



# *Lytle's Letter*

Gen. William H. Lytle Camp #10  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



## *2007 - Year in Review*

### January

Ken Freshley, Department of Ohio Commander, presided over the installation of officers for the Lytle Camp. Charles Reeves was installed as the seventh Commander before a group of 23 Brothers and guests at the home of Jim Houston, PDC.

### February

The *Lincoln Day* Dinner was held at the historic Market St. Grill in Harrison, Ohio and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Nelson-Garfield Camp, Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp and the Lytle Camp. Commander Reeves discussed political aspects of Lincoln's run for office and PCC Cook demonstrated weapons from his collection. A tour of the historic building was conducted following the program.

### March

Brothers Wade Southwood and Alan March were elected to membership

### April

April 28 was the birthday party for *Gen. U. S. Grant* held at his birthplace in Pt. Pleasant, Ohio. The General "attended" the festivities which included a short speech by Ray Nagel, PDC.

### May

Activities started early with the presentation of the JROTC medal and certificate to Kalief Logan at Scarlet Oaks on May 3.

On May 12, under the guidance of Elmer Williams PCC, a tribute was given to the last Union veteran buried in Clinton County. Relatives of the honoree *Thomas Benton Baldwin*, along with local government officials, representatives from the Son's Department and National Headquarters and citizens joined in this moving ceremony.

Memorial Day was an outstanding day. The 6<sup>th</sup> OVI joined in the observance marching in mass up over the hill with flags flying and then with the 21 gun salute at the conclusion. 6<sup>th</sup> OVI Sergeant Mike Davis along with Commander Reeves gave inspiring speeches to the crowd of over 100 persons gathered in Section 21 of Spring Grove Cemetery.

### June

The Department of Ohio held its 125<sup>th</sup> encampment in Columbus. Brothers Reeves and Spellman were appointed to Departmental offices while former Lytle Camp member Craig Keller (Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp #8) was elected as Sr. Vice Commander and Ray Nagel PDC was elected to the Department Council. Jim Houston PDC is on the Fraternal Relations Committee.

## July and August

No meetings but activities continued on grave registrations and Brothers Houston, Nagel and Brown attended the National encampment in St. Louis.

## September

The third annual observance of the death of *Gen. William Haines Lytle* as held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery. JVC Kerry Langdon and SVC Dennis Brown gave excellent presentations about the General on both his personal and military life. One member of the Lytle family was able to attend the ceremony this year along with other guests and Brothers.

## October

On a beautiful fall day the camp honored the last veteran buried in Hamilton County. *Frederick Pfiester* was the honoree and members of his family from Texas and Florida attended. An honor guard from the 6<sup>th</sup> OVI and the 19<sup>th</sup> U S Infantry (Indianapolis) opened the ceremonies while accompanied by military music provided by the Oola Kahn Grotto band. Brothers from the Ohio Department and National joined with camp Brothers to make an impressive turnout for the event. Hamilton County Commissioner President Todd Portune declared the day as Frederick Pfiester Day and presented the proclamation to the descendants

## November

The last meeting of the year was highlighted by the election of officers for 2008. The camp approved the recommendations of the nominating committee as follows:

Camp Commander.....	Dennis Brown
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Kerry Langdon
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Larry Collins
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Kenneth Wilson
Council of Administration.....	Charles Reeves James Yahle Charles Edwards

Commander elect Brown will be contacting Brothers to serve in the various appointed offices necessary for the effective functioning of the camp. When called, please consider being a part of the leadership of your camp.

## December

The launching of a website dedicated to the General William H. Lytle Camp #10 was official. Visit the website at [www.SUVCWCincinnati.org](http://www.SUVCWCincinnati.org) and bookmark it on your computer for frequent review. Wanda and Kerry Langdon, SVC elect, created this outstanding site.

***Don't forget the installation of Officers on January 12, 2008***