



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, 2009** for the Fall issue.
by **December 10, 2009** for the Winter issue,
by **March 10, 2010** for Spring Issue,
by **June 10, 2010** 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 2009

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTE
18 July	11:00 a.m.	Buffington Island Ceremony Department of Ohio	Portland, Ohio	
28 July	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 203
25 August	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting	Veterans Memorial	Room 203
13-15 Aug.		2009 National Encampment	Louisville, Kentucky	
7 Sept.	1:00 p.m.	Labor Day Parade	Canal Winchester,	Canal Winchester

			Ohio	High School
3 Oct.	TBA	Last Union Veteran	Pike County, Ohio	TBA
10 Oct.	TBA	Rededication Grates Monument	Atwater Twp.	TBA
11 Oct.	2:00 p.m.	Last Union Veteran	Franklin County, OH	GreenLawn Cem.
23-25 Oct.		Battle of Leatherwood	Cornettsville, KY	See R. Cornett
27 Oct.	7:00 p.m.	Camp Meeting/Elections	Veterans Memorial	Room 203

BANNING CAMP ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations go out to the General Henry Banning Camp No. 207 of Mount Vernon, Ohio who celebrated their 100th Anniversary as a camp on Saturday, May 2, 2009 hosting a spaghetti dinner at the Memorial Building in Mount Vernon.

The anniversary celebration featured Civil War author Jeane Candido. Mrs Candido has written two Civil War books; "The redemption of Corporal Nolan Giles" and "Shepherd's Song".



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

I would like to thank everyone who participated with our Memorial Services at Green Lawn Cemetery either by placing flags, attending the service, or both. On Friday, May 22, many of brothers of the camp and also volunteers met at Green lawn Cemetery to place flags on Civil War Veterans, this was continued the next morning with the help of many Scouts. A great effort was put forth and all but a few sections were not covered.

The Camp's Memorial Service was held at 11:00 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 Commander Jonathan Davis, and Craig W. Keller, Department Commander. Members of Ohio Volunteer Infantry members gave a musket salute followed by the playing of Taps from Patriotic Instructor John Ward

At Section 28 the service consisted of the placing of colors; readings from speakers Camp Secretary David McMahon, John Ward, and Auxiliary President Sandy Prosak; placement of wreath by Sandy Prosak; a musket salute; playing of Taps followed by the Benediction and retrieval of Colors.

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



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



On Monday, May 25, members of the Camp Color Guard and infantry reenactors commanded by **James Ruley** marched in the Grove City, Ohio Memorial Day Parade. Our total participants which included ladies and children were around thirty-five. I would like to thank everyone who made it out to the parade.

In the afternoon this years Operation Flag Rededication Ceremony was held in the Oak Grove Cemetery on Alkire Road in Pleasant Township. 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.

CAMP CHASE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE



The 114th Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service was held on Sunday, June 14 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 hosted by the Hilltop Historical Society.

This year the camp supplied a Color Guard consisting of James Morris, John Ward, Ray Ryan and Sid Drumheiser. The Confederate Color Guard consisted of members of the 5th Kentucky Infantry who also conducted the Firing Salute.

The speaker for this years ceremony was Roger Pickenpough, author of "Camp Chase and the Evolution of Union Prison Policy".

A special thanks goes to John Ward and his wife for inviting members of the camp and their families over to their home for a potluck dinner following the service.

127th DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The 127th Ohio Department Encampment was held on Saturday, June 13 at Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus.

I would like to congratulate Camp Treasurer Robert Davis who was elected to serve as Ohio Department Commander. Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1 members who received appointments to office by Commander Robert Davis are John Ward, Genealogist and Jonathan Davis was again appointed Department Chief of Staff, Historian and Chairman of the Site and Planning Committee for the 2010 Department Encampment.



TIN TYPES

Tin Types are biographies of our ancestors who served during the Civil War. Tin Types articles originally appeared in the camp newsletters in the mid nineties.

Brother Robert W. Davis
The Biography of his Great Grandfather
Private Henry Louis Althen
95 Ohio Volunteer Infantry
Company C

On August 29, 1841, Henry Louis Althen was born to parents John Althen and Elizabeth Hinkle Althen in Columbus, Ohio.

At the age of 20, he enlisted into service on August 1, 1862 and mustered in on August 13, 1862 at Camp Chase, Ohio, by Captain C.O.Howard. August 19, 1862 he was assigned to 95th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company C. Twelve days later, August 30, 1862, he found himself in battle at Richmond, Kentucky. Many of the regiments never had a battalion drill and did not know what a line of battle was. They were undisciplined, inexperienced and had never been taught in the manual of arms. After three engagements the result was an overwhelming Confederate victory. The union troops were caught up in a retreat, which resulted in panic. Five thousand Union troops, including Pvt. Althen were taken prisoner. He was paroled at Richmond, Ky., October 31, 1862, and returned to Camp Chase.

Chronology of events:

May 14, 1863-----Jackson, MS
May 18 to July 4----- Vicksburg, MS
June 22, 1863 By order of Brig. Gen. J.M. Tuttle, commanding the 3rd Division, 15th Army Corp was detached from the 95th O.V.I. and assigned to serve with the Illinois 1st Light Artillery, Company E.

July 6, 1863-----Big Black River, MS
July 9-16, 1863-----Jackson, MS
July 19th, 1863-----Brandon, MS
February 10, 1864-----Hichahala Creek MS
June 10, 1864-----Brices Cross Roads, MS

This battle was against General Nathan Bedford Forests Confederates. (Edwin C. Bearss' book on Brice Cross roads) "When a section of the 2nd Iowa Battery came pounding up, the Red Legs put their guns into battery, along McClure's left, and in support of Cramers Section of Co. "E", 1st Illinois Light Artillery. Company "E" hammered General Burfords Confederate's line with shell. Colonel McMillen ordered Co. E to unlimber their two guns to the left side of the crossroads. The battle of Brices Cross Roads also turned into a retreat for the federals hampered by darkness, rain, and mud covered the roads. Many of Pvt. Althen's comrades in the 95th OVI were taken prisoner and marched to Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

July 13, 1864-----Harrisburg, MS
July 14, 1864----- Tupelo, MS
July 15, 1864-----Old Town Creek, MS
December 6, 1864-----Franklin, TN

December 12, 1864-Private Althen is relieved from Company E., Illinois 1st Light Artillery and is returned to the 95th O.V.I. Company C.

December 12, 1864-Nashville, TN General Hood and his Confederates are defeated and retreat towards Tupelo, MS.

December 17, 1864 to Jan. 1, 1865---Pursuit of General Hood. In the following six weeks, Hood marches his army nearly five hundred miles, fights two battles, and all but wrecks the balance of his army.

March 26 to April 9, 1865-Spanish Fort, Alabama (Now called Blakely Park) 45,000 union soldiers attack the Confederates and along with prisoners, took 300 guns.

August 14, 1865-Private Henry Louis Althen was mustered out of the 95th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Louisville, Kentucky. He resettled in Alton, Ohio and worked as a farmer and blacksmith.

August 29, 1924-Henry Louis Althen, President, and 31 members of the 95th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry held their 39th Reunion at Rome (New Rome) Ohio.

Henry Louis Althen died on Thursday, November 10, 1932 at the home of his son, Ellsworth C. Althen, 772 Doyle Street in Columbus. Military funeral services were held at his Rome home with burial at Alton-Darby Cemetery. His grave registration shows he is buried in Lot #104, Section 2, Grave 5. His family gravestone verifies service, showing 95th O.V.I.

