

Nelson Garfield Camp # 3
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
November 16, 2006 Newsletter

- Item 1: Jim Kiger reports that the charter for our newly formed camp of Sons Of The Spanish American War is now being processed. Dues for the paying charter members have been paid and will again be due in August of 2007. Membership entitles you to their publication National Son which should be forthcoming when the charter is issued. Many thanks to Jim Kiger who has been the driving force in bringing this camp to fruition.
- Item 2: Membership dues for the Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 for the upcoming year 2007 are now due. Payment must be received by January 31, 2007, in order to receive a membership card for the year. Cards will be mailed out on January 31. Send your check for \$30.00 payable to Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 to Steve Clifford 15306 Madison Pike, Morning View, KY, 41063.
- Item 3: The next meeting of the Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 will be on Thursday, December 7th, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Dr. James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. At that meeting, election of camp officers for the year 2007 will take place. We will also begin the process of completing the annual camp report required by the Department Of Kentucky. The calendar of events for the coming year will be arranged in conjunction with events planned by the Ramage Museum. And finally, we will continue working on our camp recruiting brochure. It is an important meeting and one every member should attend.
- I (Jeffrey Hampton) have been informed by national Sons of Union Veterans that no member can occupy more than one office in his camp and we have several members occupying two or more offices. I have served as camp commander for three years and feel that it would best serve the camp if new member would step forth and agree to serve in leadership positions. Please come and take a more active role in your camp.
- Item 4: It's official! The Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment in 2009 will be hosted by the Department Of Kentucky in Louisville, KY, at the Executive West Hotel. Corporate sponsors thus far are Woodford Reserve and Maker's Mark. Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 will play a very active role in hosting this event and everyone's help will be needed. Jim Kiger is our camp contact person for the organization and planning of this event. I know it is two and a half years away, but having participated in the 2003 National Encampment hosted by the Department Of Ohio at the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, KY, I can say definitively that it is not too early to begin planning now.
- Item 5: (Camp Commander Jeffrey Hampton has communicated to me, newsletter typist Andrew O. Lutes, that I may share in the newsletter things I've seen that may be of interest to the camp. So here are a few items I've seen. I'll

put anything in the newsletter that members send to me.)

In June, 2006, while visiting in Mansfield, Ohio, I saw an excellent lecture and power point demonstration at a library branch by one Mr. Zack Fry, an 18 year old high school graduate with a powerful interest in civil war scholarship, about Richland County, Ohio, natives who served for some unknown reason in a New York rather than Ohio regiment and performed heroically in eastern battles. It's noteworthy that a young person could do historical research and presentation so well and he has impressed Mansfield camp members.

Item 6: On October 21st, the Northern Kentucky Heritage League visited the Dr. James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. Our fellow camp member Bob Clements was one of five civil war dressed individuals who showed the visitors civil war weaponry and clothes. Thanks Bob, for your enthusiastic service in educating the public.

Item 7: While visiting the John Sherman Room of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library on November 5th, I got with the help of librarians there in looking up in the Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio In The War Of The Rebellion 1861-1865, information about David Hopkins of the 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, whose journal entries are on display at the Ramage Museum, and from Ohio In The War by Whitelaw Reid I got a brief history of his regiment. The handout about him and his regiment can have additional details added to them.

Item 8: On November 9th, at 7 pm at Steely Library at Northern Kentucky University, Dr. James A. Ramage introduced Dr. Richard Taylor of Kentucky State University. Dr. Taylor read from his newly published (by University Press Of Kentucky) novel entitled Sue Mundy, which is about Marcellus Jerome Clarke, the young long haired, smooth faced, infamous Kentucky Confederate guerrilla who was accused of actually being a woman named Sue Mundy. Clarke started his career as a regular Confederate soldier and gradually moved due to circumstances into being a murderous guerrilla who died on the gallows. The novel traces Clarke's life and his gradual mental moves from peaceful citizen to homicidal outlaw. In the discussion afterwards, comparison was made between the 1860's and the 2000's, with Kentucky being described as "Baghdad" where not your religion but your politics could get you subjected to terror attack.

Item 9: The abovementioned Dr. Richard Taylor will provide much text to a special issue of Back Home In Kentucky magazine about Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln's bicentennial, the 200th anniversary of his birth, is occurring on February 12, 2009. Lincoln continues to be very relevant today in our current war on terror and in Iraq, with discussions about habeas corpus suspension, nation-building reconstruction, insurrection suppression, and solutions to modern day slavery.