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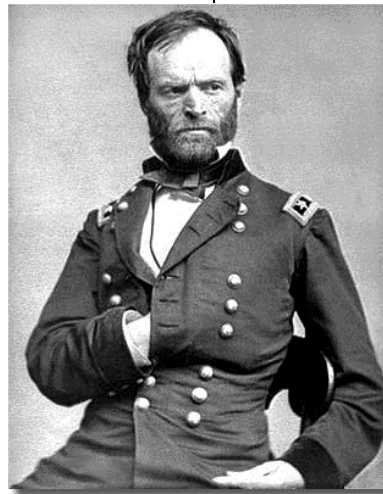
LAST MEETING. Brothers, we had an outstanding meeting on Saturday, 10 February, at the Putnam Library of the Dayton VA Medical Center. Abraham Lincoln impersonator Jim Crabtree gave an excellent talk about the meaning of the war. In addition, we approved the camp bylaws and recruiting brochure, and we set the schedule for our Memorial Day service. Many thanks go to Brothers Grant Bates, Kirby Bauman, Mark Conrad, Eric Nagle, and Herbert Webb for joining me on this special occasion that saluted our magnificent 16th president. I think all had a great time, despite the cold and snow!

NEXT MEETING. Our next meeting will be at 3 pm on Saturday, 26 May, in the Protestant Chapel of the Dayton VA Medical Center (right across the parking lot from the Putnam Library). This will be our annual Memorial Day service (see attached ritual) and will not only fulfill our obligation to remember our ancestors of the Grand Army of the Republic, but will also support the Third Annual Reliving Veterans History Festival.

The Memorial Day service is one of our most sacred duties as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please dress appropriately for the occasion – Union uniform of any kind or blue blazer/tie (or equivalent). Also, please wear your membership badges and any authorized medals. The service should only last 30 minutes and is open to the public. Please bring a guest for this interesting event!

To get to the Dayton VA Medical Center from downtown Dayton, take I-35 West and get off on the Gettysburg Exit. At the end of the exit ramp, the VA Center will be right in front of you. Turn left and make an almost immediate right turn onto the VA grounds through the open gate. Follow the road to the top of the hill. At the "T" intersection, turn left (the road up the hill is one way only, but after the

"T," traffic is two way again). Follow this road as it curves to the right, and at the first intersection (Ohio Street), turn right. The Putnam Library will be the first building on your left. It is a three-story, pale pink building. You can park on Ohio Street or in the parking lot cross the street. The Protestant Chapel is adjacent to the parking lot. If you get lost, call Mark Conrad on his cell phone (603-3494). For a map of the VA Medical Center, go to the VA website (<http://www.dayton.va.gov/>) or call me.



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3rd ANNUAL RELIVING VETERANS HISTORY FESTIVAL. On 25-27 May, the American Veterans Heritage Center (AVHC) will hold it's third first annual Reliving Veterans History Festival to highlight the contributions and service of our veterans. The three-day event will be held on the grounds of the Dayton VA Medical Center, where we currently hold our meetings.

The Dayton VA Medical Center is the site of one of the original three U.S Soldiers Homes. In March 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill to provide care for volunteer soldiers who were disabled through loss of limb, wounds, disease, or injury during service in the Union forces during the Civil War. Eventually called the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the other two homes opened in Togus, Maine, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I will be there on Saturday and Sunday to represent the Sherman Camp and hand out recruiting brochures. Please join me if you're available. Also on hand will be reenactors portraying soldiers from the American Revolution, Civil War, World War II, and even the Vietnam War. There will be Civil War cannon and cavalry demonstrations, a craft fair, and many other items of interest. Bring your entire family and all your friends!

2007 CAMP MEMBERSHIP. Eric Nagle recently reported that all members have paid their dues for 2007 with two exceptions. Brother James McDaniel passed away in December of last year, and Brother Robert Conner's ill health will prevent his further membership. We currently stand at 13 members (new membership roster attached). Brother Eric also reported that he is processing several new membership applications, so we should have additions to our ranks this year. Huzzah!

2007 ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS.

- Commander – Allan Howey
- Senior Vice Commander – Mark Conrad
- Junior Vice Commander – Grant Bates
- Secretary/Treasurer – Eric Nagle
- Council – Mark Allex, Grant Bates, Brad Miter
- Patriotic Instructor – Mark Conrad
- Historian – Mark Conrad
- Memorials Officer – Grant Bates
- Graves Registration Officer – Kirby Bauman
- Chaplain – Brad Miter

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE.

- Sat, 16 Jun – Department Encampment; Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building, Columbus
- Sat, 7 Jul – Family Picnic; Centerville
- 9-12 Aug – National Encampment, St. Louis, MO
- Sat, 10 Nov, 1 pm – Putnam Library at the Dayton VA Medical Center; annual ritual meeting (elections, installation of officers, etc.)

CHIEF OF STAFF APPEAL. Department of Ohio Chief of Staff Robert Davis has asked all camps to contribute what they can to help pay for the Department Encampment (letter attached). If you would like to send a check, please make it out to "Department of Ohio, SUVCW," and mail it to Robert Davis, 84 Kramer Street, Canal Winchester OH 43110-1122.

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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT. Brothers, I humbly apologize that I'm late in sending out the information on the Department of Ohio 2007 Allied Order Encampment. It is scheduled for Saturday, 16 June, at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building at 300 West Broad Street in Columbus. (Registration package attached.)

The "deadline" for registration was 15 May and registering now will incur a \$5 surcharge to attend the luncheon. Since it is my fault that this package is so late, I will gladly reimburse you for the additional \$5. I've been slammed with schoolwork the last month and just haven't gotten to any of my email or correspondence. Again, my apologies.

Please send your registration as soon as possible to Robert Davis.

ADDITIONS TO CAMP FLAGS. I have purchased several additions to our camp flags. I didn't have time to ask permission of the Camp Council or bring this up for a vote at a meeting, so I'd like to ask for the camp's indulgence in this matter and consideration for reimbursement. We can vote on this at our next meeting.

Two flag stands	\$43.90 @	\$87.80
Two honor cords	\$19.80 @	\$39.60
<u>Eagle finial for US flag</u>		<u>\$19.90</u>
TOTAL		\$147.30

CLOSING. Thank you for supporting the William T. Sherman Camp and giving a voice to our departed brothers in blue! Hope to see you soon!

Warmest regards in F, C, & L,

ALLAN W. HOWEY, Camp Commander

Attachments:

1. Memorial Day Service
2. Membership Roster
3. Chief of Staff Appeal Letter
4. Department Encampment Registration Package

Col Al Howey/Dayton OH/937-885-7781/20 May 2007

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