



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

2021 ENCAMPMENT MEETING

**MEMORIAL SERVICE,
OFFICER REPORTS AND
CAMP REPORTS**

PREFACE

This is a compilation of Department Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, Committees, and Camp reports received by the Department Secretary-Treasurer. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

Officers and Camps have the option of giving an oral report during the meeting, these reports will be added to the final report or included within the minutes of the meeting.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MICHAEL A. SPAULDING

The year 2020-2021 was a challenging year for our country and the Department. Many of our traditional activities were canceled or severely curtailed. Much of the Department's business had to be conducted via Zoom. Sadly, at least one Brother and one Sister of the Auxiliary passed away due to Covid. I know of at least a handful of other Brothers who suffered the disease but recovered, and there are probably others that we are not aware of at the Department. Of course, the Department and I personally offer our condolences to the families who suffered losses due to the pandemic (and other causes).

Many public celebrations in 2020 and early 2021 were canceled, limiting the chances for our Department's Camps to participate in living history and other educational events. However, with the reopening of the State of Ohio, it seems that more in-person meetings and other events will be coming back soon.

The pandemic largely prevented the travel schedule and participation in events that I originally anticipated a year ago, although I did get to attend some events, such as the National Encampment, via Zoom.

All Camp Officer Installations were completed, many over Zoom. I performed 15 installations and the remaining 2 were conducted by other officers of the Department. Of the installations I performed, 7 were done in-person and 8 were done using Zoom or a similar technology.

Here is a list of some of the other highlights of my term of office:

- I was one of the speakers at Buffington Island (site of the only significant Civil War battle in Ohio) Memorial Service. Local Camps provided speakers and reenactors at the event.
- As directed by the Department Encampment, I sent letters to State Representative Jay Edwards and US Representative Steve Stivers supporting the attempt to secure a posthumous commission to the rank of captain for Milton Holland, 5th United States Colored Infantry to restore the battlefield commission given him by General Benjamin Butler after the Civil War Battle of New Market Heights, where Holland won the Medal of Honor. I also maintained email correspondence with the staff of Rep. Stivers as they pursued this initiative.
- I sent a letter to Robert Poole, CEO of S&A Homes, asking him to have S&A Homes preserve 17 acres of their 191 acre tract in Gettysburg where tents at Camp Letterman stood.
- I assisted with the maintenance work performed by Sherman Camp #93 at Old Greencastle Cemetery,
- I am a scheduled speaker Memorial Day weekend 2021 at two events: the 27th USCT Veterans' Grave Marking in Ironton, OH, and the annual Memorial Day service at Old Greencastle Cemetery in Dayton, OH.

Perhaps the most unfortunate Department business that I presided over was issuing a Department Order noting the automatic suspension of McClellan Camp #91 for failure to submit required Form 990 to the IRS. It is my hope that they are quickly able to rectify this situation with the IRS, so they can be welcomed back into the Department.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER – Richard A. Davis, PCC, DSV

By the very nature of the office, most of the activities of the Department Senior Vice Commander, albeit varied, are supportive in nature. For example, in the course of the year, I, have met in person on a number of occasions with Department Commander Spaulding, Department Chief-of-Staff Crane, or both. Moreover, there have been numerous telephone-calls and exchanges of electronic-mail messages. Such interactions have been time-consuming (and, I hope, conducive to the good of the Department and the Order), but detailed reports about them scarcely would make for exciting reading. Alas!

What with the "COVID-19" restrictions to in-person human activities, there have been few opportunities for promoting Department activities in "The Media". Even articles that appeared in "The

Banner” were submitted by individual persons or camps, and not routed through the DSV. Nor have I had the opportunity to represent the Department Commander at his request at any events.

One of the tasks specifically assigned to the Department Senior Vice Commander is to prepare the Department newsletter. At the time he took command of the Department, Brother Mike Spaulding appointed Br. Ronald Marvin, jr., to be Editor of “The Buckeye Bugle”. Hence, for information on the Department newsletter, please, see Brother Marvin’s account elsewhere in this compilation of reports.

As mandated in the Department By-Laws, I, as Senior Vice Commander, served as chairman of the Monuments and Memorials Committee of the Department. Please, see the report of that committee elsewhere in this compilation of reports.

Please, also see the report of the Special Committee on Preservation of Department Property.

May the upcoming year be more productive, and more enjoyable, than has been the past year!

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT – Randy K Snyder, PCC, DJVC

Thank you to Jonathan Davis for nominating me, and to each one of you for giving me this opportunity to serve. Thank you to Brad Tilton, Kent Dorr, David Rish and Rich Davis for their insightful comments and inputs on recruiting.

I will not be able to run for future Department Office due to unforeseen family obligations.

7-24-20	Meeting with Department Commander in Hillard Ohio
8-10-20	Sent request to committee members for ideas on recruiting
8-11-20	Mailed recruiting brochures to all Camp JVC (\$16 postage)
8-17-20	Sent David Young an email about membership. He requested that we reconnect in Spring 2021
9-14-20	Mailed David Young information about SUVCW
10-13-20	Emailed thank you to Committee Members for their input on ideas for recruiting
10-13-20	Emailed Richard Davis regarding old DJVC records
10-21-20	Called Erik Yassenoff and directed him to Camp 21 in Lancaster Ohio. Gave him information regarding meeting location, dues, and how to contact the National and Ohio Archives
12-10-20	Erik Yassenoff called with address and send him some information about SUVCW
1-15-21	Attended Zoom meeting for National JVC
2-9-21	Installed officers of Mansfield Camp #12
2-15-21	Called Dave Van Allen and directed him to Cleveland Camp #142 and National Archives
2-28-21	Mailed Dave Van Allen information about SUVCW
3-22-21	Sent email to Dave Young to follow up on interest in Membership
3-28-21	Call from National JVC on prospect from Michigan who wants to be a member of Department of Ohio. Said he would send paperwork to me for disposition
4-1-21	No response from Dave Young as of yet Received from National JVC the Application for Ohio Department at Large Membership of Richard Donovan
4-2-21	Called Richard Donovan to request dues needed to process Application of Ohio Department at Large Membership per phone conversation with Ohio Department Secretary Jonathan Davis
4-7-21	Sent application of Richard Donovan for Ohio Department Membership at Large to Department Secretary /Treasurer for Final Disposition
5-11-21	Followed up with Eric Tanner and Geoff Elliott on membership

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON RECRUITING

1. Organizational Ohio License Plates - These Plates would provide income for Ohio Department

and Camps. The income would provide funds for recruiting projects or special events. Cost of plates \$10 – free for veterans’ groups, plus local fees, and the organization may add \$10 - \$50. Need 150 signatures from people who intend to purchase the plates, then 25 purchases each year to maintain them. A possible design for the Logo plates is in Appendix A of this report, as well as a list of requirements and necessary paperwork to obtain the plates. Approval of the plates also requires passage of a bill by an Ohio State Legislator.

2. Ask prospect if he has an ancestor in the Civil War
3. Be conversational, friendly and outgoing
4. Must be proficient with ancestry.com or another genealogical site
5. Do not overwhelm the prospect with too much help
6. Local camps need to develop relationships with historical societies, genealogical societies museums and reenactor units
7. Camps need to contact libraries to host genealogical workshops for prospects to learn about their Civil War Ancestor
8. Must use social media at all times to promote camp activities and events, as well as traditional forms of media

PROPOSAL/MOTION: Committee be enacted to study the possibility of obtaining organizational Ohio License Plates for the Department of Ohio SUVCW.

PROPOSAL/MOTION: Ohio Department SUVCW develop a school on Zoom or in person at a location convenient for all Ohio Camp Junior Vice Commanders to inform them of recruiting tools available.

These suggestions were provided by the Committee on Recruiting consisting of Brad Tilton, Kent Dorr, David Rish, Richard Davis and Randy Snyder.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUVCW LICENSE PLATES

6/12/2020

State of Ohio BMV

ORGANIZATIONAL PLATES

Guidelines for establishing an organizational license plate require 150 original signatures from people who intend to purchase the new plate. Signatures must be submitted to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) on the Petition to Establish Organizational License Plate (form BMV 4820) or on a self-created petition that includes all information listed on the form.

An organizational license plate also requires the passage of a bill by a state legislator. Once the bill passes, and in addition to the signatures, the following items must be submitted to the BMV:

- A completed Affidavit for Participation in Organizational / Collegiate Special License Plate Program (form BMV 4810).
- An electronic file of the logo and name (**must be vector art**)
- Include **Pantone** colors and **fonts** (if text is not paths)
- Logo size may be no more than **2.5"** wide and **3.25"** high
- Text size may be no more than **5.5"** wide and **.75"** high

Please note: Organizations must maintain a minimum of 25 license plate sales per year.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY REPORT – Jonathan Davis, PDC

1. Membership Summary. The Department of Ohio has 17 camps in good standing which includes the Department Members-at-Large and a total of 445 members in all categories with a net loss of 13 members since the last annual report.

	Members	Associates	Junior Members	Junior Associates	Total
Good Standing 2020 Annual Report	427	24	7	0	458
Good Standing 2021 Annual Report	420	19	6	0	445
	-7	-5	-1	0	-13

2. CASH FLOW.

Chase Current Account Standings

General Funds (Checking): \$10,936.50

Permanent Funds (Savings): \$1,414.71

WrightPatt Credit Union Standings

Permanent Funds (Savings): \$5.00

6 month CD Maturity Date 09/18/2021: \$2,500.00

12 month CD Maturity Date 03/18/2022: \$5,000.00

12 month CD Maturity Date 03/18/2022: \$10,000.00

This coming year is the third year of the current three year term of the position of Department Secretary/Treasurer and will be my eighth as Department Secretary/Treasurer. I have decided not to seek re-election in 2022 so to give more time in my other interest.

Any brother which has an interest in the position of Department Secretary/Treasurer or one of these positions as a separate office should contact as incoming member of Department Council, Commander or Chief-of-Staff.

SECRETARY (MEMBERS-AT-LARGE) REPORT – Jonathan Davis, PDC

Life Members Reimbursement Form 10 for 2021 sent to National Treasurer Beard.

2020 Annual Report of Members in good standing 16

This Annual Report (2021) 17

Life Members 5 - Beach, Thomas M. #287, Butler, Mark B. #507, Tim Park #268, Eric Howard

Templeton #921 and James William Lewis #932

Total Dues Collected \$392.00

The MAL Camp added three new members, two members transferred to another Department camp.

Recommendation: The present annual members at large dues of \$31.00 is sufficient for 2022 and request this amount be approved by the Department Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO BUDGET
Proposed
2020-2021

		Actual	Proposed
		2020-2021	2020-2021
I. INCOME			
Encampment	Registration	\$ 145.00	\$ 260.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 816.00	\$ 792.00
Chief of Staff Fund	Miscellaneous	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Dues & Fees	Dept Per Capita	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,880.00
Interest	Permanent Fund Savings Account	\$ 0.92	\$ 8.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 3,311.92	\$ 3,390.00
II. EXPENSES			
Portland Community Ass'n	Buffington Island -- Museum Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$	\$ 500.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 961.62	\$ 1,010.00
Encampment	Printing	\$ 131.43	\$ 100.00
Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$ 59.03	\$ 100.00
Encampment	Ribbons	\$ 68.10	\$ 68.00
Encampment	PDC Badge	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Eagle Scout	Certificates	\$ 80.03	\$ 51.00
Frost GAR Hall	Townsend Camp #108	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
National Encampment Ad		\$	\$ 40.00
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$	\$ 75.00
Postage-Mailings		\$ 52.38	\$ 75.00
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Unforeseen		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,972.59	\$ 2,664.00
III. CASH FLOW			
		\$ 1,339.33	\$ 726.00

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Council can report that the Department has successfully purchased the CD's that were discussed at the last years Annual Encampment. We should make more than .10 a year, to help fund our Department Memorials Fund. Also, an Assistant Treasurer was appointed by Commander Spaulding to assist Jonathan Davis if needed. Thank you to all who were involved.

Jim Crane
Kerry Langdon
Shane Milburn

DEPARTMENT CHIEF-OF-STAFF REPORT – James Crane, PDC

I wish to thank the Camp Commanders and Secretaries that have co-operated with the Department this year. It has also been a pleasure serving Commander Mike Spaulding in my capacity as his COS. It has been a stress this last 12 months dealing with a once in a lifetime pandemic, that has affected all of us, in one fashion or another. Thank you for your cooperation. God Bless !!!

Here is what I have for COS Fund Checks:

Sherman Camp – 100.00

Mike Spaulding – 100.00

Bob Grim – 50.00

Jim Crane – 25.00

Lytle Camp – 35.00 (Jim Houston to bring check Saturday)

That is a total of 310.00. I will bring the checks I have so you can deposit them.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

See Memorial Ceremony

DEPARTMENT GAR RECORDS OFFICER REPORT – Richard Davis, PCC **THE LIFELESS YEAR:**

After the end of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, there was a palpable lessening of interest in said war, and in those who actually brought said war to its conclusion. If there is a resurgence of interest in the Civil War, and in those who fought it, it is not immediately obvious, I'm afraid. Added to that: The Public are just now trying to climb out of the abyss into which they allowed themselves to sink during the epidemic of "COVID-19".

In any case, I have received exactly zero requests for information related to the Grand Army of the Republic (acronym: GAR). Neither have I been contacted to make any presentations on the GAR to the Public. (Of course, in the last year, meetings of historical societies, genealogical organizations, and suchlike, have been virtually eliminated [or replaced by so-called "virtual" meetings], events have been cancelled, and museums, historic buildings, and libraries have been shuttered.)

Let us hope that the 2021-2022 year proves to be a time of genuine recovery ----- both in health and in interest in historical endeavors!

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN REPORT – Jonathan Davis, PDC

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 2020–2021 season, I have continued to add information to the history notebooks of Department activities that I attended or received during the year.

Camps that have conducted ceremonies honoring these veterans can copy and send items regarding their ceremonies to the Historian to include in these notebooks.

MONUMENT AND MEMORIALS REPORT – Richard Davis, PCC

NOT EXACTLY A MONUMENTAL YEAR

I have received no nominations from either individuals or Ohio camps for Civil War memorials, monuments, *etc.*, to be forwarded to Brother Walt Busch, Chairman of the National Civil War Memorials Committee, for addition to the database he maintains. Nor have I received any updates for entities now in said database. This well may be a result of the “COVID-19” doldrums.

There also exists an online-database of Civil War sites, *etc.*, in Ohio. It is included in a copyrighted WEB-site operated by the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal (in Cincinnati, strangely enough!) ----- (<http://library.cincymuseum.org/starweb/civilwar/servlet.starweb?path=civilwar/cw-session2.web>). I have made attempts to find out who is in charge of their efforts, in order to explore possibilities of potential coordination. Apparently, like most of us, they were hard-hit by problems related to “COVID-19” and still are in the process of trying to “get the train back on the tracks”.

On the other hand, I have been in contact with Brother Busch. He has provided me good information and excellent advice with respect to Civil War memorials, *etc.*, in Ohio. Moreover, he has given me access to the database of Civil War sites, *etc.*, across the country. (This is a massive compilation, of gobs of information, but still is in the process of being made ready to “go live and in color”.)

DEPARTMENT GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER REPORT – Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

Respectfully I have the honor to submit the following report for Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer.

It has been a hard year to communicate with these communities due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) by June 2, 2021, most of all the restrictions will be removed and no longer mandated.

12/14/2019 the Department of Ohio James A. Garfield Camp #142 Voted Yes to:

I asked my Camp James A. Garfield Camp #142 of Ohio at their annual meeting if they would purchase one GAR sign per year for a city or township that would purchase one sign that would be placed at each end of the their corp boundaries within that city or township. This would be for the cities and townships that have smaller budgets to help them sponsor the GAR Highway sign in their community with the point of just getting them placed.

I wrote a letter to the Mayor of Rocky River that is in Cuyahoga County asking them again if they would buy 2 GAR Signs. The last time I communicated with a previous Director of Public Safety Service Ms Mary Kay Costello a couple of years ago. Ms Costello mentioned that bicycle signs were a top priority at that time and didn't know where our GAR sign would fit into their project at this time, maybe at a later time. Being there is new leadership I thought it be good time to resubmit a request of these signs to be placed on US Route 6 which is called the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I am waiting for their response.

I wrote another letter to the City of Huron which is in Erie County asking them if they would be willing to purchase a GAR sign. Knowing that the coronavirus COVID 19 has placed a great deal of strain on all local government municipalities with their budget. I explained if the city of Huron would purchase one sign and commit to placing two signs up, The James A. Garfield Camp #142 Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War would donate one sign to the City of Huron for free.

I will be continuing to contact other townships, villages and cities asking to place GAR Highway signs, along with educating them on its history.

DEPARTMENT GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT – Kent Dorr, PCC

Figures for 2020/2 (Since 2020 OH Dept Encampment):

3319 new Ohio burials registered on National Database

Ohio total 82,080. Since 2011, Ohio has registered 24,375 burial locations. Ohio has currently registered approximately 20,000 more burials than any other state. National has over 465,000 registered.

Ohio backlog (To be entered in National database): 7,500

Status:

While a challenge for other reasons, 2020 was a strong year for registering new Ohio burial locations in the database. Thanks to the Camps and Brothers who continue to work in their areas. Also special thanks to those others, including the Allied Orders who have been helping. Lets keep the good work going in 2021 and beyond.

DEPT. EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR REPORT – Michael A. Spaulding, DC

This year has been very challenging for Boy Scout troops and their Eagle Scout candidates. The local District Representative here in Dayton told me they have perhaps 10% of the number of Eagle candidates right now compared to a normal year. And I know from first hand knowledge that even the Scouts who have completed the work and “officially” earned the Eagle rank have been putting off the ceremonies until Covid restrictions are lifted. In fact, in my home troop, we have a backlog of 10 scouts waiting for the Eagle Courts of Honor.

But I did send out 3 Eagle certificates in since becoming Eagle Scout Coordinator in June 2020.

But each year the Department sends Eagle certificates to a tiny percentage of all newly-awarded Eagle Scouts in Ohio, so **I encourage and recommend that every Camp find at least one local Boy Scout troop, sponsored perhaps by your church or American Legion (etc.) chapter, and discuss the SUVCW Eagle Scout Program with them.** In particular, in-person Eagle Scout presentations are an effective way to meet parents and other adults who are often potential members for our order.

DEPARTMENT MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS FUNDING COMMITTEE

Report:

The Monuments and Memorials Committee is mandated by the Department By-Laws. Their assigned task is to review all requests from Department of Ohio Camps for Department funds to assist in preserving and restoring existing Civil War monuments and memorials and for creating new Civil War ones. The Department Senior Vice Commander is designated the Chairman of the Committee in the By-Laws.

Shortly after assuming command of the Department, Brother Mike Spaulding named the following additional members to the Committee:

Br. Shawn A. Cox, PDC;

Br. Robert E. Grim, PC-in-C;

Br. Ronald Marvin, Department PI;

Br. William Schulke, Asst. Dept. Sec.-Treas.

As chairman, I commend those individuals for being willing to serve the Department as members of the Committee.

As alluded to more than once in these annual reports, the current, ongoing “plague” has impeded many of the ordinary activities of the Department for more than a year. The program of awards to support monuments and memorials in the State of Ohio seems not to have been an exception.

In spite of solicitations in two successive issues of "The Buckeye Bugle", no applications, or even enquiries, were received for these awards.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Department By-Laws notwithstanding, the funding for the awards described above has not been regularized. This should be remedied.
2. There does not seem to exist a comprehensive list of the awards to support monuments and memorials in the State of Ohio that have been made over the years, nor of the amounts of grants awarded. This, of course, makes budgetary planning and other decision-making more difficult than it might be. Such a list should be compiled (or reconstructed), and maintained on into the future.

BUFFINGTON ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report received

CAMP CHASE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT –

DEPARTMENT GENEALOGIST REPORT – Michael A. Spaulding, DC

This year I helped several membership candidates validate their Civil War ancestry and document their ancestor's service for membership in the SUVCW. However, this duty was primarily requested in my home Camp.

I have also assisted individual Brothers and Sisters (and potential members) with inquiries about their families and whether they have additional service members (Civil War and other wars) in their family trees.

I will close by saying that almost all lineages that I am presented with on membership applications have errors ranging from minor discrepancies to outright fictional genealogies connecting to an undocumented "wished for" ancestor or an inappropriate ancestor (one guy's "ancestor" was literally recorded as "running away to the Rebels.") **So, as in previous years, I therefore continue to recommend that all Camps' genealogists or Junior Vice Commanders thoroughly validate the applications of prospective members and correct them as appropriate, not to disqualify prospective members, but to ensure the accuracy of the records of the SUVCW.** The Department Genealogist is available to assist when necessary.

SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICERS REPORT

No report received

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Shane L. Milburn, Chair

Attempts to communicate with the other Allied Orders over the past year have met with minimal results.

On a positive note, I contacted Ms. Kathleen Dewey, who I believed was the President of the Women's Relief Corps in Ohio. Turns out that the Officer listing I found was not up to date, but she did give me the name of Cindy Norton as a possible contact. Cindy Norton is the current Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders.

I attempted to contact President Betsy Potts from the Ohio Department of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I could not find an email address for her, but did locate her on Facebook, which is where I sent her a message. I checked for a final time this evening 5/24/21, and she has yet to read the message.

I emailed the President of the Department of Ohio Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ms. Madeline Rock and never received a reply.

I asked Commander Spaulding in July 2020 to communicate with President Becky Black of the Department of Ohio Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to see if she had a committee put together equivalent to our Fraternal Relations Committee. President Black told Commander Spaulding that she hadn't appointed her committees at that time. As of December 2020, Fraternal Relations had been put on the back burner due to the COVID pandemic, and no committee had been forward to Commander Spaulding.

COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTY – R. A. Davis, PCC, Chairman

Report:

The Committee on Preservation of Department Property is a Special Committee created by Department Commander Mike Spaulding to look into the matter of all the items owned by the Department, including three-dimensional items, paper items, and digital records.

DC Spaulding appointed the following to be the members to the Committee:

Br. Fredric C. Lynch, PDC;

Br. Ronald Marvin, jr., Department PI; and

R. A. Davis, DSVC, chairman

As chairman, I commend Brothers Lynch and Marvin for being willing to serve the Department as members of the Committee.

What with the ongoing “plague”, progress in the area of Department property has been painfully slow, and mostly one-sided ----- on the part of the Chairman.

Obviously, before the Department can develop a policy for their property, it would be necessary to know just what property there is, and the nature, size, weight, shape, volume, and condition of everything, including containers and packing-material. To that end, I have designed an inventory-template and have populated it with information derived from some officers, past officers, and other brothers of the Department in whose hands, basements, closets, and garages said property resides. (Other appropriate individuals have yet to be canvassed.)

As might be expected, I have ended up becoming the temporary custodian of some Department property. For example, there now reside at my abode: one charter of a no-longer-extant camp, a box of plaques and suchlike, and a carton of full file-folders, binders, and paper-work.

The overall message is: There is much more work to be done, and the life of the Committee needs to be extended for at least another year before it might be possible for the Department to frame and adopt a policy as to just what they collect, why, and for how long particular items should be retained. A part of this process would be for the Department to decide just how much space they are willing to devote to preserving this material, where that space will be, and how much the Department would be willing to spend for professionally acceptable curation and proper storage. A corollary would be: From where will said money come?

CAMP REPORTS

GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP No. 1 – James M. Ruley, CC

SUBJECT: Camp Activities Report, June 2020 – May 2021

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic the Camp continued to meet monthly online. Camp Commander Ruley obtained a Go To Meeting account and hosted meetings from his home computer. We recommend this software solution as easy to use. Attendance at meetings averaged 10 members, including most of our regular physical meeting attendees.

During this period the Camp welcomed four new members.

Several Camp members actively investigated the state of veterans' graves in local cemeteries:

- PCC Sid Drumheiser and his wife surveyed Circle M in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio containing over 400 veteran's graves. Comparing a plot map to the stones they found 7 burials not listed on the map, two missing stones, and one burial with two stones.
- Senior Vice Commander Douglas Washburn investigated Union Cemetery, Franklin County using a WPA map provided by PDC Jonathan Davis. Of approximately 275 Union veteran burials, 40 have proper veteran's markers. Additionally, 65 have civilian markers showing military service; 110 have civilian markers with no reference to service, and 52 have no markers. Brother Washburn completed VA applications for 30 of the unmarked burials and the cemetery has received 11 markers to date. Applications will be submitted for the remainder.
- PCC and Patriotic Instructor Steve Ball undertook to inspect all Civil War veterans' graves in Green Lawn cemetery. He personally audited 96 sections containing 3034 veterans' graves. He found 170 stones missing and personally submitted applications for 164 replacements; the remaining six could not be firmly identified.
- Junior Vice Commander Jim Allen discovered the headstone of a veteran buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Franklin County was incorrect. Brother Ball researched the veteran's service and the Camp applied for a replacement which has been received and placed.

The Camp donated \$300 to the Cardington, Ohio Soldier's Monument Committee for statue renovation work.

The Camp received a note of commendation from US Senator Sherrod Brown regarding an informative letter we had published in the Columbus Dispatch about our work at Green Lawn Cemetery.

GENERAL BENJAMIN D. FEARING CAMP No. 2

No Report Submitted

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP No. 7 – Thomas Galloway, CC

The camp has five meetings at the Middleport Masonic Temple each year. Camp meetings are the third Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. The meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. We usually have a guest speaker or film about the Civil War.

Recently we had the annual Appomattox Day Bean Dinner and made plans for the Memorial Day Service at the Meigs County Courthouse in Pomeroy near the huge Civil War soldier's statue. The bean dinner and Memorial Day Service have been good for recruiting.

Camp members participated in the Buffington Island ceremony last year.

Senior Vice Commander Dale Colburn regularly updates us on upcoming events in the area. Dale is also the player of the camp's new bugle.

Camp officers were sworn in at the November meeting by Department Commander Michael Spaulding. Officers for 2021 include Camp Commander Thomas Galloway, Senior Vice Commander Dale Colburn, Junior Vice Commander Keith Whaley, Secretary-Treasurer Alan Hölter and Chaplain-Patriotic Instructor Greg Michael.

Camp members continue to make repairs to headstones and items in closeby cemeteries. There are periodic inspections of cannons in Middleport and Huntington, W.V. We also inspect the soldier statue in Pomeroy.

All meetings and news events are placed in the local newspapers.

GENERAL WILLIAM H. LYTLE CAMP No. 10 – Robert Kidd, CC

Below is a list of General William H. Lytle, Camp 10's activities for this year.

November 8, 2020 Meeting at the Elisha Morgan Mansion in Fairfield, OH to install new officers.

I neglected to add Wreaths Across America to my list. We were at Spring Grove Cemetery on December 19th to lay wreaths in the Civil War Veterans section.

January 21, 2021 Camp 10 staff meeting via Zoom

February 9, 2021 Camp Zoom meeting.

March 9, 2021 In person meeting at Elisha Morgan Mansion.

April 13, 2021 In person meeting at Elisha Morgan Mansion.

We will have our annual Memorial Day ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery.

We also hope to have our annual General Lytle ceremony in September.

GENERAL WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN CAMP No. 12

No report Submitted

WILLIAM MCKINLEY CAMP No. 21 – Sec/Treas. Jonathan Davis, PDC

The camp has 10 members as of our 2021 annual report.

Like many other camps, we had to cancel many camp meetings or we needed to meet at a member's home to conduct our meetings a couple of times but we are back holding meetings at the American Legion Post No. 11 in Lancaster meeting on the third Tuesday with meetings starting at 7:00 pm.

The installation of officers for 2021 was held this year in January and was conducted by Past Department Commander Shane Milburn.

The camp is asked and normally participates in many living history programs in Lancaster and the surrounding areas of Fairfield County but most of these events had been cancelled but seem to be back with a few events scheduled.

The camp held a small Memorial Day Ceremony in Rose Hill Cemetery in Lancaster.

VIENNA CAMP No. 26

No report received

JACOB PARROTT CAMP No. 33 – Ronald Marvin, Jr.

On June 13, five Brothers from the Camp attended the Department of Ohio Encampment at the Clintonville Women's Club in Clintonville. During the meeting Brother Ronald Marvin was appointed by incoming Department Commander Michael Spaulding to continue as the Department Newsletter Editor and was appointed to succeed fellow Camp Brother David Rish as the Department Patriotic Instruction Officer. *The Buckeye Bugle* (newsletter) was published three times during the year with a fourth issue currently in progress. Following the Encampment, Brother Rish was appointed to the Department Recruitment Committee, while Brother Marvin was appointed to the Department Monuments and Memorials Committee as well as the new Department Property Identification and Storage Committee.

After cancelling two meetings in the spring due to the pandemic and state shutdown, the Camp held in-person meetings the rest of 2020 and 2021. The Brothers followed all national, state, and local Covid protocols, including social distancing and masks. Many of the Brothers received the vaccination as soon as it became available, making the meetings even safer for all involved. During the past year the Camp inducted six new Brothers and unfortunately lost one Brother - Gene Cornell, who passed away in 2020.

Patriotic Instruction Officer Marvin provided instruction on a variety of Civil War related topics every month during the past year in which the Camp held a regular meeting. (June - The History of Flag Day; July - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; August - Libby Prison Publications; September - Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney and the Dred Scott Case; October - Cemetery Walks and Honoring Our Veterans; November - The Mansfield Fort; December - Installation/Holiday Meeting with no instruction; January - The Reemergence of Patriotism following Operation Desert Storm; February - The G.A.R. Picnic Grove in Harrison Smith Park; March - Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office; April - Baseball and the Civil War; May - Discussion of Eagle Scout projects to install CW headstones throughout the county.)

Brother Augustus Forrester contacted the Camp early in 2020 and inquired about the possibility of an Eagle Scout project. Several Camp officers worked with him to develop a project which helped identify, completed necessary paperwork to order, and installed headstones for five previously unmarked graves of Civil War veterans in Grove Cemetery near Kenton. Brother Forrester led seven fellow Boy Scouts during the work session to install the markers on October 24 with nearly two dozen Brothers attending to show their support. The headstones will be formally dedicated on Decoration Day, May 30.

At the January 2020 meeting, Brother Mike Kasler discussed a foundry in Ohio that can make a carriage for the six pound cannon at Grove Cemetery. The cost estimate was about \$10,000. In March, the Hardin County Commissioners agreed to pay for the entire project per state statutes. In June, they issued a \$5,000 check to Gilmore Ordinance in Old Fort, Ohio to pay for the materials to construct the carriage for the cannon in front of the Cantwell Monument. The foundry is currently constructing the carriage after Covid-19 related delays. In the spring, the Camp will need to remove the old concrete

supports and pour a new concrete base to support the cannon and carriage. A formal dedication ceremony will be held on Memorial Day next year.

Graves Registration Officer Ronald Marvin continued his project to identify all Civil War veterans buried in Hardin and Wyandot Counties. During the past year, he has added 161 new names to the National SUVCW Graves Registration Database. This list of soldiers focuses primarily on veterans buried in Hardin and Wyandot counties, but also includes others buried throughout Ohio and the Nation. He has also added dozens of images of Civil War veteran headstones to FindAGrave during the previous year and over a dozen period images of soldiers while creating new memorials for veterans where none existed on the website.

Monuments Registration Officer Marvin compiled a list of all known Civil War monuments and memorials in Hardin and Wyandot Counties and identified several which do not appear to be listed on the National SUVCW Monuments Database. He has begun working on completing the necessary forms to add these. Brother Marvin is also working with the Ohio Outdoor Sculpture Project to include Civil War and other military monuments to their list.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Camp cancelled all work sessions to straighten and reset headstones in local cemeteries during 2020 and early 2021. It is hoped that the Camp can coordinate a headstone work session or two this fall once all restrictions are lifted. In late August, Brother David Rish was notified that he was once again named a National Aide during the National SUVCW Virtual Encampment in recognition for his recruiting efforts.

Normally, the Camp shares the cost of a booth rental in the Community Building with the Hardin County Genealogy Society during the Hardin County Fair in September. Unfortunately the fair was not held due to the pandemic, eliminating this annual educational and recruiting opportunity. On September 9, Brother David Rish attended a Medal of Honor Highway dedication ceremony in Angola, Indiana. Steuben County rededicated its Civil War Monument in the city at the same time. Among the veteran names on the base were five ancestors of Rish.

Brother Ronald Marvin, Curator of the Wyandot County Historical Society hosted its annual Cemetery Walk on October 11 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Upper Sandusky. Several Civil War veterans and G.A.R. markings on headstones were pointed out during the event.

The Wyandot County Museum, under the direction of Brother Marvin, hosted a Veterans Day program on November 6-12 which included a variety Civil War artifacts, photographs, and information. The Camp held its annual Holiday Dinner and Installation on December 14 at the Plaza Inn in Mt. Victory with twelve Brothers and six guests in attendance. The installation was conducted by Department Commander Michael Spaulding via Zoom.

In early April 2021, Secretary/Treasurer Brad Bailey worked with our accountant to insure the Camp's 990-N was filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that all necessary annual paperwork was submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

On May 10, Brother Marvin presented a program about the saving of Martha Washington's will by a Civil War officer from Kenton to the Hardin County Genealogy Society, which several fellow Brothers attended. On May 14, Brother David Rish attended the Kenton High School JROTC banquet where he presented the SUVCW ROTC medal to 2021 recipient Stone Sauber. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 banquet, the SUVCW ROTC medal was formally presented to 2020 recipient Bryden Adams that night as well.

In preparation for Memorial Day 2021, Brother Marvin placed flags on the graves of Civil War veteran graves in the Hardin County Home (Hardin Hills) Cemetery on May 26. Due to the reduction and near elimination of the traditional Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 31, the Camp is developing a smaller Decoration Day ceremony at the G.A.R. Circle in Grove Cemetery on May 30, where Brother Forester will be presented with his SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate. Several of the Brothers will be in attendance. Camp Commander Ronald Marvin and several Brothers plan to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort McArthur Cemetery in Kenton to honor and remember fallen veterans of the War of 1812.

TRIEM CAMP No. 43

No report received

GENERAL ALVIN C. VORIS CAMP No. 67

No report received

SGT. RICHARD ENDERLIN CAMP No. 73 – John M. Huffman, Jr, CC

Camp Events:

Sgt Enderlin Camp #73 had scheduled meetings on November 2020, January, March, April and May 2021. Officers were installed at the January 2021 meeting. The annual Lincoln Day Dinner was canceled.

Ceremonies:

The Camp participated in the 2021 Memorial Day Service at Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe. Camp #73 will also participate in the annual July 4th (held this year on the 3rd) Ceremony at the village of Frankfort Civil War Monument Circle.

Membership Recruiting:

Total Membership – 22

Brothers serving in the Military in harm's way:

Matt Medert USN

McCLELLAN CAMP No. 91 – John Black, PCC

No Report Submitted

HENRY CASEY CAMP No. 92 – Joe D. Daugherty, CC

The Covid-19 epidemic restrictions caused the cancellation of all the 2020 Memorial Day ceremonies that Henry Casey Camp 92 normally participates in. That same problem caused the Washington Court House Carnegie Library to close, making it impossible for our camp to hold its regular meetings at that location. We had to cancel our bi-monthly May and July meetings. However, since some of our members are from Wilmington and are members of the American Legion Post there, we were successful in making arrangements to hold our meetings at that location.

In August, 2020 Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris announced that Henry Casey Camp Junior Member Jordan Milburn was the recipient of the John L. Clem Award which is presented annually to the SUVCW's most outstanding Junior Member.

In September the camp elected officers for the year 2021. The new officers were installed by Ohio Department Commander Michael Spaulding at our November meeting.

Henry Casey Camp usually conducts at least one living history event every summer but was unable to do that because of Covid-19. Several members of the camp generally go to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day but that event was canceled because of Covid-19. The Camp was successful in taking part in the National Wreaths Across America program on December 19, 2020 by placing about 60 wreaths in the Washington Court House Cemetery.

The Camp Patriotic Instructor, Shawn Cox, PDC, presented excellent patriotic instruction programs at all of our meetings.

The Camp hopes to honor the Clark County last surviving Civil War soldier with a bronze plaque sometime this summer. In March, 2021 the camp received a \$200 donation from the Wilmington VFW Post to help pay for the plaque which is estimated to cost about \$1,000.

The Camp has been very successful in getting excellent publicity for our camp activities. Newspaper coverage of our Camp events has been outstanding from both the Washington Court House Record-Herald and the Wilmington News Journal. See the attached news articles.

The Camp is preparing to conduct our regular Memorial Day programs in May, 2021. This will include:

- (1) Placing wreaths at the grave sites of the four Medal of Honor recipients buried in Fayette County and a wreath at the grave site of the last surviving Fayette County Civil War veteran.
- (2) Participating in the Bloomingburg Memorial Day Ceremony.
- (3) Placing wreaths at the grave site of two Union Civil War Generals buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington.
- (4) Placing a wreath at the grave site of the last surviving Clinton County Civil War veteran buried in Blanchester, and
- (5) Participating in the Lees Creek Memorial Day parade and cemetery ceremony.

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN CAMP No. 93

No Report Submitted

JOHN S. TOWNSEND CAMP No. 108 - Carl Jón Denbow, CC

Although we were not able to carry out the ambitious activities program that we outlined for this year before the pandemic hit, we did manage to make some progress on a few projects. I will outline them below.

1. Brother Andrew S. Chiki, grave registration officer, submitted the following report on his activities:

The grave of Pvt. Robert Edwards, 1st WV Cavalry, located in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Athens, Ohio was re-discovered in September of 2020. An initial challenge in locating the grave was finding the records of the cemetery. Commander Carl J. Denbow had walked the cemetery without success and had been in contact with the local Catholic Church. On a second visit with Graves Registration Officer Andy Chiki an Edwards family plot was located. There we found a number of broken and leaning headstones. They had typical wear for their age and the type of marble used. We began on one end of the lot and chose the first headstone to carefully raise up using a hoist and pulley system in order to expose any writing. It was at this time that Carl mentioned that one of Edwards' compatriots, Hiram Robinett (who together with Sidney Knowles make up the three "Chauncey Boys" of the 1st WV Cavalry) had a specific style of obelisk headstone at the Nye Cemetery, where Robinett and Knowles are buried. (Our camp is planning an historical marker in the Village of Chauncey honoring these three heroes, who all died young as a result of their military service.)

Lo and behold, in the Edwards family plot was a fallen headstone with a similar style of that at the other cemetery. There were a lot of environmental pollutants as well as lichen and moss on the stone, making reading the stone difficult. After an analysis of the stone and determining that it would be safe to clean, I applied D/2 Biological Solution to the face of the stone. After waiting a period of time for the solution to work, a light cleaning was applied with a natural fiber tampico brush. Very quickly the writing on the stone became clear to read and it was definitive that this was indeed the location of Robert Edwards. In fact, the stone itself included nearly a paragraph of information specific to the Robert Edwards we were looking for. Before leaving, the stone was made upright again and a second application of solution was administered. A GAR marker was placed with a flag and the site was photographed.

As for future plans, in addition to the Chauncey Boys marker, I'm evaluating an endeavor to right leaning and falling over stones at the West State Street cemetery. Discussion is ongoing with the Andrew Jackson Davison Club of Athens Middle School on a number of projects related to honoring emancipated slaves from the Civil War that had relocated to Athens County.

2. Brother Scott Moody, secretary/treasurer, has uncovered the grave of a Civil War soldier in an obscure family cemetery located near Strouds Run State Park, just outside the City of Athens. He is Pvt. Adam Graham, of the 18th OVI. We are planning a re-dedication of his grave this fall. Brother Moody found this grave in the late fall of 2020. After checking records, it appears that Pvt. Graham was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability on 19 Sep 1862 and died shortly thereafter of his wounds or disease.

3. Tom Suddes, signals officer, wrote two stories for the Department of Ohio newsletter, *The Buckeye Bugle*. One was about the aforementioned Chauncey Boys marker project and the other was about the Holland brothers – African Americans educated in Athens County who fought in the Civil War and had illustrious post-war careers as well. One earned the Medal of Honor, and a battlefield commission, which was rescinded due to his color, and which we are working to restore.

4. We are continuing to work with State Representative Jay Edwards to try and obtain state capital improvement funds for the Frost GAR Hall, which is in bad need of a thorough restoration. Last year we obtained an estimate from a local contractor skilled in period restoration. This was submitted to Rep. Edwards. He was not able to get it into the capital improvements bill in the last session because it was a very truncated bill due to the pandemic, but in a recent conversation Rep. Edwards committed himself trying again in the 2022 capital improvements bill.

5. On 13 May 2021 we held our first in-person meeting since the pandemic began. At that meeting I presented Meritorious Pandemic Service Awards to four camp members who contributed to our camp's progress during this past difficult year. The awardees were: Graves Registration Officer Andrew S. Chiki, Former Secretary-Treasurer M. Wayne Lowery, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer Scott Moody, and Signals Officer Thomas Suddes. During that meeting we also initiated yet another project: the restoration and re-dedication of the "Boys in Blue" marker in the Union Street Cemetery in Athens that was erected in 1938 by the now-defunct John Ellis Wool, Tent 100, of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

CADOT-BLESSING CAMP No. 126 – James Oiler, CC

JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP No. 142

No report received

NEW BUSINESS

Department of Ohio 2021-2022 Budget

I. INCOME

Encampment	Registration	\$	170.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$	755.00
Chief of Staff Fund	Miscellaneous	\$	310.00
Dues & Fees	Estimated Dept Per Capita (460 mbrs)	\$	1,840.00
Interest	Permanent Fund	\$	90.00

TOTAL INCOME		\$	3,165.00
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II. EXPENSES

Portland Community Ass'n	Buffington Island -- Museum Support	\$	50.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$	500.00
Encampment	CINC Representative visit	\$	-
Encampment	Luncheon	\$	761.00
Encampment	Printing	\$	150.00
Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$	300.00
Encampment	Ribbons	\$	70.00
Encampment	PDC Badge	\$	120.00
Frost GAR Hall	Townsend Camp #108	\$	150.00
Memorials		\$	-
National Encampment Ad		\$	40.00
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$	75.00
Postage-Mailings		\$	75.00
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$	25.00
Unforeseen		\$	300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	2,631.00
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III. CASH FLOW		\$	+	534.00
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of Installation of Officers.)
 (Retain Duplicate for Department Records.)

From the Department of Ohio EIN 34-1425128 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.
 At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Clintonville Woman's Club
 On the 5th day of June, 20 21 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: Richard A. Davis	741 Red Bud Avenue	Cincinnati	OH	45229	513-751-3739	radavis_sv@fuse.net
Senior Vice Commander: Ronald Ivan Marvin, Jr.	406 W. Kohler Street	Kenton	OH	43326	443-510-5162	rimarvin@hotmail.com
Junior Vice Commander: John Huffman Jr.	1778 Prussia Rd	Waverly	OH	45690-9417	740-708-1403	jsjbh@roadrunner.com
Council Member 1: Kerry L. Langdon	930 Locust Lane	Cincinnati	OH	45245	513-843-7511	kerry@teamlangdon.com
Council Member 2: Shane Leon Milburn	846 Buckskin Trail	Xenia	OH	45385	937-768-9192	yettymp@yahoo.com
Council Member 3: Michael A. Spaulding	9015 Payne Farm Lane	Dayton	OH	45458	937-885-1026	mspaulding.suv@gmail.com
Secretary: Jonathan C. Davis	240 Merriman Drive	West Jefferson	OH	43162	614-745-6079	jdavissuvcw@aol.com
Treasurer: Jonathan C. Davis	240 Merriman Drive	West Jefferson	OH	43162	614-745-6079	jdavissuvcw@aol.com
Patriotic Instructor: Robert Mershon	2637 Stubbs Mill Road	Lebanon	OH	45036-8760	513-932-6921	
Chaplain: Brent L. Davidson	148 S. Horton Street	Dayton	OH	45403	937-219-1339	ninja_mongo@yahoo.com
Graves Registration Officer: Kent Dorr	619 Highland Avenue	Mansfield	OH	44903	419-522-2605	dorr64ovi@aol.com
Historian: Jonathan C. Davis	240 Merriman Drive	West Jefferson	OH	43162	614-745-6079	jdavissuvcw@aol.com
GAR Records Officer: Richard A. Davis	741 Red Bud Avenue	Cincinnati	OH	45229	513-751-3739	arwallace@fuse.net
Counselor: Donald E. Darby	1382 Western Avenue	Chillicothe	OH	45601	740-772-6081	darby@horizonview.net
Eagle Scout Coordinator*: Michael A. Spaulding	9015 Payne Farm Lane	Dayton	OH	45458	937-885-1026	mspaulding.suv@gmail.com
GAR Highway Officer*: Peter J., Hritsko, Jr.	12710 Darrow Road	Vermillion	OH	44089	440-967-8002	hritsko@centurytel.net
Civil War Memorials Officer*:						

* Appointed at the option of the Department.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code
Fredric Chatfield Lynch	Dayton	OH	45424
Jonathan C. Davis	West Jefferson	OH	43162
Tim Graham	Hudson	OH	44236
Shawn Cox	Washington	OH	43160
Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	Vermillion	OH	44089
James T. Crane	Fairfield	OH	45014
Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code
Kerry L. Langdon	Cincinnati	OH	45245
Shane Leon Milburn	Xenia	OH	45385
Gordon R. Bury II	Marshallville	OH	44645
Robert E. Grim	Sabina	OH	45169
David V. Medert	Chillicothe	OH	45601
Donald E. Darby	Chillicothe	OH	45601

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (attach additional sheet, if necessary). *Do not include living PDCs in the section.*

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OFFICERS INSTALLED (Continued from Page 1)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Camp Organizer*:						
Color Bearer*:						
Guard*:						
Guide*:						
Assistant Secretary*:						
Recruiting Officer*:						
Signals Officer*:						
Office*:						
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* Appointed at the option of the Department.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code
Kenneth L. Freshley	Willoughby	OH	44094				
Donald L. Martin, Sr	Chillicothe	OH	45601				
Michael A. Spaulding	Dayton	OH	45458				

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as ALTERNATES to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code



Check here if, all remaining Brothers of this Department in Good Standing at the time of this Encampment are hereby elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date	Installing Officer	Department Secretary	Department Commander	National Executive Officer
6/05/2021				
Printed Name:	Peter J. Hinkley Jr.	Jonathan C. Davis	Richard Davis	David W. Demmy, Sr.

Date received at National Headquarters

2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS

Commander: The Officers will assume their respective stations. All will be in order. (Three raps ***)

Commander: Senior Vice Commander, to what purpose shall we devote these moments of our meeting?

Senior Vice Commander: To the memory of our deceased Brothers who were honored members of our Order and this Department.

(Senior Vice Commander reads the names. Chaplain rings the bell after each name.)

Deceased Brothers	Born	Died	Camp
Carl E. Cornell	4/14/1938	6/12/2020	Jacob Parrott Camp No. 33
Charles Horr	11/21/1945	6/19/2020	Vienna Camp No. 21
Jerald "Butch" Potter	10/2/1942	9/12/2020	Phillip Triem Camp No. 43
David Arthur Britton	8/18/1930	12/8/2020	James A. Garfield Camp No. 142
Stephen Ray Hill	9/22/1946	2/1/2021	Gen. Benjamin Fearing Camp No. 2
William "Bill" Radabaugh	5/15/1942	2/24/2021	Henry Casey Camp No. 92
David R. Johnson	3/16/1935	3/26/2021	Cadot-Blessing Camp No. 126
John A. Wallace	6/17/1934	5/20/2021	McLaughlin Camp No. 12

Commander: Chaplain, have you any word of comfort for us from the Holy Book which has an honored place upon our Altar?

Chaplain: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 44:1) Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26.) He also said: "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." (John 14:1-3)

Commander: Secretary, were our Brothers true to our Order, and did they loyally support it?"

Secretary: They did, Commander.

Commander: Patriotic Instructor, were our Brothers true to the principles denoted by the flag of your station, Patriotism, Strength, and Courage?

Patriotic Instructor: They were, Commander.

Commander: Senior Vice Commander, were our Brothers true to the principles denoted by the flag of your station, Charity and Purity?

Senior Vice Commander: They were, Commander.

Commander: Junior Vice Commander, were our Brothers true to the principles denoted by the flag of your station, Fraternity and Faithfulness?

Junior Vice Commander: They were, Commander.

Commander: Brother Guide Grant Bates, were our Brothers true to the Flag of our Country, and were they ever ready to defend it against all enemies?

Guide: They were, Commander.

Commander: (One rap *) Does any Brother wish to offer a tribute to the memory of our departed Brothers? If so, he may now speak. (Here any eulogies may be given.)

Commander: Brothers, what attitude should we always maintain toward the memory of our departed Brother(s)?

All (in unison): The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Commander: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

Chaplain: Our Father, who art in Heaven, the Father of our Lord Jesus, and the Father of us all, we pray for Your blessing to abide upon this humble service. Bless the memory of our departed Brother(s). Bless and comfort those near and dear to him (them) by the ties of the flesh and fraternity. Help us, each one, to appreciate more and more the blessings we receive, daily, from Your great heart of love, and help us to prove our gratitude for all these good gifts, by our lives of usefulness and integrity. Bless our friends and Brothers everywhere, and may we be worthy of them and of You. Lead us graciously by Your strong right hand, and make us all to be the citizens we are privileged to be in this goodly land which You have given to us. We ask in the name of our Savior. Amen.

All (in unison): Amen. (One rap *)



Minutes
138th Annual Encampment
Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
13 June 2020

Prepared by Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
Secretary-Treasurer, 2019-2020

The 138th Encampment of the Department of Ohio was held at the Clintonville Women's Club of Columbus, OH, on Saturday, 13 June 2020.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Encampment opened at 9:20 with a Memorial Service. They honored Brothers of the Order who have passed away since the last Department Encampment.

See Reports

138th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT – BUSINESS MEETING:

Opening Ceremony: Following the Memorial Service, Commander Shane Milburn opened the Encampment. He led the assembly in reciting the principles of the Order and greeted the delegates. Department Chaplain invoked the divine blessing, and Commander Milburn then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Roll Call: Secretary/Treasurer Jonathan Davis called the roll of the elected officers of the Encampment:

Department Commander – Shane Milburn (present)
Senior Vice Commander – Michael Spaulding (present)
Junior Vice Commander – Richard Davis (present)
Secretary/Treasurer – Jonathan C. Davis, PDC (present)
Council – ~~Pete Hritsko~~ ^{Kerry} (present), James Crane (present) and Kerry Langdon (not present)

Roll Call of Camps: Secretary/Treasurer Davis called the roll. Ten of the Department's eighteen camps were present:

Gov. William Dennison Camp #1
Gen. Benjamin Fearing Camp #2
Gen. William Lytle Camp #10
Gen. Wm. McLaughlin Camp #12
Jacob Parrott Camp #33

Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73
Henry Casey Camp #92
William T. Sherman Camp #93
John S. Townsend Camp #108
James A. Garfield Camp #142

Eight camps were absent:

Brooks-Grant Camp #7
~~Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp #8~~
William McKinley Camp #21
Vienna Camp #26
Triem Camp #43
Gen. Alvin C. Voris Camp #67
McClellan Camp #91
Cadot-Blessing Camp #126

Committee Appointment: Commander Milburn made the following appointment of James Houston, PDC to chair Credential Committee:

Currently 28 registered members in attendance will provide full report prior to voting.

Welcome: Commander Milburn welcomed Donald Darby, PCinC to the Encampment who gave the following comments.

Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris could not attend. The order lost 69 brothers in death and we need young ones to replace these loses. Gave speech given at Unknown Civil War Memorial.

Additional Committee Appointments:

Constitution/Regulations – Donald Darby, PCinC

Parliamentarian – Henry Shaw, Jr.

Resolutions – Shawn Cox, PDC and John Huffman, CC

Reports Committee – Donald Darby, PCinC and James Houston, PDC

Officer Reports: (NOTE – All officer reports are published in a separate attachment.)

Department Commander Shane Milburn	Reviewed published report.
Senior Vice Commander Michael Spaulding	See published report.
Junior Vice Commander Richard A. Davis	See published report.
Secretary/Treasurer Jonathan Davis	See published report.
Secretary for MALs Jonathan Davis	See published report.
Department Council Chairman Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	See published report.
Chief of Staff Robert E. Grim	See published report.
Counselor Don Darby	No report

Patriotic Instructor	See published report.
Graves Registration Kent Dorr	See published report.
Eagle Scout Bradley A. Tilton	See published report. This is Brother Tilton's last report as he will not continue in this position.
Signals Officer Brian Brwn	No report.
Memorials Officer John Bowling	No report.
Historian Jonathan Davis	See published report.
Chaplain James Cobb	See published report.
GAR Records Officer Richard Davis	See published report.
GAR Highway Officer Pete Hritsko, Jr.	See published report.
Buffington Island Representatives Jim Oiler & Scott Britton	Absent. No report.
Camp Chase Cemetery Rep. Shawn Cox	See published report.
Genealogist Michael Spaulding	See published report.
Fraternal Relations Committee	See published report.
Social Media Officer	No report.

The following camps submitted written reports: Wm. Dennison Camp #1, Brooks-Grant Camp #7, General Wm. Lytle Camp #10, General Wm. McLaughlin #12, Wm. McKinley Camp #21, Jacob Parrott Camp #33, Richard Enderlin Camp #73, Henry Casey Camp #92, William T. Sherman Camp #93, John S. Townsend Camp #108 and Cadot-Blessing Camp #126.

Old Business

House Bill No. 155 voted out of committee,

Report on last year's National Encampment hosted by department. Went well receiving positive comments, funds were left over after expenditures.

Report on Gettysburg Remembrance Day, still a go for November.

Committee Reports

Sandusky Home is closed, no report received.

No Memorial Funding Request received.

Buffington Island Ceremony will be held.

Camp Chase Ceremony will not be held.

Fraternal Relations Committee Report

Resolutions:

DSVC Michael Spaulding recommends that the next Department Commander should make an effort to include the Senior Vice Department Commander in more activities when possible. Committee approves, PASSED.

Department Secretary Jonathan Davis recommended that MAL dues remain at \$31 for the next year, it was moved and seconded that the Encampment approves the motion. Committee approves, PASSED.

Carl Denbow, CC of John S. Townsend Camp No. 108 gave report on the camp's work on the posthumous restoration of Milton Holland's Battlefield Commission with a request the department issue a resolution of the same.

Motion by Carl Denbow, CC that the Department Commander to write that a resolution to be passed to State and that the resolution be sent to National, seconded by David Rish, PCC. Passed

New Business

- BUDGET. Secretary/Treasurer Jonathan Davis reviewed the main budget items of the proposed Department of Ohio 2020-2021 budget to the Encampment. The proposed budget had been adopted by the Department Council at its earlier meeting.

Discussion on income from savings account

Donald Darby, PCinC moved that the incoming Department Council investigate a plan to invest savings into CDs, etc to get better income from Permanent Funds, seconded by Richard Davis, PCC. Passed

National Historian Robert Wolz donated book to the department.

Discussion on holdings of the department.

Motion that incoming Department Commander setup committee to determine what records being held. When completed then the committee to investigate where these might be held, cost. Seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Department Commander Milburn asked for a show of hands of who planned to attend the upcoming 2020 National Encampment. Secretary/Treasurer Davis passed out delegate cards following meeting and recorded the names; he will have extra cards during encampment.

It was moved and seconded to accept all the Brothers so recorded to be elected as delegates, with all other members of the Department of Ohio to be designated as alternate delegates.

Nominations, Elections and Appointments of Department Officers. Don Darby, PCinC moved, seconded by Henry Shaw, Jr. PCC that if office is un-contested, then the Department Secretary would cast one vote to confirm elected. The delegates approved the motion.

- Department Commander – Michael Spaulding nominated. No other nominations. ELECTED.
- Department Senior Vice Commander – Richard Davis nominated. No other nominations. ELECTED.
- Department Junior Vice Commander – Randy Synder nominated. No other nominations. ELECTED.
- Department Council – Shane Milburn nominated. No other nominations. ELECTED.
- Newly elected Department Commander Michael A. Spaulding appointed the following officers to his staff:

Chief-of-Staff	James Crane, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Ronald Marvin
Chaplain	Brent Davidson
Counselor	Donald Darby, PCinC
GAR Records Officer	Richard Davis, PCC
GAR Highway Officer	Peter Hritsko, Jr., DC
Historian	Jonathan Davis, PDC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Michael Spaulding
Graves Registration Officer	Kent Dorr, PCC
Signals Officer	Brian Brown
Color Bearer	Jared Robinson
Guard	Don Vogel
Guide	Grant Bates
Buckeye Bugle Editor	Ronald Marvin
Buffington Island Rep.	James Oiler
Public Affairs Officer	Frederic Lynch, PDC
Camp Chase Representative	Shawn Cox, PDC

Closing Ceremonies: Commander Spaulding closed the 138th Department of Ohio Annual Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO BUDGET
Proposed
2020-2021

		Actual	Proposed
		2020-2021	2020-2021
I. INCOME			
Encampment	Registration	\$ 145.00	\$ 260.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 816.00	\$ 792.00
Chief of Staff Fund	Miscellaneous	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Dues & Fees	Dept Per Capita	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,880.00
Interest	Permanent Fund Savings Account	\$ 0.92	\$ 8.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 3,311.92	\$ 3,390.00
II. EXPENSES			
Portland Community Ass'n	Buffington Island -- Museum Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$	\$ 500.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$ 961.62	\$ 1,010.00
Encampment	Printing	\$ 131.43	\$ 100.00
Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$ 59.03	\$ 100.00
Encampment	Ribbons	\$ 68.10	\$ 68.00
Encampment	PDC Badge	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Eagle Scout	Certificates	\$ 80.03	\$ 51.00
Frost GAR Hall	Townsend Camp #108	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
National Encampment Ad		\$	\$ 40.00
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$	\$ 75.00
Postage-Mailings		\$ 52.38	\$ 75.00
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Unforeseen		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,972.59	\$ 2,664.00
III. CASH FLOW			
		\$ 1,339.33	\$ 726.00

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Council can report that the Department has successfully purchased the CD's that were discussed at the last years Annual Encampment. We should make more than .10 a year, to help fund our Department Memorials Fund. Also, an Assistant Treasurer was appointed by Commander Spaulding to assist Jonathan Davis if needed. Thank you to all who were involved.

Jim Crane
Kerry Langdon
Shane Milburn

DEPARTMENT CHIEF-OF-STAFF REPORT – James Crane, PDC

I wish to thank the Camp Commanders and Secretaries that have co-operated with the Department this year. It has also been a pleasure serving Commander Mike Spaulding in my capacity as his COS. It has been a stress this last 12 months dealing with a once in a lifetime pandemic, that has affected all of us, in one fashion or another. Thank you for your cooperation. God Bless !!!

Here is what I have for COS Fund Checks:

Sherman Camp – 100.00

Mike Spaulding – 100.00

Bob Grim – 50.00

Jim Crane – 25.00

Lytle Camp – 35.00 (Jim Houston to bring check Saturday)

That is a total of 310.00. I will bring the checks I have so you can deposit them.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

See Memorial Ceremony

DEPARTMENT GAR RECORDS OFFICER REPORT – Richard Davis, PCC **THE LIFELESS YEAR:**

After the end of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, there was a palpable lessening of interest in said war, and in those who actually brought said war to its conclusion. If there is a resurgence of interest in the Civil War, and in those who fought it, it is not immediately obvious, I'm afraid. Added to that: The Public are just now trying to climb out of the abyss into which they allowed themselves to sink during the epidemic of "COVID-19".

In any case, I have received exactly zero requests for information related to the Grand Army of the Republic (acronym: GAR). Neither have I been contacted to make any presentations on the GAR to the Public. (Of course, in the last year, meetings of historical societies, genealogical organizations, and suchlike, have been virtually eliminated [or replaced by so-called "virtual" meetings], events have been cancelled, and museums, historic buildings, and libraries have been shuttered.)

Let us hope that the 2021-2022 year proves to be a time of genuine recovery ----- both in health and in interest in historical endeavors!

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN REPORT – Jonathan Davis, PDC

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 2020–2021 season, I have continued to add information to the history notebooks of Department activities that I attended or received during the year.

Camps that have conducted ceremonies honoring these veterans can copy and send items regarding their ceremonies to the Historian to include in these notebooks.

MONUMENT AND MEMORIALS REPORT – Richard Davis, PCC **NOT EXACTLY A MONUMENTAL YEAR**

I have received no nominations from either individuals or Ohio camps for Civil War memorials, monuments, etc., to be forwarded to Brother Walt Busch, Chairman of the National Civil War Memorials Committee, for addition to the database he maintains. Nor have I received any updates for entities now in said database. This well may be a result of the “COVID-19” doldrums.

There also exists an online-database of Civil War sites, etc., in Ohio. It is included in a copyrighted WEB-site operated by the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal (in Cincinnati, strangely enough!) ----- (<http://library.cincymuseum.org/starweb/civilwar/servlet.starweb?path=civilwar/cw-session2.web>). I have made attempts to find out who is in charge of their efforts, in order to explore possibilities of potential coordination. Apparently, like most of us, they were hard-hit by problems related to “COVID-19” and still are in the process of trying to “get the train back on the tracks”.

On the other hand, I have been in contact with Brother Busch. He has provided me good information and excellent advice with respect to Civil War memorials, etc., in Ohio. Moreover, he has given me access to the database of Civil War sites, etc., across the country. (This is a massive compilation, of gobs of information, but still is in the process of being made ready to “go live and in color”.)

DEPARTMENT GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER REPORT – Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

Respectfully I have the honor to submit the following report for Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer.

It has been a hard year to communicate with these communities due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) by June 2, 2021, most of all the restrictions will be removed and no longer mandated.

12/14/2019 the Department of Ohio James A. Garfield Camp #142 Voted Yes to:

I asked my Camp James A. Garfield Camp #142 of Ohio at their annual meeting if they would purchase one GAR sign per year for a city or township that would purchase one sign that would be placed at each end of the their corp boundaries within that city or township. This would be for the cities and townships that have smaller budgets to help them sponsor the GAR Highway sign in their community with the point of just getting them placed.

I wrote a letter to the Mayor of Rocky River that is in Cuyahoga County asking them again if they would buy 2 GAR Signs. The last time I communicated with a previous Director of Public Safety Service Ms Mary Kay Costello a couple of years ago. Ms Costello mentioned that bicycle signs were a top priority at that time and didn't know where our GAR sign would fit into their project at this time, maybe at a later time. Being there is new leadership I thought it be good time to resubmit a request of these signs to be placed on US Route 6 which is called the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I am waiting for their response.

I wrote another letter to the City of Huron which is in Erie County asking them if they would be willing to purchase a GAR sign. Knowing that the coronavirus COVID 19 has placed a great deal of strain on all local government municipalities with their budget. I explained if the city of Huron would purchase one sign and commit to placing two signs up, The James A. Garfield Camp #142 Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War would donate one sign to the City of Huron for free.

I will be continuing to contact other townships, villages and cities asking to place GAR Highway signs, along with educating them on its history.

DEPARTMENT GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT – Kent Dorr, PCC

Figures for 2020/2 (Since 2020 OH Dept Encampment):

3319 new Ohio burials registered on National Database

Ohio total 82,080. Since 2011, Ohio has registered 24,375 burial locations. Ohio has currently registered approximately 20,000 more burials than any other state. National has over 465,000 registered.

Ohio backlog (To be entered in National database): 7,500

Status:

While a challenge for other reasons, 2020 was a strong year for registering new Ohio burial locations in the database. Thanks to the Camps and Brothers who continue to work in their areas. Also special thanks to those others, including the Allied Orders who have been helping. Lets keep the good work going in 2021 and beyond.

DEPT. EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR REPORT – Michael A. Spaulding, DC

This year has been very challenging for Boy Scout troops and their Eagle Scout candidates. The local District Representative here in Dayton told me they have perhaps 10% of the number of Eagle candidates right now compared to a normal year. And I know from first hand knowledge that even the Scouts who have completed the work and “officially” earned the Eagle rank have been putting off the ceremonies until Covid restrictions are lifted. In fact, in my home troop, we have a backlog of 10 scouts waiting for the Eagle Courts of Honor.

But I did send out 3 Eagle certificates in since becoming Eagle Scout Coordinator in June 2020.

But each year the Department sends Eagle certificates to a tiny percentage of all newly-awarded Eagle Scouts in Ohio, so **I encourage and recommend that every Camp find at least one local Boy Scout troop, sponsored perhaps by your church or American Legion (etc.) chapter, and discuss the SUVCW Eagle Scout Program with them.** In particular, in-person Eagle Scout presentations are an effective way to meet parents and other adults who are often potential members for our order.

DEPARTMENT MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS FUNDING COMMITTEE

Report:

The Monuments and Memorials Committee is mandated by the Department By-Laws. Their assigned task is to review all requests from Department of Ohio Camps for Department funds to assist in preserving and restoring existing Civil War monuments and memorials and for creating new Civil War ones. The Department Senior Vice Commander is designated the Chairman of the Committee in the By-Laws.

Shortly after assuming command of the Department, Brother Mike Spaulding named the following additional members to the Committee:

Br. Shawn A. Cox, PDC;

Br. Robert E. Grim, PC-in-C;

Br. Ronald Marvin, Department PI;

Br. William Schulke, Asst. Dept. Sec.-Treas.

As chairman, I commend those individuals for being willing to serve the Department as members of the Committee.

As alluded to more than once in these annual reports, the current, ongoing “plague” has impeded many of the ordinary activities of the Department for more than a year. The program of awards to support monuments and memorials in the State of Ohio seems not to have been an exception.

In spite of solicitations in two successive issues of "The Buckeye Bugle", no applications, or even enquiries, were received for these awards.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Department By-Laws notwithstanding, the funding for the awards described above has not been regularized. This should be remedied.
2. There does not seem to exist a comprehensive list of the awards to support monuments and memorials in the State of Ohio that have been made over the years, nor of the amounts of grants awarded. This, of course, makes budgetary planning and other decision-making more difficult than it might be. Such a list should be compiled (or reconstructed), and maintained on into the future.

BUFFINGTON ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report received

CAMP CHASE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT –

DEPARTMENT GENEALOGIST REPORT – Michael A. Spaulding, DC

This year I helped several membership candidates validate their Civil War ancestry and document their ancestor's service for membership in the SUVCW. However, this duty was primarily requested in my home Camp.

I have also assisted individual Brothers and Sisters (and potential members) with inquiries about their families and whether they have additional service members (Civil War and other wars) in their family trees.

I will close by saying that almost all lineages that I am presented with on membership applications have errors ranging from minor discrepancies to outright fictional genealogies connecting to an undocumented "wished for" ancestor or an inappropriate ancestor (one guy's "ancestor" was literally recorded as "running away to the Rebels.") **So, as in previous years, I therefore continue to recommend that all Camps' genealogists or Junior Vice Commanders thoroughly validate the applications of prospective members and correct them as appropriate, not to disqualify prospective members, but to ensure the accuracy of the records of the SUVCW.** The Department Genealogist is available to assist when necessary.

SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICERS REPORT

No report received

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Shane L. Milburn, Chair

Attempts to communicate with the other Allied Orders over the past year have met with minimal results.

On a positive note, I contacted Ms. Kathleen Dewey, who I believed was the President of the Women's Relief Corps in Ohio. Turns out that the Officer listing I found was not up to date, but she did give me the name of Cindy Norton as a possible contact. Cindy Norton is the current Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders.

I attempted to contact President Betsy Potts from the Ohio Department of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I could not find an email address for her, but did locate her on Facebook, which is where I sent her a message. I checked for a final time this evening 5/24/21, and she has yet to read the message.

I emailed the President of the Department of Ohio Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ms. Madeline Rock and never received a reply.

I asked Commander Spaulding in July 2020 to communicate with President Becky Black of the Department of Ohio Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to see if she had a committee put together equivalent to our Fraternal Relations Committee. President Black told Commander Spaulding that she hadn't appointed her committees at that time. As of December 2020, Fraternal Relations had been put on the back burner due to the COVID pandemic, and no committee had been forward to Commander Spaulding.

COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTY – R. A.

Davis, PCC, Chairman

Report:

The Committee on Preservation of Department Property is a Special Committee created by Department Commander Mike Spaulding to look into the matter of all the items owned by the Department, including three-dimensional items, paper items, and digital records.

DC Spaulding appointed the following to be the members to the Committee:

Br. Fredric C. Lynch, PDC;

Br. Ronald Marvin, jr., Department PI; and

R. A. Davis, DSVC, chairman

As chairman, I commend Brothers Lynch and Marvin for being willing to serve the Department as members of the Committee.

What with the ongoing "plague", progress in the area of Department property has been painfully slow, and mostly one-sided ----- on the part of the Chairman.

Obviously, before the Department can develop a policy for their property, it would be necessary to know just what property there is, and the nature, size, weight, shape, volume, and condition of everything, including containers and packing-material. To that end, I have designed an inventory-template and have populated it with information derived from some officers, past officers, and other brothers of the Department in whose hands, basements, closets, and garages said property resides. (Other appropriate individuals have yet to be canvassed.)

As might be expected, I have ended up becoming the temporary custodian of some Department property. For example, there now reside at my abode: one charter of a no-longer-extant camp, a box of plaques and suchlike, and a carton of full file-folders, binders, and paper-work.

The overall message is: There is much more work to be done, and the life of the Committee needs to be extended for at least another year before it might be possible for the Department to frame and adopt a policy as to just what they collect, why, and for how long particular items should be retained. A part of this process would be for the Department to decide just how much space they are willing to devote to preserving this material, where that space will be, and how much the Department would be willing to spend for professionally acceptable curation and proper storage. A corollary would be: From where will said money come?

CAMP REPORTS

GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP No. 1 – James M. Ruley, CC

SUBJECT: Camp Activities Report, June 2020 – May 2021

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic the Camp continued to meet monthly online. Camp Commander Ruley obtained a Go To Meeting account and hosted meetings from his home computer. We recommend this software solution as easy to use. Attendance at meetings averaged 10 members, including most of our regular physical meeting attendees.

During this period the Camp welcomed four new members.

Several Camp members actively investigated the state of veterans' graves in local cemeteries:

- PCC Sid Drumheiser and his wife surveyed Circle M in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio containing over 400 veteran's graves. Comparing a plot map to the stones they found 7 burials not listed on the map, two missing stones, and one burial with two stones.
- Senior Vice Commander Douglas Washburn investigated Union Cemetery, Franklin County using a WPA map provided by PDC Jonathan Davis. Of approximately 275 Union veteran burials, 40 have proper veteran's markers. Additionally, 65 have civilian markers showing military service; 110 have civilian markers with no reference to service, and 52 have no markers. Brother Washburn completed VA applications for 30 of the unmarked burials and the cemetery has received 11 markers to date. Applications will be submitted for the remainder.
- PCC and Patriotic Instructor Steve Ball undertook to inspect all Civil War veterans' graves in Green Lawn cemetery. He personally audited 96 sections containing 3034 veterans' graves. He found 170 stones missing and personally submitted applications for 164 replacements; the remaining six could not be firmly identified.
- Junior Vice Commander Jim Allen discovered the headstone of a veteran buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Franklin County was incorrect. Brother Ball researched the veteran's service and the Camp applied for a replacement which has been received and placed.

The Camp donated \$300 to the Cardington, Ohio Soldier's Monument Committee for statue renovation work.

The Camp received a note of commendation from US Senator Sherrod Brown regarding an informative letter we had published in the Columbus Dispatch about our work at Green Lawn Cemetery.

GENERAL BENJAMIN D. FEARING CAMP No. 2

No Report Submitted

BROOKS-GRANT CAMP No. 7 – Thomas Galloway, CC

The camp has five meetings at the Middleport Masonic Temple each year. Camp meetings are the third Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. The meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. We usually have a guest speaker or film about the Civil War.

Recently we had the annual Appomattox Day Bean Dinner and made plans for the Memorial Day Service at the Meigs County Courthouse in Pomeroy near the huge Civil War soldier's statue. The bean dinner and Memorial Day Service have been good for recruiting.

Camp members participated in the Buffington Island ceremony last year.

Senior Vice Commander Dale Colburn regularly updates us on upcoming events in the area. Dale is also the player of the camp's new bugle.

Camp officers were sworn in at the November meeting by Department Commander Michael Spaulding. Officers for 2021 include Camp Commander Thomas Galloway, Senior Vice Commander Dale Colburn, Junior Vice Commander Keith Whaley, Secretary-Treasurer Alan Hölter and Chaplain-Patriotic Instructor Greg Michael.

Camp members continue to make repairs to headstones and items in closeby cemeteries. There are periodic inspections of cannons in Middleport and Huntington, W.V. We also inspect the soldier statue in Pomeroy.

All meetings and news events are placed in the local newspapers.

GENERAL WILLIAM H. LYTLE CAMP No. 10 – Robert Kidd, CC

Below is a list of General William H. Lytle, Camp 10's activities for this year.

November 8, 2020 Meeting at the Elisha Morgan Mansion in Fairfield, OH to install new officers.

I neglected to add Wreaths Across America to my list. We were at Spring Grove Cemetery on December 19th to lay wreaths in the Civil War Veterans section.

January 21, 2021 Camp 10 staff meeting via Zoom

February 9, 2021 Camp Zoom meeting.

March 9, 2021 In person meeting at Elisha Morgan Mansion.

April 13, 2021 In person meeting at Elisha Morgan Mansion.

We will have our annual Memorial Day ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery.

We also hope to have our annual General Lytle ceremony in September.

GENERAL WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN CAMP No. 12

No report Submitted

LOOK FOR REPORT

SELLING STATUE FOR OH DISPLAY.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY CAMP No. 21 – Sec/Treas. Jonathan Davis, PDC

The camp has 10 members as of our 2021 annual report.

Like many other camps, we had to cancel many camp meetings or we needed to meet at a member's home to conduct our meetings a couple of times but we are back holding meetings at the American Legion Post No. 11 in Lancaster meeting on the third Tuesday with meetings starting at 7:00 pm.

The installation of officers for 2021 was held this year in January and was conducted by Past Department Commander Shane Milburn.

The camp is asked and normally participates in many living history programs in Lancaster and the surrounding areas of Fairfield County but most of these events had been cancelled but seem to be back with a few events scheduled.

The camp held a small Memorial Day Ceremony in Rose Hill Cemetery in Lancaster.

VIENNA CAMP No. 26

No report received

JACOB PARROTT CAMP No. 33 – Ronald Marvin, Jr.

On June 13, five Brothers from the Camp attended the Department of Ohio Encampment at the Clintonville Women's Club in Clintonville. During the meeting Brother Ronald Marvin was appointed by incoming Department Commander Michael Spaulding to continue as the Department Newsletter Editor and was appointed to succeed fellow Camp Brother David Rish as the Department Patriotic Instruction Officer. *The Buckeye Bugle* (newsletter) was published three times during the year with a fourth issue currently in progress. Following the Encampment, Brother Rish was appointed to the Department Recruitment Committee, while Brother Marvin was appointed to the Department Monuments and Memorials Committee as well as the new Department Property Identification and Storage Committee.

After cancelling two meetings in the spring due to the pandemic and state shutdown, the Camp held in-person meetings the rest of 2020 and 2021. The Brothers followed all national, state, and local Covid protocols, including social distancing and masks. Many of the Brothers received the vaccination as soon as it became available, making the meetings even safer for all involved. During the past year the Camp inducted six new Brothers and unfortunately lost one Brother - Gene Cornell, who passed away in 2020.

Patriotic Instruction Officer Marvin provided instruction on a variety of Civil War related topics every month during the past year in which the Camp held a regular meeting. (June - The History of Flag Day; July - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; August - Libby Prison Publications; September - Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney and the Dred Scott Case; October - Cemetery Walks and Honoring Our Veterans; November - The Mansfield Fort; December - Installation/Holiday Meeting with no instruction; January - The Reemergence of Patriotism following Operation Desert Storm; February - The G.A.R. Picnic Grove in Harrison Smith Park; March - Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office; April - Baseball and the Civil War; May - Discussion of Eagle Scout projects to install CW headstones throughout the county.)

Brother Augustus Forrester contacted the Camp early in 2020 and inquired about the possibility of an Eagle Scout project. Several Camp officers worked with him to develop a project which helped identify, completed necessary paperwork to order, and installed headstones for five previously unmarked graves of Civil War veterans in Grove Cemetery near Kenton. Brother Forrester led seven fellow Boy Scouts during the work session to install the markers on October 24 with nearly two dozen Brothers attending to show their support. The headstones will be formally dedicated on Decoration Day, May 30.

At the January 2020 meeting, Brother Mike Kasler discussed a foundry in Ohio that can make a carriage for the six pound cannon at Grove Cemetery. The cost estimate was about \$10,000. In March, the Hardin County Commissioners agreed to pay for the entire project per state statutes. In June, they issued a \$5,000 check to Gilmore Ordinance in Old Fort, Ohio to pay for the materials to construct the carriage for the cannon in front of the Cantwell Monument. The foundry is currently constructing the carriage after Covid-19 related delays. In the spring, the Camp will need to remove the old concrete

supports and pour a new concrete base to support the cannon and carriage. A formal dedication ceremony will be held on Memorial Day next year.

Graves Registration Officer Ronald Marvin continued his project to identify all Civil War veterans buried in Hardin and Wyandot Counties. During the past year, he has added 161 new names to the National SUVCW Graves Registration Database. This list of soldiers focuses primarily on veterans buried in Hardin and Wyandot counties, but also includes others buried throughout Ohio and the Nation. He has also added dozens of images of Civil War veteran headstones to FindAGrave during the previous year and over a dozen period images of soldiers while creating new memorials for veterans where none existed on the website.

Monuments Registration Officer Marvin compiled a list of all known Civil War monuments and memorials in Hardin and Wyandot Counties and identified several which do not appear to be listed on the National SUVCW Monuments Database. He has begun working on completing the necessary forms to add these. Brother Marvin is also working with the Ohio Outdoor Sculpture Project to include Civil War and other military monuments to their list.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Camp cancelled all work sessions to straighten and reset headstones in local cemeteries during 2020 and early 2021. It is hoped that the Camp can coordinate a headstone work session or two this fall once all restrictions are lifted. In late August, Brother David Rish was notified that he was once again named a National Aide during the National SUVCW Virtual Encampment in recognition for his recruiting efforts.

Normally, the Camp shares the cost of a booth rental in the Community Building with the Hardin County Genealogy Society during the Hardin County Fair in September. Unfortunately the fair was not held due to the pandemic, eliminating this annual educational and recruiting opportunity. On September 9, Brother David Rish attended a Medal of Honor Highway dedication ceremony in Angola, Indiana. Steuben County rededicated its Civil War Monument in the city at the same time. Among the veteran names on the base were five ancestors of Rish.

Brother Ronald Marvin, Curator of the Wyandot County Historical Society hosted its annual Cemetery Walk on October 11 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Upper Sandusky. Several Civil War veterans and G.A.R. markings on headstones were pointed out during the event.

The Wyandot County Museum, under the direction of Brother Marvin, hosted a Veterans Day program on November 6-12 which included a variety Civil War artifacts, photographs, and information. The Camp held its annual Holiday Dinner and Installation on December 14 at the Plaza Inn in Mt. Victory with twelve Brothers and six guests in attendance. The installation was conducted by Department Commander Michael Spaulding via Zoom.

In early April 2021, Secretary/Treasurer Brad Bailey worked with our accountant to insure the Camp's 990-N was filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that all necessary annual paperwork was submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

On May 10, Brother Marvin presented a program about the saving of Martha Washington's will by a Civil War officer from Kenton to the Hardin County Genealogy Society, which several fellow Brothers attended. On May 14, Brother David Rish attended the Kenton High School JROTC banquet where he presented the SUVCW ROTC medal to 2021 recipient Stone Sauber. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 banquet, the SUVCW ROTC medal was formally presented to 2020 recipient Bryden Adams that night as well.

In preparation for Memorial Day 2021, Brother Marvin placed flags on the graves of Civil War veteran graves in the Hardin County Home (Hardin Hills) Cemetery on May 26. Due to the reduction and near elimination of the traditional Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 31, the Camp is developing a smaller Decoration Day ceremony at the G.A.R. Circle in Grove Cemetery on May 30, where Brother Forester will be presented with his SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate. Several of the Brothers will be in attendance. Camp Commander Ronald Marvin and several Brothers plan to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort McArthur Cemetery in Kenton to honor and remember fallen veterans of the War of 1812.

TRIEM CAMP No. 43

No report received

GENERAL ALVIN C. VORIS CAMP No. 67

No report received

SGT. RICHARD ENDERLIN CAMP No. 73 – John M. Huffman, Jr, CC

Camp Events:

Sgt Enderlin Camp #73 had scheduled meetings on November 2020, January, March, April and May 2021. Officers were installed at the January 2021 meeting. The annual Lincoln Day Dinner was canceled.

Ceremonies:

The Camp participated in the 2021 Memorial Day Service at Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe. Camp #73 will also participate in the annual July 4th (held this year on the 3rd) Ceremony at the village of Frankfort Civil War Monument Circle.

Membership Recruiting:

Total Membership – 22

Brothers serving in the Military in harm's way:

Matt Medert USN

McCLELLAN CAMP No. 91 – John Black, PCC

No Report Submitted

HENRY CASEY CAMP No. 92 – Joe D. Daugherty, CC

The Covid-19 epidemic restrictions caused the cancellation of all the 2020 Memorial Day ceremonies that Henry Casey Camp 92 normally participates in. That same problem caused the Washington Court House Carnegie Library to close, making it impossible for our camp to hold its regular meetings at that location. We had to cancel our bi-monthly May and July meetings. However, since some of our members are from Wilmington and are members of the American Legion Post there, we were successful in making arrangements to hold our meetings at that location.

In August, 2020 Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris announced that Henry Casey Camp Junior Member Jordan Milburn was the recipient of the John L. Clem Award which is presented annually to the SUVCW's most outstanding Junior Member.

In September the camp elected officers for the year 2021. The new officers were installed by Ohio Department Commander Michael Spaulding at our November meeting.

Henry Casey Camp usually conducts at least one living history event every summer but was unable to do that because of Covid-19. Several members of the camp generally go to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day but that event was canceled because of Covid-19. The Camp was successful in taking part in the National Wreaths Across America program on December 19, 2020 by placing about 60 wreaths in the Washington Court House Cemetery.

The Camp Patriotic Instructor, Shawn Cox, PDC, presented excellent patriotic instruction programs at all of our meetings.

The Camp hopes to honor the Clark County last surviving Civil War soldier with a bronze plaque sometime this summer. In March, 2021 the camp received a \$200 donation from the Wilmington VFW Post to help pay for the plaque which is estimated to cost about \$1,000.

The Camp has been very successful in getting excellent publicity for our camp activities. Newspaper coverage of our Camp events has been outstanding from both the Washington Court House Record-Herald and the Wilmington News Journal. See the attached news articles.

The Camp is preparing to conduct our regular Memorial Day programs in May, 2021. This will include:

- (1) Placing wreaths at the grave sites of the four Medal of Honor recipients buried in Fayette County and a wreath at the grave site of the last surviving Fayette County Civil War veteran.
- (2) Participating in the Bloomingburg Memorial Day Ceremony.
- (3) Placing wreaths at the grave site of two Union Civil War Generals buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington.
- (4) Placing a wreath at the grave site of the last surviving Clinton County Civil War veteran buried in Blanchester, and
- (5) Participating in the Lees Creek Memorial Day parade and cemetery ceremony.

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN CAMP No. 93

No Report Submitted

LOOK FOR REPORT

JOHN S. TOWNSEND CAMP No. 108 - Carl Jón Denbow, CC

Although we were not able to carry out the ambitious activities program that we outlined for this year before the pandemic hit, we did manage to make some progress on a few projects. I will outline them below.

1. Brother Andrew S. Chiki, grave registration officer, submitted the following report on his activities:

The grave of Pvt. Robert Edwards, 1st WV Cavalry, located in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Athens, Ohio was re-discovered in September of 2020. An initial challenge in locating the grave was finding the records of the cemetery. Commander Carl J. Denbow had walked the cemetery without success and had been in contact with the local Catholic Church. On a second visit with Graves Registration Officer Andy Chiki an Edwards family plot was located. There we found a number of broken and leaning headstones. They had typical wear for their age and the type of marble used. We began on one end of the lot and chose the first headstone to carefully raise up using a hoist and pulley system in order to expose any writing. It was at this time that Carl mentioned that one of Edwards' compatriots, Hiram Robinett (who together with Sidney Knowles make up the three "Chauncey Boys" of the 1st WV Cavalry) had a specific style of obelisk headstone at the Nye Cemetery, where Robinett and Knowles are buried. (Our camp is planning an historical marker in the Village of Chauncey honoring these three heroes, who all died young as a result of their military service.)

Lo and behold, in the Edwards family plot was a fallen headstone with a similar style of that at the other cemetery. There were a lot of environmental pollutants as well as lichen and moss on the stone, making reading the stone difficult. After an analysis of the stone and determining that it would be safe to clean, I applied D/2 Biological Solution to the face of the stone. After waiting a period of time for the solution to work, a light cleaning was applied with a natural fiber tampico brush. Very quickly the writing on the stone became clear to read and it was definitive that this was indeed the location of Robert Edwards. In fact, the stone itself included nearly a paragraph of information specific to the Robert Edwards we were looking for. Before leaving, the stone was made upright again and a second application of solution was administered. A GAR marker was placed with a flag and the site was photographed.

As for future plans, in addition to the Chauncey Boys marker, I'm evaluating an endeavor to right leaning and falling over stones at the West State Street cemetery. Discussion is ongoing with the Andrew Jackson Davison Club of Athens Middle School on a number of projects related to honoring emancipated slaves from the Civil War that had relocated to Athens County.

2. Brother Scott Moody, secretary/treasurer, has uncovered the grave of a Civil War soldier in an obscure family cemetery located near Strouds Run State Park, just outside the City of Athens. He is Pvt. Adam Graham, of the 18th OVI. We are planning a re-dedication of his grave this fall. Brother Moody found this grave in the late fall of 2020. After checking records, it appears that Pvt. Graham was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability on 19 Sep 1862 and died shortly thereafter of his wounds or disease.

3. Tom Suddes, signals officer, wrote two stories for the Department of Ohio newsletter, *The Buckeye Bugle*. One was about the aforementioned Chauncey Boys marker project and the other was about the Holland brothers – African Americans educated in Athens County who fought in the Civil War and had illustrious post-war careers as well. One earned the Medal of Honor, and a battlefield commission, which was rescinded due to his color, and which we are working to restore.

4. We are continuing to work with State Representative Jay Edwards to try and obtain state capital improvement funds for the Frost GAR Hall, which is in bad need of a thorough restoration. Last year we obtained an estimate from a local contractor skilled in period restoration. This was submitted to Rep. Edwards. He was not able to get it into the capital improvements bill in the last session because it was a very truncated bill due to the pandemic, but in a recent conversation Rep. Edwards committed himself trying again in the 2022 capital improvements bill.

5. On 13 May 2021 we held our first in-person meeting since the pandemic began. At that meeting I presented Meritorious Pandemic Service Awards to four camp members who contributed to our camp's progress during this past difficult year. The awardees were: Graves Registration Officer Andrew S. Chiki, Former Secretary-Treasurer M. Wayne Lowery, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer Scott Moody, and Signals Officer Thomas Suddes. During that meeting we also initiated yet another project: the restoration and re-dedication of the "Boys in Blue" marker in the Union Street Cemetery in Athens that was erected in 1938 by the now-defunct John Ellis Wool, Tent 100, of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

CADOT-BLESSING CAMP No. 126 – James Oiler, CC

JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP No. 142

No report received

NEW BUSINESS

Department of Ohio 2021-2022 Budget

I. INCOME

Encampment	Registration	\$	170.00
Encampment	Luncheon	\$	755.00
Chief of Staff Fund	Miscellaneous	\$	310.00 360.00
Dues & Fees	Estimated Dept Per Capita (460 mbrs)	\$	1,840.00
Interest	Permanent Fund	\$	90.00 941.68

TOTAL INCOME \$ **3,165.00**

II. EXPENSES

Portland Community Ass'n	Buffington Island -- Museum Support	\$	50.00
Department Commander	Travel to National Encampment	\$	500.00
Encampment	CINC Representative visit	\$	-
Encampment	Luncheon	\$	761.00
Encampment	Printing	\$	150.00
Encampment	Miscellaneous	\$	300.00
Encampment	Ribbons	\$	70.00
Encampment	PDC Badge	\$	120.00
Frost GAR Hall	Townsend Camp #108	\$	150.00
Memorials		\$	500.00
National Encampment Ad		\$	40.00
Office Supplies	Paper, Ink, Envelopes, etc.	\$	75.00
Postage-Mailings		\$	75.00
Printing	Other than Department Encampment	\$	25.00
Unforeseen		\$	300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ **2,631.00**

III. CASH FLOW \$ **+** **534.00**

EAble Grant - 100.00

MEMORIAL

From G.F.
To ADD \$500.00 to
MEMORIALS LINE ITEM.

2021 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SCRIPT

Introduction of invited guest

PCinC Robert Grim to introduce Rep. Miller. Rep. **Adam** Miller, 17th District. He is the ranking member on the Armed Services & Veterans Committee. He is also a Colonel in the National Guards Reserve and just came back from Afghanistan not too long ago. The House Bill is HB #190.

Commander: (One rap *)

The Officers and members of the 139th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order.

Guide Grant Bates, determine if all present are entitled to remain.

Color Bearer Jared Robinson, assist on the right. [or Guard Don Vogel]

Commander: The Secretary will call the roll of the Officers of the Department. [The Commander may fill any reported vacancies.]

Elected Department Officers:

Department Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Secretary & Treasurer
Department Council 1
Department Council 2
Department Council 3

Michael Spaulding
Richard Davis
Randy Snyder
Jonathan Davis, PDC
James Crane, PDC
~~Peter Hritsko, PDC~~ **KERRY LANGDON**
Shane Milburn, PDC

Appointed Department Officers:

Chief of Staff
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Counselor
Color Bearer
Guide

James Crane, PDC
Ronald I. Marvin Jr.
Brent Davidson
Donald E. Darby, PCinC
Jared D. Robinson
Grant M. Bates

Guard
GAR Records Officer
GAR Highway Officer
Historian
Genealogist
Graves Registration
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Signals Officer
"Buckeye Bugle" Editor
Buffington Island Rep.
Public Affairs Officer
Camp Chase Representative
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Memorials Officer

Don Vogel
Richard Davis
Peter Hritsko, PDC
Jonathan Davis, PDC
Michael Spaulding
Kent Dorr
Michael Spaulding
Brian Brown
Ronald I. Marvin Jr.
James W. Oiler
Fredric C. Lynch, PDC
Shawn Cox, PDC
William Schulke
Richard Davis

Secretary: Sir, the roll is called.

Commander: Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All (in unison): FRATERNITY, CHARITY and LOYALTY.

Commander: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.

Chaplain Brent Davidson will now invoke the Divine blessing.

(Three raps * * *)

Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, Who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of

those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that Charity and Justice, and Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

All (in unison): Amen

***Commander:* Color Bearer Jared Robinson, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Encampment (in unison): I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***Commander:* By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare the 139th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.**

(One rap *)

These are the Rules of the Encampment:

- **We will follow Roberts Rules of Order.**
- **Officers will not read their reports. Any oral reports are not to exceed 3 minutes.**
- **Any Brother wishing to be recognized will raise his hand and wait to be called on. Once recognized by the Chair, please identify yourself so we have accurate records for the minutes.**
- **No Brother will speak more than once on a subject unless answering a question.**
- **We are on a time limit with the room, so please bear that in mind as we try to work our way through a busy agenda as quickly as we can.**

- **All discussions will be conducted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.**

Roll Call of Camps/Officers

Commander: Brother Secretary please perform the roll call of Camps.

- ✓ Dennison #1
- Fearing #2
- Brooks-Grant #7
- ✓ Lytle #10
- ✓ McLaughlin #12
- McKinley #21
- Vienna #26
- ✓ Parrott #33
- Triem #43
- Voris #67
- ✓ Enderlin #73
- ~~McClellan #91~~ [suspended]
- ✓ Casey #92
- ✓ Sherman #93
- ✓ Townsend #108
- Cadot-Blessing #126
- ✓ Garfield #142

Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

Commander: Jim Houston, Brad Tilton, and Kent Dorr are appointed as the Credentials Committee.

Jim Houston is appointed as Chair of the Credentials Committee.

Recognition of Guests

PETER HUITSKO, PDC
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Commander: National Council Member, PDC Pete Hritsko, has been appointed by Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson to bring greetings to the Encampment.

PDC Hritsko, on behalf of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend you a hearty welcome to our meeting. You are welcome to join us here at the head table or you may stay where you are if you prefer. [Guide Grant Bates will be directed to escort the Officer to the platform if he wishes.] **Brothers, please join me in welcoming PDC Hritsko.**

Encampment (in unison): Welcome!

Commander: National Council Member Hritsko, if you would like to make remarks, you may do so at this time.

(One rap *)

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Introductions of PDCs and PCinCs

Commander: At this time, I would like to recognize the Past Ohio Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief. Brothers, please rise as I call your name, as you are able:

Robert Wolz	1968	
Gordon Bury	1976	PCinC 1986
✓ Robert Grim	1994	PCinC 2002
Greg Hilton	1995	
✓ David V. Medert	1999	PCinC 2008
Terry Frost	2000	
✓ Donald Darby	2001	PCinC 2005
✓ James Houston	2002	
Jon Silvis	2003	
✓ Brad Tilton	2004	
Ray Nagel	2005	
Ken Freshley	2006	PCinC 2013

✓ Donald Grant	2007	
Craig Keller	2008	
Robert Davis	2009	
Charles Reeves	2010	
✓ Donald Martin	2011	PCinC 2016
✓ Fred Lynch	2012	
✓ Jonathan Davis	2013	
✓ Tim Graham	2014	
✓ Shawn Cox	2015	
✓ Peter Hritsko	2016	
✓ James Crane	2017	
✓ Kerry Langdon	2018	
✓ Shane Milburn	2019	

Report of Committee on Credentials

Commander: At this time, would the Chairman of the Credentials Committee please provide us with a first report.

Jim Houston to give first report.

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Appointment of Committees:

Commander: I am appointing the following Committees for this Encampment:

Constitution and Regulations: PCinC Don Darby

Officers Reports: PDC Shane Milburn

Resolutions: PCinC Robert Grim

Parliamentarian: PCinC Don Darby

Approval of the minutes of the preceding Encampment

Commander: You should have received a copy of the minutes from last year's Encampment. Are there any corrections to make to those minutes? [Discussion as necessary.]

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1ST. MILBURN, 2ND HOFFMAN. PASSED

When minutes have been amended as needed:] **At this time, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes.**

Reports of Officers and Camps:

Commander: We will now review the reports of the Officers and Camps. As a reminder, we will not read submitted reports, and there is a three-minute time limit for oral reports. Officers Reports Chairman Shane Milburn, please lead us through the reports.

Reports of Committees

Commander: We will now review the Committee reports. Again, we will not read submitted reports, and there is a three-minute time limit for oral reports:

Monuments and Memorials: SVDC Richard Davis

Fraternal Relations: PDC Shane Milburn

Encampment Site and Planning: PDC James Crane

Membership and Recruiting: JVDC Randy Snyder

Preservation of Department Property: SVDC Richard Davis

Resolutions from Officers Reports

Commander: PCinC Grim, are there any Recommendations from Officers or Committee Reports to review?

Reception and reference of Communications

Commander: Secretary-Treasurer Davis, has the Department received any communications?

Old Business

Commander: We will now turn to Old Business. Please save all “new business” for later.

Milton Holland Commission – A motion was made Townsend Camp and approved by the 2020 Department Encampment supporting the reinstatement of Milton Holland’s battlefield commission. At the direction of the Encampment, I wrote several letters and follow-up emails to House of Representatives Rep. Steve Stivers, and State Rep. Jay Edwards requesting assistance working with the Department of Defense. Both were willing to help, but the bottom line is that the DoD is demanding incontrovertible proof that Milton Holland was given a battlefield promotion by Gen. Butler. Other than Milton Holland’s own memoirs, we have not found additional evidence and it is possible it does not exist, so we were unable to provide anything further.

Assistant Treasurer – Last year, the Department Council and I discussed the need to have an additional signatory on all Department financial accounts. As a result, I appointed Br. William Schulke of Sherman Camp #93 to the position of Assistant Department Treasurer. He is now listed on our account signature cards.

MAL Dues – Sec.-Treas. Davis, do we need to approve Member-At-Large Dues for the upcoming year?

Savings Account – Last year, a motion was approved by the Department Encampment instructing the Treasurer and Council to increase the amount of interest being earned on the Department's savings account by moving money into CDs. Sec.-Treas. Davis, would you please provide an update?

Is there any other Old Business that we need to discuss?

****5 Minute break (as needed—could be earlier or later in the proceedings)*

Chaplain, please attend to and close the Bible.

(Three raps * * *)

Chaplain Davidson closes the Bible

****After break*

Commander: (3 raps * * *) Chaplain, please open the Bible.

Chaplain Davidson opens the Bible

New Business

(One rap *)

We will now move to New Business.

McClellan Camp – For anyone who hasn't seen Department Order No. 8, this noted the automatic suspension of McClellan Camp #91 for failing to file Form 990 with the IRS and for having their tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS. They can have their suspension terminated by providing proof that they

have filed the Form 990 and had their tax-exempt status reinstated by the IRS.

National Encampment – As a reminder, the 140th National Encampment is scheduled August 4-9, 2021 at the Frontenac Hilton in St. Louis. In addition to the SUVCW, the Auxiliary, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Women's Relief Corps will also be meeting at the same hotel and dates. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. Information is available through the National website.

Future National Encampments – The National Site Committee is seeking proposals for holding the National Encampment in 2023, 2024, and 2025. I am looking for comment on whether the Department should consider submitting a proposal, more likely for 2024 or 2025.

Remembrance Day 2021 - Remembrance Day 2021 in Gettysburg is a "Go" this year. PCinC Grim, is there anything more you'd like to mention about this?

Is there any other New Business that we need to discuss?

****Lunch Break (we break at noon when the food comes out, could be earlier or later in the proceedings)*

Commander: I'd like us to get a group photo immediately after lunch.

**Chaplain Davidson, please attend to and close the Bible.
(Three Raps * * *)**

Chaplain Davidson closes the Bible

****After Lunch (PHOTO before restarting)*

Commander: (3 raps * * *) Chaplain, please open the Bible.

Chaplain Davidson opens the Bible

Financial Report / Budget

(One rap *)

Commander: Sec.-Treas. Davis, please present the financial report and budget for the upcoming year.

Sec.-Treas. Davis to give report

Commander: Do we have a motion to approve the financial report? Do we have a motion to approve the budget?

In previous years, Councilor Darby suggested that the Encampment not approve the budget, instead having the Council approve it in the event anything needs to be adjusted in the time between Encampments.

Delegates for National Encampment in St. Louis

Commander: On our Form 35 Department Annual Report, we reported 446 members in the Department. This means we are entitled to 19 delegates plus our automatic delegates. Please raise your hand if you are planning to go to the National Encampment. Please see Sec.-Treas. Davis immediately after the closing to request your delegate card.

Good of the Order

Commander: We will now discuss items for the Good of the Order. I remind the Brothers that we are on a time limit, so please keep your comments brief.

Lincoln Endowment Fund – We will begin with PDC Jim Houston who will talk about the Lincoln Endowment Fund.

Pete Hritsko – At this time, I'd like to invite PDC Pete Hritsko to get up and discuss his candidacy and qualifications for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in St. Louis.

Shane Milburn – Now I'd like to invite PDC Shane Milburn to discuss his candidacy and qualifications for National Council of Administration in St. Louis.

Brothers, I ask you to please remember our sick or otherwise suffering Brothers.

Any other Good of the Order business we need to discuss?

Elections of 2021-2022 Officers

Commander: Guard Don Vogel, allow no one else to enter. Please secure the doors.

Final Report on Credentials:

Commander: Credentials Committee Chairman Jim Houston, please provide a final report.

Dennison #1
Fearing #2
Brooks-Grant #7
Lytle #10
McLaughlin #12
McKinley #21
Vienna #26
Parrott #33
Triem #43
Voris #67
Enderlin #73

McClellan #91 [suspended]

Casey #92

Sherman #93

Townsend #108

Cadot-Blessing #126

Garfield #142

Nomination of Officers and Elections

***Commander:* At this time, we will take nominations of candidates for Department Office for the year 2021-2022.**

First, is there a motion that if there is only 1 nominee for any office that the Secretary-Treasurer should record a single vote in favor of that candidate and the Brother will be duly elected?

We will begin with the office of Department Commander.

Are there any nominations for the office of Department Commander? [repeat 3 times] To each nominee: Br. ____ you have been nominated for the office of DC. What other offices in the Order do you currently hold? If elected, are you willing to serve?

Now we will take nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Are there any nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander? [repeat 3 times] To each nominee: Br. ____ you have been nominated for the office of SVDC. What other offices in the Order do you currently hold? If elected, are you willing to serve?

Now we will take nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Are there any nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander? [repeat 3 times] To each nominee: Br. ____ you have been nominated for the office of JVDC. What other offices in the Order do you currently hold? If elected, are you willing to serve?

Now we will take nominations for Department Council.

The 1-year term for Department Council next year will be filled by PDC Kerry Langdon. The 2-year term for Department Council will be filled by PDC Shane Milburn.

Are there any nominations for the 3-year term on the Department Council? [repeat 3 times] To each nominee: Br. ____ you have been nominated for the Department Council. What other offices in the Order do you currently hold? If elected, are you willing to serve?

Installation of new Department Officers

***Commander:* Commander-elect, have you decided who you want as the Installing Officer?**

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

[The business of the Encampment having been completed, the Encampment may designate or the Commanding Officer may appoint, some member of the Encampment, a past Officer preferably, to install the Officers; the various stations being filled by retiring Officers or detail or as circumstances require. Note that both the incoming and outgoing Commander may select someone to pin on their badge and that this person does not have to be a member of the SUVCW or any of the Allied Orders] [The Installing Officer will bring the Encampment to order and say:]

Installing Officer: Commander Spaulding, in relieving you of the command of this Department on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this Department your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left.

Installing Officer: Commander Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary.

Installing Officer: Secretary, call the roll of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees who, as their names are called, will rise. [Secretary calls the roll of newly elected officers.] **(Three raps * * *)**

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace. **(One rap *)**

Installing Officer: Brother Guide Grant Bates, please present these Brothers before the Altar, for installation.

Installing Officer: Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this Department and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that the success or failure of the administration of your Department will depend very largely upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective

offices. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Each responds: "I am."

Installing Officer (**Three raps * * ***): You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine: [When necessary, candidates may be directed to place their left hand on the shoulder of another who, in turn, has placed his left hand on the Bible.] I, _____, having been regularly chosen | as an Officer of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, | hereby renew | the sacred obligation | given at the time of my initiation, | and in the presence of Almighty God | and the members of this Encampment here assembled | do furthermore | solemnly and sincerely | promise and declare | that I will | to the best of my ability, | in word and deed, | and without fear or favor, | faithfully | honestly | and impartially | perform all the duties of the office | upon which I am about to enter. | So help me God. [*Drop hands.*]

Installing Officer: Encampment. Attention. (**One rap ***)

Installing Officer: Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating.

Guide: Sir, your orders have been obeyed.

Installing Officer: Guide, conduct the Commander to this station.

Guide: Sir, I have the honor to present the Commander of this Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Installing Officer: Commander, by the votes of the members of this Encampment you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

Installing Officer: (**Three raps * * ***) As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, The Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

Chaplain: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in Your name through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Installing Officer: Commander, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first I give to your care the Charter of this Department. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. **One (*) rap** calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing; **two (* *) raps** calls the Officers to their feet; **three (* * *) raps** calls up the entire Encampment. [*The Installing Officer will exemplify the use of the gavel as he instructs.*]

Installing Officer: And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this Department legally elected, and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending June, 2022, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the Badge of the Office of Department Commander.

Installing Officer: Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

(One rap *) [*Gives Commander the gavel.*]

[*At this time the Past Department Commander's Badge may be presented to the retiring Commander.*]

NEW COMMANDER ADDRESS

CLOSING FOR DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Commander: There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close.

Commander (*Three raps * * **): You will give attention while the Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations.

[The Chaplain will approach the Altar and salute.]

Commander: Parade Rest.

Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

Encampment (in unison): Amen.

[The Chaplain will slowly close the Bible and return to his station.]

Commander: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity and an unswerving Loyalty.

Commander: Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. *[The Color Bearer will remain at his station until the Encampment is closed before executing the order.]*

Commander: Attention! I now declare the 139th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed. (*One rap **)

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