



Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 Newsletter



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Meeting March 3rd 7pm

Please keep this date in mind and have as many as possible present. **If you can't attend let me know.**

Abe Lincoln will be present

The program for the March 3, 2005 meeting will feature Abraham Lincoln (aka Bob Irvin). Feb. 12th is Lincoln's birthday and it is altogether fitting and proper that we honor his memory at this meeting.

Your commander and Sr. Vice Commander Roger Caldwell attended the Ohio Department SUCVW Meeting in Columbus on January 26 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

- 1. Lincoln Birthday Dinner being held in German Village on Feb. 12. Check website.**

- 2. Memorial dedication at Rittman Cemetery (near Cleveland)**
- 3. Discussion of ceremony at Buffington Island in July**
- 4. The name of the Ohio Departments newsletter was discussed and will be voted upon at the annual Department meeting at Alliance, Ohio this summer.**

6. Graves Registration project was discussed and updated. The National Office SUCVW will have available later this year the Database of all known and submitted Grave locations. Mike Trowbridge is working hard at trying to get Gallia County finished and would like some help from camp brothers if you can spare a little time.

**Upcoming Events.
April will be busy.**

**I recommend the book April 1865,
The month that Save America by Jan
Winik**

1..We need to have a Gravestone Dedication for Major John R. Blessing this spring honoring and marking the restoration of his stone. We need to plan this and try to locate some descendents.

2. General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomatox reenactment will be held this April 9th 140 years to the day of the actual surrender. I plan on being there for this occasion.

3. April 1,2 3 Hurricane, WV. This is the annual battle of Scary Creek and we always have a good time. Camp members are urged to attend on Saturday or Sunday for a fun filled time. Sutlers, battles, dances and lecturers. Hear Abe Lincoln give the Gettysburg Address.

5. April 29, 30, May 1. Federal Homecoming in Gallipolis City Park. I will pass out a flyer at the next meeting on this. Now this is in our own town so please support this event.

Civil War Trivia

- 1. Backpacks were also called what?**
- 2. In the official exchange of prisoners, how many enlisted men were to be exchanged for a general?**
- 3. Soldiers often called their blanket rolls what?**
- 4. Cartridge boxes were also known as what?**
- 5. Which Southern general mad such an impression that both**

Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee called for him when they were dying?

Did You Know

After three days of battle at Gettysburg in July of 1863, most Confederate troops who were killed were tumbled into mass graves by Union burial details and local farmers who had been paid fifty cents per body to give a "decent burial." It was 1871 before several hundred of these men were exhumed, boxed for shipment , and brought to Richmond, Virginia for honorable reinterment. Further exhumation began in April 1872, and by October 1873, 2,935 bodies were recovered and shipped to Richmond. Reinterment took place on "Gettysburg Hill" in the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

Trivia Answers

- 1. Beehives**
- 2. sixty**
- 3. horse collars**
- 4. sardine boxes**
- 5. A.P. Hill**