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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Camp Meeting Saturday, March 13 1:00PM
- ◆ Dues must be paid by March 5th or else!
- ◆ Department Commander of Ohio, Robert W. Davis will attend first camp meeting.

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CAMP 108 ORDER #1
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First allow me to thank you for electing me to the position of Camp Commander at the last meeting. I follow in the footsteps of many excellent Commanders and hope that I can earn the same respect and confidence in me as you have experienced with those in the past.

NOTICE: The Camp 108 first general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Ponderosa Steak House in Athens beginning at 1:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

I urge you to attend this first meeting as the Department Commander of Ohio, Robert W. Davis will attend. It is important that Camp 108 present an ample attendance in Commander Davis's honor.

There will also be a visit from Sgt. Edwin Glazier of the 53rd Regiment, Company B of the O.V.I. He marched with General Sherman in the March to the Sea, participated in the Carolina campaign and the Battle of Shiloh.

So Ordered this 22nd Day of February, 2010

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

James H. Lochary
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Commander

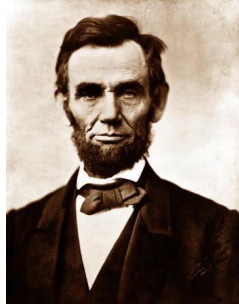


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On The Commander's Desk

“HOW WOULD
YOUR CIVIL
WAR
ANCESTOR
JUDGE YOUR
COMMITMENT?”



One of the most important factors in any organization is commitment: To pledge yourself to a certain purpose or behavior. It also means that you

should practice that purpose or behavior - - consistently. However there are also fundamental conditions for this commitment to flourish.

- A. Having a sound set of beliefs. Does the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) provide you with the necessary tents and goals to support your belief in the SUVCW?
- B. The Second consideration for commitment is the continuous adherence to those beliefs as demonstrated by your behavior.

Demonstrating commitment is never easy. It requires planning ahead and then attendance.

Do check your Membership Certificate. I do not see the word “honorary” anywhere on that document. Unfortunately, many members consider themselves “honorary” and feel it’s unimportant to contribute any time or effort toward their camp’s activities or ceremonies. Finally——consider carefully now! How would your civil war ancestor judge your commitment to the John S. Townsend Camp #108, in his honor?

-James Lochary

Out of the Sr. Vice's Tent

It is my great pleasure to bring you this newsletter for the winter season. As we again come together in early March to honor our ancestors I hope that we all had wonderful Christmases and very happy new years.

I greatly hope that we can make the year of 2010 a year of honor for our ancestors and one of the ways of doing that is by letting me know how to improve this newsletter or letting me know of something special you want me to run. Seeing as I will try and get this newsletter out a week or so before each meeting I ask for you to contact me two to three weeks before a meeting so there will be a enough time to add something or improve on something. I can be reached by email at



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Aide De Camp

To members of camp 108 who have not paid their dues yet. By the direction of the Department Commander I have to have my report in to the Department Secretary by the 10th of APRIL so I have to have your dues in by the 25th of MARCH. If you do not turn them in by the 25th then I have to drop from the membership and in order to stay in the camp you will have to repay registration fees and dues again. DON'T PUT IT OFF SEND IT NOW. The camp thanks you.

Send to:



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POB 158
Jacksonville, OH 45740
\$25.00 pay to
John S. Townsend 108
SUVCW.

- Martin W. Lowery Sr.

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On the mind of our Patriotic Instructor

In January 1862, during the American Civil War, thousands of Philadelphia residents signed a petition requesting Congress to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Washington's birth by reading his “Farwell Address” in one or the other Houses of Congress. First read in the United States House of Representatives in February 1862, the reading of Washington's address became a tradition in both houses by 1899. In 1984, however, the House of Representatives abandoned the practice. The Senate continues this tradition in modern times, observing Washington's birthday by selecting a member of the Senate, alternating between political parties each year, to read the address aloud on the Senate floor. George Washington's Farwell Address was written to “the People of the Untied States” near the end of his second term as President of the Untied States and before his

retirement to Mount Vernon.

The Speech consisted of the following:

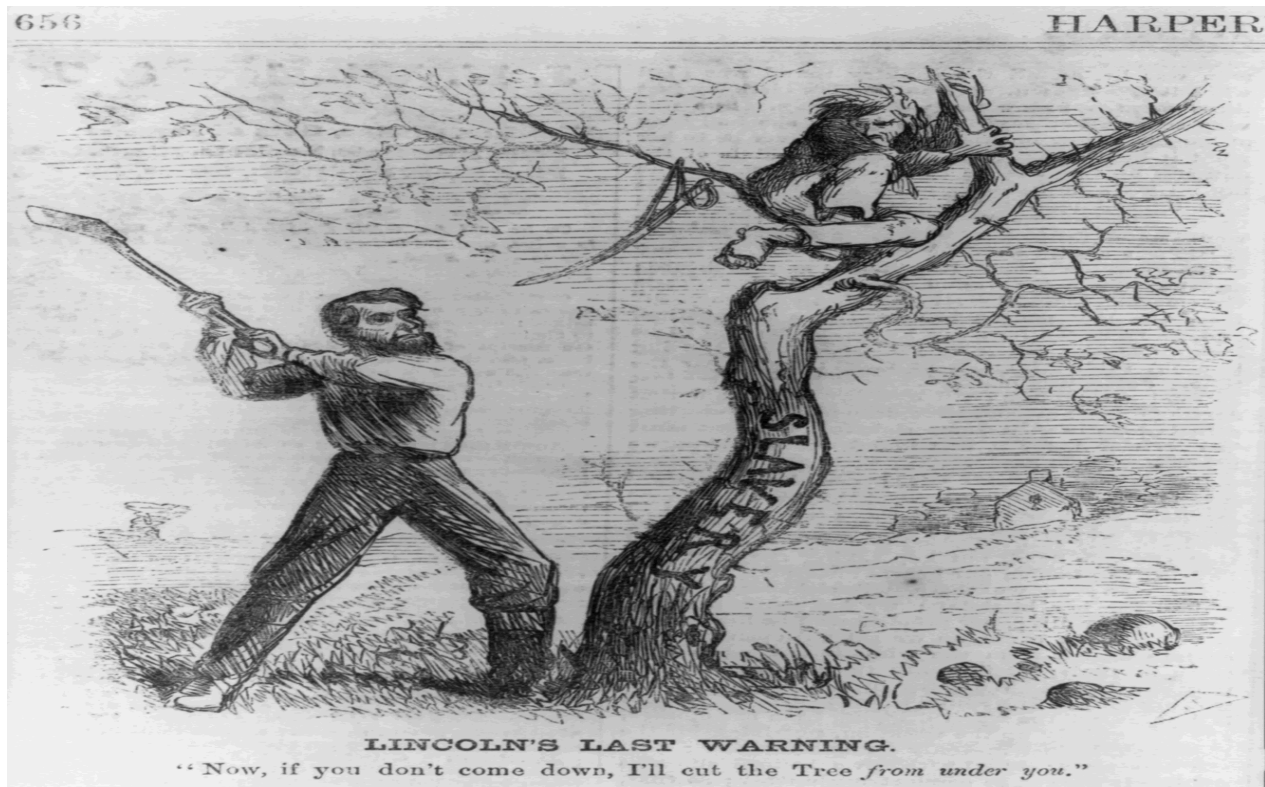
- Impending retirement from public life
- The importance of unity, and the danger of sectionalism
- The Authority of the Constitution, the threat of political factions, and the danger of constitutional amendments designed to weaken the government
- Danger of political parties
- The importance of the constitution's system of checks and balances, separation of powers, and constitutional amendments
- Religion, morality, and education
- The importance of credit, and the sparing use of gov-

ernment borrowing

- Foreign relations, the dangers of permanent foreign alliances, and free trade
- Washington's intentions in writing this letter
- Defense of the proclamation of neutrality
- Closing thoughts

It is interesting that many of the topics he talked about are still affecting our country today. I suggest that everyone take the time to read it. -Martin Lowery Jr.





The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a creation of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) which was formed in 1866. Wanting to pass on its heritage, the GAR in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created a Corps of Cadets in 1878 which later became the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV). This latter organization was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 12, 1881. The SV units functioned much as National Guard units and actually served along with state militia during the Spanish American War.

In 1904, the SV elected to become a patriotic education society and in 1925 changed its name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). However, to keep the military aspect alive, the SUVCW created within the organization the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) which was carried on the Army rolls as a Reserve contingent. Some SVR units served with the Army during World War I. After World War I, the SVR was listed as a training company of the U.S. Army.

In more recent years, the SVR's mission has become historic, ceremonial, and commemorative. Prior to disbanding and before the death of its last member, the GAR officially designated the SUVCW as its successor and heir to its remaining property. On August 20, 1954, the SUVCW was officially incorporated by an Act of Congress by the passing of Public Law 605 of the second session of the 83rd Congress. - "Introduction" Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, March 22 2007, <http://www.suvcw.org/suv.htm>