



Banning News



The official newsletter of Henry B. Banning
Camp 207 Ohio Sons of Union Veterans
(Mount Vernon, Ohio)

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Greetings Brothers,

Even though our meeting schedule has been light, the summer months have been very busy for Banning Camp and its members. We marched in the Memorial Day Parade and held our traditional Decoration Day ceremonies on Memorial Day. The traditional Memorial Day picnic was pushed back to July, but it was enjoyed by all who attended. We also said goodbye to a friend and Brother, Karl Kroninger, in July. In August, members of the camp helped stage the Civil War activities at the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival. Then we received word that work has finally begun on the 4th OVI monument at Gettysburg. Now our focus turns to our annual Christmas Dinner at the Russell-Cooper House, a possible dance in February and other events in the new year. It's been a busy time, but one where we've seen quite a bit of things accomplished. We hope to continue the good things as we wrap up 2004 and head into 2005.

Fred Main
Secretary



Brother Chuck Winter gets the fire started for the grill at the Banning Camp picnic in July at Hiawatha Park.

Good news! Work on the 4th OVI monument begins

After many years of hearing that work on the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry monument at Gettysburg would begin soon, it was great to hear that work had finally begun on the monument. Brother



Main received these pictures through our good friend, Jeane Candido. The pictures were taken by Dean Knudsen, the

curator for the museum at Gettysburg and had been sent to a friend of Jeane's, who passed them along to Brother

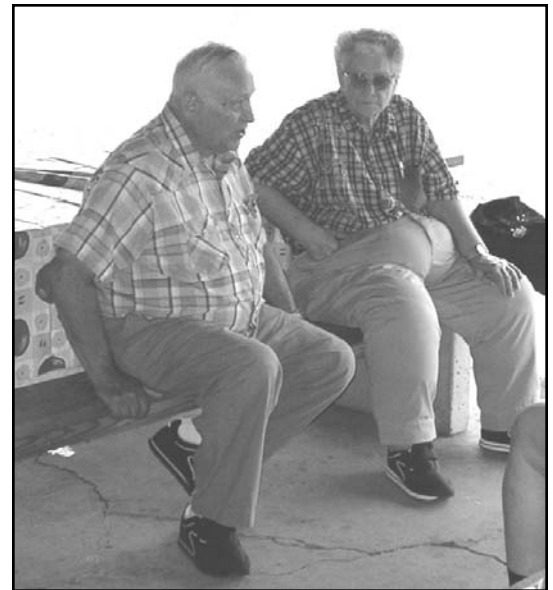


Main. He then began corresponding with Knudsen, who was interested in the project

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because of its unique use of white bronze. Knudsen talked with Vic Gavin, supervisor of the maintenance department at Gettysburg and the man in charge of the restoration project. Gavin said the work on the base is pretty much complete and that the cap will be installed this fall. Once the cap is in place, the column and soldier will be able to be put back in place sometime in the spring. Even though it's taken much longer than anticipated, it's good to finally see some work being done on the monument.

With that, we can now look forward at holding a rededication ceremony next spring, after the soldier is in place. Brother Main has sent letters to all our donors for the project, giving them an update and letting them know we plan to hold a ceremony next year. He has also talked with many others who are interested in participating in the ceremony. Once we get a little closer to the actual date, he will get the permits needed to hold the ceremony. Brother Terry Piatt has said that the 1st Ohio Artillery is interested in participating, and Brother Main has contacted a 4th OVI re-enactment group about being there as well, along with Jeane Candido, our favorite author, who has done so much for us and for the boys of the 4th. If things go well, we could have a rather large crowd in attendance at the ceremony.



In memoriam...

Brother Karl Kroninger and his wife, Peg, share a few stories with others at the Banning Camp picnic in July at Hiawatha Park. Brother Kroninger passed away just two weeks later.

Activities abound at Dan Emmett Festival

The Banning Camp Sons of Union Veterans was once again in charge of the Civil War activities at the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival, which was held in Mount Vernon in August.

This year's activities included a living history camp on the grounds of Station Break, a Civil War period dance on Saturday night, a flag raising ceremony on the Square and marching to the cemetery for the Dan Emmett graveside ceremony.

Several members of the 30th OVI re-enactment group and the 1st Ohio Artillery group helped out with the activities, as well as Civil War author Jeane Candido and local dentist John Fowler, who became sutler Malachi Hartman for the weekend. There were enough re-



Jeanne Piatt, left, and Jeane Candido talk with some of the visitors the Civil War camp at the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival in August.

enactors that we were able to have both a military and civilian camp on Saturday and Sunday at Station Break. Dressed in period outfits, the re-enactors were able to show and talk about life in the 1860s. The



Capt. Jim Ruley, left, leads the 30th Ohio Volunteer Infantry honor guard at the Dan Emmett graveside ceremony at the festival.

men in the military camp gave visitors a chance to see what life was like on the battlefield, and even gave a demonstration of drills and marching. The women were able to show what

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they went through and how they survived while the men were away at war. The artillery demonstration was a big hit, drawing in a large crowd to witness the awesome power of the cannons. Hartman also entertained visitors, and especially kids at the sutler's tent, with his home-spun humor, supplies needed both at home and on the battlefield, and even some old-fashioned goodies.

Most of the re-enactors set up camp on Friday night, and were at it early Saturday, participating in the opening ceremonies on the square, then marching to Mound View Cemetery for a graveside ceremony for Dan Emmett. Camp was then opened in the afternoon and then everyone headed back downtown for the dance. Jim and Kay Ruley once



Members of the 1st Ohio Artillery group, including Banning Camp's Terry Piatt, back left, prepare to fire the cannon at the festival.

again did a wonderful job calling and explaining the dance to those who were new to it. The Ruleys have called the last three dances, getting rave reviews for their look and their patience in explaining each dance to everyone. We hope to have them back again in



Jeanne and Terry Piatt, and Kathy Zeverloff and John Buker enjoy the Civil War period dance at the festival on Saturday night.

February for our next dance at the Memorial Building.

Festival committee members and Brothers Fred Main and Terry Piatt have received many good words about this year's activities, and are already looking at ways to make it even better next year.

Tentative schedule of events

(Times and dates may change)

Thursday, Oct. 21 - Meeting at GAR Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 - Gen. Henry Banning Inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, ceremony at 11 a.m. at Statehouse

Thursday, Nov. 18 - Meeting at GAR Room, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11 or 18 - Annual Camp Christmas Dinner at Russell-Cooper House, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20 - Meeting at GAR Room, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5 - Civil War period dance, Memorial Building, 7 to 9 p.m.



The camp's new Web site is up and running at www.geocities.com/banningsuv. It is bare bones at the moment, but it is expected to include pictures and information on our events in the near future.

We also have a new camp e-mail address - banningsuv@yahoo.com.