

NELSON GARFIELD CAMP #3 SUVCW
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Item #1: The James Ramage Civil War Museum hosted its annual Battery Hooper Days events the weekend of August 18 and 19th. There were several activities and events that took place. Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman were present putting on performances and walking through the crowd shaking hands and meeting people. There were re-enactors present with Civil War style camps and putting on demonstrations of what a skirmish between Rebel Cavalry and Union Patrol officers might look like. And there were several styles of music from Dulcimer players to Bluegrass bands.

Once again, the Nelson Garfield Camp was active in the events of that weekend. Bernie O Bryan was present as General Lew Wallace dancing waltzes with the ladies and helping man an SUV table. Also present were Steve Clifford and Jeffrey Hampton providing information about the Nelson Garfield Camp and offering recruitment opportunities to people who passed by with Civil War ancestors.

The weather, which has been unseasonably hot during August even for the Greater Cincinnati area cooperated and provided a favorable climate for all of the activities.

Item#2: General Lew Wallace will discuss his life and times at noon on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the James A Ramage Civil War Museum in Battery Hooper Park, Ft. Wright, Kentucky. Worldwide, General Wallace is our most famous local celebrity from the past, but few recognize his name today. He was an inventor, General, Savior of Cincinnati and our nation's Capital, father of the American novel and author of "Ben Hur". Born in the area, his relatives held high offices. Though he did attend school, he was largely self educated. A man of many abilities and talents, he participated in the Mexican War, Civil War and the war against the French occupation of Mexico. His leadership saved the area from the possible ravages of the Rebel army during the Civil War. After the Civil War, he returned to his chief occupation of attorney and later, became a Governor and a diplomat. He authored several best sellers and numerous articles. His life had many ups and downs and his wife achieved her own fame apart from his. Bernie O Bryan portrays General Lew Wallace in this first person presentation.

A brief Nelson Garfield Camp meeting will follow the presentation.

Item #3: Upcoming Events for the rest of the year:

October: Dedication of Battery Park at the JAR Civil War Museum

November: Jim Kiger's Sons of the Spanish American War Presentation and Camp Meeting

December: Election of Camp Officers and Calendar of 2008 Events