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# Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 Newsletter



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## Meeting Sept. 11 at 11am

Please keep this date in mind and have as many as possible present. We will be inducting three new members. They are: Mike Harbour, Roger Caldwell and Jim Clark.

Several events have occurred since we last met: .

1. We are selling tickets fairly well but I think the members could certainly do more along this line. My wife (she is not even a member) has sold 40 tickets on her own. Let the members of the camp do as well and we can obtain some much needed funds. I have more tickets.
2. Steve Massie and myself attended the Ironton Ghost Walk on August 28. There were approximately 2000 people present. We were just one stop on the walk. I place a donation container in front of our stop and netted \$40 for our. There are opportunities out there we just got to grab them.

I have raffle tickets for the camp members to sell. The raffle is for an Original Navy Revolver (1<sup>st</sup> prize)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a 1861 reproduction Springfield rifle. I personally have sold 100 tickets so far. The James A Garfield camp of Cleveland is the sponsor and for each ticket we sell we get \$.50

our Brothers at the McLaughlin Camp #12 in Mansfield, Ohio.. This camp consist of some fine members and they wanted to help us get on our feet. This is the second camp that has donated to help us to get started.

I have prepared a Cadot-Blessing donations brochure which can be used to explain who we are

and what we do. Several of these have already been given to local business people. I passed these out at the last meeting and would like to hear from you members if you had any success with these.

We will be manning a recruitment table at the event and will also sell tickets for the raffle. I would like to have members come and help, I can not do it all.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Emancipation Proclamation Celebration: This will be the 141<sup>st</sup> celebration and is considered to be the oldest in the US. The event will be held September 18 & 19 at the fairgrounds. There will be an encampment with members of the 5<sup>th</sup> USCT present. Your presence would be an attribute to this event. Col. Charles McGee of the famed Tuskegee Airmen will be there on Sept. 19. This hero holds the record for a 3-war combat missions being flown. I encourage your attendance.

2. The 140 reenactment of the Battles of Franklin, Springhill and Nashville, Tenn. Will be held Oct. 1,2,3. Your Commander along with Steve Massie & Ron McClintock are attending.
3. Logan, WV. September 24, 25, 26 Nice reenactment with lots of home cooked meals. Just a 2 hr. dirve.
4. Jackson's Mill, WV. On Sept 4<sup>th</sup> &5<sup>th</sup>. Lots of crafts and demonstrations at this event along with reenactment.
5. Guyandotte, WV. The annual raid on Guyandotte. The first weekend in November.
6. Battle of Winchester, VA. 140<sup>th</sup> reenactment of this battle Sept. 17,18,19.

### True Tales of the Civil War

#### Battle of the Bands

In early December 1862, The Union and Confederate armies gathered on opposite sides of the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg, VA to do battle.(Battle of Fredericksburg) One evening a Reb. Band came forward and played "Dixie." From across the river a Yankee band responded with "John Brown's Body." The Confederates retaliated with "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and received "The Star -Spangled Banner" in return. Finally, the music ceased and silence descended over the battle arena. Then a lone Union bugler played the haunting melody of "Home ! Sweet Home!" A New Hampshire soldier wrote in his diary. "That as the sweet sounds rose and fell on the evening air...all listened intently, and I

don't believe there was a dry eye in all those assembled thousands."

#### Another Confederate Widow

Alberta Martin of Alabam was thought to be the last Confederate widow when she died in May at 97. Meet Maudie Hopkins of Lexa, Arkansas the widow of Confederate William M. Cantrell, who served briefly in a KY unit before he was captured in April 1863. A justice of the peace married Maudie and Cantrell in 1934, when she was 19 and he was 86.

Cantrell enlisted in French's Battalion at Pikeville, KY. The newly formed unit, also known as the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Mounted Infantry, was mauled by Federals on April 15, 1863, in Piketon. Cantrell

was captured and sent to Camp Chase.



Maudie Hopkins: Last Confederate Widow (for now)

The last Union Widow, Gertrude Janeway, died in 2003.

Program Ideas:

I need the members to think of some  
"Programs" for upcoming meetings this fall.

Do we want to do a Thanksgiving Banquet?

We have been asked to perform several  
Stone Dedications in the near future. Some  
in Lawrence County and one in Leon, WV.  
We also have a new stone to set and Brother  
Dave North will make a report on this at the  
next meeting.