



**Tim Graham PCC and current Commander, James A. Garfield Camp No. 142, SUVCW
Declares his Candidacy
For Junior vice Commander, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
I will bring business experience to the Department of Ohio
My extensive S.U.V.C.W. qualifications include:**

Past Junior Vice-Commander, Department of Ohio, S.U.V.C.W.

Currently Camp Commander of the Garfield Camp and Master Lieutenant, Ohio Naval Brigade SVR

- As Camp Commander, of the James A. Garfield 1998 through 2001. I started an extensive and very successful fund raising program to ensure the continued financial stability of the camp. This effort ended in 2008 and is a complete success. The Garfield Camp currently has assets in excess of \$8000, making it one of the most financially secure Camps in the Order. Donations have been made to: SUVCW Foundation at the Gold level, Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Public Square in downtown Cleveland, Cleveland Grays Armory, 103 OVI Campground and Museum, and many others. The Camp worked with the Western Reserve Historical Society on it's "God, Glory and the Union" Civil War exhibition, 1998 through 2001.
- In 1998 a raffle fundraiser was started and continued to 2008. I personally raised \$40,000 and supervised the raising of an additional \$30,000. Eventually other SUVCW Camps were involved, and were able to raise funds without providing "up front" money. Camp 126 has been very successful with this program. This effort not only raised funds, but also exposed the public to the SUVCW. When selling raffle tickets I would explain that the funds would help: "Mark the graves, maintain the monuments and remember the history."
- Represented the Camp at many events held at President James A. Garfield's Tomb.
- Represented the Camp and Order at over 100 Civil War related events.
- I was a delegate to seven out of eight of the last National Encampments. I plan on attending this year at Reston, Virginia
- At the last five Encampments I provided an elaborate display of SUVCW badges, swords photos, hats and other uniform components. I have a very extensive collection that is shared with anyone who is interested. I will display at Reston.
- Gold Lincoln Fellow.

"The success of the SUVCW will be determined by how well it is promoted to the general public, not by efforts internal to the Order."

Other related qualifications include:

- Past President of the Cleveland Grays, and a member of the Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument Support Group.
- Active in local Cub and Boy Scouts.

Personal qualifications:

- Proprietor, R. C. Graham Co. Manufacturer of the Hand-tite Pipe Plug. The best pipe plug in the known universe.
- Bachelors of Science Degree, Industrial Technology, Kent State University 1973.
- Associate of Applied Science Degree, in Gunsmithing, Trinidad State Junior College, Trinidad, Colorado, 1969.