

**June 2004 Newsletter**  
**Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3**  
**Department of Kentucky**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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- Item 1 If you have not sent your dues for the current year please forward you check to Stephen Clifford, 15306 Madison Pike, Morningview, KY, 41063. Dues are \$25.00.
- Item 2 Any member who has any news item of general interest to Camp Membership should forward those items to Andrew Lutes at 7 Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY, 41017-2210. These items will be published in the newsletter.
- Item 3 The Department of Kentucky Annual Meeting will take place at Camp Nelson. There will be no Camp Meeting, in July or August. However, members are encouraged to attend the dedication ceremony for John Feldhaus at Mother Of God Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.
- Item 4 The speaker at the May meeting was Jeanine Kreinbrink for the Behringer Crawford Museum. Her topic was "The Civil War In Northern Kentucky" and particularly, the batteries constructed around northern Kentucky during the early years of the war. "I thought I knew something about this, but she was excellent" commented Jim Kiger after the presentation. With her presentation, Jeanine also brought numerous maps of the defensive batteries in northern Kentucky and a slide presentation with pictures of those currently as well as drawings made during the Civil War period.
- Her talk revolved around a book, Our Moment Of Glory by Charles Gieselen.
- In the summer of 1862, Confederate forces were threatening Cincinnati. General Lew Wallace was sent to supervise the defenses in northern Kentucky. He immediately declared martial law, but he did not begin the construction of the batteries. Those had already been started in 1861 long before Wallace arrived because the military importance of Cincinnati had been recognized from the beginning of the war.
- The Confederates moved as far north as Fort Mitchell, but seeing the major fortifications, withdrew southward. Also, these troops were needed for the upcoming battle that took place at Perryville.
- The danger over, the fortifications, although they remained, were very lightly manned. In 1863, as Confederate John Hunt Morgan's horse men moved northward for his famous raid, citizens wrote asking for the strengthening of those fortifications, but it never happened. The batteries did continue to conduct artillery practice, but were kind enough to announce this so as not to frighten the population.
- Not counting the batteries in Price Hill and Mount Adams in Cincinnati, there were 28 batteries in northern Kentucky. These batteries were usually named after wealthy donors to their construction rather than the property owners who owned the land where the batteries were built. Of those 28, only 7 are now left and these are protected. The 2 batteries in Devou Park are the most preserved and in tact of those remaining.
- The line of those batteries begins in Ludlow, extending up through Devou Park to the Coombs and Bates Batteries, east to Rich Battery behind Quail Hollow Apartments, to Perry Battery, Fort Mitchell, Kyle Battery, Hooper Battery, Carlyle Battery under the Saint Charles Nursing Home, Burbank Battery under Highland Tower Nursing Home, Hatch Battery, Holt Battery overlooking Moock Road in Campbell County to Shaler Battery in Evergreen Cemetery.
- The above is not meant as a complete listing of the batteries, but rather to indicate the line of the defenses around northern Kentucky.
- Item 5 Anyone interested in volunteering to work at the Hooper Battery doing archaeological work can contact Jeanine Kreinbrink at 384-0354 or the Behringer Crawford Museum at 491-4003.
- Item 6 Since our next camp meeting will not occur until September 2004, there will be no newsletter until after that meeting. There will be a letter informing members of the details of the September meeting.

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