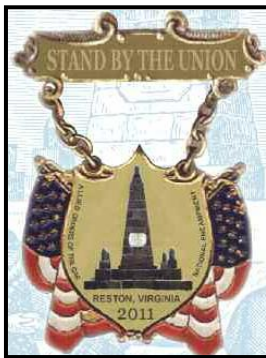




THE BUCKEYE BUGLE

130th National Encampment tradition, decisions, fun



National Encampment Medal commemorates Union monument built on Henry Hill in 1865

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Point of interest:

The 1st and 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiments (Ohio Militia) were part of the Union rear guard at Bull Run commanded by Ohio's Brig. Gen. Robert C. "Battling Bob" Schenck.

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans annually honor traditions of the order, conduct official business, and enjoy comradeship at their National Encampment. So it was August 11-14 in Reston, Virginia at the Order's 130th encampment attended by more than 160 SUV brothers plus family members.

All business actions taken at the 2011 Encampment will be posted on the national website at: <http://suvvw.org/ftp.htm>.

Sixteen Ohio Department Brothers attended including the state's commander, senior vice, junior vice, council of administration members, many appointed officers, and several camp commanders.

Thursday activities included tours of Bull Run Battlefield and a talk concerning impact of the GAR on U.S. society by Civil War historian Ed Bearss.

Friday's business session opened with a memorial service commemorating a long list of

Brothers "gone to the final muster." A full day of business followed. The evening "campfire" featured a replicated 19th century magic show and great camaraderie.

Saturday's business included national honors and elections. The Department of Ohio received the 2011 Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award for recruiting the greatest number of new members for the Order, receiving a plaque and a streamer for the department flag. Ohio SUV also was presented a framed certificate recognizing the Department for having recruited the most new members under age 40.

Ohio Brother Ken Freshley of James A. Garfield Camp 142 was elected National Junior Vice Commander in Chief and Ohio Brother Don Martin of Enderlin Camp 73 to a three-year term on the National Council of Adminis-



tration. Other national officers elected are: Commander in Chief Donald D. Palmer Jr.; SV CinC Perley E. Mellor; Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff; Treasurer Richard Orr; Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler; and William Vieira, Council of Administration to 2013; Robert M. Petrovic, CofA to 2013; plus both Tad Campbell and Steve Hammond, CofA to 2012 along with Past CinC Brad Schall.

Historian educates and entertains during Bull Run tour

On Thursday Aug. 11 as part of the SUV National Encampment noted historian Ed Bearss led two special tours of Bull Run Battlefield. His narrative brought to life the bravery and blunders of the famous battle.

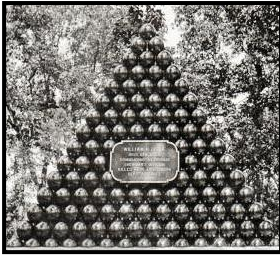
As he described the scenario: "Cheers rang out in the streets of Washington July 16, 1861 as Gen. Irvin McDowell's army of

35,000 began the long-awaited campaign to capture Richmond and end the war.

On July 21, at 5:30 a.m. a Parrott gun signaled start of the battle which ended in a defeat for the Union just after 4 p.m. As Union soldiers retreated across Bull Run they found the road to Washington jammed with carriages of

civilians who had driven out to watch the battle. In spite of a stalwart rear guard, panic seized many soldiers and the retreat became a rout. July 22 found the defeated Union army back behind the defenses of Washington."

And, afternoon Aug. 11, found well exercised SUV members back in Reston to register and attend committee meetings.



**Gen. Lytle Monument
1909**



**Gen. Lytle Monument
2011**

As an Ohio Department project, all 20 SUCVW camps are to honor the Last Civil War Veterans buried in each of the state's 88 counties.

Ohio SUV Calendar:

- **Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting**
 - Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012
 - Columbus, Ohio
- **Dept. 130th Encampment**
 - Saturday, June 9, 2012
 - Columbus, Ohio
- **National Encampment**
 - August 9-11, 2012
 - Los Angeles, Calif.
 - www.suvpac.org/2012.html

Brothers seek help to honor fallen heroes

Lytle Camp 10 and the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park are seeking donations to restore the vandalized General William H. Lytle Monument on the Chickamauga battlefield.

The partnership plans to complete the project during 2013, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga and of Gen. Lytle's death in battle.

The partners plan to restore the monument's cairn of 323 cannon balls, return the surrounding area closer to its

1863 appearance, renovate the access trail to the spot, and rededicate the site. A \$200 gift will fund one cannonball.

Contributions may be sent to Friends of the Park. For more information:

<http://www.chickchatt.org/article.php?story=20100920123510264&query=Lytle>

In addition, the SUCVW Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument National Committee seeks to honor the 29 Medal of Honor

recipients, nearly 5,000 dead, 4 Generals, and the 50,000 plus Union Veterans of the Civil War who were Canadians.

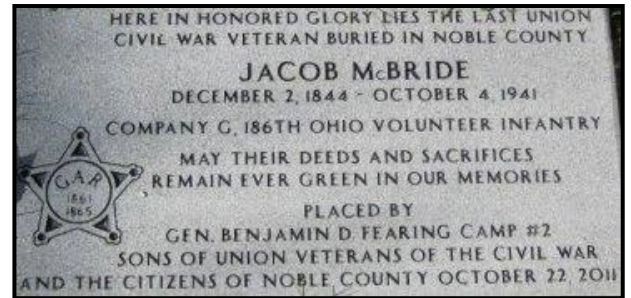
The group is working to place a monument in Canada honoring her sons who served the U.S.A during the American Civil War. Donations payable to "Canadian Union Veterans Monument" may be sent to SUCVW National Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214. Information is at: <http://suvvw.org/CanadianMonument/CanadianMonument.htm>

Fearing Camp honors Monroe, Noble Co. Last Veterans

By Dan Hinton, Camp Commander, Gen. Benjamin Fearing Camp

Fearing Camp 2 Brothers gathered Oct. 15 at Clarington Cemetery to honor with a ceremony and granite in-ground marker Private John T. Landis, Co. A, 77th OVI. Pvt. Landis, last Union veteran from Monroe Co., was born 1844 and died in 1940.

Speakers to 50 guests included Ohio Junior Vice Cmdr. Jonathan Davis and Monroe Co. Historical and Genealogical Society representatives. Camp members present included Dan Hinton, Marvin Miracle, Andy Francis, Charlie Miller, Ken Reynolds, Bruce Fox, and Paul Warren.



Oct. 22, the camp dedicated a Noble Co. Last Veteran marker in Olive Cemetery to honor Private Jacob McBride, Co. G, 186 OVI. Speakers and 40 guests included Caldwell Mayor Dan Shaw, and McBride descendents.

The closing prayer was read by Chaplain Andy Francis from the 1911 version of the Sons of Veterans Memorial Service. Camp members in CW uniform fired a rifle salute followed by "Taps."

Parrott Camp promotes involvement, patriotism

By Bradford Bailey, Secretary-Treasurer, Jacob Parrott Camp

Involvement was the name of the day in Hardin County at Parrott Camp's Memorial Day ceremony. Keynote speaker at Grove Cemetery was Michael P. Kasler, Camp 33 Junior Vice Commander. "It was a stirring account of patriotism if ever I heard one," noted an attendee.

Civil War Union Army Second Lieut. Jacob Parrott is buried in Grove Cemetery in Kenton. He was awarded the first Congressional Medal of

Honor for his participation with the Andrews Raiders in the 1862 "Great Locomotive Chase." Camp 33 Commander Vern I. Woodruff III spoke at the end of the ceremony in Civil War period uniform to deliver the famous "Logan's Order."

Grand Army of the Republic General Order 11 was the charge by Gen. John Logan, GAR Commander in Chief, designating that May 30 be celebrated nationwide

each year as Memorial Day.



Parrott Camp Commander Vern I. Woodruff III speaks Memorial Day.

Lytle Camp honors Private Pittenger, Brown County's Last Veteran

By Jim Houston, PDC, Gen. William Lytle Camp

On October 2 the William H. Lytle Camp 10 honored William Pittenger, the last Union veteran of Brown County Ohio, at a ceremony and plaque dedication in Decatur Cemetery in southern Brown County.

Over 100 guests attended the event, including 25 of Pvt. Pittenger's relatives. In addition to Lytle Camp Brothers, participants included color guard units from American Legion Post 394, Russellville; the 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Re-enactors, Georgetown; and VFW Post 9772, Mt. Orab.

County Commissioner William Geschwind spoke on behalf of Brown County and Trustee Dallas Huff

represented Byrd Township. Relative Keith Moore and Br. Peter Sturdevant recalled their memories and stories of William Pittenger. Dr. Ned Lodwick, Brown Co. Civil War historian, recounted activities of Pittenger's 70th Ohio regiment during the War.

Wreaths were presented by Lytle Camp Commander Kerry Langdon, and Jonathan Davis, Ohio Department Jr. Vice Commander. Pittenger great grand children Helen Hanselman and Gary Pickerill unveiled the memorial plaque.

Pvt. Pittenger was born in Decatur and died there in his 99th year in 1945. He joined Co. A, 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1863 at age 16 and served until 1865. He particip-

ated in battles in the Chattanooga area, the Atlanta Campaign, and final battles in North Carolina.

After the war, Pvt. Pittenger was active in veteran's affairs in Brown County until his death. He was a member of the C. B. White Post #232 of the GAR in Georgetown.

Costs of the program were underwritten by contributions from the SUVCW National and Department of Ohio Memorials and Monuments Fund, the Brown County Veterans Service Commission, and Lytle Camp.

The ceremony was planned by a committee consisting of Keith Moore, Pvt. Pittenger's great grandson, and Lytle Camp Brothers Roger Poppel,

Peter Sturdevant, and Jim Houston.



L - R: Brothers Larry Collins, Richard Davis, Peter Sturdevant, CC Kerry Langdon, PDC James Houston, Richard Foy, PDC Charles Reeves, Roger Poppel, Dept. JVC Jonathan Davis, and PCC Dennis Brown and Pvt. Pittenger marker.

Sherman Camp hosts "Hear the Silent Speak" Signature Event

By Fred Lynch, Camp Commander, Maj. Gen. W.T. Sherman Camp

Ohio played a pivotal role during the American Civil War with about 320,000 men serving in 230 regiments. Nearly all were volunteers; only 8,750 were drafted. There were more than 5,000 African-American ACW soldiers and sailors from Ohio. Over 200 Ohioans reached the rank of general or admiral.

Examples from all these veterans' categories are buried in Dayton's Historic Woodland Cemetery. Their voices were long silent and their contributions long forgotten until Dayton's Sherman Camp 93 hosted more than 230 people Oct. 2 for "Hear the Silent Speak," a SUVCW CW150 Signature Event.

In addition to a small CW campsite and recruiting office, throughout the event trained, historically attired living historians represented Civil

War veterans buried at Dayton's Woodland Cemetery including: Private George Washington Fair, Civil War veteran and model for the soldier figure atop Dayton's Civil War monument; First Lieutenant Howard Forrer, 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry officer killed leading a charge during the 1864 Battle of Decatur, Ga.; Colonel Hiram Strong, Commander of the 93rd Ohio Infantry Regiment recruited in Dayton killed in action during the 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, Ga.; Two soldiers representing the many Dayton Civil War veterans buried in Woodland Cemetery's GAR Section; and a "lady of good family" representing soldiers' wives, mothers, and sweethearts that waited back home 1861-65.

In addition, the day also featured a tour of 18 grave-

sites including those of both General and Admiral Schenck, and of Copperhead Clement Vallandigham, conducted by historian Sherry Pesut. Camp Brother Tom Brickner accompanied by Dept. Commander Don Martin placed U.S. flags on graves of Civil War veterans visited during the tour.

Brothers contributing as living historians were Al Howey, Mark Alex, Del Steiner, Brent Davidson, and Fred Lynch. Mrs. Barbara Lynch represented her Civil War "waiting wife" ancestor Mrs. Barbara Hill.

The event received SUV Signature Event and Ohio Historical Society Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee recognition as well as support from the Lincoln Society of Dayton and area historical societies.



L - R: Brothers Lynch, Howey, and Alex share camaraderie.



People listen as Sherman Camp Brothers give voice to CW veterans at Dayton's Woodland Cemetery.



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*In all things, ask the
question . . .*

*"What does this
do for the good
of our Order?"*

*Don Martin
Commander,
Department of Ohio*

U.S., Ohio history standards need radical overhaul

Courtesy of Amy Fagan, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

According to a February 2011 Thomas B. Fordham Institute study, twenty-eight states - - including Ohio - - deserve D or F grades for their U.S. history standards for primary-secondary schools. The average grade across all states, is a dismal D.

South Carolina is the only state to earn a straight A for its standards, according to the review by the Fordham Institute. Six other states - - Alabama, California, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia - - earn A-minuses. And, three - - Oklahoma, Georgia and Michigan - - are in the B range.

Academic standards such as these set forth what the state's young people are expected to learn in a given subject as they pass through grades K-12. Sadly, only one state in five gets honors marks for their K-12 history standards. The majority of states are mediocre to awful in this field.

"These bleak findings tell us what we already suspected - - U.S. history standards across the land are alarmingly weak," said Fordham Institute President Chester E. Finn, Jr. "No wonder so many Americans know so little about our nation's past. Yet this subject is essential to an educated citizenry," he concluded.

The strongest history standards generally provide coherent, chronological views of historical content rather than themes; they systematically identify real people and specific events, explaining their significance; they honor historical balance and context.

By contrast, the weakest standards generally ignore chronology in favor of social studies themes; minimize real people and specific events in favor of broad generalizations; seek to mold students toward specific political outlooks rather than to encourage historical comprehension or independent critical thought. For more info go to: http://www.edexcellencemedia.net/publications/2011/20110216_SOSHS/SOSS_USHistory_Ohio.pdf

Patriotic Instruction - *Br. Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor*

The Old Veteran: Always honor them Veterans Day

by Donald Purvis, Sergeant Major (US Army Ret.) Copyright 2001

He sits on the chair by the window. There are things to see out there but not for him. Not today. Today he remembers the war, and all of its horror. He remembers his friends, those that came back, and those that didn't. In his mind he hears the thunder of the bombs around him, the ungodly quiet, and the screams. He tries to forget but his mind won't let him.

He strains to listen for the music they play as they marched down the street in the annual parade, forgetting that the city stopped the parades years ago. The people who ran things in the city didn't think the wars should be honored any more.

He remembers marching down that street the year he came back. Soldiers were heroes then. The adults cheered and the little kids waved their little flags. Times were so different.

Wherever you went people smiled and shook your hand if

they noticed the small "ruptured duck" you wore in your lapel. Everybody wore one back then. His "Duck" now rests in the drawer of the nightstand. He stopped wearing it the day someone pointed at it and asked what it was. How could he explain that? There just weren't enough words.

He notices there aren't many flags on the street today. His mind drifts back to the times when the flag was displayed on every corner of his town. People honored it then. It wasn't something that was hidden in a garage, or the attic.

No, the old days were gone now. Gone like the days when it was patriotic to serve, patriotic to vote, and patriotic to help a neighbor.

The old man sighed, and for a moment wished the olden days would come back. The life he had lived back then was so different. There had been a family then. Now it was just him, and the window, and the quiet. The visitors had

stopped coming years ago. If it wasn't for the morning paper he wouldn't know what was happening outside of his room.

Another lonely veteran, living alone, in a lonely world.



**GAR Civil War
Veteran Badge**



**World War II Honorable
Service Lapel Pin**



**Vietnam
Service
Ribbon**