

Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp # 3, SUVCW  
Newsletter, January 2008  
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Item1: The first meeting of the Nelson Garfield Camp took place at the James Ramage Museum, Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. New camp commander Bernie O'Bryan called the meeting to order and began the meeting by filling vacant camp offices for the year as follows:

Camp Guide: Tim Pieper

Camp Councilor: Paul Whalen

Recruiting Officer: Jeff Hampton

Civil War Memorial Officer: Tim Pieper

A brief swearing in of all new officers followed and Jeff Hampton pinned the camp commander badge on his successor, Bernie O'Bryan.

Free copies of the Kentucky Civil War Bugle were made available to all members present. It contained an article regarding Bernie's appearance at the Madison County Civil War Roundtable in Richmond, KY, to perform his one-man show, General Lew Wallace. The performance occurred on January 18, 2008 in Glyndor's Dining Room, Woody's Restaurant in Richmond.

There was a brief discussion about the SUVCW accepting junior associate members in an effort to get more young people involved in the SUVCW. Each department will decide whether to initiate such a program and, if enough departments embrace junior associate members, the National will endorse the program.

The Department Of Kentucky annual meeting will be held on June 7, 2008 at the James Young House in West Point, KY.

Bernie O'Bryan gave the corrected version of the Nelson Garfield Camp Recruitment Brochure to Jim Kiger to produce copies for distribution. County libraries will be given copies to distribute, the Ramage Museum will have copies and they will also be used at camp events such as NKU's History Day.

Item 2: The Lincoln Day Dinner will be held this year on February 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Receptions Conference Facility in Fairfield, Ohio. Cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person and will be buffet style. It includes: garden salad, chicken dijonaise over rice, slice roast beef au jus, buttered parsley potatoes, steamed vegetables bouquet, fresh baked rolls, desert, coffee, tea or soft drink. Reservations must be made by February 5, 2008, with Commander Jim Crane, Heller Camp # 8 SUVCW, 5453 Asbury Lake Drive, Unit 74, Cincinnati, OH, 45247, or telephone: 513.407.8971.

Item 3: Camp dues for Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 and for Eli M. Bruce SCV are payable by March 31, 2008. Dues are \$30.00 for Nelson Garfield SUVCW and \$30.00 for Eli M. Bruce Camp SCV. Dues for Sons of Spanish American War are also due. They are \$5.00 per year.

Item 4: A discussion of the design for a camp banner for the Nelson Garfield Camp took place at the January meeting. Jeff Hampton circulated the mark up banner sent to him by National Flag Company of Cincinnati at a cost of \$390.00 and then a revised version suggested by Bernie O'Bryan, which would place a hyphen in the Nelson Garfield name and add CW to SUV on the mark up.

The G.A.R. emblem on the original mark up raised the issue as to whether a SUV

camp could use the GAR emblem. It was decided to replace the GAR emblem with SUV emblem and Steve volunteered to check on the cost of the SUV emblem on the department website.

The original mark up called for a banner 36" wide and 60" long, but Bob Clement suggest a smaller banner might be more practical and at the same time reduce the cost. A banner 2/3rds the size of the mark up or 24" x 40" was recommended Bob moved to research the cost of the SUV emblem's cost and Jim Kiser seconded it. The motion was approved.

Item 5: The Civil War Roundtable will be held the last Tuesday of each month at the Cold Springs Library. The schedule is listed below. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. January 29; February 26; March 25; April 29; May 27; June 24; July 29; August 26; September 30; October 31; November 25; December 30.

Item 6: Jim Kiser researched the cost of providing monuments of the last Union veterans in Boone, Kenton, and Campbell County limestone foot monuments, 16" x 8" cost \$200.00 and granite markers 16" x 8" cost \$175.00 at Lewin Monument Co. An 18" x 8" monument with lettering cost \$250.00 at Hulian Memorials. Nelson Garfield Camp will pursue getting a monument for each of the three northern Kentucky counties individually.

Item 7: Dave Moore piece from Bernie's E-Mail:

Dave Moore, a locally famous reenactor and historian, died on Jan. 7, 2008 around 3 AM in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Anyone who knew him called him friend. He left behind a wife, children, and grandchildren. Dave, though only middle aged, in recent years was slowed down because of kidney and other severe health problems. He had a love for horses and the out of doors. For many years he was the driving force behind the annual Cynthiana, Kentucky Civil War Reenactment and volunteered in organize and participating in several events, especially in the Bluegrass region. He loved to talk with school children about their local history. Sometimes he seemed to me to be a "one man army." Supported by this family and a squad of Confederate Cavalry re-enactors, he organized and led a couple of reenacting units over the years, and helped me to plan and run several events in northern Kentucky. He seemed to attack his health disabilities over the years, with the same vigor as he did outside, but never the less, he stayed in his van near the park entrance all night, just to be available to late night Friday campers to help them get situated and settled in. It got unseasonably cold that night, and worrying about him, I brought him some extra blankets that he put to good use--but he refused to go home for the night! He started in the historical re-enacting hobby as a "Mountain Man/Pioneer" impression, but soon it seems he found his true calling in the 1860's, usually in the Confederate Cavalry, but wasn't opposed to 'wearin' th' blue" from time to time either.

But more than that legacy, I remember best his sense of humor, positive attitude and caring about other people. Though a large man, his heart was even larger. For years he had offered to "see about getting you a horse" as I begged off that "privilege!" One summer's day, as we both relaxed in the shade of his front yard, he made me a sword and pistol belt. It is my fondest 'reenactor wear" and I always remember him each time I wear it. I remember his jokes around the campfire as he schooled me in the arts of firearms. He always seemed to have a funny store and a smile. While his family has lost an important loved one, and the reenactor community a visionary and enduring organizer and enthusiastic participant, I have lost a dear, close, and irreplaceable friend.