



THE BUCKEYE BUGLE

Past C-in-C Medert Veterans Hall of Fame honoree

Courtesy of Brother Robert Grim

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David R. Medert, Past SUVCW Commander in Chief and Past Ohio Department Commander, received his Veterans Hall of Fame plaque from Ohio

Governor Ted Strickland Nov. 5.

Medert is a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II. Following military service, he joined the Ohio Highway Patrol serving communities from Gallipolis to Mansfield. He retired as an Assistant District Commander in 1981 with rank of lieutenant.

He joined the SUVCW in 1988 and was elected

National Commander-in-Chief in 1995. As leader of the organization, he played an important role fostering America's Civil War heritage.

Past C-in-C Medert raised thousands of dollars to restore a Civil War memorial in Chillicothe, and both saved a World War I memorial and established a WW II memorial in Ross Co. He was nominated for the Veterans Hall of Fame by Henry Casey Camp #92.

National Commander Schall issues challenges; names officers

Points of fact:

- There were seventy-seven Confederate and forty-seven Union generals killed or mortally wounded in action during the war. That is 18% of Confederate and 8% of Union generals.
- Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas, Army of the Cumberland commander, established the first national military cemetery at a battlefield (Stones River).

The challenges issued by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall: Learn who we are. Learn what we do. Participate in what we do. Honor the Boys in Blue"

Schall was chosen SUVCW Commander-in-Chief at the 129th National Encampment in Overland Park, Kans. Aug. 14, 2010. Prior to that, he served in most every camp and Department of California position since joining the SUVCW over 15 years ago. On national staff, he twice

served on the Council of Administration, and also as Patriotic Instructor and chairman of the Memorials Grant Committee. He is a member of both Gen. George Wright Camp #22 in Sacramento and Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp #24 in the San Francisco Bay area. Donald Palmer, Jr. is Senior Vice C-in-C. He joined the SUV in 1997. Other national officers are: Jr. Vice C in C Perley Mellor; Secretary Eugene Mortorff; Treasurer Richard



C-in-C Brad Schall

Orr; Quartermaster Danny Wheeler; and Council of Administration members Allan Russ, William Vieira, Robert Petrovic, Tad Campbell, and Ken Freshley.

DEPT. MEETING January 15, 2011

The Mid-Winter Department of Ohio meeting is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus.

Department officers will give reports, discuss plans and finances, and receive member suggestions and ideas.

All Ohio SUVCW camp brothers are encouraged to attend.



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 2011 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Orders will be August 11 – 14, 2011 in Reston, Virginia at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

Department senior staff officers meet

Department Commander Chuck Reeves convened a senior staff meeting in Columbus Oct. 12. Eight officers attended. Reports were presented.

Council of Administration member Ray Nagel reported low dividend rates will reduce income derived from department certificates of deposit that will roll-over soon.

Chief of Staff Jonathan Davis announced the Mid-Winter meeting is Jan. 15. Lunch will be provided in exchange for a free-will donation, but a generous contribution from attendees is needed to cover

cost of food. The \$5 charge for meeting materials does not include the lunch.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. Fred Lynch reported processing five applications received from national headquarters. All new member applications were forwarded to camps.

Secretary-Treasurer Howey provided income-expense summaries and copies of the new SUVCW per capita dues schedule.

Commander Reeves reported McPherson Camp #66 will close effective March, 2011. The Department encouraged

McPherson Camp members to keep the camp active, but by majority vote they elected to dispose of assets and close. Former McPherson Camp brothers were encouraged to join other camps.

Reeves also announced a plan is under consideration to assign Member-at-Large brothers to camps. In addition, he stated a few bylaws changes are needed and will be discussed at the Mid-Winter meeting. He also advised he is sending notice to camps reminding them to request installing officers.

CW 150 "House Divided" blog enlightening

"A House Divided" is a Washington Post web blog dedicated to news and issues of interest to Civil War historians. Blogger Linda Wheeler and a panel of Civil War experts debate and dissect historical issues and explore new concepts. The site reports information

concerning conferences and seminars, finds little-known battlefields to explore, and tracks local, national and international stories of interest to readers.

The site includes a Q&A column with responses from some of the best known and

most thoughtful experts on the Civil War. Panelists include about 25 historians, professors, archivists, authors and assorted others with extensive knowledge of the war to answer questions from readers. Link to the site at:

[A House Divided Blog](#)

Last Veteran Ceremony - Adams County

Contributed by Brother James Houston

In a ceremony at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in West Union, Ohio Sunday Oct. 17, Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10 honored Private. John Lytle Baldrige, last Civil War veteran in Adams County.

Nearly 90 people attended the gravesite services. Fifteen members of the Baldrige family joined unveiling the memorial plaque at the gravesite.

Baldrige was born in Sept.

1845 and died at age 96 in July 1941. He enlisted July 20, 1863 at age 18 in the 129th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He mustered into Co. G with two cousins.

Private Baldrige was present during the capture of Cumberland Gap Sept. 1863, and fought in the battle of Black Fox Ford on the Clinch River in Tenn. Dec. 1863. Upon completing his six month enlistment, he mustered out with his

regiment March 8, 1864. After the war, he returned to Adams Co. and was active in G.A.R McFarren Post #226. In 1938, he attended the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Ceremony dignitaries included SUV Past C-in-C's Dan Darby and Robert Grim, Dept. Cmdr. Chuck Reeves, PDC James Houston, Lytle Camp Commander Kerry Langdon, members of SVR Co. C 20th OVI and others.

Last Veteran Ceremony - Jackson County

SUVCW's Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 facilitated honors for Private Barak Chase, last Union Army soldier to live and die in Jackson County Oct. 9.

Remarks by camp commander James Oiler included, "A soldier cannot leave his post without being properly relieved. Private Chase, you are now relieved. I have the post. Rest in peace."

Camp #126 members, Dept. Commander Chuck Reeves, local dignitaries, and others participated in the gravesite ceremony held in Evergreen Cemetery outside Coalton.

Following remarks by Commander Oiler and Memorials Officer Ron McClintock, members of the camp placed wreaths on the grave. A bugler playing "Taps" and a 21-gun salute followed.

Private Chase was born in 1844 and enlisted in the 176th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment's Co. I Sept. 2, 1864. Previously, for 11 months, he served as a U.S. Government teamster.

Chase fought in the Battle of Nashville and participated in the capture of Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan.

He died in 1940 at the age of 95.



SUVCW Ohio representatives place wreaths by Private Barak Chase's grave

Last Veteran Ceremony - Pickaway County

Contributed by Brother Don Martin

David Little Fast, the last surviving Pickaway Co. Union Army veteran died on Nov. 8, 1943. Mr. Fast served in Co. K of the 197th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, last Civil War unit recruited in Ohio.

Fast and his unit guarded Washington D.C. and later the Washington and Baltimore Rail Road. He mustered out July 31, 1865.

He is buried in Pleasant Cemetery north of Mt. Sterling, Ohio. As part of the ceremony, Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73 added a SUVCW last veteran plaque alongside the marker on his grave.

Keynote speaker at the ceremony was SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief Dan Darby. Other dignitaries included Department of Ohio commander Chuck Reeves and Sr. Vice Commander

Don Martin, Sons of Veterans Reserve commander Brig. General Robert Grimm and SVR deputy commander Col. Henry Shaw, camp commander John Bowling plus members of Enderlin Camp, and Civil War reenactors of the 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Four generations of Fast family members attended the ceremony.



Descendants of Private Fast and Dept. Cmdr. Reeves unveil Last Veteran plaque

Sherman Camp brings Dayton history alive

Courtesy Sherman Camp's "The Coffee Cooler"

Brothers of Sherman Camp #93 in Dayton honored Civil War soldiers Oct. 10 during Historic Woodland Cemetery Day.

The annual gathering brings local residents and historians to Woodland Cemetery to learn concerning contributions made by Daytonians buried there. Notables

represented by local reenactors include aviation pioneer Orville Wright, Copperhead and Peace Democrat Clement E. Vallandigham, and National Cash Register founder John Patterson.

Sherman Camp Commander Fred Lynch represented First Lieutenant Howard Forrer, hero of the 1864 Battle of

Decatur, Ga.; Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mark Alex honored Private George Fair, model for the Dayton Civil War Veterans Monument; and Brothers Brent Davidson and Del Steiner represented soldiers "on post" guarding GAR Old Guard Post #23 veterans' graves and their memorial to departed comrades buried at Woodland Cemetery.



Brothers (l-r) Lynch, Davidson, Steiner, and Alex with other living historians at Woodland Day 2010

Memorial honors Private William Burns

Courtesy Dennison Camp's "The Governor's Gazette"

Saturday, September 25, members of Governor William Dennison Camp #1 and William McKinley Camp #21 along with family and residents of Zanesville, Ohio celebrated the life and service of Private William Carver Burns. Pvt. Burns was a veteran of the 13th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and last surviving member of Grand Army of the Republic. Hazlett Post #81

A color guard consisting of both Union and Confederate re-enactors commanded by Col. James Ruley started the service being led by bagpiper Jeff Linn. Speakers from McKinley Camp #21 were Camp Commander Dan Starkey who gave the opening address and their

Patriotic Instructor John Dye who provided a tribute to Pvt. Burns.

Representing Dennison Camp #1, PDC Robert Davis was acting Chaplain giving the Invocation and Benediction along with playing Taps. Camp brother Steve Ball played patriotic music at times. Department Jr. Vice Commander Fred Lynch read GAR Gen. John Logan's General Order No. 11. Brig. General Robert Grim, PC-in-C and National Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve spoke on the history of the GAR and later presented a flag to the family of Private Burns.

Bill Lusher, the great-great grandson of Burns read a



Grave of Private Burns

proclamation from Governor Strickland. His son followed reading a proclamation from Zanesville Mayor Howard Zwelling proclaiming Sept. 25, 2010 "Private William C. Burns Day." Mr. Lusher also read a tribute called "Taps" taken from the same copy veteran William C. Burns regularly recited at local GAR and community patriotic events.



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The American's Creed for which they fought 1861-65

Contributed by National Patriotic Instructor Don Martin

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established

upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."



Seek, find good information available on SUVCW websites

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War national organization has its website at www.suvcw.org

On it are links concerning the national graves registration database, upcoming national events, general orders, Memorial University, *The Banner* national magazine, and more.

The SUVCW Department of Ohio has its website at: www.ohiosuv.com

On the site are links to department orders, calendar and announcements, the members-only section, graves registration information, camp and department newsletters, the SUVCW national quartermaster and SUVCW Charitable Foundation online stores, and more.