

Nelson Garfield Camp # 3
Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War
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Item I

Bucky Lairsen was unable to attend our March 17th meeting at the Ramage Civil War Museum because he was traveling to New York. Consequently, no action was taken in planning for the upcoming National Encampment in Louisville in 2009. Steve Clifford will contact Bucky to see if he can come to our April event at the Ramage Museum.

The April event will be the School of Infantry and the School of the Piece at the Ramage Museum. Please note that the dates for this event have changed from the weekend of April 14 and 15 to the weekend of April 21 and 22. Nelson Garfield Camp will have a table at the Museum during the event to recruit new members. Please plan to attend this weekend, and participate in the activities of your camp and the Ramage Museum.

Item II

Camp Commander Jeffrey Hampton is planning to attend the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois on April 14, 2007. This event is sponsored by the Sons Of Union Veterans and the Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States. Plans are being made so that the Nelson Garfield Camp/Kentucky Department of the SUV will be present at the wreath ceremony.

Item III

The Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons Of The American Revolution is sponsoring a Commemoration Ceremony on April 19, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. to the "Shot Heard 'Round The World" which started the the American Revolutionary War 232 years ago on that day. The Nelson Garfield Camp will participate in this event by providing a color guard made up of re-enactors from our Camp and making a brief presentation during the ceremony.

Camp member Thomas Geimeier who serves as President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the SAR is organizing what promises to be a moving ceremony with the SAR representing Revolutionary War soldiers, SUV representing Civil War soldiers, and various veterans groups representing World War II, Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq War soldiers.

Item IV:

Patriotic Instructor for the Nelson Garfield Camp, Steve Clifford, will begin working with the Northern Kentucky ROTC programs in presenting the ROTC medal. These medals are being made by the SUV National Quartermaster and will be presented based on an essay contest or history competition held by the ROTC programs. The Air Force has agreed to reimburse the SUV the cost of each medal awarded.

Item V:

Work is beginning on the development of an informational brochure regarding the Sons Of Union Veterans. Included in this brochure will be a brief history of our camp, a listing of some of our activities and events and a membership application. These

brochures will be available at the Ramage Museum, but can also be used at NKU's History Day and other camp activities.

The Nelson Garfield Camp has been blessed this past year to house the Department Of Kentucky flag at the Ramage Museum and use it at our events and activities. However, that will end at the Departmental meeting in June when the flag will pass to the new Departmental Commander. Plans are in the works to design and create a Nelson Garfield Camp flag that will serve the same purpose that the Departmental flag has this past year. This flag will be based on the James Garfield Camp # 2 of the GAR banner displayed at the Ramage Museum.

Item VI:

Recent SUV activities have been very successful in spite of inclement weather. NKU History Day was attended by Jim Kiger, Bernie O'Bryan, Bob Clement, Paul Schenene, Tom Geimeier, and Steve Clifford. Bob Clement's program on being a reinactor was a success.

The Lincoln Day Dinner was attended by Jim Kiger, Chuck and Ruth Korzenborn, and Steve Clifford, and Dr. Ramage's talk on U.S. Grant at the Kenton County Library was attended by Bernie O'Bryan, Dan DiOrion, and Chuck and Ruth Korzenborn and Steve Clifford.

Item VII:

The Ramage Museum is promoting subscriptions to a new Civil War magazine called Civil War Historian. it is a bi-monthly publication with a strong emphasis on articles and information of interest to re-enactors. A one-year subscription costs \$28.00 and each subscription through the Ramage Museum will result in the Museum keeping half of the subscription price to benefit the museum. Contact Bob Clement at the Ramage Museum for further information on this subscription program.

Item VIII:

The Kentucky Historical Society has commissions, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the civil war, called the Sesquicentennial, from April 2011 to April 2015, and the bicentennial of the War Of 1812, from June 2012 to January 2015.