

April Newsletter 2005
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3
Department of Kentucky

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Let us this month remember the spirit of sectional reconciliation exemplified in the accord at Appomatox, agreed to 140 years ago.
"LIBERTY AND UNION, NOW AND FOREVER, ONE AND INSEPARABLE!"

Item 1: On April 1, 2005, the Nelson Garfield Camp met at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. The primary business of our meeting was to tour the tri-leveled museum. Probably the most moving and the most relevant exhibit was the slave pen on the second level, but there were several exhibits and interactive events that made the museum worthwhile. One such event tried to place the museum visitors in the center of a typical evening's events as "conductors" attempted to help two fugitive slaves escape from Kentucky to the Rankin House on the hills in Georgetown, Ohio, overlooking the Ohio River. Other interactive features confronted visitors with ethical and moral dilemmas concerning freedom and discrimination in a more modern context. Religious and ethnic discrimination and persecution were topics as well as racial intolerance.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is not a museum in the sense that it is primarily historical, cultural, or natural artifacts. There are of course some such artifacts but it is more of a shrine that tries to make the visitor appreciate the value of freedom, its costs, and the moral and ethical dilemmas that entail from its pursuit. To the degree that it is successful in doing this, it is a worthwhile addition to the Greater Cincinnati Community.

Item 2: The May, 2005, Nelson Garfield Camp meeting will take place at the Village of Glendale, Ohio, Sesquicentennial Celebration between May 12-15. A production of The Rebels Are Coming will be performed on those evenings. The Rebels Are Coming is an outdoor drama that will be staged behind the City of Glendale city building. The play is based on the book by Lester Horwitz, The Longest Raid of The Civil War, which chronicled rebel John Hunt Morgan's raid through Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. It runs approximately two hours with an intermission and will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children and are all General Admission. To ensure a seat for yourself, it is best to get tickets in advance. This can be done by calling Steve Sawyer at 513.772.4893 or by going online to GlendaleOhio.org. Go to the Sesquicentennial Celebration link.

Item 3: Reminder: The June meeting of the Nelson Garfield Camp will take place at the Kentucky Department SUV Encampment. There will be no camp meetings in July or August. The Kentucky Department SUV meeting will be held on June 4th in Frankfort, Kentucky.