

# CIVIL WAR VETERANS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, let me begin by saying "thank you" to all of our members who attended the Ashland "Encampment" and who have given me the opportunity to serve as your president. My sincere congratulations to Howard and Marshall in being reelected to their respective positions. We had an enjoyable dinner at the Surry Inn and Everitt Bowles presented an excellent slide program on Confederate veteran badges.

We have gained a large amount of ground since April of 1987. We now have 66 members on our rolls and our newsletter continues to come out on a regular basis with usually something for every one in it. I encourage you all to contribute what material, articles, photos, etc, you may have to keep it on track. Finally, I would like to thank our past president (and my personal friend) David Klinepeter for "carrying the torch" these past two years.

Dennis Loba

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Thirty three members and guests were present. Due to the size of the organization, it was voted not to incorporate for economic, functional and legal reasons etc. Due to logistics and conflicting show dates in the country we were unable to set a date and location for a formal semi-annual meeting at this time. It was decided that a field trip may be held for those wishing to attend. The Women's Relief Corp museum in Springfield, Illinois will probably be one of the stops. The field trip will be mentioned at a later date.

TREASURERS REPORT: There was a balance of (\$256.73) in the treasury.

Due to other commitments David J. Klinepeter chose not to run for office. The following persons were elected for a term of one year:

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To expedite the serving of the dinner at the annual meeting, it was voted to experiment with a family style dinner menu next year. The Surry Inn is the only restaurant in Ashland That will provide a private banquet room.

The Civil War News is a new monthly publication with a new format (formerly the Civil War Book Exchange). The objective of the paper is not to be a "reenactor's paper" or a "book paper" or a "collector's paper" but a diverse Civil War paper that covers news in all areas that may be worth while for anyone with an active interest in the Civil War. This paper is highly recommended. For information write to The Civil War News, 4 Water St., P.O. Box C, Arlington, Ma 02174

The Great Republic by Roger Heiple has recently resumed publication. The Great Republic is a separate entity from the Civil War Veterans Historical Association.

Editorial credits for articles:

- No. 03 David J. Klinepeter---Badge Of The Society Of The Army Of The Tennessee  
No. 35 Orland L. Roberts-----A Tribute To The Immortal Grand Army OF The Republic  
The article on Dr. George Finlayson and the Ohio Civil War Show contains an error in that the GAR encampment was in 1949 (final encampment) not in 1947 as stated in the article.

New Members:

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| No. 59 Rev. Louis E. Drew<br>P.O. Box 176<br>Fairfax, Vermont 05454<br>GAR-Sons Of Vets  | No. 60 Elmer J. Bennett<br>Box #282<br>Orleans, Nebraska 68966   |
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| No. 63 John A. Spoff<br>38 E. Beechwood Blvd.<br>Columbus, Ohio 43214<br>GAR-UCV-Badges and Ribbons  | NO. 64 James Tenety Jr.<br>27 Mountain St<br>Camden, Maine 04843<br>GAR-UCV-UVL-UVU-EX-POW-NAVAL VETS<br>ARMY NURSES-WRC-LADIES OF THE GAR                         |
| NO. 65 John Ertzgaard<br>1283 Moncoeur Dr.<br>St. Louis, Mo 63146<br>GAR-UCV-Badges and Ribbons<br>Southern Cross Of Honor-<br>Ill. GAR Posts 68, 232, 615 | No. 66 William C Rickrode<br>30830 Cove Rd.<br>Tavares, Fl 32778<br>GAR-GAR Membership badges-GAR<br>uniform coat buttons-Pennsylvania<br>annual encampment badges |

Change of address-NO. 11 Howard Averbach, 1919 Delaware Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.15218

COMING EVENTS: Gettysburg Civil War Collectors Show-Sheraton Inn June 30, July 1, 2.  
Baltimore Civil War Show - Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn I-83 & Shawan Rd. August 5, 6.

Their were no questions submitted to the news letter for this issue.

CWVHA Secretary,

*Marshall J. Brighenti*  
Marshall J. Brighenti

# in history at Civil War show

By Ron Simon  
News Journal

ASHLAND — The best moment for Dr. George Finlayson will come the night before the Ohio Civil War Relic and Collectors Show opens at the Ashland College Convocation Center.

That's the night, next Friday, that the dealers wheel and deal among themselves. It's a special moment for the specialists, according to the Mansfield physician whose own specialty is Civil War veterans' items.

Finlayson's wares will be on display and often for sale when the show opens for business. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Sunday.

This is the 12th annual show, one that Finlayson believes has become one of the nation's best and largest. He said the show focuses on relics and collectables for nearly all the wars of the 19th century. "You won't see much from the War of Independence or the War of 1812, but you will see plenty from the Civil War, the Indian Wars and the war with Mexico."

The founder of the show, Don Williams of 1093 Oak Hill Circle, said this is the only show of its kind held in Ohio. It will feature 330 tables of Civil War memorabilia including photos, paper items, books and daguerrotype photos, all to buy, sell and trade by 200 exhibitors who will be coming from all corners of the country.

Williams said this year's special display features "Colt and the U.S. Cavalry, 1840-1880."

Along with this will be a repeat of last year's special display covering the Confederate prisoner of war camp on Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay. Williams hopes that visitors realize that parts of that historic site still exist on the island, adding that

there is a campaign to prevent condominiums from being built there.

Other special displays include one on Civil War medicine and several talk/slide presentations, including one on the death of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Table setups in the convocation center will be divided between non-competition display tables and the buy/sell and competition tables where dealers vie for display awards.

Finlayson will be among those buying and selling. He collects the type of identification tags worn by veterans who attended Grand Army of the Republic and United Confederate Veterans encampments. "Today we would be given plastic name tags at reunions," Finlayson said. But in the 19th Century, veteran's name tags resembled campaign ribbons and medals and contained bright flourishes and unit symbols.

Since the Union won the war, the men in blue founded their veterans organizations quickly, reaching a peak of membership and popularity in the 1890s. Finlayson said the last union encampment took place in 1947.

Confederate veterans took much longer to organize veterans groups. Finlayson said the United Confederate Veterans did not organize until the 1890s. Their last encampment was in 1951.

Naturally, Union veteran items are in better supply and Finlayson said he and several other dealers specializing in veterans items will have nearly 25 tables filled. But few will have Confederate items and hardly any for sale. Unless the price is very very right, he won't part with any.

"They were the underdogs, outnumbered and rebellious and I guess that's why they appeal to me," Finlayson said of Confederate veterans.



Mansfield physician George Finlayson displays some of the Civil War veterans' memorabilia he has collected and will show next weekend in Ashland. (Photo by Jim Rikar)

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Association shall be known as "THE SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE," and shall include every officer who has served with honor in that Army.

Ordinary members may be elected from those who have served with honor and distinction in any of the armies of the United States.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to keep alive and preserve that kindly and cordial feeling which has been one of the characteristics of this Army during its career in the service, and which has given it such harmony of action, and contributed, in no small degree, to its glorious achievements in our country's cause.

The fame and glory of all the officers belonging to this Army, who have fallen either on the field of battle, or in their line of duty, shall be a sacred trust to this Society, which shall cause proper memorials of their services to be collected and preserved, and thus transmit their names with honor to posterity.

The families of all such officers who shall be in indigent circumstances will have a claim on the generosity of the Society, and will be relieved by the voluntary contributions of its members whenever brought to their attention. In like manner, the fame and suffering families of those officers who may hereafter be stricken down by death shall be a trust in the hands of their survivors.

ARTICLE III.

For the purpose of accomplishing these objects, the Society shall be organized by the annual election of a President and Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents to be chosen, one from each Army Corps of the Army of the Tennessee, and a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary.

The Society shall meet once in every year, and those officers who, for any cause, are unable to attend its meeting, will be expected to write to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and impart such information in regard to themselves as they may desire, and which may be of interest to their brother officers. Honoring the glorious achievements of our brothers-in-arms belonging to other armies, whose services have contributed, in an equal degree, in the re-establishment of our Government, and desiring to draw closer to them in the bonds of social feeling, the President, or either of the Vice Presidents of this Society, shall be authorized to invite the attendance of any officer of the United States Army at any of our annual meetings.

*Amendments to Constitution.*

SIXTH. That the Fifth Amendment to the Third Amendment to the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The sons and daughters, or other relatives, who have heretofore been designated by members as their successors, and also the sons and daughters, or other relatives, who may hereafter be nominated for membership by any such member, shall be entitled to membership, if of legal age, upon the payment of the fees and dues prescribed in the Third Amendment to the By-Laws.

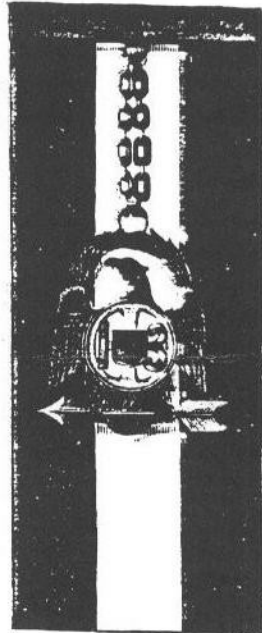
"And the sons and daughters, and if there be none, the nearest relative, when of legal age, of any deceased officer who was entitled to membership, by creditable service in the Army of the Tennessee, but who died without becoming a member of the Society, may, upon written application, approved by the President and a majority vote of the members present at any regularly called meeting of the Society, become a member, but any such membership shall be subject to the payment of the fees and dues heretofore specified."

BADGE OF THE SOCIETY  
OF THE  
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

From Army Reunion 1868

From 1907 Journal

From 1873 Journal



MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Meeting for organization, Raleigh, N. C., April 14th, 1865.  
Meeting for organization, Raleigh, N. C., April 25th, 1865.

- 1st Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 14th and 15th, 1866.
- 2nd " St. Louis, Mo., November 13th and 14th, 1867.
- 3rd " Chicago, Ill., December 15th and 16th, 1868.
- 4th " Louisville, Ky., November 17th and 18th, 1869.
- 5th " Cincinnati, Ohio, April 6th and 7th, 1871.
- 6th " Madison, Wis., July 3rd and 4th, 1872.
- 7th " Toledo, Ohio, October 15th and 16th, 1873.
- 8th " Springfield, Ill., October 14th and 15th, 1874.
- 9th " Des Moines, Iowa, September 29th and 30th, 1875.
- 10th " Washington, D. C., October 18th and 19th, 1876.
- 11th " St. Paul, Minn., September 5th and 6th, 1877.
- 12th " Indianapolis, Ind., October 30th and 31st, 1878.
- 13th " Chicago, Ill., November 12th and 13th, 1879.
- 14th " Cincinnati, Ohio, April 6th and 7th, 1881.
- 15th " St. Louis Mo., May 10th and 11th, 1882.
- 16th " Cleveland, Ohio, October 17th and 18th, 1883.
- 17th " Lake Minnetonka, Minn., August 13th and 14th, 1884.
- 18th " Chicago, Ill., September 9th and 10th, 1885.
- 19th " Rock Island, Ill., September 15th and 16th, 1886.
- 20th " Detroit, Mich., September 14th and 15th, 1887.
- 21st " Toledo, Ohio, September 5th and 6th, 1888.
- 22nd " Cincinnati, Ohio, September 25th and 26th, 1889.
- 23rd " Chicago, Ill., October 7th and 8th, 1891.
- 24th " St. Louis, Mo., November 16th and 17th, 1892.
- 25th " Chicago, Ill., September 12th and 13th, 1893.
- 26th " Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 3rd and 4th, 1894.
- 27th " Cincinnati, Ohio, September 16th and 17th, 1895.
- 28th " St. Louis, Mo., November 18th and 19th, 1896.
- 29th " Milwaukee, Wis., October 27th and 28th, 1897.
- 30th " Toledo, Ohio, October 26th and 27th, 1898.
- 31st " Chicago, Ill., October 10th and 11th, 1899.
- 32nd " Detroit, Mich., November 14th and 15th, 1900.
- 33rd " Indianapolis, Ind., November 13th and 14th, 1901.
- 34th " Washington, D. C., October 15th and 16th, 1903.
- 35th " Cincinnati, Ohio, October 5th and 6th, 1905.
- 36th " Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 8th and 9th, 1906.
- 37th " Vicksburg, Miss., November 7th and 8th, 1907.

After the close of the Great Civil War of 1861-65 a tremendous sacrifice had been made in human lives. The known dead were counted 360,000 Union soldiers who wore the Blue and 258,000 who wore the Grey of the Confederacy. To those coming home there arose a great concern about preserving the peace of our still undivided Nation so dearly bought, and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They had risked their all for the preservation of the Union. To Major Benjamin F. Stephenson and a tent mate of the 14th Illinois Infantry, Rev. Wm. J. Rutledge and others, the time was right to organize and bind these men together. After many discussions and deliberations with others of their number they decided upon a name, The Grand Army of the Republic. They proceeded to organize an institute this organization on April 1, 1866 in Springfield, Illinois with Major Stephenson to be know as the founder. On April 6, 1866, they came to Decatur, mustered into membership 12 men, issued them a charter and established Post #1 with M. F. Kannan the first Commander, and the Rules and Regulations were read.

The Grand Army of the Republic was to be a unique organization: No child could be born to it, No proclamation of President, No University could issue a diploma, No act of Congress,, No wealth of a Vanderbilt could purchase a membership. Its doors open only on presentation of a parchment which certified to an honorable discharge from the Armies or Navies of the Nation during the War against the Rebellion, and unlike any other organization no new blood could come in. It had no predecessor and it can have no successor. When the last passes on forever-but the work and spirit of service will go on through their authorized allies to be known as Allied Organization.

The Spirit of the Grand Army caught on quickly and spread like a prairie fire from State to State. Twenty four years later the membership was counted as 408,489 and they had become a strong political force. They counted five Presidents as their members: General Grant, Hays, Garfield, Harrison and Major McKinley. General John A. Logan of Ill., established by an act of Congress May 30th as Memorial Day for their departed Comrades. Abraham Lincoln had given them the Proclamation of Emancipation and the all time great Gettysburg address.

The Boys who wore the Blue of the Grand Army lived a life of glory. History will not pass them by-Listen to the thunder rolling-They are marching in the sky. The Grand Army of the Republic was closed forever with the 83rd. National Encampment of August 29, 1949 in Indianapolis, Indiana, where 16 Centenarions were honored and witnessed a ceremonial issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the event.

A few lived on for a short time; the last one Albert Woolsen died at the age 109 years, August, 1956 at Duluth, Minn. Major B. F. Stephenson, the founder of this great organization died at age 47, August, 1877 and was buried at Pettersburg, Ill. Records of Post #1 by orders of National Headquarters were sent to Chicago library after closing of Post #141 with the death of Decatur's last veteran Cephus Collins, March 29, 1942 at age of 92.

The name of James Albert Hard, who died at Rochester, N.Y., on March 12, 1953, at the amazing age of 111 years and 8 month, will go down in American history as that of the last combat soldier of the Federal Army. At the time of his death one other man who wore the blue was still living; Albert Wolson, of Duluth, Minn., then 106 years old. But Mr. Wolson enlisted as a musician under the age of 18 in a Minnesota heavy artillery regiment only six months before the close of the war. Mr. Hard, on the other hand, volunteered for service in the Federal Army on April 16, 1861, only 4 days after the firing on Fort Sumter. This truly representative enlisted man of the Federal Army was born on July 15, 1841. When he died he had outdistanced all his Civil War comrades in longevity.

Yours in F. C. & L.

*Orland*