, Chief of Staff Jonathan Davis, and Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey.

The Council discussed a proposed budget for 2010-2011 that would be presented to the Encampment for approval and difficulties that Ohio camps experienced in the past year in filing Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service. Such filings are required by the Order and the IRS to preserve the tax exempt status of camps.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

At Commander Davis' request, Chaplain Bill Fischer conducted a short memorial service at 9:15 a.m. for Department of Ohio members who died during the past year. According to annual camp reports, the following brothers passed away:

Vance Champion (27 Jan 2010) – McPherson Camp #66
Charles Corfman (30 Sept 2009) – Given Camp #51
Herbert Webb, PDC (21 May 2009) – Sherman Camp #93

BUSINESS MEETING:

Commander Robert Davis opened the encampment at 9:45 a.m. and followed the format of the National Ritual. After a quick check of credentials, Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey called the roll of the elected officers of the Encampment.

Elected Officers:

Department Commander – Robert Davis (present)
Senior Vice Commander – Charles Reeves (present)
Junior Vice Commander – Donald Martin (present)

Secretary-Treasurer – Allan Howey (present)
Council – Ray Nagel (absent)
Council – Ken Freshley (present)
Council – Donald Grant, Sr. (present)

Following the roll call, Commander Davis led the assembly in reciting the principles of the Order and greeted the delegates. Chaplain Fischer invoked the divine blessing. Commander Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed a moment of silence to reflect on Brothers that have passed and for the current Brothers and soldiers that are currently in harm's way.

Secretary/Treasurer Howey called the roll of the camps. Only 12 camps of the department's 22 camps were represented (including the MAL camp). Several delegates expressed disappointment that so many camps were absent when the Encampment was only one day a year.

Dennison Camp #1 – present
Lytle Camp #10 – present
McLaughlin Camp #12 – present
McKinley Camp #21 – present
Voris Camp #67 – present
Enderlin Camp #73 – present
McClellan Camp #91 – present
Casey Camp #92 – present
Sherman Camp #93 – present
Townsend Camp #108 – present
Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 – present
Garfield Camp #142 – present

Member-at-Large #0 – absent
Fearing Camp #2 – absent
Brooks-Grant Camp #7 – absent
Keller Camp #8 – absent
Vienna Camp #26 – absent
Parrot Camp #33 – absent
Triem Camp #43 – absent
Given Camp # 51 – absent
McPherson Camp #66 – absent
Banning Camp #207 – absent

Commander Davis then appointed Jim Houston as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Fred Lynch as chairman of the Committee on Resolutions

Commander Davis then recognized guests, starting with Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy, who offered several remarks to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Kennedy noted that he had once served as the National Graves Registration Officer. He thought the National Graves Registration project was one of the most important of the Order and praised the Department of Ohio for recording more graves than any other state. He also noted that thousands of graves still needed to be registered and urged department members to continue their good work.

Related to graves registration was the issue of documenting all Civil War monuments and memorials. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy stated that it was equally important to record them as well.

Commander-in-Chief Kennedy then discussed the position of Patriotic Instructor. He told the Encampment that many camps and departments did little with this position and could do more. He urged all camp and department Patriotic Instructors to give a short patriotic message at every meeting.

Commander-in-Chief Kennedy next discussed the Order's new initiative, the Memorial University. He praised the Department of Ohio for having the most graduates of all the Order's departments and awarded diplomas to Andrew Rose, Mark Alex, Chris Sparks, Charles Reeves, Fred Lynch, Ray Nagel, Ken Freshley, and Don Martin (the Order's manager of the program). Kennedy remarked that the Memorial University currently had 53 graduates and 113 enrolled.

Commander Davis then recognized Encampment delegates who had served as Ohio Department Commanders and as Commanders-in-Chief. Those present included:

David R. Medert (PDC 1991 & 1992; PCINC 1995)
Robert Grim (PDC 1994; PCINC 2002; currently SVR/CC)
James Hilton (PDC 1995)
Donald Darby (PDC 2001; PCINC 2005)

James Houston (PDC 2002)
Bradley Tilton (PDC 2004)
Ken Freshley (PDC 2006)
Donald Grant (PDC 2007)
Allan Howey (PDC 2003; TN/AL)

Also present were three delegates/guests from out of state:

Ed Krieser (PDC Indiana 1991 & 1992; PCINC 2000) – delegate (dual member in Sherman #93)
Ron Gill (PDC Indiana 1996 & 1997) – guest
Robert Petrovic (PDC Missouri; National Council of Administration)

Jim Houston then gave his report of Committee on Credentials and stated that his log showed 48 registered delegates present. He also noted that several delegates still needed to pay their \$5 registration fee.

At this point of the Encampment, Commander Davis took up two issues – the department bylaws amended as proposed in Department of Ohio Special Order #2, dated 1 March 2010 and a resolution submitted by Governor William Dennison Camp #1.

The Department of Ohio Bylaws amendment as written in Special Order #2 was approved by the Encampment. These amendments dealt with secretary duties and junior associates.

The Dennison Camp #1 resolution was approved by the Encampment. The resolution dealt with retaining the image of General/President U.S. Grant on the \$50 bill.

Commander Davis then called for officer reports and asked that all officers limit their spoken report to 5 minutes.

Department Commander Robert Davis PCC	See published report. He thanked all for filing reports on time and department/camp officers for performing their duties. He also asked camp commanders to inform the department chain of command whenever a Brother passed away or was in the hospital.
Senior Vice Commander Charles Reeves PCC	See published report.
Junior Vice Commander Donald Martin PCC	See published report. He noted that he had helped 6 new members join the Order.
Secretary & Treasurer Allan Howey PDC	See published report. Asked camps to submit all documents in duplicate (one for Dept; one for Nat'l). Briefly discussed IRS/Form 990-N issues.
Department Council 1 Raymond C. Nagel PDC (Chair)	Absent. No report
Department Council 2 Ken L. Freshley PDC	No report
Department Council 3 Donald L. Grant, Sr. PDC (Sec.)	See published report
Personal Aide Robert Grim PCNC	No report
Chief of Staff Jonathan Davis PCC	See published report
Patriotic Instructor Shawn Cox CC	See published report. Gave a talk on General George Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga"
Chaplain William Fischer	Verbal report only. Taking a new job with the National Park Service at Fort Scott, KS. Had sent condolence cards to several families and urged all camps to support junior ROTC programs in Ohio. Noted that his son, Nicholas Fischer had been wounded in Afghanistan but is recovering.
Counselor William E. Huber II Asst. Councilor Bradford Bailey	Both absent. No reports.

Color Guard Grant Bates	No report necessary.
Guide James W. Oiler	No report necessary.
Guard Ralph Gilbert	No report necessary.
GAR Records Officer Chuck Reeves	Verbal report. Noted that 804 GAR posts were found in 37 locations. Had received email from Chagrin Falls Historical Society with GAR records.
GAR Highway James Shanks Asst. GAR Highway Pete Hritsko	Absent. No report. See published report. Brief discussion of GAR Highway markers and Ohio laws.
Historian Jonathan Davis	See published report. Noted that Chief of Staff funds were available.
Camp Organizer Bradley A. Tilton	No report.
Genealogist John Ward	Absent. No report.
Graves Registration Kent Dorr	Verbal report only. Reported that 56,000 graves have been registered in Ohio and there was a backlog of 16,000 more. Mentioned that the National Graves Registration database was not working well. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy remarked that the National database was outmoded and that National recognized the problem. Dan Starkey of Camp #21 offered to help.
Eagle Scout Bradley A. Tilton	See published report.
Camp Chase Rep Sid Drumheiser	Absent. No report.
Signals Officer Ken L. Freshley	See published report.
News Letter Editor Ken Freshley Asst. News Letter Editor Pete Hritsko	No reports.
Memorial Officer Donald L. Grant	See published report.

Buffington Island Rep James W. Oiler & Dan Hinton	See published report. Will receive \$150 check from Department of Ohio in July.
Fraternal Relations Ray Nagel	Absent. No report.
Camp Chase Representative Ronald Cornett	Absent. No report.

Lunch break from 11:30 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.

Commander Davis reopened the business meeting after lunch and referred to the following letters received by the Department of Ohio:

From Charles Reeves announcing candidacy for Department Commander
 From Donald Martin announcing candidacy for Department Senior Vice Commander
 From Tim Graham announcing candidacy for Department Junior Vice Commander
 From Fred Lynch announcing candidacy for Department Junior Vice Commander
 From Robert Davis announcing candidacy for Department Council
 From the Department of Ohio Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 From Department of Ohio President Nancy Graham stating she could not attend the
 SUVCW Department Encampment. That Chief of Staff Judy Morgan would represent
 President Graham.

National Letters Asking Support for National Offices:

For Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall
 For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer
 For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor
 For Council of Administration Robert M. Petrovic
 For Council of Administration James Hawk

Commander Davis next turned to reports of committees:

Bylaws Committee – Chairman, Senior Vice Commander Charles Reeves; no further report as the bylaws amendment as proposed in Special Order #2 had been approved.

Abraham Lincoln & SUVCW Charitable Foundation – Jim Houston; Bob Grim started the Charitable Foundation as National Commander-in-Chief; income would support memorials, etc.

2010 Department Site & Planning Committee – Jonathan Davis; thanked David Rose, Chuck Reeves and several others for their assistance in putting together the 2010 encampment.

Monuments & Memorials Committee – Charles Reeves; urged Encampment to approve the expenditure of \$900 to support three camps’ memorial projects. Discussion ensued that the amount of interest accrued in the Permanent Fund authorized for such expenses was insufficient and that additional department operating funds would be necessary. It was moved (Chuck Reeves) and seconded (Robert Grim) to approve the authorization by the Monuments & Memorials Committee pending approval of the overall department budget. Vote was in favor with one nay.

Robert Grim asked to be recognized to talk about the Sons of Veterans Reserve, of which he is National Commander. PCINC Grim remarked that the SVR chain of command was independent of the SUVCW and contained seven military districts. He also noted the presence at the Encampment of Henry Shaw, Deputy Commander; Don Darby, Adjutant; Robert Petrovic, Chief of Staff; and Ed Krieser, Commander of the Third Military District.

Commander Davis moved on to new business, most prominently the approval of the department’s budget for 2010-2011. Secretary/Treasurer Howey explained that the budget showed a projected shortfall of around \$1000. Several delegates offered amendments which reduced the shortfall to under \$500, and it was approved as amended and shown below.

I. INCOME		
Department Encampment	Registration & Luncheon	\$ 750.00
Dues & Fees	Includes per capita, applications, etc.	\$ 10,000.00
Interest	Permanent Fund CD (4.16%)	\$ 470.00
Interest	Savings CD (4.16%)	\$ 250.00
		\$ 11,470.00
II. EXPENSES		
Buffington Island		\$ 150.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$ 450.00
Department Encampment	CINC visit	\$ 250.00
Department Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 750.00
Department Encampment	Printing	\$ 225.00
Department Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Department Encampment	PDC Badge	\$ 60.00
Dues & Fees	Payable to National	\$ 8,000.00
Eagle Scout		\$ 140.00
Frost GAR Hall		\$ 100.00
Memorials	Lytle, Enderlin, Cadot-Blessing, \$300 @	\$ 900.00
Mid-Winter Meeting	Luncheon	\$ 200.00
National Encampment Ad		\$ 40.00
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$ 150.00
Postage		\$ 100.00
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$ 50.00

Unforeseen		\$ 250.00
		\$ 11,915.00
III. CASH FLOW		\$ - 445.00

The next item of business was deciding on delegates to the National Encampment scheduled for August 2010 in Kansas City, MO. A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint all department members who decided to attend the National Encampment as alternate delegates and to appoint the following members as regular delegates:

Charles Reeves, CC	Kerry Langdon
Robert Davis, PDC	Jonathan Davis
Tim Graham	Jim Houston, PDC
Henry Shaw	Don Martin

Following the vote on National delegates, several Department delegates asked to be recognized to make some presentations.

Tim Graham, commander of a new SVR unit, the “Ohio Naval Brigade,” presented a sword to Ken Freshley.

Ken Freshley then presented gifts. He gave a copy of a new book, *The Fighting McCooks*, to each camp and then offered several GAR historical documents to the Department of Ohio and an 1893 Governor Denison, Sons of Veterans, ledger book to the current Governor Dennison Camp #1.

Commander Davis also presented a number of gifts to Commander-in-Chief Kennedy and to the Department of Ohio elected officers and staff.

For the good of the Order, Jim Houston gave a final report on credentials – 48 voting delegates present – and Patriotic Instructor Cox gave a presentation on the history of the US flag in preparation for Flag Day.

The next item of business was the nomination and election of officers for 2010-2011. PCINC Don Darby moved and PDC Jim Houston seconded that if there was no opposition to the nomination of an officer, then he would be elected unanimously to the office. This motion carried. The following individuals were nominated and elected to office:

Commander – Charles Reeves
Senior Vice Commander – Donald Martin
Junior Vice Commander – Tim Graham & Fred Lynch; Fred Lynch elected
Secretary-Treasurer – Allan Howey
Council – Ray Nagel, Donald Grant, Sr., Robert W. Davis

After the election, new Commander Charles Reeves asked Commander-in-Chief Kennedy to install the officers. Jonathan Davis presented the Past Department Commander badge to PDC Robert Davis.

Commander Reeves made his staff appointments:

Personal Aide James H. Houston	Historian Jonathan Davis
PDC	Genealogist John Ward
Chief of Staff Jonathan Davis	Chaplin Kerry Langdon
Counselor Robert E. Grim PCNC	Guard Dennis Brown
Assistant Secretary Robert Davis	Guide James Oiler
Patriotic Instructor Shawn Cox	Color Guard Christopher Sparks
Graves Registration Kent Dorr	GAR Records Officer Charles S. Reeves
Eagle Scout Coordinator Bradley	GAR Highway Officer Peter Hritsko
Tilton	Camp Organizer Robert Davis PDC
Signals Officer Ken	Buffington Island James Oiler, Danny
Civil War Memorials Officer John	Hinton
Bowling	Ohio Veterans Home Jon Silvis PDC
Newsletter Editor Fred Lynch	

Department Encampment Site & Planning Committee – Jonathan Davis (Chairman)
Henry Shaw, Andrew Rose

Department Monuments & Memorials Committee – Donald Martin (Chairman), John
Bowling, Kent Dorr, Robert Grim, Kenneth Wilson

Department By-Laws Committee – Donald Martin (Chairman), Allan Howey, Henry
Shaw, Robert Grim

Following the installation, Commander Reeves addressed the Encampment. He urged all officers to enroll in and graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University, stated he would serve as the Fraternal Relations contact, and declared his intent to recover missing department equipment and records. He also challenged department and camp officers to leverage the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Civil War by conducting a ceremony honoring the last Union veteran in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

Commander Reeves then adjourned the 128th Encampment at 4:10 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The Department Council (Grant and Davis) and newly elected department officers (Reeves, Martin, Lynch, and Howey) met at 4:20 p.m. for a short meeting. The council and senior staff will meet again in Columbus (site TBD) on Saturday, 11 September 2010.

The Council decided to retain Ray Nagle as Chairman and Don Grant as Secretary. The group also determined that the Department Bylaws need further revision – the articles concerned with department delegates, council elections and members-at-large don't agree with the National C&R, and the department should eliminate the article dealing with the secretary salary. These changes will be dealt with at a special meeting in January 2011.

Approved:

Charles R. Reeves
Department Commander

Robert C. Davis
Past Department Commander

Attested:

Allan W. Howey
Department Secretary-Treasurer