



# *Lytle's Letter*

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



## *2008 - Year in Review*

### January

Donald Grant, Department of Ohio Commander, presided over the installation of officers for the Lytle Camp. Dennis Brown was installed as the eighth Commander before a group of 26 Brothers and guests at the home of Jim Houston, PDC.

### February

The *Lincoln Day* Dinner was held at the Receptions facility in Fairfield, Ohio hosted by the Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp and was attended by Brothers and guests of the host camp and the Lytle Camp. Due to inclement weather the event was postponed one day to February 13.

### March

No formal camp activities

### April

The Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference was held in Sharonville on April 17-19. The camp had an information table throughout the conference featuring on-line ancestral lookup for the attendees.

Scarlet Oaks held their student recognition ceremonies on April 24 and Brothers Houston and Reeves presented the JROTC medal and certificate to Christopher Palumbo.

April 26 was the birthday party for *Gen. U. S. Grant* held at his birthplace in Pt. Pleasant, Ohio. Events included a speech by Ray Nagel, PDC.

### May

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

### June

The Department of Ohio held its 126<sup>th</sup> encampment in Columbus. Former Lytle Camp member Craig Keller (Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp #8) was elected as Department Commander and Chuck Reeves PCC was elected as Dept. Jr. Vice Commander.

## July and August

Survey of cemeteries continued by Ray Nagel, Larry Collins and others recording on site information, taking photos and recording GPS readings.

Several Brothers attended the National encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts where Ohio Brother David Medert was elected as National Commander-In-Chief.

## September

The fourth annual observance of the death of *Gen. William Haines Lytle* as held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery. Richard Kesterman of the Cincinnati Historical Society was the main speaker. Several members of the Lytle family were able to attend the ceremony this year along with other guests and Brothers.

## October

The *Family History Fair* was held at the downtown Cincinnati library. Lytle Camp had a display table and computer lookup of ancestors for the attendees.

Christopher Sparks was elected to membership.

## 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.....	Chris Sparks
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Kenneth Wilson
Council of Administration.....	Larry Collins, Woody Cook & Charles Edwards
Nominating Committee.....	Jim Houston, Dan Spellman & Chuck Reeves

The camp had a display for the month of November at the Hamilton County Records office.

A reception was held in Columbus for Commander-In-Chief Medert and Department Commander Craig Keller and was attended by Brothers Nagel, Sparks, Reeves and Houston.

## December

No formal camp activities.

Commander 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. Also consider friends, neighbors and fellow workers who may qualify for membership and encourage their participation in our camp.

***Don't forget the installation of Officers on January 10, 2009***