



GOVERNOR WILLIAM DENNISON CAMP #1 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

As with every newsletter, we are asking for submissions for the newsletter. Ideas for submission may be vacations, reenactments, a family member's service history, etc. Requesting also dates of reenactments or living history programs that individuals might be interested in attending. We would desire all submissions be in:

by **September 10, 2008** for the Fall issue.
by **December 10, 2008** for the Winter issue,
by **March 10, 2009** for Spring Issue,
by **June 10, 2009** for Summer Issue.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO WEBSITE

The Department of Ohio has its own website. You may access it at: <http://www.ohiosuv.com/>. On the site you may find such items as Department Orders and Announcements, Bulletin Board/Forum, Graves Registrations, both Camp and Department Newsletters, the new SUVCW National Quartermaster Merchandise Online Store and SUVCW Charitable Foundation Online Store, etc.

CAMP CALENDAR SUMMER 2008

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTE
19 July	11:00 a.m.	Buffington Island Ceremony Department of Ohio	Portland, Ohio	
22 July	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 203
26 August	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 203
14 August	TBA	127 th National Encampment		
1 Sept.	2:00 p.m.	Labor Day Parade	Canal Winchester, Ohio	Canal Winchester High School
28 Oct.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 203

PVT. LUCAS ODELL HEADSTONE DEDICATION

On Saturday, April 12th, Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1, conducted a Headstone Dedication Service for the family of Private Lucas Robert Odell. Commander **Jonathan Davis** and a Camp Color Guard consisting of **John Ward**, **Sid Drumheiser**, **James Seitz** and **Ray Ryan** led the ceremony. Pastor David R. Wilson of West Mansfield United Methodist Church in West Mansfield, Ohio gave an Invocation and Reading followed by a biography of Pvt. Lucas Odell read by the commander. Commander Davis also gave a reading taken from a GAR Headstone Dedication in 1909. Taps was conducted by Ward with a benediction given by Pastor Wilson.



Private Lucas “Luke” Robert Odell passed away on December 21, 1927 at the age of 80 years in Urbana, Ohio. Funeral services was originally held on Christmas Eve in 1927 at West Mansfield Baptist Church in charge of by Reverend Pence, followed by the burial in the Southardtown Cemetery at State Route 47 and Newton-Perkins Road East of West Mansfield, Ohio. Lucas served in Company G of the 30th Illinois Infantry.



Lucas was born in Union County on June 22, 1847 to the late Oliver Perry Sr. and Mary Ann Lowe. He moved with his family to Keithsburg, Illinois, and at age 16, joined the Union Army on March 31, 1864 for a three-year enlistment at Aledo, Mercer County, Illinois. He was discharged out with the company at Louisville, Kentucky with a length of service of 1 yr., 3 months, and 13 days.

Lucas first married Rebecca Rachel Redifer, then after her death married Mary C. Benedict Odell on December 4, 1912, the widow of his brother Oliver Perry Odell who died in Logan County, Ohio on November 30, 1909.

The family consisting of about 60 members reunited following our ceremony for a family reunion in West Mansfield, Ohio.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

This years Memorial Day weekend as always turned out to be quite busy for me, as I am sure it was for all of you.

On Friday, May 23, many of brothers of the camp and also a couple volunteers met at Greenlawn Cemetery to place flags on Civil War Veterans, this was continued the next morning with the help of many Cub Scouts.

The Camp’s Memorial Ceremony followed at 10:30 a.m. at Circle “M” which included the Camp’s Color Guard; placing of a wreath by Camp Auxiliary President **Sandy Prosak** with assistance of a scout; readings by Senior Vice Commander **Tim Strominger**, Commander **Jonathan Davis**, and Department Commander Donald Grant. Members of an Ohio Volunteer Infantry gave a musket salute followed by the playing of Taps from Patriotic Instructor **John Ward**. **Jim Morris** gave the Invocation.

At Section 28 the service consisted of the placing of colors; readings from speakers Camp Secretary **David McMahan**, **John Ward**, and Auxiliary Member **Samatha Ryan**; placement of wreath by **Sandy Prosak**; a musket salute; playing of Taps followed by the Benediction given from **Jim Morris** and retrieval of Colors.

Refreshments were served following the Service thanks to the Camp Auxiliary.



On Monday, May 26, members and their families led by the Camp Color Guard and commanded by **James Ruley** marched in the Grove City, Ohio Memorial Day Parade. In the afternoon this year the Operation Flag Rededication Ceremony was held in the Pioneer (Jameson) Cemetery of Westerville, Ohio. We had participated a few members in the Color Guard and David McMahon gave a Graveside Reading. I number of members of the camp and auxiliary also attended.

On Tuesday, May 27, again members of the camp and volunteers met at Greenlawn Cemetery to collect the many American flags that were placed starting the weekend.

CAMP CHASE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 113th Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service was held on Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. The cemetery is located at 2900 Sullivant Avenue in Columbus and administered by the Dayton Cemetery Association but memorial services are conducted by the Hilltop Historical Society.

This year the camp supplied a Color Guard consisting of **John Ward**, **Sid Drumheiser** both with arms, **Jonathan Davis**, and **Robert Davis** serving as Color Bearers.

The speaker for this years ceremony was John Morgan who is a descendant of George Morgan found at grave #281 and Taps was played by Ralph Erb, a member of the Honor Guard of American legion Post No. 164 of Grove City, Ohio.

The picture below was drawn by a prisoner of Camp Chase during the war and is displayed in the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.



126th DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The 126th Ohio Department Encampment was held on June 14 at Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus.

I would like to congratulate Camp Treasurer **Robert Davis** who was elected to serve as Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio and Camp Junior Vice Commander **Sid Drumheiser** who was appointed as Camp Chase Representative. I, your Camp Commander **Jonathan Davis** was appointed Department Chief of Staff, Historian and Chairman of the Site and Planning Committee for the 2009 Department Encampment.

The camp also received a Commander's Silver Leaf Award in recognition for Excellence in Camp Newsletters.

JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP NO. 142 RAFFLE

The James A. Garfield Camp No. 142 is again holding their annual raffle to raise money for their camp but this also allows our camp to raise money as well. The cost of tickets are \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00 and can be obtained at any camp meeting though November or you can contact Camp Commander Jonathan Davis for tickets.

The prizes are as shown below or the alternate cash prize for all three prizes is \$300.00 each.

Our camp keeps 50% of monies for tickets we sell and also gives an opportunity of receiving an additional \$300.00 if we sell a winning ticket.

		
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Prize</u></p> <p>Cased Colt 1860 Army Revolver, .44 cal., Cavalry Edition.</p> <p>Case contains: powder flask, bullet mold, nipple wrench, empty cap tin and key.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Prize</u></p> <p>Cased Colt 1849 Pocket Revolver, .31 cal. 150th Anniversary Gold Rush Edition.</p> <p>Case contains; powder flask, bullet mold, nipple wrench, empty cap tin and key</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third Prize</u></p> <p>Cased replica 1860 Army Colt revolver.</p> <p>Case contains: powder flask, bullet mold, nipple wrench, empty cap tin and key.</p>