

Nelson Garfield Camp # 3
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
February 2, 2007 Newsletter

Item I: Nelson Garfield Camp met Saturday morning at 11:00 am January 27, 2007 at the James Ramage Civil War Museum. The primary purpose of the meeting was to work out some of the details for the planned National Encampment to be held in Louisville, KY in 2009. However, Bucky Lairsen from the Department who is spearheading these efforts was unable to attend due to a death in his family. This meeting will be rescheduled hopefully to take place on March 17, 2007 in conjunction with our already scheduled meeting at 1:00 pm at the Ramage Museum.

Item II: Nelson Garfield Camp will have an exhibit table at the NKU History Day scheduled for February 17, 2007. We will use this event to raise money by raffling off Civil War related books and prints and also to recruit new members to our ranks. Bob Clements our Senior Vice Commander will present a workshop at 11:15 am on Civil War Reenacting 101: How To Become A Civil War Soldier. The Nelson Garfield table and the Ramage Civil War Museum table will be located together.

Item III: Bob Clements presented a tentative Calendar of Events scheduled this year for the Ramage Museum. The importance of the Nelson Garfield Camp having a more visible presence at the Museum was discussed. Accordingly, special emphasis will be placed on the April event, School of the Piece and School of Artillery on April 21st and 22nd. We will have a table at the museum with exhibits and recruitment information.

The Museum will also host the Kentucky Department of the Sons of Union Veterans annual meeting on June 9, 2007. The Museum will be open to the public and other events will be taking place. This is an excellent opportunity to increase our visibility and recruit new members. Since the Nelson Garfield Camp is the host camp for this event, we need a large representation from our camp.

Plans for an Ice Cream Social at the church neighboring the Ramage Museum for either August or September. We discussed having a speaker on "Chaplains in the Civil War" and our Camp again having a more visible presence, but details are still being worked out.

The Ramage Museum has many events scheduled this year besides those mentioned. It would be very beneficial if our Camp could have a visible presence at all of them. I realize that no one could probably make all of these events but please plan to attend as many as possible. The tentative museum calendar is attached to this newsletter.

Item IV: The Lincoln Day Dinner will be held 6:30 pm Monday, February 12, 2007 in Harrison, Ohio, at the Market Street Grille, at 205 Harrison Avenue, \$26.00 per person.

On April 14th, 2007 at 10:00 am CDT the SUV and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will conduct the 51st annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. If you have never been to Springfield, this is a perfect opportunity to visit with this event a special treat. There is plenty to see in Springfield to easily occupy three days including, the Lincoln Homestead, the Lincoln Law office, the Old State Capitol where Lincoln served as a legislator and a court room where Lincoln practiced law. There are older sites as well such as the Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie Style home also in Springfield.

Item VI: With the January 31st deadline for dues past, only about half a dozen members have paid for the coming year. Several have expressed their intention to do this at History Day. Consequently, the new membership cards will not be issued until February 17th.

Item VII: Welcome to our newest member, Tim Pieper. We look forward to your participation in our Camp.

Item VIII: Steve Clifford is currently serving as our Secretary/Treasurer and our Graves Registration and Patriotic Instructor. He is not able to serve on the Camp Council as well. Consequently, he will step down from Camp Council and that position will be filled by Jim Kiger.

Item IX: We have discussed for many months the design of a recruiting brochure for our camp. We also have discussed the design of a camp flag. Steve reports that with the savings on postage since we have gone to E newsletters we have some money to begin bringing these projects to fruition.

James Ramage Museum

Special Events Committee - events from February - December

Tentative programs and dates

February- Black History Month-feature the Black Brigade of Cincinnati display. History Day at NKU on February 18th.

March-Dolls and Toys of the Civil War on March 17th. Schedule a potential book signing event at the JARCWM.

April-School of the Piece and School of the Artillery on April 21st and 22nd. Clothing and fashions of the Civil War at the church.

May-Cincinnati Museum Center-Heritage Tour on May 9th at 1PM. Civil War Cemetery tours on May 19th. Memorial Day weekend events on 26th and 28th. City of Fort Wright Memorial service on May 28th. Linden Grove Cemetery service on May 28th-possible 2nd tour.

June-Sons of Union Veterans State of KY officers tour on June 9th. Navy veterans tour?Quilting of the Civil War or similar topic or event. Schedule a potential book signing event at the JARCWM.

July-Fort Mitchell 4th of July parade. Outreach opportunity-take the museum on the road.

August/September-Ice Cream Social at the church? Mini civil war demonstrations. Siege of Cincinnati promotion. Promote the Black Brigade story. Civil War guest speakers program on September 9th.

October-Dedication of Battery Park on October 20th and 21st (tentative dates).

November-1st Annual Fern and Sheldon Storer Microwave cooking and Pie Baking Contest on November 10th and 11th. Baker Hunt event in November.

December-3rd annual Civil War Christmas on December 8th and 9th.