

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
2013 ENCAMPMENT MEETING
OFFICER REPORTS
AND
CAMP REPORTS

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2012-13
COMMANDER's REPORT
May 30, 2012

The Commander issued 7 Department Orders, was delegate at National Encampment in Los Angeles, wrote 162 communications, answered 37 inquiries from Camps and 15 from the public, attended 9 SUVCW meetings on behalf of the Department, installed officers of 8 camps, attended 5 Camp ceremonies, delivered 14 speeches, had 17 phone conversations, drove 2,577 miles to attend SUVCW events, and initiated 12 programs intended to shape the future of the SUVCW Department of Ohio.

For the 2012-13 term, the Department Commander set nine goals. This report lists those goals and communicates status and accomplishments information concerning them.

GOAL 1. Stop erosion of membership; grow membership; build camps.

The 2012-13 Form 35 Department Annual Report documents membership of 494 Brothers in 20 Camps.

- We gained 78 Brothers and lost 42: 5 by death, 35 by drop, 1 by discharge, and 1 by transfer;
- The 2011-12 Annual Report documented membership was 461 Brothers in 20 Camps.

The December 2012 issue of ***The Buckeye Bugle*** included Camp "Marketing - Recruiting" and "Leadership - Followership" management advice articles, among others.

To help Camps wanting support, the Department established a **Department Camp Assistance Team** comprised of the Department Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Jr. Vice Commander plus two PDCs and the commander of a "comeback success story" camp following a suggestion made at the Department Mid-Winter Meeting.

- Team is available to advise and assist Camps with activity, recruiting, and fundraising "ideas that work."
- Team visited one camp in February. Individual members visited several camps independently.

The **new camp in northwest Ohio** Department hopes to establish has not yet been organized.

- Effort by the Department Camp Organizer will continue during 2013-14.

Wrote **Department Order #7 May 23, 2013 suspending five Camps** for failure to submit their 2012-13 Patriotic Instructor Report as required by SUVCW C&R Article I, Section 8 and Department Bylaws Article 4, Section 4: Vienna Camp #26, Triem Camp #43, Given Camp #51, Voris Camp # 67, and Banning Camp #207;

- Required action was taken following several written requests to submit the report;
- Suspension continues until the 2012-13 Patriotic Instructor Report is submitted by the suspended Camp or the Camp's Commander provides satisfactory information in writing to the Department Commander to establish mitigating circumstances;

- All other required Department Reports from Camps, including those from the suspended Camps, were provided in a timely manner.

GOAL 2. Increase funds to support mission objectives, especially Monuments & Memorials fund.

Department ended the year **\$549.27 in the green** in contrast to the 2012-13 budget forecast of a possible \$156 loss.

A **Special Assistant for Monuments & Memorials Fundraising** was appointed and planning initiated for a major department fundraising activity.

A budget line item for a **Monuments & Memorials Fund** was established.

A donated book raffled at the 2012 Department Encampment contributed \$31 into the Monuments & Memorials fund.

Planning for a fund raising activity was initiated. But, due largely to concerns associated with the National SUVCW Non-Profit Organization status, and inability of the Department to provide receipts for tax deductible donations, the proposed opportunity drawing remains on "hold."

GOAL 3. Stimulate information exchange among camps and Brothers through *The Buckeye Bugle* department newsletter and other tools of information sharing.

The Buckeye Bugle department newsletter published 8-page issues in June, September, and November 2012 and a 7-page issue in February 2013. Next issue is planned for June after the Department Encampment.

- A significant number of articles in each issue are submitted by the Camps and Camp Brothers. Examples include "Belmont Co. Last Vet ceremony," "Lytle Camp helps many," "Non-stop marketing, selling 'secret weapons' for camp recruiting," and "VA says 'NO!' to headstones for unmarked veterans' graves;"
- Copies of all issues of *The Buckeye Bugle* are posted on the Department website:
http://www.ohiosuv.com/campNewsletters/Dept/Dept_Newsletter.htm.

GOAL 4. Promote statewide respect for SUVCW by showcasing collective actions of all Brothers.

The Department Commander served 2012-13 as Ohio Historical Society **Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee** (CW150) representative. Among achievements:

- Obtained CW150 Committee support and endorsement for Department program to document and safeguard **CW veterans memorial cannons** in Ohio;
- Contributed to CW150 Committee initiative to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to request that once again "heritage, historical, veterans, and genealogical organizations" be authorized to request and obtain **government headstones** for unmarked graves of veterans;
- Supported CW150 Committee initiative to achieve legislation designating March 2013 "**Medal of Honor Month**" in Ohio;
- Motivated publication on the CW150 website of series of CW people-oriented articles.
 - o Department Commander wrote March article concerning **Ohio's Medal of Honor Recipients published by Ohio CW150 News Online located at:**
<http://www.ohiocivilwar150.org/2013/03/ohios-impact-on-the-war-series-ohioans-and-the-medal-of-honor> ;
- Starting in 2013, the Ohio Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee will present "**Civil War 150 Heritage Awards**" annually to Ohio organizations that plan, organize, and execute major, multi-year programs to preserve and promote the state's Civil War history.
 - o On Memorial Day 2013, the Department of Ohio and its Camps were awarded the first of these awards. The award recognized efforts in support of graves registration, last CW veteran recognition, placing tombstones on unmarked graves, and Civil War commemoration ceremonies and events.
 - o ***For more information, see attachment 1.***

GOAL 5. Encourage and facilitate Joint SUVCW projects.

Planning is in progress for southwest Ohio camps, under the Department of Ohio banner, to participate in the Ohio Historical Society-sanctioned "*Reflection of Time-Southern Ohio Civil War Day*" in Wilmington July 13.

- Participating SUVCW Camps will collectively staff and operate a storefront "Civil War Recruiting Office" living history display and also conduct Camp recruiting;
- PDC Bob Davis, wartime Governor Dennison living historian, will be opening speaker;
- Donations received will be earmarked for Department monuments and memorials efforts;
- Each camp participating will have a table to recruit potential new SUVCW members;
- A SUVCW-SVR ceremony is in planning at Sugar Grove Cemetery's Veterans Memorial to honor Civil War veterans buried at "Soldiers Point" - - and to rededicate the GAR veterans memorial and two associated cannon there. The event will also honor all Clinton County U.S. Armed Forces Veterans who served in all of the nation's wars.

o ***For more information see attachment 2.***

Cooperation and collaboration involving Brothers in Casey, Lytle, Keller, McKinley, Sherman and other Camps successful blocked improper sale of two **GAR War Veterans Memorial cannons** by Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington.

- PDC Bob Grim leads the action group;
- Efforts to date include gaining strong support from the Clinton County Historical Society and the U.S. Army Center of Military History;
- News media coverage nationwide by eight newspapers, two television stations, two social media pages, the Baltimore Civil War Round Table newsletter, and a blog is documented;

o ***For more information see attachments 3 and 4.***

Several Camps conducted **Union Defenders Day-Lincoln Dinners** in February as joint events.

- For illustration, the Southwest Ohio gathering brought Sherman, Lytle, and Keller Camps plus Sister O'Connell Auxiliary members and friends together for a grand dinner in Dayton Feb. 9. President Lincoln living historian Jim Crabtree spoke concerning "What the War our soldiers fought means to our nation."

Lytle Camp (Cincinnati) and Garfield-Nelson Camp (Northern Kentucky), with strong support from both the Department of Ohio and the Department of Kentucky Commanders, are working with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation and Hamilton Co. officials to protect GAR artifacts during a planned renovation of **Cincinnati's Historic Memorial Hall**.

GOAL 6: Safeguard Ohio's Original CW Cannons and Veterans Memorials.

Department established an ad hoc "**Civil War Cannon Protection Task Group**" in January.

- Department Order #2 appointed a **Special Assistant for Civil War Memorial Cannons**.

A copy of the Ohio portion of the **National Registry of Known Civil War Artillery** was obtained and copies distributed to camps at the Mid-Winter Encampment.

Department tasked Camps to visit, document, and verify the location and condition of cannons used as elements of GAR and community war veterans memorials in their operational areas.

GOAL 7: Motivate VA to rescind "Next of Kin Only" policy concerning requesting headstones for unmarked graves of veterans.

Over the past several years, the Memorial Affairs Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made it progressively more difficult to order **headstones for unmarked graves of U.S.**

military veterans of the Revolutionary War through the present buried in civilian cemeteries.

The VA, as of June 2012, by a regulation (CFR 38.632), narrowed the categories of eligible headstone applicants from next of kin (NOK), funeral director, cemetery official, or others such as SUVCW Graves Registration Officers to just next of kin, which is synonymous to descendant.

The Department of Ohio initiated aggressive efforts to motivate the VA to change the policy.

- The Department's ***Buckeye Bugle*** newsletter February issue published an article on the subject written by Br. Bill Stark. Article included suggestion concerned citizens write Ohio U.S. Congressman Stivers expressing support to have the VA policy revised;
- The Ohio CW150 Advisory Committee facilitated Ohio Historical Society action;
 - OHS Director sent a letter to VA Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs Steve Muro requesting heritage and historical groups again be allowed to request and receive government headstones;
 - OHS formed an action group of concerned citizens and legislative aides;
- Ohio Department Commander sent VA Undersecretary Steve Muro a letter Feb. 27 asking that the policy be modified to enable heritage organizations to request markers;
 - The VA response was essentially, "Our policy is only NOK may request markers for unmarked graves;"
 - ***For more information see attachment 5.***
- The Department of Pennsylvania Commander offered to promote the effort in Pennsylvania.
 - Ohio Department provided extensive background information to share.
- On April 10, VA Undersecretary Muro announced during congressional testimony they would agree to review their policy and were agreeable to revising it to allow organizations such as the SUVCW to request and receive government headstones for unmarked graves. The policy change is under consideration;
- On May 16, U.S. Congressman Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) with bi-partisan support in the Senate sponsored **HR 2018, "The Honor Those Who Serve Act of 2013"** to have USC 38 revised to allow other than NOK to request and receive government markers for unmarked graves. Bill is currently in the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.
- Sustained public support is needed. At present, **GovTrack.us gives Bill 2% chance of passing:** <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr2018>.
 - ***For more information see attachments 6 and 7.***

GOAL 8: Support existing effort to obtain state highway signs for GAR Highway (US 6) in Ohio.

After many years of effort resulting in little support by the Ohio Dept. of Transportation to place GAR Highway signs along Ohio Route 6, there is increased possibility it will become reality.

- Research by Dept. Special Assistant for GAR Commemorations Br. Chuck Reeves found that signage for the project was approved by the state legislature decades ago, but not funded;
- Dept. GAR Highway Officer Br. Pete Hritsko with support of Garfield Camp purchased some GAR Highway signs to use in fund raising efforts to purchase more signs to mark US Route 6. One is part of a fundraising display at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Cleveland courtesy of Br. Tim Daley and associates;
- Legislators have been contacted concerning the need to fund the project and to request funds be made available to do so. There is interest among several Ohio Assembly legislators to sponsor the special legislation needed to make it so.

GOAL 9: Evaluate Camp support of Memorial Day 2013 per GAR G.O. #11.

GAR CinC Gen. Logan's 1868 GAR General Order #11 "directed" Ohio Camps render Memorial Day honors annually. However, compliance has not been tracked in years. Department assessment in 2013 documents active Camps render outstanding support and most Camps support the intent of G.O. #11. Examples reported to the Commander are:

- Columbus's Dennison Camp #1 and Camp Auxiliary conducted two traditional ceremonies at Green Lawn Cemetery with the Department Commander as key speaker at both. The first was at the Cemetery's Civil War Memorial Circle in Section M. The second at the GAR Memorial in Section 28. A rifle salute, prayers, music, and the Camp Color Guard were features of the ceremony. A Camp picnic followed the formal ceremonies. In addition, the Camp and local Boy Scouts placed 3,000 flags upon veterans' graves in the cemetery;

- Middleport's Brooks-Grant Camp # 7 held its annual Memorial Day ceremony, including placing of wreaths, at the Meigs County Civil War monument. Ceremony's guest speaker spoke concerning the Fifth U.S. Colored Cavalry. Event was followed by a social gathering;
- Fairfield's Keller Camp #8 marched in the City of Fairfield Memorial Day parade;
- Cincinnati's Lytle Camp #10 and Sister Anthony Auxiliary Camp #10 conducted a traditional Memorial Day ceremony at Historic Spring Grove Cemetery. Distinguished participants included President Lincoln represented by living historian Stan Wernz. The ceremony received extensive news media coverage;
- Mansfield's McLaughlin Camp #12 placed American Flags on the graves of 6,000 veterans in Mansfield Cemetery;
- Kenton's Parrott Camp #33 participated in the Memorial Day parade. Brothers in Civil War uniforms carried the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry flag in the parade. They also provided traditional ceremony honors during services at three cemeteries. Later, at Grove Cemetery, Camp Brothers provided a guided tour to graves of four distinguished Civil War veterans;
- Salem's Triem Camp #43 marched in the city parade, participated in the town's ceremony, and fired a three-cannon salute to fallen veterans of all wars following the ceremony;
- Washington Court House's Casey Camp #92 placed floral wreaths on the graves of four Medal of Honor recipients buried in Fayette County and upon the grave of the county's last surviving Civil War soldier. They also conducted a Memorial Day service at Bloomsburg Cemetery in the morning and after marching in the community parade conducted a traditional ceremony in Centerville Cemetery;
- Dayton's Sherman Camp #93 Memorial Day weekend efforts included: Escorting during the Native American Military Veterans Ceremony; Civil War artillery and infantry equipment displays, concerts, and a recruiting table both days of the Patriot Freedom Festival at the Dayton VA Center; two Brothers and one Auxiliary Sister were in the Festival's 19th Century fashion show; Color Guard participated at Gold Star Widows and Blue Star Spouses ceremonies; and, held traditional ceremony in the GAR Section at Woodland Cemetery with Sister Anthony Auxiliary Camp #10 sisters and public strewing flower petals upon graves;
- Frost's Townsend Camp #108 and Ladies Auxiliary rendered honors at Centennial Church. A Memorial Day ceremony was held in Frost Cemetery and flowers were "strewn on the graves." The ceremony was followed by a fellowship picnic of the Camp and friends;
- Gallipolis' Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 participated in the annual Gallia County Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Gallipolis City Park. On June 15, following two years of effort and fundraising, Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 will dedicate their new Gallia County Civil War Soldiers Memorial, a beautiful stone marker;
- Cleveland's Garfield Camp #142 Brothers of the Ohio Naval Brigade participated with The Cleveland Grays and the Cleveland Area Safety Forces Pipe Band in a ceremony and patriotic music concert by the Cleveland Pops Orchestra at Severance Hall. A table was set up to promote The Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Grays Armory, and Garfield Camp. The next day, the Ohio Naval Brigade along with local Veterans and other groups participated in a grave marker dedication for a Medal of Honor recipient in Edinburg.

This report summarizes major activities and actions that occurred during my tour of duty as Department of Ohio Commander June 2012-June 2013. Thank you for the honor of serving the Department and its Camps as Commander.

In closing, here are three parting statements of organizational management philosophy to remember:

- *"All of us are smarter than any of us."*
- *"Mere presence promotes goodwill."*
- *"If you want headquarters to know what you do, tell headquarters what you do."*

Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Fred Lynch

Department Commander

- - ATTACHMENTS - -

ATTACHMENT 1 - OHIO CW150 AWARD

The Ohio Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee
2013 Civil War Heritage Award
is presented to
The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

- For locating and registering graves of American Civil War veterans buried in Ohio.
- For honoring the last Civil War veterans buried in each of Ohio's 88 counties.
- For placing, and advocating the right to request and obtain, government headstones for marked and unmarked graves of Civil War veterans buried in Ohio.
- For safeguarding Civil War Veterans Memorials and their associated artifacts.

Presented Memorial Day 2013 at Ohio Village, Columbus, Ohio

ATTACHMENT 2 - LETTER TO SUGAR GROVE TRUSTEES 5/24/13

Mr. Mac McKibben,
President, Sugar Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees
297 W. Truesdell St.
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Dear Mr. McKibben:

The Department of Ohio would greatly appreciate approval by the Sugar Grove Board of Trustees to conduct a wreath placing ceremony at the Civil War Veterans Memorial in Soldiers Point Saturday July 13 afternoon. The ceremony will honor the Grand Army of the Republic and Wilmington-area veterans of all wars who served, and serve, in the United States Armed Forces.

We are aware that the Sugar Grove Board of Trustees disapproved an earlier SUEVCW proposal to conduct a large public ceremony with associated living history display at the Cemetery. This is a different request. We are asking for consideration and board approval for the SUEVCW to conduct a wreath placing ceremony in honor of veterans July 13.

Visitors to Sugar Grove Cemetery are welcome to attend. However, the ceremony is primarily for members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the ladies of the Auxiliary SUEVCW. Many of our members will be in Wilmington July 13 to participate in the CW150 "Reflection of Time" event. We anticipate about 35 members of our organizations plus family members will attend the ceremony.

The SUEVCW is a national organization chartered by the U.S. Congress for the purpose of: "Preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union 1861-65." We are a non-profit, educational, patriotic organization. Many of our members are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. We would very much appreciate approval to conduct a wreath placing ceremony at Soldiers Point July 13 to honor veterans.

Thank you for all consideration and courtesy.

Sincerely,
Fredric C. Lynch
Department Commander

ATTACHMENT 3 - NEWSPAPER ARTICLE 2/26/13

Wilmington News Journal - Wilmington, Ohio

Lawsuit over cemetery cannons?

By Andrea Chaffin, Staff Writer

If the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association sells the two Civil War-era cannons that are part of the cemetery's Soldier's Point memorial, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will respond with a lawsuit, according to the organization's president.

The attorney representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Jason Besser of Bryant Law Office in Wilmington, sent a letter of warning dated Feb. 12 to Mac McKibben, the cemetery association's president. In the letter, SUVCW claims ownership of the cannons and states, "while remaining reluctant to initiate legal proceedings, any attempt to remove, replace or otherwise dispose of the cannon in question will result in litigation against the Cemetery owners to the fullest extent allowed by law." McKibben was unavailable for comment Tuesday. Cemetery association member Fred Ertel also could not be reached for comment.

As reported in December, the cemetery association is interested in selling the cannons and replacing them with reproductions. The actual cannons are estimated to sell in the \$50,000 range each, while reproductions cost between \$2,000 and \$3,500. Having the cannons on site is a liability, which increases insurance costs for the cemetery, McKibben said at the time.

Additionally, cannons have been known to be stolen from cemeteries and the board is in need of money. In a letter written by McKibben that was published in the News Journal in January, McKibben said there is only enough room left for 15 to 20 years of burial at the privately-owned cemetery, but the cost of surrounding land and its availability is unknown.

Money is also needed for tree management, after the Ash trees were attacked by the Emerald Ash Borer, and for headstone repair. "When you have a situation where these cannons could possibly be sold to a museum where they would be well taken care of versus deteriorating in the outdoors as they are now - plus exact replicas would replace them - doesn't it seem logical that the board should consider this?" McKibben wrote. "If it was your family budget, what would you do?"

But Bob Grim, SUVCW president and a Wayne Township resident, said the cemetery doesn't own the cannons, and therefore, does not have the right to sell them. Instead, they're the property of the SUVCW because of how they were given and what they represent in current form.

According to Grim and a short article in the Dec. 14, 1899 Clinton Republican newspaper, the two cannons were "secured to Wilmington" by the courtesy of U.S. Sen. Joseph Foraker, who after serving as Ohio's governor, served as a senator representing the state from 1897 to 1909. The cannons were mounted in front of the second Clinton County Courthouse, which stood on the corner of Main and South streets until it was demolished in 1919 for the opening of the current courthouse.

The SUVCW is the legal heir to the no longer existing Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which paid to have the monument erected in the cemetery in 1927 and led fundraising efforts. By statute, the SUVCW works to protect the GAR's interests, Grim added. Grim said the SUVCW is sympathetic to the cemetery's financial issues and has three objectives in mind to solve the current problem: Have the cemetery recognize the organization's ownership of the cannons; work with the cemetery to see that they are properly preserved; make sure the Clinton County Commissioners assume the responsibility of caring for the cannons.

Grim refers to section 5901.37 of the Ohio Revised Code, which states, "In any county having a cemetery or part of it set apart for the burial of veterans ... the board of county commissioners shall care for and properly preserve that portion of the cemetery so set apart for the burial of such veterans, and

shall care for and properly preserve the monuments or memorials, and the board shall pay all expenses incident to such care and preservation from the general fund of the county."

"It's been the responsibility of the commissioners since 1927 to take care of them and apparently, they haven't been doing it because the cemetery says they've been taking care of them," Grim said. The county should take over whatever duties the cemetery has been performing for the cannons, which may include repair, an occasional coat of paint, any maintenance and paying for insurance, he added. Commissioners asked assistant prosecutor Andrew McCoy, who serves as their legal counsel, to issue an opinion on the matter. McCoy found that the county "was not aware of any evidence" suggesting the county owns the cannons, but does have some financial responsibility to care for the monument. "The responsibility is not unlimited," McCoy noted. "It's only for proper maintenance of the cemetery and, to a large extent, falls under the board's discretion. This office's position is that the portion of the Ohio Revised Code would require the county to pay any reasonable costs for upkeep and maintenance for veterans monuments."

Grim said he has not yet contacted the commissioners directly. Instead, he is waiting for the cemetery to acknowledge the SUVCW's ownership first, he said. "It doesn't appear that the cemetery is claiming ownership of any other memorials or grave markers in the cemetery and we doubt they will replace your memorial or grave stone if it is stolen or damaged," Grim stated. "However, if they discover your memorial is worth a lot of money, you may want to keep a close eye on it."

READER COMMENTS CONCERNING WILMINGTON CANNONS

Posted: Sunday, March 3, 2013 - Article comment by: Sharon Williams

This is a complete DISGRACE to the whole city. You need money so you want to sell those cannons. You think they could be stolen? Get real already. tough times call for creativity and if the so called leaders of things all around town would have to hurt like the majority of this town did when DHL left, well then you'd know there ARE better ways. Understandably the cemetery has expenses. Maybe it's well past time to get NEW people on that board. You get paid for selling a plot, you get paid for digging said plot. you get paid TWICE for ONE thing. And THEN there's the cost of the headstone. So just exactly how is it that they cannot do upkeep. Sell that house beside it, quit giving FREE RENT. I myself could come up with a pretty good list of things to do to make money WITHOUT SELLING a FINE PIECE OF HISTORY THAT NEED TO REMAIN AS IS. It's dedicated to those who served. And you want to sell it and replace it with plastic, no doubt from CHINA.

Posted: Saturday, March 2, 2013 - Article comment by: Sharon Dixon Chesser

Please keep the cannons where they are out of respect for all they stand for and because money is so illusive...it can be gone with nothing to show for it... The canons are a part of history there in Wilmington. Surely the problems can be worked through in such a way as to not have to move, sell them, or donate them to a museum where they may not be enjoyed by "everyone" .

Posted: Friday, March 1, 2013 - Article comment by: Michael Vore

They don't care about history, they only want the money another problem with today's society. You can have a day, month, channels, etc for everything else to please certain people but history for the people that fought and died for this country. Regardless of which side they fought on they are all Americans. Today people only give a S---, about themselves and not their neighbor anymore. Very sad to even have to write this but that is how most people have become. Care only about them and their flat screen TV's, car's, etc. So they don't care \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ is all they want and care about.

Posted: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 - Article comment by: Anthony Ingersoll

As an avid Civil War person, I think the cannons should stay. Here is why those cannons are a standing memorial to the sacrifice of the men who fought and died for the nation. The cannons are the property of the SUVCW now since the GAR does not exist anymore. The cemetery has no legal right to sell someone else's property. But even more so, it is a violation of hallowed ground. Would they want us taking a headstone of one of their loved ones?

ATTACHMENT 4 - NEWSPAPER ARTICLE 5/22/13

Wilmington News Journal - Wilmington, Ohio

County will pay for veterans memorial upkeep at Sugar Grove

By ANDREA L. CHAFFIN

The Soldier's Point memorial will be financially backed by Clinton County Commissioners. Cemetery board still open to selling Civil War cannons

Clinton County Commissioners will pay for the upkeep of the veterans memorial at Sugar Grove Cemetery, but that doesn't mean the cemetery's association board is not going to move forward with a plan to sell the Civil War-era cannons in the memorial, officials said Wednesday.

As first reported in December, the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association is interested in selling the 150-year-old cannons, which are part of Soldier's Point memorial, and replacing them with reproductions. The cannons have been at the memorial in the cemetery since 1927, when the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) paid to have the memorial erected and placed there.

Over the past several months, a dispute has emerged between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) - which inherited the GAR after it was disbanded - and the cemetery board over who has ownership of the cannons, and, therefore, the legal ability to sell them. As part of the initial discussion, cemetery officials learned an excerpt of state law stated counties must pay for upkeep of veterans memorials, and approached commissioners Wednesday to discuss compensation.

Section 5901.37 of the Ohio Revised Code states, "In any county having a cemetery or part of it set apart for the burial of veterans ... the board of county commissioners shall care for and properly preserve that portion of the cemetery so set apart for the burial of such veterans, and shall care for and properly preserve the monuments or memorials, and the board shall pay all expenses incident to such care and preservation from the general fund of the county."

The cemetery association asked commissioners for an annual payment of \$3,464, which covers the cost of mowing, repairs, maintenance, wages, and insurance on the cannons, said Mac McKibben, cemetery association president. Previously, commissioners asked assistant prosecutor Andrew McCoy, who serves as their legal counsel, to issue an opinion on the matter. McCoy found that the county "was not aware of any evidence" suggesting the county owns the cannons, but does have some financial responsibility to care for the monument.

"The responsibility is not unlimited," McCoy noted. "It's only for proper maintenance of the cemetery and, to a large extent, falls under the board's discretion." "I think the code is very clear," said Commissioner Pat Haley, who was not present for the meeting, but addressed the group via speaker phone. "I feel we do need to make this support, and we would handle each cemetery as it comes in front of us. Whatever kind of number we can work out, I'm supportive of it."

The board plans to take a formal vote on the matter in the future when all three members of the board are present. When asked if the promise of new funding means the cemetery board is no longer looking to sell the cannons, McKibben said it "doesn't mean anything." "This is just maintenance of the grounds and the cannons are there as part of it," he said. While there is not a deal currently being worked out, the board has received "several" offers on the cannons, McKibben said. However, none of them were "suited." "It's got to be the perfect deal for us to do it," he said. The actual cannons are estimated to sell in the \$50,000 range each, while reproductions cost between \$2,000 and \$3,500. The board wants to sell the cannons because having them on site is a liability which increases insurance costs for the cemetery and cannons have been known to be stolen from cemeteries, McKibben said previously.

Additionally, the board is in need of money. There is only enough room left for 15 to 20 years of burial at the privately-owned cemetery, but the cost of surrounding land and its availability is unknown, he said. Money is also needed for tree management and headstone repair. Bob Grim, SUVCW president and a Wayne Township resident, said he still feels the cemetery doesn't own the cannons and doesn't have the right to sell them. For that reason, the organization continues to threaten the cemetery board with a lawsuit, should the cannons be sold.

"We have title to the cannons. We do not intend to let them sell the cannons or dispose of the monument," said Grim, who has championed the county's financial support of the memorial for months. "It doesn't belong to them." The cemetery board's decision to move forward with a plan to sell the cannons is especially ironic near Memorial Day, since the GAR started the holiday as a decoration day for Civil War veterans, Grim said. "We take it as an insult when someone says you can't honor Civil War veterans," he said. "If the cemetery were selling them, we would certainly consider that a disgrace."

Grim said the cemetery board declined to allow the SUVCW to hold a re-dedication ceremony at the memorial this summer during a Civil War event scheduled to take place in Wilmington. "We interpret their action to mean they're not interested in honoring Civil War veterans," he said. "We find it very disappointing that a body charged with preserving the heritage of a cemetery would want to desecrate a Civil War memorial just as a fundraiser."

**READER COMMENTS CONCERNING WILMINGTON CANNONS
FROM: Wilmington News Journal - Wilmington, Ohio**

Posted: Wednesday, May 22, 2013- Article comment by: Anthony Ingersoll

I have been following the story since it broke out a few months ago. First, let me say this I am a southern person who happens to be transplanted in the north. But even I realize the "value" of the memorial. It is a reminder that we have come so far and that we never forget what was done. The Union obviously won the war, but it does not mean that we should forget it. While there is a lot of "politically incorrect...or so they say" terminology and viewpoints from the conflict, does not mean we should forget these soldiers. They had a very important role in our military and they should be honored just the same right? If this was WWI or WWII or any recent war memorial I wonder if we would try to sell it too? Our nation has forgotten what it takes to remain free.

In the end, I support the SUVCW on this issue. Leave the cannons alone. They are part of a memorial that is sacred. Would you desecrate a church in the same manner that you are wanting to desecrate the memorial?

ATTACHMENT 5 - LETTER TO UNDERSECRETARY MURO

February 27, 2013

Honorable Steve L. Muro
Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20420

Dear Undersecretary Muro:

The SUVCW Department of Ohio respectfully requests the Department of Memorial Affairs support a change to the current VA policy that only next of kin may request and receive government headstones to mark unmarked graves of U.S. Armed Forces veterans. We also respectfully request that the policy be modified to enable organizations that honor veterans to request and receive government headstones needed to mark unmarked graves of U.S. veterans.

We recognize current wording in 38 CFR Ch. I Section 632 is interpreted to preclude our requests. However, it is unrealistic to require groups such as ours to locate next of kin for veterans who served more than 150 years ago in order to obtain for their unmarked graves a government headstone. In most cases, identifiable next of kin do not exist. That said, heritage groups such as ours can and are willing to document a veteran's service and the location of their unmarked burial site satisfactory to meet VA standards in order to obtain a marker, if allowed.

The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is the legal heir to the purpose and mission of the Grand Army of the Republic in our state. We have for more than 100 years earnestly and honorably worked to ensure the graves of American Civil War veterans in Ohio are documented, honored, and marked with a headstone. We very much want to continue accomplishing that mission but need Dept. of Veterans Affairs help and support in order to do so.

We therefore earnestly request assistance and action to facilitate amendment to 38 CFR Section 38.632 to read such as, "Headstone or marker application process. (b) Definitions (1) Applicant" to include: "When no next of kin exists or may be located by means of reasonable search, members of military veterans and heritage organizations, researchers, historians, genealogists, and community citizens that provide satisfactory documentation to prove a veteran's identity and service in the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for and receive a Government-furnished headstone or marker that does not bear an emblem of belief. "

Thank you for all courtesy. Your support of our recommendation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Fredric C. Lynch
Department Commander

ATTACHMENT 6 - ARTICLE CONCERNING VA POLICY SHIFT

CIVIL WAR NEWS
The Monthly Current Events Newspaper
May 2013
VA Agrees To Modify Its Next-of-Kin Policy
By Kathryn Jorgensen

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Veterans Affairs official told a House subcommittee his agency is willing to make changes in federal regulations requiring next-of-kin authorization for headstones on unmarked veterans' graves. The requirement, which has been discussed and complained about in Civil War Newsletters and stories since it went into effect on July 1, 2009, essentially meant that few if any Civil War graves could get a marker through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National

Cemetery Administration. Traditionally, applications for these graves came from heritage groups, such as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War graves registration officers and local historians.

Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, told the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on April 10 that the current Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 38.632 — Headstone and Marker Application Process — appeared to be “too restrictive.” He said his agency is willing to do some rewrites and make it “more user friendly.” The revised regulation will be put out for public comment, he said. Muro’s response to comments and questions from New Jersey Congressman Jon Runyan (R-3rd District) can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQB1b7Sbr9I&feature=youtu.be.

Runyan’s statement was prompted by a constituent and the Department of Ohio SUVCW. He told Muro that the next-of-kin requirement denying skilled researchers the ability to order a headstone gave people another reason to be disappointed with government bureaucracy. Runyan referred Muro to the Ohio Department’s remedial suggestions: allow military researchers, local historians and genealogists to apply for a stone; or follow the National Archives and National Records Administration’s policy that allows release of military records to other than next-of-kin for someone deceased more than 62 years.

In its February 2013 issue of The Buckeye Bugle, the Ohio Department discussed the headstone issue and noted that the most recent version of the marker application language says: “Federal regulation defines ‘applicant’ as the decedent’s Next-of-Kin (NOK); a person authorized in writing by the NOK; or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent. Written authorization must be included with claim.” The newsletter related VA rejection of six applications by the SUV Camp 142 Graves Registration Officer “for want of a descendant’s signature though there are no known descendants to be found.” The Ohio Department had also asked an Ohio Congressman to take up the problem with the National Cemetery Administration. If the government refuses a headstone, the only option is a privately purchased civilian gravestone. The VA does replace damaged and worn headstones.

ATTACHMENT 7 - PROPOSED LEGISLATION

112TH CONGRESS PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Courtney Whetstone 202-225-2015

Stivers Introduces the Honor Those Who Served Act

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 16 -

Congressman Steve Stivers (R – Columbus) today introduced the Honor Those Who Served Act, which will make it easier to provide headstones for veterans who currently don’t have a headstone, or for those whose headstones have deteriorated.

Congressman Pat Tiberi (R-OH) and Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH) are co-sponsors of this legislation. “Those who served in the military deserve our full-support, especially those who gave the final measure of devotion to our great nation,” Stivers said. “Our veterans deserve better than unmarked or deteriorated graves and this bill will help remedy this problem.”

In 2012 the Veteran’s Administration (VA) put into place a new regulatory barrier to applying for a headstone. There must be approval from the Next of Kin (NOK) to receive a headstone for a deceased veteran.

However, there are researchers, like those at the Ohio Historical Society, who research archives, death records, military records and genealogical records to determine the identity of Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers buried in unmarked graves. These groups then work to find the NOK.

But, sometimes that is not possible when today's headstone applicants are seven generations removed from the Civil War, for example. Stivers' legislation would stipulate that if NOK cannot be found then headstone applications may be filed with the VA by: the state veterans service agency, military researchers, local historians, genealogists, or others familiar with research sources or methods needed to prove a veteran's identity.

In his second inaugural speech, President Abraham Lincoln stated, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan," affirming the government's obligation to honor those who serve our nation. These words of Lincoln's became the VA's motto in 1959.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

As Department Senior vice Commander, I have strived to fulfill the purpose and activities for this job as found under the Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers as prepared by the National Committee on Program and Policy.

Since the Department June Encampment, I have attended and/or participated in the following events:

- June 16 – Representing the Department of Ohio, spoke at the Vinton County Last Union Veteran Program in memory of Pvt. John Henry Cottrill of the 75th OVI, Company E, 4th Ohio Cavalry and the 174th OVI, Company E. Ceremony conducted by the Cadot-Blessing Camp No. 126 of Gallipolis.
- July 21 – Representing Department of Ohio spoke at the Buffington Island Memorial Ceremony.
- August 9 to 12 – Attended the 131th National Encampment hosted by the Department of the California and the Pacific in Los Angeles, California.
- September 3 – Marched in the Canal Winchester Labor Day Parade as member of Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1.
- September 29 – Representing the Department of Ohio, attended the Fayette County Last Union Veteran Program in memory of Cpl. Elon Thornton of the 90th OVI, Company C and 168th OVI, Company D, buried in the Washington Cemetery of Washington Courthouse. Ceremony conducted by the Henry Casey Camp No. 92 of Washington Courthouse.
- October 5 – Representing the Department of Ohio, laid a wreath at the Dedication of the Ohio Monument honoring the men who fought in the Battle of Allatoona Pass outside Cartersville, Georgia. Ceremony conducted by the Elias Moon Camp No. 2 of the Dept. of Georgia and South Carolina and the DUVCW Amanda Stokes Detached Tent No. 2. A buffet luncheon was served following the ceremony in Cartersville, Georgia.
- October 8 – Representing the Department of Ohio, attended the Rededication Ceremony Battle of Perryville in Kentucky.
- October 13 – Representing the Department of Ohio spoke and laid a wreath at the Belmont County Last Union Veteran Program in memory of Cpl. William Wirt Groves of the 126th OVI, Company B, buried in the Salem Cemetery of Kirkwood Township. Ceremony conducted by the General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp No. 2 of Washington Courthouse.
- November 24 – Attended the 2013 Installation of Officers of the Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 in Gallipolis.
- December 15 – Attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Sunset Cemetery in Franklin County, Ohio.
- December 19 – Installed the 2013 Officers for McLaughlin Camp #12 in Mansfield.
- January 12 - Attended the Department of Ohio Mid-Winters Meeting held at Veterans Memorial in Columbus.
- May 9 – Presented three ROTC certificates and medals to Cadets ***** during the Navy Junior ROTC Annual Awards Banquet at Central Crossing H.S. in Grove City, Ohio.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER and FRATERNAL RELATIONS OFFICER

July 7, Recruiting, Strongsville Civil War Day event. Too hot, attendance was sparse.

July 14, Set up at the Civil War weekend at Lawnfield, home of James A. Garfield. This annual signature event is sponsored by the National Park Service. Camp No. 142 has participated since its inception in 2010. The order was exposed to over 1500 visitors to Lawnfield.

July 14, The Garfield Camp temporary Jr. Vice and National Jr. Vice Commander Bro Freshley has stepped aside because of a critical health problem; The Camp Commander has asked me to be the temporary, temporary Jr Vice. I accepted. However Brother Freshly, lying around, bored out of skull continued this responsibility.

July 21, Responded to the La Brot Questionnaire. A copy is on file with the Department Commander. The Department Commander plans on publishing it in the Department News letter.

August 9 to 12, Delegate to the National Encampment, Allied Orders of the G.A.R. I had a very interesting chat with the Commander in Chief of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He will be in office for four years. By the end of his term he plans to increase the SCV membership from about 32k to 50k. I could not help but ask, how. He has a consultant with a PhD in Organization creating a plan. I asked if he would share this plan. He responded “absolutely”.

Unfortunately, I will be out of the office before this plan is in effect. It is imperative that contact be continued. I hope to discuss this with my successor and the National Jr. Vice.

August 15, I visited with Brother Freshly and he handed me four applications. After I checked them over, like I really needed to, they were forwarded to the respective Camps.

August 18, Set up with the Garfield camp to recruit at the Willoughby, Ohio, Festival Days and Parade. Upon arrival I found their Civil War Monument was covered with advertising. I was outraged and used the word ‘abomination’; I do not think I have ever used it before. PDC Silvis contacted the Mayor. We have been assured that this will not happen again. I am trying to arrange a Memorial Day Ceremony at this monument to reinforce respect for it.

This event realized three or four possible applicants. The Garfield Camp won Second place for best color guard in the parade. I cannot help but wonder how we would have done had we practiced. And this was despite various orthopedic rebuilds and a lung transplant. Oh, what we do for the order.

August 30, Navy Week at Cleveland piers. I, Garfield Camp SVC Tim Daily, Auxiliary officer Mary Louise Daily, PDC John Silvis and I, in the SVR uniforms of The Ohio Naval Brigade, were the guests of the US Naval District. We provided some additional history to the start of the Bicentennial of the Battle of Lake Erie; which is next year. We promoted the order and The Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument. I tried to ‘Read’ myself in as the new Commander of the Missile Frigate USS DeWert, but was thrown into the brig. The Navy can’t take a joke. The admiral was really pissed.

October, I handled two applications forwarded from National. All was in order and have been passed to the respective camps.

October 5-6, at the request of the Department Commander, I represented the Department at the Central Region Association Annual Conference, Allied Orders of the GAR. Held at the Hotel 66, the original Holiday Inn, Springfield, Illinois. On Saturday Morning we went to the Lincoln Museum. I highly recommend it. Of course, we left through the gift shop.

The speaker’s subject was using social media. But if a camp does not have a website, social media is of no use. I personally do not use it and have concluded that my mind set is in the Luddite category. The next generations well take better advantage of it. A system that promotes the upcoming is much more useful than one that promotes past events.

The approximately 25 attendees had a business meeting and a banquet.

I have my doubts about the usefulness of the Association, but it does help with fraternal relationships. I have been invited to attend next year in Bowling Green Kentucky.

On my way back I stopped at the “signature” event held at the GAR section of Woodland Cemetery, in Dayton. Our esteemed Department Commander was promoting the Order along with other brothers.

October 13, I attended the ceremony at the monument next to the Alliance Amtrak station. In 1861, Lincoln stopped here for lunch and flesh pressing, on his way to his inauguration.

That afternoon a testimonial luncheon was held for Jane Graham National President of the Auxiliary. In attendance was the SUV CinC, SVCinC and other current and past, high ranking officers in the Allied Orders. I sat next to the charming Mrs. Corfman. We shared interesting gossip about brothers and sisters not in attendances, but that is outside the purpose of this report.

November 13, The Garfield Camp Commander, Brother Pete Hritsko, was invited to be Master of Ceremonies at the Annual Wreath Laying held on, or about President James A. Garfield's birthday. Unable to attend, Pete recommended me for the honor. I had worked with Mary C. Krohmer of the Lakeview Cemetery Foundation at other Garfield Tomb events. I warned her that putting me behind a podium never bodes well. She said, "Just stick to the script". It and the pointed stick, kept me on task. My main duty was the introduction of honored guest and the main speaker, Brigadier General Alton G. Berry, Commander of the 88th Regional Support Command.

Al Berry is a charming fellow. We traded a large challenge coin for a Garfield Camp badge.

In December I was copied three applications from the camp 142. No further action needed.

January; forwarded an application to the Dennison Camp received from the National Jr. Vice.

The spring, as the representative of Commander Lynch, was spent working with the officers of the Phillip Treim Camp No. 43. The details of these efforts should be in the Department Commander report, because they are outside the Jr. Vice responsibilities. This effort will continue into the next year. Senior Vice Davis is in the loop. Because of proximity it was decided that I would deal with what turn out to be communications problems between Department and Treim Camp. I feel that things should be corrected by the end of the year.

In April the application of Kyle Rees Clegg was received from National. Several attempts to contact, using different methods; were without result. I will give his application the secretary and consider him as Department at large.

May 10th, the Garfield Camp, The Cleveland Grays and the local pipe band represented the US Veteran in the Annual Cleveland Pops Orchestra Veterans day concert at Severance Hall. The Grays Color Guard escorted by The Ohio Naval Brigade SVU, provided the military presence on the stage. The Soldiers and Sailors monument, Grays Armory and the Sons had a promotional table in the forayer of historic Severance hall. A report will be submitted for the Bugle.

May 11th The Garfield Camp and the Ohio Naval Brigade SVR did a GAR ceremony dedicating a Medal of Honor Headstone for a Civil War Naval Veteran recently provided by Edenburg Township. There was a large turnout of Allied Orders, Veterans groups, re-enactors, boy Scouts etc. Photos and additional information will be sent in for the Bugle. PDC Jon Silvis was in charge of the ceremony. A report will be submitted for consideration in the Banner.

May 27th The Ohio Naval Brigade SVR will be one of the color guards at the Willoughby Veterans day parade.

As titular Commander of the Ohio Naval Brigade SVR I attend all these events.

May 30th, the real Veterans Day will find me at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Cleveland's Public Square, on US Route 6, dedicating the New GAR highway sign.

I hope The Encampment will be satisfied with this report and will consider me for the office of Senior Vice Commander, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Graham

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

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SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT
22 May 2013

1. **END OF TERM.** This report will be my last as Dept of Ohio Secretary-Treasurer. I thank the Department of Ohio for the honor to serve and for the kind support I've received.
2. **MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.** The Dept of Ohio has 20 camps in good standing plus a group of members-at-large. Here are general membership statistics:

	Members	Associates	Juniors	Jr. Associates	Total
2012 Report	439	18	3	1	461
2013 Gains	73	4	1	0	78
2013 Losses	42	2	1	0	45
2013 Report	470	20	3	1	494

Over the past year, the Dept of Ohio experienced a net gain of 33 members. Parrott Camp #33 alone recruited 25 new members and lost 3 for a net gain of 22!

3. **CAMP REPORTS.** Annual camp reports this year were much better than in years past. My thanks go to camp commanders and secretary-treasurers for their diligence and attention to detail. Only four of our twenty camps submitted substandard reports. Two camps were up to 20 days late.

4. **FINANCES.** As of 22 May, the Department of Ohio possessed the following financial assets:

5 th -3 rd Business Basics Checking	\$5260.38	Includes \$3000 Permanent Fund
5 th -3 rd Business Savings 131	\$8223.05	
Cert. of Deposit-Permanent Fund	\$5276.10	Renew 15 Nov 2013; 1.0%
Cert. of Deposit-Permanent Fund	\$3000.00	Renew 24 Aug 2013; 0.4%
Total Assets	\$21,759.53	

5. **CASH FLOW.** Department finances are sound overall. This year saw a surplus of \$549.27.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Allan W. Howey

Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Ohio

Attachment:
2012-2013 Budget Summary

**DEPARTMENT OF OHIO BUDGET
(1 May 2012 - 21 May 2013)**

Approved 9 June 2012

	Approved	Actual
	2012-2013	2012-2013

I. INCOME

Encampment	Registration	\$ 280.00	\$ 225.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 1,012.00
Chief of Staff Fund		\$ 300.00	\$ 563.00
Dues & Fees	Estimated Dept Per Capita (500 members)	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,062.00
Interest	Permanent Fund CD	\$ 60.00	\$ 109.02
Special Fund	Memorials & Monuments		\$ 31.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 3,765.00	\$ 4,002.02

II. EXPENSES

Portland Community Ass'n	Buffington Island -- Museum Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$ 500.00	\$ 986.62
Department Commander	Supplemental for National Encampment	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Encampment	CINC visit	\$ 250.00	\$ 210.12
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 914.94
Encampment	Printing	\$ 125.00	\$ 83.46
Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$ 60.00	\$ 34.51
Encampment	Ribbons	\$ 55.00	\$ 53.06
Encampment	PDC Badge	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Eagle Scout		\$ 120.00	\$ 76.64
Frost GAR Hall	Townsend Camp #108	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Memorials	\$125 to Fearing Camp #2	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Mid-Winter Meeting	Luncheon	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
National Encampment Ad	Jim Houston	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
Ohio Genealogical Society	SUVCW Table	\$ 35.00	\$ -
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$ 30.00	\$ 118.48
Postage-Mailings		\$ 120.00	\$ 75.78
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Banking	Service Charges	\$ 36.00	\$ 17.50
Unforeseen	(Web hosting-\$251.64 for 3 years)	\$ 150.00	\$ 251.64
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 3,921.00	\$ 3,452.75

III. CASH FLOW

	\$ (156.00)	\$ 549.27
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(Updated 22 May 2013)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MEMBERS-AT-LARGE)

Letters mailed December 2012 to all Department of Ohio Members-At-Large in regards to dues and suggested transfers into camps. Letters again repeated in February for those who did not respond on the first letter.

2012 Annual Report of Members in Good Standing	15
2013 Annual Report of Members in Good Standing	15
Life Members (Beach, Butler & McCortney)	3

Loss:

By Death: Bourbina, Robert L. (Life Member)	1
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Brother Robert Bourbina was transferred from the Toledo, Ohio Camp in 2012 when the camp was disbanded. Since he was a life member he was transferred into M.A.L.Camp. In 2012 after sending out dues notices, I found out that Robert Bourbina had died April 13, 2010. He was 76 years of age and an army veteran.

By Drop	0
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Gain (By Transfer)	1
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James L. Yahle (Member) transferred out of General William H. Lytle Camp #10 and into Members-At-Large Camp.

Brothers subject to National Per Capita Dues	12	\$276.00
Brothers subject to Department Per Capita Dues	15	\$ 60.00
Total Amount Due		\$336.00
Total National Reimbursement for Life Members	3	\$ 24.00
Total Collected & Forwarded to the Department Treasurer		\$360.00
Dues collected are in excess of amount due.		
Membership cards sent to all 2013 paid members.		

Recommendations:

(1) The present Annual Dues is sufficient at \$31.00, keep at present rate in 2014.

(2) Place in Buckeye Bugle once in a while a reminder that members notify their camp secretary for change of address, change in telephone number or e-mail addresses.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Department of Ohio Council

Chairman Don Darby

Secretary Robert W. Davis

Member Don Martin

Council term June 2012 through June 8 2013

As far as council is concerned, this has been a quite twelve months, no major decisions for council during this past year.

Saturday, 12 January 2013, council met prior to the Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Business Meeting. The Department of Ohio accounts, and check book were audited, and found to be correct. Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey has done an excellent job in accounting and reporting.

Council's annual report isn't finished on any certain date prior to the encampment. Come June the 8th, 2013 Department of Ohio Council members will audit the Records and books.

June 8, 2013, Council will meet prior to the Department Encampment at 8:00 a.m., to audit the Departments Accounts and Books.

Attached hand written paper will be submitted, covering the council minutes, including audit of the books.

Submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Robert W. Davis, PDC
Council Secretary

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

Death of SUVCW Brothers

1. Ray Skinner, John S Townsend Camp, died 7/15/12
2. Frederick A. Trautman, Fearing Camp #2, died 8/19/2013
3. Byron "Barney" Williams, Gen Wm H Lytle Camp, died 2/4/2013

At the time of their passing, all the brothers were in good standing with our order and loyally supported the flags of the order.

- Note: We also learned of the death of Robert Louis Bourbina, Life Member of the Ohio MAL's died 4/13/2010.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Chaplain, Dept. of Ohio

DEPARTMENT GAR RECORDS OFFICER REPORT

As of May 1, 2013 the Ohio Department has identified the existence of records from 812 Ohio GAR Posts in 44 locations in the State of Ohio. These Post record locations are shown on the Ohio Department web site in two formats; first, by Post number and second, by the location of those records.

There have been no additions to the listings since the June 2012 Ohio Encampment.

It is my firm opinion that any additions to our current lists will come from the revelations of holdings by private individuals, veteran's organizations and small village libraries.

Respectively submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Charles S. Reeves
Past Department Commander

GAR COMMEMORATION MATTERS REPORT

Pursuant with the Commander's request, I directed my efforts to the question of signage on US Highway 6 in Ohio, namely the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Previous research by National GAR Highway Officer Brother Gary E. Parrott revealed the following facts about the GAR Highway in Ohio.

The 92nd Ohio General Assembly (1937-1938) introduced House Bill #198 and approved it designating US Highway 6 in Ohio as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. The bill was passed on 29 April 1937 and signed into law by Governor Martin L. Davey on 13 May 1937.

With respect to highway markers, it became effective 16 August 1937 and Section 1189-3 read as follows:

"That the road now known as United States route number six, extending across the entire northern portion of the State of Ohio through the counties of Williams, Henry, Wood, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula and through the municipalities of Bryan, Napoleon, Bowling Green, Fremont, Sandusky, Lorain, Cleveland and Chardon, in the State of Ohio is hereby declared to be, and henceforth shall be known as the Grand Army of the Republic highway.

The director of highways shall provide for the erection of suitable markers upon said highway indicating the name of the highway."

During the 96th Ohio General Assembly (1945-46) Senate bill No. 204 was introduced and subsequently approved to recodify and revise numerous sections within the Ohio General Code. Section 1189-3 (GAR: Markers) was one of the recodifies. The revisions became effective 11 October 1945. The GAR Highway part retained the same title and only one word was changed in the revision. "The director of highways shall---" was changed to "The director of highways may---"

On Sunday 6 August 1937 Governor Martin L. Davey was the featured speaker at the dedication of U.S. route six as the GAR Highway. The Ohio dedication took place in Hanover Park in the City of Sandusky. The event was reported in several newspapers around the state.

On 2 May 1953 Louis I. Drasler, a divisional engineer with the Ohio state highway department, was the featured speaker at the formal dedication of the highway at the Public Square in Cleveland. While Ohio was early in naming the highway in 1937 the National Recognition and dedication was in 1953.

It is not clear how many markers were initially erected as none are known to exist at this time.

As a resident of Clermont County, I had several conversations with my local State Representative and later Senator Joe Ucker regarding this situation. He informed me that the unwritten rule in dealing with the Ohio DOT is that any highway in question must be in your District.

On 21 February 2013 I e-mailed every Ohio State Senator who represented the 10 Ohio Counties in question and presented the above facts to them. Copies of my e-mail were sent to the Department Commander, the Vice Commanders and the GAR Highway Officer.

It is clear to me, that to pursue this matter further and obtain markers we must contact and convince the State Representatives and Senators in the 10 Northern Counties. They should be contacted either their district home office or at the State Capitol building.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Charles S. Reeves PDC



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of _____

Dated _____ 2 _____

Annual Report of Department Patriotic Instructor to the National Patriotic Instructor

To _____
National Patriotic Instructor

Brother; I have the honor to make the following report

Data compiled from Camp reports:

1. How many Camps responded to your Patriotic Instructor Survey? _____

2. Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed and installed in each Camp? _____

If not, state how many and what reasons:

3. How many of your Camps provided patriotic and educational presentations at each meeting? _____

4. How many of your Camps visited schools to share the history of the Civil War and/or offer patriotic exercises about the flag of the United States of America? _____

What types of presentations were offered?

5. How many of your Camps participated in living history events or other venues to educate the public about the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders? _____

What types of presentations were offered?

6. How many of your Camps participated in Memorial Day services? _____

7. How many of your Camps participated in Veteran's Day services? _____

8. How many ROTC Awards were presented by your Camps? _____

9. How many Eagle Scout Awards were presented by your Camps? _____

10. What was the total number of events that Camps within your Department participated in? _____

11. How many of your Camps work together with members of other Allied Orders? _____

Data as it relates to your term as DPI (may/should include your predecessor's data as well):

1. How often did you communicate with your Camp Patriotic Instructors? _____

2. What was your form of communication with the various Camp Patriotic Instructors?

3. Did you set up or participate in any educational, genealogical, or historical events on behalf of the Department (including the Dept. Encampment)? _____

Please list below the events you and/or your predecessor participated in for your/his term as DPI.

a.

b.

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Remarks:

Suggestions for improvements in Patriotic Instruction:

Respectfully submitted,

Name _____

Signature _____

Department Patriotic Instructor

DEPARTMENT GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER REPORT

As the Dept. of Ohio G.A.R. Highway Officer I've have sent three letters February 6, 2013 to our Ohio State Representatives Bill Patmon District 10, Dan Ramos District 56 and Dennis E. Murray District 80. This letter was asking our state representatives to place a Bill on the Ohio Legislature's Floor asking to place the GAR signs along Route 6. No reply yet, I need to follow up with a phone call to see what can be done.

I have decided to go a different route by going to the different cities and villages where they have their Welcome Center signs located usually as you enter their city limits or where they own property along Rt. 6 and get their permission to place a sign.

I gathered research and a report was submitted to the James A. Garfield Camp approving the financing of 3 signs. The sign was made from a diagram originating back in the 40's. The first sign will be placed at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument located in downtown Cleveland. They have the wording placed on both sides of the sign. The unveiling of the sign and dedication ceremony will take place on May 30th open to the public. The second sign will be placed at the 103rd O.V.I in Sheffield Lake during their 2 week encampment this summer. The third sign will be used to show those local, county and state governments what it looks like. This way a person can see what they are buying.

The sign will be available to purchase to any camp for \$125 plus shipping each. The check must be made out to the camp itself and not to individuals. All others - \$150 plus shipping. I plan to getting a specific mailing box and packing with prices for mailing from either FED EX or UPS.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Peter J. Hritsko G.A.R. Highway Officer

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN REPORT

As Department Historian, I have strived to fulfill the purpose and activities for this job as found under the Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers as prepared by the National Committee on Program and Policy.

During this 2012 – 2013 season, I have continued to add information to the history notebook of Department activities that I attended or received during the year. Due to receiving no documentation on the Department of Ohio when taking the position of Historian back in 2008, items concerning the history of the department will be collected as time allows.

I have also added to the notebook pertaining to just the Last Union Veteran Ceremonies conducted by camps of the Department of Ohio. Camps that have conducted ceremonies honoring these veterans can copy and send items regarding their ceremonies to the Historian to include in this notebook.

DEPARTMENT GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

Figures for 2012/13 (Since 2012 OH Dept Encampment):

3753 new Ohio burials registered on National Database

Ohio total 64,655. Ohio has currently registered approximately 14,000 more burials than any other state. National has over 465,000 registered.

Ohio backlog (To be entered in National database): 11,000

Status:

No communication received from National GRO during year. Status of upgrading the National Graves Registration database unknown.

Submitted by Kent Dorr,
Ohio Dept SUVCW Graves Registration Officer

DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR REPORT

Brothers:

Over the past year I have issued Eagle Scout certificates to 53 young men from all over Ohio. I request reimbursement of \$128.53. This breaks down to \$66.24 postage, and \$62.29 for certificates.

Yours in F, C, & L,
Bradley A. Tilton
Eagle Scout Coordinator

2012/2013 Department of Ohio Eagle Scout Expenses

6/2/2012	\$2.60 postage
6/5/2012	\$61.80 certificates
6/8/2012	\$22.50 certificates
6/12/2012	\$2.34 postage
6/12/2012	\$6.00 postage
6/25/2012	\$22.01 refund
6/27/2012	\$1.30 postage
7/3/2012	\$2.60 postage
7/30/2012	\$2.60 postage
9/4/2012	\$2.60 postage
9/6/2012	\$1.30 postage
10/16/2012	\$1.30 postage
11/3/2012	\$6.10 postage
12/22/2012	\$1.30 postage
1/10/2013	\$2.60 postage
2/2/2013	\$3.96 postage
2/6/2013	\$1.32 postage
3/2/2013	\$7.20 postage
3/16/2013	\$1.32 postage
3/30/2013	\$9.24 postage
4/29/2013	\$9.24 postage
5/7/2013	<u>\$1.32 postage</u>
	\$128.53 total

MEMORIALS OFFICER REPORT

An attempt to sell Civil War Cannons from the Wilmington Cemetery was stopped by united efforts of several Dept. members. This spanned an inventory of all Civil War Cannon Memorials in Ohio.

A report of Ohio Counties without Last Soldier plaques and ceremonies is pending.

There has been limited progress with the Ohio Memorials data project.

Respectfully submitted in,
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
G. John Bowling
Memorials Officer

BUFFINGTON ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Greetings Brothers of the Department of Ohio, SUVCW,

The annual commemoration ceremony honoring the men who fought the Battle of Buffington Island was held at the Buffington Island State Memorial Park on 21 July 2012. Sponsored by the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the ceremony was attended by approximately 30 people. Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 and General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2 co-hosted the event. Ceremonies were opened with greetings and introductions by Brother Jim Oiler, Commander of Cadot-Blessing Camp #126. Senior Vice-Commander Jonathan Davis represented the Ohio Department SUVCW and read greetings and remarks from Commander Ken Freshley who was unable to attend. Chaplain Henry Myers of Camp #126 asked the Lord's Invocation and was followed by PCC Marvin Miracle of Camp #2 leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A history of the battle was presented by Dan Hinton Commander of Camp #2. Ed Sharp of the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation apprised those present on the ongoing efforts to expand the preserved portion of the battlefield. Recognition of the wreaths (placed at the existing monument on the site) was accompanied by an appropriate poem which captured the solemnity of the fallen heroes. This was read by Jeanne Wray representing the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Chaplain Andrew Francis of Camp #2 offered the closing prayer which was followed by the firing of a twenty-one gun salute and taps performed by combined brothers of Fearing Camp #2 and Cadot-Blessing Camp #126. Brother Jim Oiler closed the ceremonies with the recognition of the participating individuals and organizations.

The Brother Camps and organizations present will illustrate the diverse support for these ceremonies:

- Ohio Department, SUVCW
- Cadot-Blessing Camp #126, SUVCW
- General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2, SUVCW
- William Dennison Camp #1, SUVCW – Columbus (Bob Davis – PDC)
- William Dennison Camp #1 Auxiliary
- Henry Casey Camp #92, SUVCW – Washington C.H. (Shawn Cox)
- Frost Camp #108 Auxiliary
- Ohio Department Ladies Auxiliary
- Maj. Daniel McCook Circle, Ladies of the GAR
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation
- Ohio Historical Society (Karren Hassel, George Kane, and Dave Mowery)

Special thanks to Karen Hassel of the Ohio Historical Society for printing the programs and providing support in so many ways.

While attendance was rather small, it was a very solemn and honorable ceremony which appropriately recognized the deeds and sacrifices of the men who fought in Ohio's only Civil War battle.

Respectfully submitted by Ohio Department Buffington Island Representatives

Jim Oiler and Dan Hinton.

CAMP CHASE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio was one of the largest Union Army Induction and Training Centers in the United States during the civil war. It was also a Confederate Prisoners Prisons. At the time of the civil war the area was three miles west of Columbus, Ohio.

The CampChaseConfederatePrisonCemetery, Columbus, Ohio is under the authority of the Dayton National Cemetery Administration. The cemetery grounds, graves and grave stones are in good condition.

Union Blue buried among the Gray

Columbus Dispatch Newspaper article by Jeb Phillips, Monday May 28, 2012 reads;
On Row 41 Camp Chase Confederate, one of only two places in Ohio officially designated for Confederate dead, following in same row mistakenly listed as Confederate are actually proven from National Archives to be U.S.A. Union soldiers.

Out of approximately 2,260 graves located are the following;

- (1) James Lykens, Co. A, 12th Ky. Cavalry, CSA, is actually James Likens, Co. A, 12th Ky. Cavalry, USA.
- (2) JacobLake, Co.G, 90thTenn. Regiment, CSA, is Jacob Lake, Co. G, 90thPenn. Infantry, USA.
- (3) J.A. Stilzer, Co. A, 9thKy. Cavalry, CSA, is J.W. Stitzer, Co. A, 9th Ky. Cavalry, USA.
- (4) Taylor, Ellis, Co. B, 1st W. Tenn. Regiment, CSA, is Taylor Ellis Co. M, 6th Tenn. Cavalry, USA.
- (5) John Clark, Co. G, 3rdVa. Cavalry, CSA, is John E. Clark Co. D, 3rd W.Va. Cavalry, USA.
- (6) John Kennedy has been called a Confederate since 1869 is actually John Kennedy; 33rdKentuckyInfantry, USA. It's actually a double grave stone, Number 2100. The top half is for a Texas soldier. The bottom part on the gravestone reads; "John Kennedy; 33rdKyVols; CSA." The Confederate States of America regiments in Kentucky didn't have numbers that high, Dennis Ranney reported, maybe an extra "3" was added by mistake. There is a possibility John Kennedy was reentered in circle "M", green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Hilltop Historical Society who leads tours of the cemetery, keeps some historical records and organizes a memorial ceremony every June. Notations from Dick Hoffman, a society board member and Monty Chase a board member note that CampChase records are known to have some known errors, and it's not surprising.

Note; Reporting Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and camp Chase Representative Officer Robert W. Davis, PDC has the national Archives Records & Photos of these United States Union Soldiers, thanks to Governor William Dennison Camp #1 Member Robert Dennis Ranney, who collected these records personally at the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dick Hoffman and Mr. Monty Chase, members of the board of the Hilltop Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio who plan the annual ceremony at Camp Chase have been advised of these burials at Camp Chase Confederate Prison Cemetery.

Next Ceremony at Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery; Sunday, June 9th, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

Submitted In, Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty.
Robert W. Davis PDC

GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP No. 1

The following events representatives of the William Dennison Camp #1 participated in for the calendar year 2012-2013:

10 June: Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service and Color Guard, Columbus, OH

26 June: Camp Meeting

21 July: Buffington Island Ceremony, Portland Oh

21 July: Dedication Ceremony Section 33 Union Civil War Black Soldiers: 24 grave markers placed with assistance from Home Depot and Amanda Nelson, Americorps

24 July: Camp Meeting

28 August: Camp Meeting

3 September: Labor Day Parade Canal Winchester, OH

25 September: Camp Meeting

23 October: Camp Meeting with Election of Officers

9 November: Veterans Day Parade, Color Guard, Columbus

27 November: Camp Meeting with Installation of Officers
11 December: Annual Christmas dinner at Florentine Restaurant, Columbus
22 January 2013: Camp Meeting
9 February: Lincoln's Birthday Dinner, Red Brick Tavern Inn, LaFayette, Ohio
26 February: Camp Meeting
26 March: Camp Meeting
4 April: Wrote letters to Congressmen Stivers and Tiberi and Senators Brown and Portman regarding the VA policy on veterans' graves
23 April: Camp Meeting
8 May: Westland High School ROTC ceremony
9 May: Central Crossing ROTC Ceremony
10 May: Newark High School Ceremony
24 May: Placing of 3,000 flags at Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, OH
25 May: Flag placing and Greenlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Services, Columbus, OH. Department Of Ohio Commander Fredric Lynch was an invited speaker for both services; included participation of two Cub Scout packs and a Boy Scout troop. Seventy attended the services.
27 May: Marched in Grove City, Ohio Memorial Day Parade
28 May: Camp Meeting
1 June: Retrieval of the flags. Note: action delayed in fidelity to General John A. Logan's order dated 1868 that decreed that the memorials remain in place on May 30th.
1 June: Recruitment at Fryer Park Encampment, Grove City, Ohio

Key Upcoming Activities

9 June: Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service and Color Guard, Columbus, OH
23 November: March in the 150th anniversary Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA, November 23, 2013

New members inducted since January 1, 2012: Junior Member: Payton Seats. Regular Member: Jeffrey Myers, Cory McGuire, Robert Ranney, and Bruce Fortin (dual department member – also with Kentucky). Associate Members: Daniel Lehman and Jack Newkirk

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jeffrey Hill, Camp Commander

GENERAL BENJAMIN D. FEARING CAMP No. 2

General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had a very productive year in 2012. Throughout the year, events and ceremonies hosted and supported by the Camp contributed greatly to the memory and legacy of the men who fought to save the Union. Brothers, you will find in the following list of occasions a diverse set of activities designed to educate our youth, promote the true history of the Civil War, and ensure the ongoing legacy of our ancestors who wore the blue. Camp #2 membership hovers in the vicinity of 22 members. Efforts to gain new members (and regain dropped members) has served to maintain our overall numbers as losses occur due to death, non-payment, etc. However, small in numbers, the Camp exhibits a core of active and faithful men. Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and average an attendance of from 9 – 15. Every event is attended with a good turnout of volunteers. It is with a sense of deepest admiration for the efforts of my Camp #2 Brothers that I report the following activities in which we participated in 2012.

April 2012 – Living history camp and presentations at The Castle Museum and Historical Site at Marietta, Ohio.

May 8, 2012 – Funeral Services for Brother Henry R. Burke.

May 19, 2012 – Living Encampment and “recruit camp” presentation for 4 local Junior High Schools. Stations were established and groups were led from one to another by Camp #2 volunteers in uniform. These stations included Camp Life, Soldier fare (food), Cavalry equipment, weapons demonstrations, tales of local youngsters who enlisted from Washington County, etc.

May 28, 2012 – (1) Memorial Day Parade #1. 8:00 a.m. parade Harmar District of Marietta from Harmar Elementary School to memorial service in Historic Harmar Cemetery sponsored by the VFW. Color Guard. (2) 9:45 a.m. Memorial Service at the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ of the Civil War Monument on Front Street, Marietta. Co-sponsored along with the Ewing Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Color Guard and Firing Squad and Speakers. (3) 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade #2 in Marietta proper sponsored by the American Legion Post 64 leaving the Memorial on Front Street and ending at Oak Grove Cemetery. Color Guard. (4) 11:00 a.m. Members of Camp #2 helped pass the flag and present honors at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Belpre, Ohio.

June 2012 – Presentation of the history of the 77th OVI at Woodsfield, Ohio. Funding presentation for Belmont County’s last Union Veteran project at St Clairsville, Ohio.

July 21, 2012 – Buffington Island Commemoration Ceremonies co-hosted by Camp #2 and Camp #126. Color Guard and Firing Squad.

October 13, 2012 – Memorial plaque dedication ceremony at Salem Cemetery near Hendrysburg, Ohio honoring Pvt. William W. Groves (last Union Veteran to die in Belmont County). Efforts resulted in the attendance of over 100 descendants and enthusiasts from five different states including California, Pennsylvania, Florida, West Virginia and Ohio. Color Guard, Firing Squad, and Speakers. This was the fourth Last Union Veteran plaque project and dedicated instituted by Camp #2. Washington County, Noble County, Monroe County and Belmont County are now completed by the Camp with Guernsey County is in the process of being completed.

November 11, 2012. – Veterans Day commemoration ceremony at the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument in Marietta, Ohio. Color Guard.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Hinton – Commander General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP No. 7

The Department Encampment Report for Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7, Middleport, Ohio, follows:

The camp has 31 members. We have five meetings per year at the Middleport Masonic Temple.

We meet on the third Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. Meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. We usually have a guest speaker or a video presentation.

Officers other than me include Senior Vice Commander Frank Sisson, Junior Vice Commander Dale Colburn, Treasurer Jim Mourning, Secretary Alan Holter and Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor Greg Michael. Brother Michael usually has a patriotic presentation at each meeting.

We recently had the Appomattox Day Camp Bean Dinner and the camp's annual Memorial Day Service is scheduled soon at the Meigs County Courthouse. The bean dinner was well attended with several potential members present. Our Memorial Day Service is always well supported. The camp also has a Thanksgiving feast in November featuring a well-known speaker.

We are currently locating cannons in Meigs County.

The camp has a committee which repairs monuments and graves throughout the year.

We publicize camp activities in the local newspaper, The Daily Sentinel in Pomeroy, Ohio.

Faternally,

Thomas J. Galloway

Camp Commander

PRIVATE VALENTIN KELLER CAMP No. 8

January meeting.

February camp meeting and Lincoln Day dinner with Sherman Camp Dayton

April Camp meeting.

May Camp meeting and Memorial Day parade Fairfield, Ohio.

July members serve as docents Monument Bldg Hamilton

Eagle Scout Program Tyler Tidmore project landscape around the Monument Bldg.

This Summer the project of the camp is start painting the Civil War cannons around Butler County and graves research.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Joe Rich, Commander

Keller Camp

Note: I became Commander in January do not have report for 2012.

GENERAL WILLIAM H. LYTLE CAMP No. 10

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

for the period May 2012 – May 2013

As usual, the year 2012-2013 has been an active and productive year for Lytle Camp – due to the hard work and dedication of the officers and many of the other Brothers of the Camp. Some details:

EVENTS (ceremonies, dedications, services, etc.)

Lytle Camp maintained booth at the National Genealogical Society Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio (9-12 May 2012); “American History Days”, Waldschmidt Homestead, Camp Dennison, Ohio (17-20 May 2012); memorial ceremony at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity, Cincinnati, Ohio, for their Civil War nurses (26 May 2012); Camp’s traditional Memorial Day service at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio (28 May 2012, with 200-300 in attendance); Department Encampment, Columbus, Ohio (9 June 2012); National Encampment, California (9-12 August 2012); Camp manned a table at “Battery Hooper Days”, Northern Kentucky (18-19 August 2012); Camp’s annual memorial service at the grave of their namesake in Cincinnati’s Spring Grove Cemetery (16 September 2012); commemoration of the Battle of Augusta, Augusta, Kentucky (27-30 September 2012); in attendance at Last Veteran Ceremony in Fayette County, Ohio, and 20th Anniversary of Henry Casey Camp, Washington Courthouse, Ohio (29 September 2012); Camp manned a table at “Family History Days”, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, downtown Cincinnati, Ohio (06 October 2012); in attendance at SUVCW Signature Event “Hear the Silent Speak” hosted by Maj. General William T. Sherman Camp, Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio (7 October 2012); Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable dedication of marker on the site of the Burnet House, wherein Gen. Grant and Gen. Sherman planned the Atlanta Campaign (20 October 2012); Dept. mid-year meeting (12 January 2013); Lincoln-birthday dinner, hosted by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman Camp, Dayton, Ohio (9 February 2013); maintained booth at annual conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Cincinnati, Ohio (25-27 April 2013); Celebration of Grant’s birthday, Pt. Pleasant, Ohio (27 April 2013); six ROTC medals / certificates presented during the year (in five ceremonies).

LAST-VETERAN MEMORIAL SERVICES

According to the list distributed at the 2010 Department Encampment, Lytle Camp were to be responsible for Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren Counties, Ohio. We have conducted ceremonies for all of the counties assigned, the most recent one having been in 2011.

OFFICERS OF LYTLE CAMP INSTALLED

On 05 January 2013, Br. Fredric Lynch, Department Commander, installed the newly elected and newly appointed officers of Lytle Camp: R. A. Davis (CC), Larry W. Collins (SVC), Kerry L. Langdon (JVC), Dennis M. Brown (Sec./Treas.), James H. Houston (Camp Councilor), J. Roger Poppel (PI), William C. West, III (Chaplain), David L. Fox (Guide), Larry W. Collins (Historian), and James H. Houston (Graves Registration Officer).

SISTER ANTHONY O'CONNELL AUXILIARY FOUNDED

On 27 January 2013, Sr. Jane Graham, National President, and Sr. Nancy Hilton, President, Department of Ohio, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, inaugurated the newest local chapter of the Auxiliary in the Nation, and installed the officers. The new local auxiliary is associated with Lytle Camp, and we look forward to working with them.

CAMP NEWSLETTER RESURRECTED

The Camp Newsletter, which had fallen into abeyance, has been re-established, thanks to the efforts of Br. Larry W. Collins (SVC).

FUNDRAISING

Brigadier General William H. Lytle, the namesake of our Camp, died one-hundred-fifty years ago this year -- on 20 September 1863. Subsequently, there was erected a monument to him on Lytle Hill, part of Chickamauga Battlefield. Originally, it comprised a three-sided pyramid of cannonballs, 16 tiers high. Unfortunately, in the last century and a half, the pyramid has dwindled to a single layer.

In conjunction with the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Battlefield, Lytle Camp has been an integral part of an effort to raise \$65,000 to restore the monument to its former glory, and to return the site to its appearance at the time of the Battle. The fund-raising effort has been a success, thanks to a host of donors, including the SUVCW National Organization, the Department of Ohio, the SUVCW Foundation, the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable, Lytle family-members, and many others. The restored monument will be re-dedicated by Brothers of Lytle Camp on 20 September 2013, on the exact sesquicentennial of Lytle's Death. (I commend to you PCC Kerry Langdon for "spear-heading" the effort.)

CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CANNONS LOCATED AND DOCUMENTED

Efforts by Brothers of Lytle Camp to document Civil War cannons in our area just are getting started. However, I, in conjunction with PC-in-C Robert Grim, have been involved in endeavoring to plan and organize, on behalf of the Department, a rededication service of the Veterans' Monument in Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio, which was built by the GAR, with the support of the Woman's Relief Corps, and includes two 3-inch Ordnance Rifles from the Union Army. Said event will take place on Saturday, 13 July 2013.

Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

R. A. Davis
Camp Commander

JACOB PARROTT CAMP No. 33

Since 1 January 2012, we have recruited twenty-seven new brothers to our camp. Of these recruits, only two failed to renew their memberships for 2013. Camp Commander David Rish won the B. F. Stephenson Award for 2011-2012 for recruiting eleven new brothers. Commander Rish has eighteen new recruits for the 2012-2013 year with a goal of twenty before the 30 June 2013 deadline. Included among the new recruits are a retired county sheriff, two current county commissioners, a professor at ONU, a retired Lt. Colonel who is a JROTC instructor, and an active duty US Army Major General at the Pentagon.

One of our major projects is the straightening of Civil War Veteran tombstones. We started this project about three years ago and have completed cemeteries in four townships. We try to get together four or five times a year to work on this project. This is a project all camps should be doing. We are also working on a project replacing the footer and base for a 10 inch Rodman cannon at the Roundhead Cemetery. The footer is poured and we hope to pour the base sometime in May or June. We plan to have a rededication in late summer or early fall.

We have not held any fundraisers: however, when the local VFW closed, they gave our camp \$1000, with which we purchased a 4'x6' Camp flag. Two years ago, the Camp located the original GAR ritual furniture that was in our meeting room at the courthouse. In 1999, the county commissioners had decided that the furniture was no longer need in the courthouse and had it junked. Fortunately, the head of maintenance took the furniture to his church and stored it for eleven years. He wanted \$800 for storage, an amount which the brothers paid out of their pockets. We are now one of two Camps in the country that meet regularly in a GAR hall with the GAR ritual furniture.

During the Memorial Day parade, some of the brothers will ride in the back of a truck that displays our camp banner. For the past five Memorial Day parades, PCC Vern Woodruff III has marched carrying the US flag. This year however, PCC Woodruff will carry our Camp flag. The last two years we have selected the speaker for the Memorial Day service at Grove Cemetery. This year we are planning a walking tour at Grove Cemetery from noon to 1:00 P.M., to visit four graves of Civil War veterans to hear a little about them. The first Civil War veteran is Jacob Parrott, who was the first MOH recipient and one of the Andrews Raiders. The second veteran is Brevet Major General James Robinson, who was wounded at Gettysburg and hid in an attic while the Rebs occupied the town. The third veteran, Hartwell Jackson, who was a member of the US colored troops, has descendants living in the area. The last veteran will be Delano Moray, who received the MOH for capturing six Confederate soldiers with an empty gun at McDowell, Virginia.

Civil War Veterans Memorial Cannons have been identified in Allen, Hardin, and Hancock Counties. We have found nine cannons in Hardin County: two cannons in Grove Cemetery, two cannons at Ohio Northern University, a large Parrott cannon in the Ada Park, two 10 inch Rodman cannons (No. 60 and No. 62) in Gormley Park in Forest, one 10 inch Rodman cannon in Roundhead Cemetery, and another 10 inch Rodman cannon in Fairview McDonald Cemetery.

In Hancock County, we have found five cannons: a 10 inch Rodman cannon (No. 61) in War Memorial Park in Findlay and four captured Confederate cannons in Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay.

In Allen County, we have identified two cannons: one is at the Allen County Courthouse in Lima and the other is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lima.

At this time, Parrott Camp has not had any Last Veterans Memorial Services: however, we are planning Hardin County's in the near future.

JVC James Finch and CC David Rish had the honor of attending the JROTC banquet at Kenton High School on 3 May 2013. The JROTC Award was presented to freshman cadet Stephanie Durbin by CC Rish. Cadet Durbin was chosen for this award by her fellow cadets. Parrott Camp has been asked to present the JROTC Award again next year.

On 2 June 2013, CC Rish will be attending the Court of Honor for Grant Tyler Cole and will present him with the Eagle Scout Award. This is the first of what Parrott Camp hopes are many Eagle Scout Award presentations.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David A. Rish, Camp Commander

SGT. RICHARD ENDERLIN CAMP No. 73

Camp Events:

Sgt Enderlin Camp #73 members participated in the 130th Dept. of Ohio Encampment and the January 12, 2013 Mid Winter Encampment. Scheduled meetings were held in Sep, Oct, and Nov 2012 and Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, and May 2013. Officers were installed at the January 2013 meeting. The annual Lincoln Day Dinner held on February 9. Professor Emeritus Randy Buchman spoke on President Lincoln's leadership in passage of the 13th Amendment. A JROTC award was presented at Paint Valley High School, near Chillicothe. A Camp Polo shirt is available to members.

Ceremonies:

A Ceremony was held following restoration of a small Civil War cemetery in Pike County. Completed plans for a Memorial Day Service at Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, where Gen Joshua Sill and other Civil War veterans, including USCT are interned. Local elected officials and citizens were invited to attend.

Dedications:

All Last Soldier projects assigned to Enderlin Camp have been completed.

Fundraisers:

Solicited funds for the Pike County Memorial Project. Prepared and submitted Memorial Grant applications to Dept. of Ohio and National SUVCW.

Good of the Order:

Work continued on the Frankfort Cemetery Civil War project. A July 4th Memorial Service is being planned to draw attention to this project.

A new member joined in March, and will soon be inducted.

Brothers Serving in the Military in harm's way:

None

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

G. John Bowling, Commander
Sgt Enderlin Camp #73

McCLELLAN CAMP No. 91

SUBJECT: McClellan Camp #91 Commander's Report for 2012-2013 (June 9, 2012 – Present)

Camp Events:

On 9th June, 2012, the McClellan Camp #91 was represented at the 130th Ohio Encampment by Camp Sec/Treas. David Rose (PCC) and SVC Andrew Rose. Brother Andrew Rose was also again selected to serve on the Department Site and Planning Committee for 2012-13.

On 10th June, 2012, the regular meeting of the McClellan Camp #91 was held and finished by a potluck luncheon with our Auxiliary.

July, 2012 – Summer Issue of the camp newsletter, the "McClellan Camp Chatter" was published/distributed.

August 9-11, 2012 – Camp Members, Brothers Greg Hilton (PCC) and Thomas Graham (PDC) attended the 131th National Encampment in Los Angeles, CA, with our Auxiliary.

On 26th August, 2012, the regular meeting of the McClellan Camp #91 was held and rounded out by a camp luncheon with our Auxiliary.

On 13th October, 2012, McClellan Camp #91 and it's Auxiliary honored Sister Jane Graham, National President (ASUVCW), at a luncheon in Alliance with attendance of CinCPerley Mellor, SVCinC Ken Freshley, OH DC Fred Lynch, and OH JVC Tim Graham. Other SUVCW Brothers included PDC's Gordon Bury II, Tom Graham and James Hinton. ASUVCW National staff in included NVP Diane Mellor and Chief of Staff Ramona Greenwalt. Mistress of Ceremonies and keynote speaker for the gathering was ASUVCW PNP and current OH DP Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton.

On 14th October, 2012, the camp held its elections with Brother's Andrew Rose as Commander, Phillip Hilton as SVC, Thomas Graham (PDC) as JVC, David Rose (PCC) as Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Greenwalt (PCinC) , Greg Hilton (PCC), and Thomas Graham (PDC) as Council members nominated and elected. A new member, Brother Thomas E. Grove of Canton, was initiated into the camp.

On 2nd December, 2012, McClellan Camp #91 had a luncheon with our auxiliary and then the installation of officers for the 2013 term.

January, 2013 - Winter Issue of the camp newsletter, the "McClellan Camp Chatter" was published/distributed.

On 12th January, 2013, the McClellan Camp #91 was represented at the Ohio Department Mid-Winter meeting by CC Andrew Rose, SVC Phillip Hilton, JVC Tom Graham (PDC), Sec/Treas. Dave Rose (PCC) and Council member Greg Hilton (PCC).

On 24th February, 2013, the camp held it's annual President Abraham Lincoln luncheon with our auxiliary and finished with a meeting.

On 19th May, 2013, camp Brothers and Sisters participated in the "Wounded Women Warriors Workshop" in Sandusky, OH. Putting together bags of necessities for wounded female veterans.

Good of the Order: Camp Sec/Tres David Rose (PCC) and Camp Commander Andrew Rose are putting Union veterans' graves in the National database of Stark, Harrison, and Carroll counties. Camp Patriotic Instructor Frank Hilliard gives great presentations on civil war history at our meetings.

No Fund Raisers, Brothers Serving in Harm's Way or Parades

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Andrew Rose (PCC), Commander
McClellan Camp #91

HENRY CASEY CAMP No. 92

January Meeting:

The camp was represented at the Mid-Winters Meeting by Commander Shawn Cox and Treasurer PCinC Robert Grim. The camp meeting was held in the Carnegie Library in Washington Courthouse. The new officers were installed and committees filled by Past National CinC Robert Grim. New Commander Richard Troup presented a program on casting Civil War soldiers for a diorama.

Discussion on obtaining prices for the "Last Veteran" plaque for Fayette County. Plans for our 20th anniversary banquet were discussed. We discussed updating the camp's history of the last five years.

March Meeting:

We met in the library again with the Honorable Ohio Department Commander Don Martin present. PCinC Robert Grim wrote an article in the Record-Herald and it was also in the Shopper's Guide in the paper about our camp. PCinC Grim received a gift of \$975 from the Disabled Veterans to pay for a plaque for Elton Thorton, the Last Civil War Veteran from Fayette County. Final plans were made for the dedication ceremony followed by a dinner honoring the 20th year of the founding of the camp. On May 2nd PCinC Grim will present the Jr. ROTC Medal and Certificate to a student at Laurel Oaks in Wilmington. Past Commander Cox will attend a CW program at the Historical Center in Springfield, Ohio. That same day PCinC Grim attended the Lincoln Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Shawn Cox presented a program on the Battle of Shiloh.

With the sad passing of our drill instructor, Rob Morris, Shane Milburn was appointed a Lieutenant of the SVR to replace him at ceremonies. We will present a living history program at Eyman Park next month. PCinC Grim did a CW presentation March 26th at the Greenfield-Highland Society. Plans were made for the Memorial Day programs at Bloomsburg and Lee's Creek Cemeteries.

May Meeting:

Brother Cox presented a program at the Heritage Center in Springfield, Ohio and also read a story about the origins of Memorial Day. PCinC Grim reported that the bronze plaque has been delivered and put in place by the cemetery staff. Grim read a story about Andrew's Raiders and the great locomotive chase and the floral wreaths for ceremonies have been ordered for the four Medal of Honor recipients from the county. He also read a motion supporting Past Commander Cox for Ohio Dept. Jr. vice Commander which was voted on and passed. He also reported six camp members and 2 potential members participated in the Eyman Park encampment. Both PCinC Grim and his grandson were pictured on the Veteran magazine cover while participating in the event.

July Meeting:

Eight members were present thanks to a telephone calling system informing all camp members of the meeting. On Memorial Day ceremonies, ten members and 3 potential members participated at Bloomingburg and six members and four non-members helped at Lee's Creek. The local paper published two color photographs of us at the events. It was decided to hold our dinner at the Old School House following the plaque dedicated on September 29th. PCinC Grim, Camp Treasurer, will send out letters about the events to SUV members and camps. Three members attended the June Department Meeting in Columbus. Past Commander Cox lost a close vote for Dept. Jr. vice Commander. Commander Troup participated in the Morgan County Civil War Encampment., which he and his late wife started twenty-five years ago. He portrayed a schoolmaster at the Rock Hollow One -Room School for the re-enactors children, with lessons from the period. PCC Cox is busy collecting the camp's history. Secretary Bill Radabaugh reported he secured two historical portraits of early pioneers including the Mayor of Lillyopolis, Ohio. Commander Troup passed around a tin cup carried by his great-grandfather during the war.

September Meeting:

Seven members were present. The Last Veteran program and banquet plans are finalized with 35 reservations. At least four of Elton's relatives will attend, including some kids and grandkids. Bob Davis will present the program as Gov. Wm. Dennison. PCinC Grim PCC Cox attended the National Encampment in August. PCC Cox presented a program on Captain Charles Needles of Clark County, who served as Sr. vice Commander in the National GAR, and was the last veteran in Clark County.

November Meeting:

The meeting was held at the Washington C.H. Library with 6 members and 1 guest present. The minutes were approved and the many "thank you" notes were read from the Thorton relatives responding to our cemetery ceremony. Treasurer Grim read out balance of \$532. 01 and collected dues from members for next year. Discussion was held on holding a "Last Veteran" ceremony for Clark County. Brother Shawn Cox will pursue it and report at the next meeting. Secretary Bill Radabaugh reported on the dinner at the "Little Brick Schoolhouse: following the ceremony at the cemetery. Election of officers was held with the same officers elected as this year. Our Patriotic Instructor gave a talk on the Medal of Honor. Robert Grim discussed talking with a Medal of Honor recipient he met and

how he earned the award for his bravery in the Korean War. He also reported on the Gettysburg Remembrance Parade.

January Meeting:

Six members were in attendance. The minutes were approved and we have a balance of \$676.01 with the dues collection in progress. Membership cards for the SUV and SVR were passed out. Shawn Cox is working on the last soldier project for Clark County. PCinC Robert Grim is working on saving the old CW cannons in Sugar Grove Cemetery. We are asked to participate in a ceremony on the 150th Anniversary of the CW in Wilmington in July. Commander Troup presented a suggestion to gain new members in the Morgan County Historical Society by giving seniors a test on local history of the CW with those getting all the answers correct being able to try for a \$2,500 scholarship from the society. New officers were sworn in by PCinC Grim. Shawn Cox presented a reading on Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. PCinC Grim plans to attend the Lincoln Ceremony in Illinois.

March Meeting:

Five brothers attended the meeting. The minutes were approved and the treasury has a little over \$220 after dues. PCinC Grim said the two cannons in the cemetery are safe for the time being. Shawn Cox is still working on the last soldier project. Discussion was held to set up a camp for the library this summer for the school children. We have enough gunpowder and caps for our ceremonies on Memorial Day. Shawn Cox presented a program on Indians fighting in the Civil War for both sides. Brothers were encouraged to attend the June meeting of the SUV in Columbus.

JOHN S. TOWNSEND CAMP No. 108

The following is a list of activities that the SUV Camp and the SVR Groups did for the years July 2012 to June 2013.

SUV Camp Activities:

2012:

Sept. 13 Held Camp Meeting in Athens, Ohio.

Dec. 14 Held Camp Meeting and Elections in Athens, Ohio

Dec. 15 Ordered and received the Plaque for "The Last Union Veteran of Morgan County, Ohio," which will be placed at the grave site of PVT. James W. Moody on the 13th July 2013.

2013:

Jan. 29 Received from the Athens Foundation a check for \$3000 to be used to purchase and set up a Plaque honoring SGT. Milton Holland, a Medal of Honor recipient, who recruited and fought with Company C, of the 5th USCT, from Athens Area. No date has been set for the dedication.

Mar. 12 Held Camp Meeting in Athens, Ohio.

May 19 Held Memorial Day Services at the Centennial Church and Cemetery, Frost, Ohio, then proceeded to the Frost GAR Hall for refreshments.

May Notified by the Camp that the GAR Hall is in need of scraping and painting. Will have to do some fund raising to get funds for the painting.

SVR Activities:

2012:

June 22 – 24 Reynoldsburg Reenactment, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

July 13 – 15 McConnelsville Reenactment, McConnelsville, Ohio

Sept 7 – 9 Lancaster Living History, Lancaster, Ohio

Oct. 5 – 7 Hocking College Living History, Nelsonville, Ohio

Nov. 2 – 4 Guyandote Reenactment, Guyandote, WVA.

2013:

Feb. 10 SVR Annual Meeting, Athens, Ohio
Mar. 22 – 24 Hurricane Reenactment, Hurricane, WVA.
Apr. 12 – 14 Trade Fair Living History, Lancaster, Ohio

Camp 108 Members would like to thank the Department for the yearly generous contribution that has been donated to the Camp for our GAR Hall repairs. As I reported above our next goal will be to get the Hall repainted.

Yours in F. C. & L.
Martin W. Lowery, Sr.
Camp Commander

CADOT-BLESSING CAMP No. 126

The Cadot-blessing Camp #126 would like to respectfully submit the Camp Report to the Encampment of the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this 8th day of June 2013. This report includes activities for the past year up to the present.

1. Installation of officer in November 2012 by Past Ohio Department Commander Bob Davis & Ohio Dept. Sr. vice Commander Jonathan Davis.
2. Participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade and ceremony in Gallipolis City Park
3. Participated in the annual Gallia County Expo at the University of Rio Grande sponsored by the Gallia County Visitor's bureau.
4. Co-conducted and participated in the annual Ohio Department Buffington Island Ceremony along with Benjamin Fearing Camp.
5. Memorial Day Parade in Gallipolis along with the local Veterans Service Office.
6. Conducted a Civil War training camp for members of the Gallia Academy Middle School after school program in the history Gallipolis City Park.
7. Participated in the 149th annual Emancipation Proclamation Celebration (oldest in US) in September of 2012
8. The Camp is in the process of erecting a 6ft. tall monument to Civil War Soldiers in Pine St. Cemetery of Gallipolis, Ohio. The stone has been donated by a local business and will replace a former 12ft tall monument that was place in 1868 by the GAR. The former monument is missing and its demise cannot be ascertained. Dedication is hoped to be done by Memorial Day 2013.