



Lytle's Letter

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



2009 - Year in Review

January

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

February

The *Lincoln Day* Dinner was held at the Log Cabin Inn in Covington, Kentucky hosted by the Nelson-Garfield Camp and was attended by Brothers and guests of the host camp, Keller Camp and the Lytle Camp. Gen. Lew Wallace (aka Bernie O'Bryan) was the featured speaker.

March

Regular camp meeting

April

Patriots Day was observed by the Cincinnati Chapter of the S.A.R. with PCC Wilson speaking on behalf of the SUVCW.

Grant's birthday was again celebrated in Pt. Pleasant and attended by members of the Lytle Camp.

May

Camp Dennison Civil War Museum for one day again had SUVCW docents explaining the role of the camp during the Civil War. PCC Cook brought part of his arsenal and Brothers Brown, Sparks, Langdon and Wilson acted as guides as part of the DAR history days.

An *Eagle Scout* certificate of achievement was presented by CC Denny Brown.

On the day before the Memorial Day service, the camp dedicated a headstone for *Pvt. Calvin Deem*, some 80 years after his burial in *Laurel Cemetery*. This was in conjunction with the bicentennial of the suburb of Madisonville.

Memorial Day attendance was the largest ever for the event, perhaps helped by the presence of Abraham Lincoln. The 6th OVI joined in the observance marching in mass with flags flying and then with the 21 gun salute and taps at the conclusion. 6th OVI Capt. Mike Davis along with PDC Jim Houston gave inspiring speeches to the record crowd gathered in Section 21 of Spring Grove Cemetery.

June

The Department of Ohio held its 127th encampment in Columbus. Chuck Reeves PCC was elected as Dept. Sr. Vice Commander.

Last Veteran Buried in Warren County. John Cafferty Winters was honored in a service coordinated by Larry Collins with participation by the 20th OVI Sons of Veterans Reserves, the Warren County Genealogical Society, New Jersey Presbyterian Church & Cemetery and citizens of Warren County. Dept. Commander Robert Davis and Past CinC Robert Grim assisted in the dedication.

July and August

National encampment- Five Brothers and two wives attended in Louisville, Kentucky.

Goshen Twp. Historical Society- PCC Wilson spoke on the activities of the Lytle Camp.

September

The fifth 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 spoke about Lytle's final days before burial in Spring Grove. Several members of the Lytle family were able to attend the ceremony this year along with other guests and Brothers.

October

Regular camp meeting

November

The last meeting of the year was highlighted by the election of officers for 2010. The camp approved the recommendations of the nominating committee as follows:

Camp Commander.....	Kerry Langdon
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Chris Sparks
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Richard Foy
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Kenneth Wilson
Council of Administration.....	Woody Cook, Charles Edwards & Denny Brown
Nominating Committee.....	Dan Spellman, Chuck Reeves & Larry Collins

Veterans Day- PCC Wilson spoke on Civil War genealogy at the downtown Library.

Two Eagle Scout certificate of achievement were presented by CC Denny Brown.

December

No formal camp activities. Happy Holidays !!!

***Don't forget the meeting, installation of Officers and luncheon on
Saturday, January 9, 2010***