

Nelson Garfield Camp # 3
Sons Of Union Veterans
September 2006 Newsletter

Item 1: A memorial stone dedication ceremony was held on Sunday, July 9, 2006, at the Kirby Graveyard in Pendleton County, KY, for Enos S. Burlingame, Private, Co. E., 12th Maine Volunteer Infantry. Several Nelson Garfield Camp members were present and participated in the ceremony. As Department Of Kentucky Commander, Steve Clifford provided the opening welcome and closing remarks. Bernie O' Bryan served in the Honor Guard. Also attending were Camp Commander Jeffrey Hampton and Jim Kiger.

Item 2: As requested by Kentucky Department Of The SUV at the 2005 Department meeting, a History of the Nelson Garfield Camp has been compiled and forwarded to Tim Downey to include in Kentucky Department history forthcoming in the near future. Camp Commander Jeffrey Hampton has kept a copy of Nelson Garfield Camp history and will make it available for members to see at Camp meetings. If anyone would like a copy, I will be happy to provide one for the cost of the printing, binding, and a small contribution to the Nelson Garfield Camp Treasury.

The history is not as thorough as desirable due to lack of information regarding the early years of the Camp's formation. Hopefully, upon seeing it, founding members, many of whom are still active, will provide additional information to assist in a more complete product a some future date. This is still very much a work in progress. However, with all of its faults, it is still a valuable historical account of the service and accomplishments of our camp.

Item 3: The calendar of events for the remainder of the year is as follows:

October 26, 2006 Meeting: Dr. James A. Ramage Museum, 7:00 p.m. "Droge Family History"

November 11, 2006 Meeting: Dr. James A. Ramage Museum, 7:00 p.m. Cincinnati Museum Center Program Part I

December 7, 2006 Meeting: Dr. James A. Ramage Museum, 7:00 p.m. Election of Camp Officers for 2007. Adoption of 2007 Activities Calendar

Item 4: The National Encampment of the SUV was held in August at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Representing Nelson Garfield Camp at the encampment were Steve Clifford and Jim Kiger. The encampment featured tours of the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic Site.

Item 5: The Dr. James A. Ramage Museum and Battery Hooper hosted Battery Hooper Day on August 19 and 20th. Activities included cannon firings, Union and Confederate re-enactor encampments, archaeological demonstrations, tours of the museum and several performers acting in the roles of Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Stephen Foster, and John Hunt Morgan.

Dr. Ramage was present to sign copies of his books and writings and there was musical entertainment by the Sons Of Dixie Barbershop Quartet, and the Hills Of Kentucky Dulcimers. Several Nelson Garfield Camp members were present including Commander Jeffrey Hampton, Bob Clements, Bernie O' Bryan and Steve Clifford.

The event was very successful on both days and drew large crowds to the museum and the Battery Hooper site. The parking lot at the Presbyterian Church stayed full on both days. As a recruiting and educational tool, the museum continues to demonstrate its value not only to the Nelson Garfield Camp but to the entire Greater Cincinnati area.