

**GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP #1 NEWSLETTER**  
**Department of Ohio, SUVCW**  
June 24, 2005

**Report of the May, 2005 Camp Meeting**

Commander Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at Veterans Memorial room 205 according to the rituals and ceremonies of the S.U.V.C.W. Those present included Commander Gregory Kenney, Senior Vice-Commander Robert Davis, Junior Vice-Commander Keith Krinn, Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger, Bros. D. McMahon, B. Nimmo, J. Morris, J. Ward, and J. Davis.

The Minutes of the March & April 2005 meeting were approved as was the treasurer's report.

Concerning sick Brothers or a Brother's Family in distress, Bro. R. Davis talked about his upcoming back surgery. It was reported that Bro. Tallman is not feeling well, and Bro. Strominger reported that his father Dan Strominger is having knee surgery on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bro. Ward reported that the Camp gave an award and medal to an R.O.T.C. candidate at Westland High School.

The Signals Officer reported that the newsletter will be printed every other month and the newsletter is on the State S.U.V.C.W. website.

Bro. Strominger reported that he received a letter from Bro. Hinton of Camp No. 2. concerning a letter from the I.R.S. asking about back taxes from the Camp. Bro. Strominger sent a letter to the I.R.S. explaining the Camp tax-exempt status but has not received a reply. He reported that we have not received the check from the County for Memorial Day expenses.

Upcoming activities include a Workday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Greenlawn Cemetery, the Memorial Day parade in Grove City and Operation flag on May 30<sup>th</sup> flag collection on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at Greenlawn and the Camp Chase service June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Bro. Nimmo reported that a headstone was changed in Circle M. correcting the name from David to Daniel Crist of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Calvary, Company L.

Bro. Ward told the Camp that his grand daughter is practicing to be a bugler and might be able to participate in Memorial Day activities next year. He also reported that the State house had a recreation of Lincoln's casket lying in state last month with an Honor Guard.

Bro. McMahon reported that if the Camp is to participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Westerville that the application has to be in by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Bro. R. Davis reported that the Camp will not participate in the Sharon Woods program this year.

Bro. Strominger reported that he sent the Camp dues to the State S.U.V.C.W. and is working on a new Camp roster.

Each month at the meeting one member will talk about his Civil War Ancestor. That information will also be in the Newsletter. Participation of the Color Guard in Labor Day parade in Canal Winchester was tabled until next meeting. Bros. Nimmo & J. Davis said they had a work party at Union Cemetery April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bro. Ward talked about the origin of Corp badges. He also talked about the origin of Corps and Divisions.

Commander Kenney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger.

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## **Report of the June, 2005 Camp Meeting**

Commander Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial room 205 on June 9, 2005 according to the rituals and ceremonies of the S.U.V.C.W. Present were Commander Gregory Kenney, Senior Vice-Commander Robert Davis, Junior Vice-Commander absent, Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger and members Bros. J. Davis, Morris, B. Nimmo, J. Ward & Department Commander B. Tilton.

The minutes of May 2005 and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Concerning a sick Brother or a Brother's Family in distress, Bro. Strominger told that his youngest son Edmund fell from a tree and broke both his arms. The accident happened on Memorial weekend Saturday. He also had poison ivy from distributing the flags at Greenlawn. Bro. R. Davis is waiting for more tests before he is scheduled for back surgery. Bro. J. Davis' wife is having carpal tunnel surgery on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Department Commander Tilton told of a lot of changes in the Charter of Ohio S.U.V.C.W. (mostly typographical). The changes are on the State website. There is a rededication of the 4<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. memorial at Gettysburg this weekend. The State Encampment is next weekend in Alliance, Ohio. Commander Tilton told that any Camp that any Camp that does not have their State dues in by April 30<sup>th</sup> will be dropped. There will be a \$25.00 reinstatement fee.

Commander Tilton reported that this committee was for investigating prospective members.

After numerous phone calls and getting nowhere with the service fee at the present Bank for the checking account, Commander Kenney & Sec-Treas. Strominger went to Bank One where the service fee for the Camp's checking account will be waived. Nothing from the I.R.S. in regard about the Camp tax-exempt status has been received. The Camp received the check from County for Memorial Day expenses. Please submit receipts to Sec-Treas. Strominger.

The members of the Camp talked about Memorial Day at Greenlawn. Everything went well at the Ceremony. Had discussions of various ways that the Camp could ensure that every Veteran had a flag. Possible digital photo of Grave, Gps or putting stickers or marking the headstones. Pickup of flags was discussed. There were too many flags picked up from different sections. Bro.'s Ward, J. Davis, Ward, Krinn & Sandy Prosak were at Camp Chase for the Ceremony. Bro. Ward was in the rifle volley.

Bro. Nimmo told that there are three members of the Camp buried in Greenlawn and their headstone should receive flags. Bro. Nimmo stated that every headstone at Union Cemetery is broken. He will attend the Franklin Twp. Meeting on Wednesday June 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to talk to the Commissioners about having the headstones replaced or repaired.

Commander Kenney brought several articles from the Dispatch about the Civil War.

Concerning next years cleanup at Greenlawn, April 2006, the Camp will await specifics.

Each month a member of the Camp will give a brief history of their Civil War Ancestor. John Ward is the first with one of his Great-Great Grandfathers, John Norris which is reprinted below.

Bro. Ward brought articles about body armor in the Civil War.

Commander Kenney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Strominger.

The next meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in room 205 at Veteran's Memorial

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### **Greenlawn Ceremony**

Memorial Services were held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at Circle M and Section 28 at Greenlawn Cemetery. On Friday morning and Saturday prior to the services members of the Camp placed flags on the graves of those who fought in the Civil War and were buried here. They were assisted by members of Cub Pack 166 and other friends in the community. The service began at 10:30 at section M with presentation of the colors by the color guard of John Ward, Jim Morris, Ray Ryan and David McMahon followed by Jonathan Davis leading the pledge of allegiance, Greg Kenny giving the Invocation and memorial readings by Brad Tilton and Greg Forquer. Sandy Prosak aided by Dale Tallman placed the wreath. Jason Williams was the bagpiper and members of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry gave a rifle salute. The Color guard then lead the party to section 28 where memorial reading were done by Keith Krin and John Ward. After the salute and benediction, the color guard led the party back to section M where the Camp Auxiliary provided refreshments. Unfortunately no photos are available.

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### **Greenlawn Cemetery clean-up**

Thanks to the members of the Camp and auxiliary who were able to gather the flags on Tuesday morning and then come back if possible to collect, bundle and store the flags on Wednesday. Due to the wet weather, it was a two day event and all the help was appreciated.

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## Grove City Memorial Day Parade

Members of the Camp and representatives of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry again marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Grove City. This year, the group was able to give a rifle salute. It was well received by the community.



**Camp color guard and associated units parading under the direction of Capt. Ruley**

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## Operation Flag

Operation flag held a rededication ceremony at Truro Presbyterian Cemetery on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM honoring veterans of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. The Camp was represented by David McMahon who as Signals and Grave Registration officer gave a short address and Ray Ryan who was Camp color bearer. The 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio State House Light Artillery, Battery A started the program by firing the cannon. During the program, Bro. McMahon also accepted a certificate from Joe Testa and Operation Flag in remembrance of past Camp Commander Greg Brown. He also gave a tribute to Greg Brown as part of the program.

## Operation Flag



**1<sup>st</sup> Ohio State House Light Artillery Battery A firing**



**Bro. McMahon reading an abridged version of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.'s 1884 Memorial Day address "In Our Youth Our Hearts Were Touched with Fire." Bro. Ryan holding the Camp flag as color bearer.**

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**John Norris**  
Great-Great Grandfather of John Ward

John Norris was born April 1822 in Gurnsey County, Ohio. He married Susan on March 2, 1848. They had six children: Corben, John, Samantha, Mary, Lafayette & Catherine (who was my Great-Grandmother and whose second husband was also my Grandfather and Confederate Veteran). Susan died four days after Catherine was born, March 12, 1863.

John enlisted in the Union Army in August 19, 1862 at Coolville, Ohio for three years. He mustered into Company I, 116<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. on September 18, 1862 in Gallipolis, Ohio.

John married Hannah Finley on October 20, 1866 at Athens, Ohio. They had three children: Charles, Martha & Bertha. Hannah was the widow of a Union Veteran.

John applied for an invalid pension in 1868. On the claim form he told about a minie ball hitting his right foot, removing a toe and exiting the bottom. Leaving him a cripple for life. This happened at the 3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Winchester, Virginia.

In the claim form, he also said that his poor eyesight was the result of locomotive smoke stack cinders injuring his eyes. This happened on a flat car on his way to Sleepy Creek. An 1882 affidavit from a fellow Company I. Veteran, said that John's eyesight was so bad, they had to lead him to and from his picket post. John received a monthly pension of \$2.00 until 1884. Then it was increased.

Before his death he lived in Frost, Ohio. He died November 27, 1902 in Stewart, Ohio. Hannah Norris received a widow's pension until her death on April 23, 1912.

Highlights on John J. Norris Civil War career:

Private        Company I, 116<sup>th</sup> O.V.I.  
Enlisted      08/19/1862 at Coolville, Ohio-3 years  
Muster in    09/18/1862 in Gallipolis, Ohio

P.O.W. at battle of Bunker Hill Va. June 13, 1863

Prisoner at Belle Isle prison on the James River at Richmond, Va. June 23, 1863

Paroled at City Point, Va. July 8, 1863

Reported to Camp Parole Md. July 8, 1863

Injured eyes from cinders while riding in an open train en route to Sleepy Creek Fall of 1863

Wounded in foot at 3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Winchester, Va. (Opequon Creek) September 19, 1864

Harbis U.S.A. General Hospital at Baltimore, Md. September 1864 thru November 1864

Seminary U.S. Army General Hospital at Columbus, Ohio November 1864 thru March 1865

Transferred to Company H. 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Veterans Reserve Corps at Johnson's Island, Ohio 1865

Mustered out: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865 at Cincinnati, Ohio

# Camp Calendar

Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Department of Ohio Chartered August 1, 1882

Date	Time	Event	Location	Notes
14 Jul '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
4-6 Aug '05		124 <sup>th</sup> National Encampment		
11 Aug '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
21 Aug '05	Sun. 1:00 p.m.	Camp Family Potluck Picnic	TBD	
5 Sep '05	Mon. 12:00	Canal Winchester Labor Day Parade		
8 Sep '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
13 Oct '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
10 Nov '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 205
8 Dec '05	Thu. 7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting w/Camp Elections	Veterans Memorial	Room 205

Meetings: held at Room 205 Veterans Memorial 300 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio

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## Camp Officers for 2005:

Commander: Gregory A. Kenney  
Senior Vice Commander: Robert A. Davis  
Junior Vice Commander: Keith L. Krinn  
Council members: John Ward, R. Dale Tallman, James R. Seitz  
Secretary-Treasurer: Timothy J. Strominger  
Patriotic Instructor: John Ward  
Chaplain: James W. Morris  
Graves Registration: David E. McMahon M.D.  
Historian: Jonathan Davis  
Civil War Memorials: Garry Inabnitt  
Eagle Scout: R. Dale Tallman  
Signals Officer: David E. McMahon M.D.

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## Up-coming Opportunities

Operation Flag **WORK PARTY**

**When: July 23, 2005**

**Where: Methodist Hill Cemetery**

*(on Waggoner Rd about 1/2 block north of Main Street in Reynoldsburg)*

**Time: 9:00 – 12:00**

**WHAT TO BRING: SHOVEL, TRASH BAGS, SPUD BAR, BUCKET, BRUSH, RAKE, TRIMMERS, WHEELBARROW, ETC...**