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THE CIVIL WAR VETERANS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

"THE FOURTH BATTALION"

Informational Newsletter Volume One Number One

On April 25, 1987 while attending the Ohio Civil War Relic and Collectors Show in Ashland, Ohio, a small dedicated group of people formed a new organization. The name chosen was "THE CIVIL WAR VETERANS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION".

Our primary purpose is in the researching and collecting of material from the numerous veterans organizations and unit reunions, not just the GAR and UCV.

Rules and regulations are very few, dues are low. Being a NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, meetings will be held once a year.
Officers: President David J. Klinepeter Harrisburg, Pa.
Treasurer Howard Siglag Westbury, NY.
Secretary Marshall J. Brighenti Belle Vernon, Pa.
Editor Great Republic Roger L. Heiple

Anyone interested in joining please secure an application from the Secretary: Marshall J. Brighenti
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Presidents Message:

I wish to thank all of those who voted for me at our organizational meeting at Ashland, Ohio. I will try and do my best to keep it growing. Of course it will take all of us pulling together to make it succeed. Our greatest challenge is to inform others that we exist. Marshall Brighenti will require information to maintain the newsletter on a regular basis, which will be six times a year. One important thing to remember is that the news letter and THE GREAT REPUBLIC be kept separate. The newsletter is to keep us informed as to what is going on and THE GREAT REPUBLIC is to deal with research material. It is expected Roger L. Heiple will have another issue out in the near future.

Thank you,
DJK

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The Civil War Relic & Collectors Show in Ashland, Ohio was a great success. The GAR HISTORIANS AND COLLECTORS seventh annual encampment was again held in conjunction with the Ohio show. People attending the show were treated to what was probably the largest presentation of civil war veteran displays and buy-sell-trade memorabilia ever assembled at one location. A great deal of buying selling and trading was conducted. Most important, everyone had a great time. David J. Klinepeter was awarded -Best of Show, for his fine display of GAR items.

A special thank you is due to Roger L. Heiple for his efforts in researching and preserving veterans memorabilia and creating new interest through out the country.

Following is a list of charter members:

Mary Dearing (association number one)
Roger and Fran Heiple
David J. Klinepeter
Howard Siglag
Marshall J. Brighenti
Don Limpert
Everitt Bowles
Dennis Loba
Robert Albertini
Howard Averbach
Julie Brighenti
Dave Thomas
Frank Hovanic
John Mulla
Peter Coulton
George Finlayson
Edwin Hibarger
Dan Mitchell
Jeff Schrock
Richard Haussman

In future newsletters areas of interest for each member will be published. If you do not wish your address published please state on the enclosed informational form. In an attempt to obtain new members an additional application form is enclosed.

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Coming events;

July 3-4-5 Annual Gettysburg Civil War Collectors Show
Shearton-Inn Gettysburg, Pa. Route 15
David J. Klinepeter will have a GAR display at this show.

August 1-2 Greater Baltimore Civil War Show and Sale Marriotts
Hunt Valley Inn I83 and Shawan Road Baltimore, Maryland.

SEPTEMBER 19 Annual Midwest Civil War Collectors Show Dupage,
County Fairgrounds Wheaton, Ill.

Have a great summer and a good
time collecting.

TCWVHA

Marshall J. Brighenti
Secretary

Dear *Mr. Maloney*

In response to your inquiry concerning The Civil War Veterans Historical Association, the association was formed for the purpose of researching and collecting veterans memorabilia. Also to solidify a common bond between collectors of this type of material, to share knowledge, to expedite, buy, sell and trade deals between collectors by publishing on a rotating basis their areas of interest.

Dues are \$5.00 per year. The money is used for postage and expenses for the newsletter. The newsletter will be published six times a year. The first newsletter was issued July 1, 1987. Howard Siglag is the treasurer and is handling the monetary funds. I am responsible for the newsletter.

The organization was formed to fill a need that exists and not for a monetary gain. Enclosed is an application and a copy of the first newsletter. We hope to improve the newsletter in the future with the consolidated efforts of our members.

Sincerely,

Marshall J. Brighenti

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Secretary

Enclosure

P.S. "The Great Republic" is a separate entity and is optional.