



LYTLE'S LETTER



General William H. Lytle Camp # 10
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Message from the Commander

It is a great honor to have once again been installed as the General William H. Lytle Camp Commander. You have trusted me with the responsibility to continue the tradition of excellence that the Camp has demonstrated during the 17 years of its existence. I am ready and willing to accept this responsibility.

I am truly excited about the opportunities that we have to honor the memory and to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the Union.

We are blessed with a group of talented and dedicated members and I feel privileged to share our efforts and our successes with each of you.

The latest symbol of the proud history of the Lyle Camp is the streamer that was received at the 2016 Department of Ohio Annual Encampment last June. We received the award by meeting a set of criteria established the then Department Commander Shawn Cox. The Lyle Camp met 13 of the 14 criteria for the award.

This was not due to extra effort, but to a continuation of the work that we have done each year since our inception. It was very nice to be recognized for what we accomplished in the past. We now have a benchmark for the work to be done in the coming years. For this I thank all members of the Lyle Camp, past and present, for their service to the order, to our community, and to the memory of our ancestors, the boys in blue.



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Induction of the 2017 Camp Officers at Brother Jim Houston's Home. November 5th, 2016

Once more Brother Jim Houston was kind enough to host the 2017 Installation of the Camp Officers. Hardtack and beans were delicious and all member and guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We thanked Brother William West for his service as our commander, and he was awarded the Prior Camp Commander medal. Welcome back to Commander Larry W. Collins and congratulations to the new officers.

OFFICERS (elected)

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| Commander | Larry W. Collins, PCC |
| Sr. Vice Commander | Todd A. Mayer |
| Jr. Vice Commander | Thomas E. Reckner |
| Secretary | R. A. Davis, PCC |
| Treasurer | James H. Houston, PDC |
| Camp Council: | |
| 2015-2017 term | Ervin Leon Chaney, Jr |
| (to complete the term vacated by the election of Larry W. Collins, PCC, as Commander) | |
| 2016-2018 term | James T. Crane, DSVC ----- Chairman (fide Camp By-Laws) |
| 2017-2019 term | William C. West, III, PCC |

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (elected)

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| 2015-2017 term | Woodrow L. Cook, PCC (continuing his term) |
| 2016-2018 term | Kerry L. Langdon, PCC ----- chairman (fide Camp By-Laws) |
| (to complete the term vacated by the resignation of Larry W. Collins, PCC) | |
| 2017-2019 term | David L. Stockdale |



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2017 Camp Installation

Peter Hritsko – Department of Ohio
Commander Conducted the swearing
in of the new Commander for Lytle
Camp.



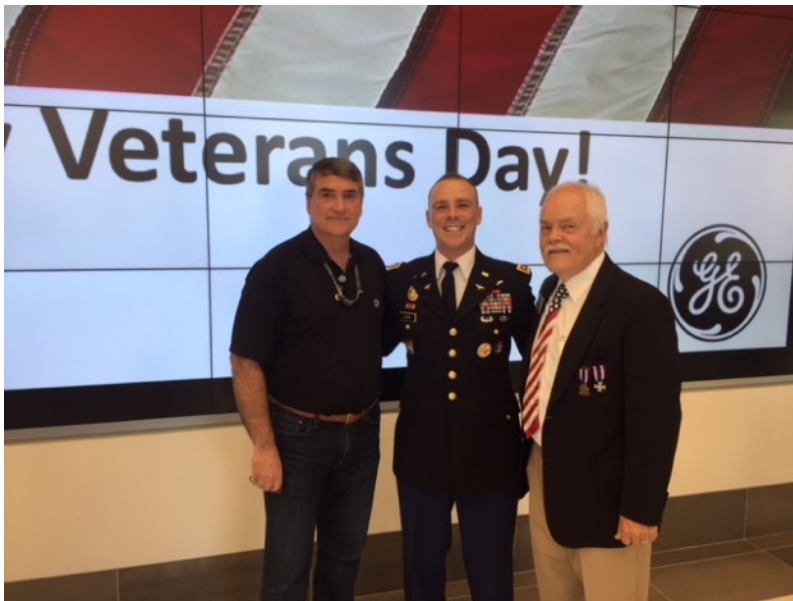
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2016 Veterans Day Celebration at the New GE Global Operations Headquarters in downtown Cincinnati. For the second year in a row, the Camp partnered with the General Electric Veterans Network to conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony. We had two tables set up, one had a display of Brother Woody Cooks Civil War collection, which was a hit with those attending the ceremony. Additionally, we were supported with a table from the Ladies Auxiliary. Guest speaker for the event was Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Lewis, Professor of Military Science at Xavier University. Lieutenant Colonel Lewis spoke about soldier sacrifices, and Americans support of those serving.



Senior Vice Commander Todd Mayer, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis, and Brother Denny Brown.



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The General William Haines Lytle, Camp No. 10, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in the re-opening ceremony of Memorial Hall in downtown Cincinnati. Many GAR Posts held meetings and ceremonies in this historic building, including Lytle Post 47. We conducted a joint color guard with the 6th Ohio in Federal Infantry Uniforms and armament, presenting the Camp and National Flags. The Hamilton County Memorial Building, more commonly called Memorial Hall, is located at Elm & Grant Streets, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The building is next to Cincinnati's Music Hall and across from Washington Park in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. It was built by the Grand Army of the Republic and Hamilton County in 1908, as a memorial to the military of the city and county. The building was built in the Beaux-Arts style. The auditorium is still used for many functions.

Constructed according to a design by Samuel Hannaford and Sons, the Memorial Building was intended to commemorate members of all branches of the U.S. armed services, as well as the pioneers who had established the United States. The hall contains a 557-seat theater that was designed for speaking, but is also used as a musical venue. Now, the venue has opened after an \$11 million renovation, and is becoming a key part of the cluster of Over-the-Rhine arts and cultural institutions.

The Hamilton County Memorial Hall will never be divorced from its roots as a structure built to honor veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars.

County memorial one of many in Ohio

Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization of Civil War veterans who fought for the Union army, petitioned for a change in state law to help move forward the Cincinnati project and other similar projects around Ohio. In total, about 14 memorial halls were built to honor Civil and Spanish-American War veterans. With voter approval, the county had to authorize a \$250,000 bond issue to help build the structure.

One of the region's preeminent architecture firms, Samuel Hannaford & Sons, designed the building and it was completed in 1908. Inside the building's theater, there are 10 words painted above the stage: unity, wisdom, martyrdom, patriotism, philanthropy, integrity, manliness, equity, and will. The building



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features Mars, the Roman god of war, among other statues of important military leaders.

During the building's dedication ceremony in 1908, event attendees including then-Gov. Andrew Harris (Civil War Vet., Colonel of the 75th Ohio Infantry) spoke of the "magnificent structure that commemorated the deeds of the founders and saviors of the Republic." More than 30,000 soldiers from Hamilton County fought in the Civil War. The building was heavily used by the Grand Army of the Republic and other organizations for about 50 years.

In late 1978, the Memorial Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, qualifying for inclusion both because of its architecture and because of its place in the area's history. Its location on Washington Park places it in the historic district that embraces most of Over-the-Rhine, which was added to the Register five years after the Memorial Building was individually added. There are several civil war, and GAR artifacts throughout the building which the Camp has identified for the county, and is writing a docent package to better educate visitors. It was an extreme honor and privilege for the Camp to be the keynote civic partner in the event covered broadly by the Cincinnati Media.



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Steps of Memorial Hall



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2nd Row – William West Jr, Tim Pieper 6th Ohio, Ken Burck, Todd Mayer, William West Sr.



Mayor Cranley with Senior Vice Commander Mayer



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Famous GAR door knobs restored and shining brightly on all doors on main floor



View of the restored stage

**Dedication Ceremony, St Louis Catholic Cemetery
Owensville Ohio**



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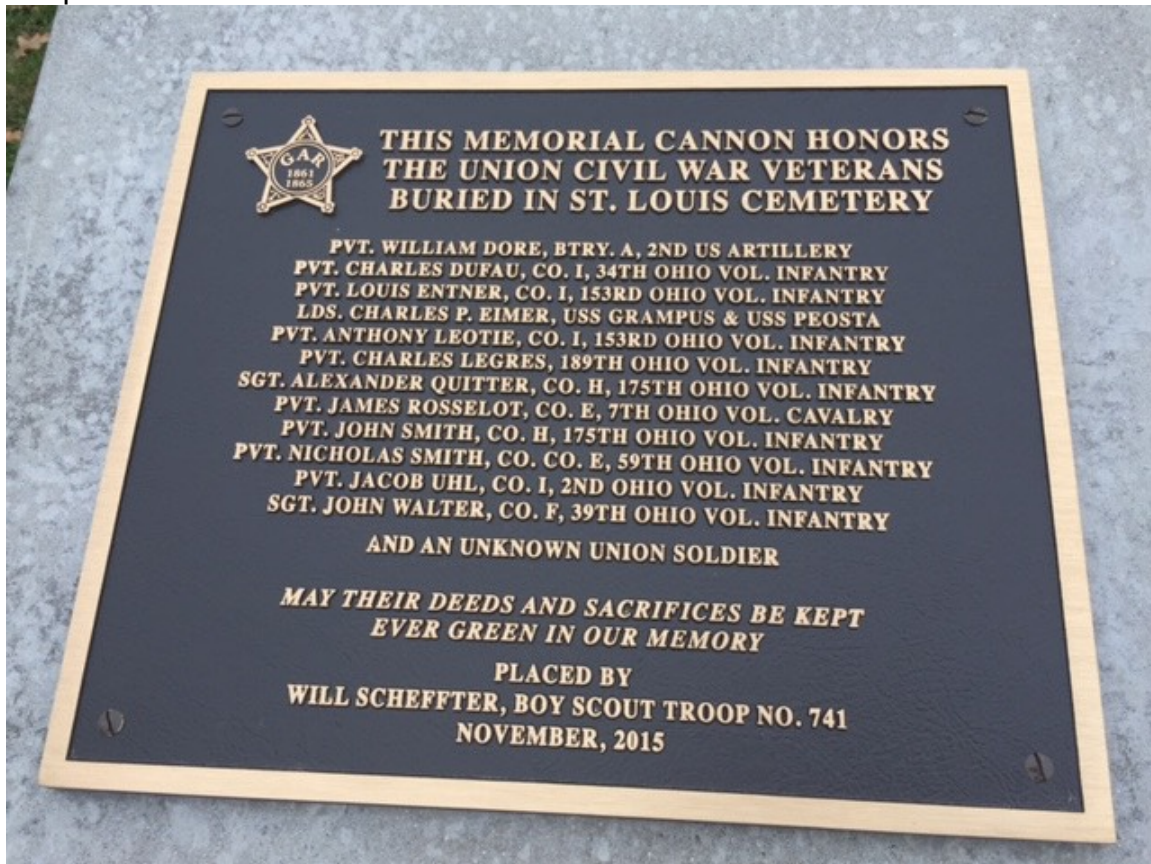


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The Lytle Camp, No. 10 participated in the Eagle Scout project of Will Scheffter, Boy Scout Troop #741, in the dedication of a Canon and plaque at the St Louis Cemetery in Owensville Ohio on Sunday December 4th. Brother Jim Houston, who served as a mentor and advisor to Will Scheffter, gave the opening remarks. Brother Jim Crane conducted the wreath laying ceremony. Boy Scout Troop 741 presented the colors and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The event was well attended by the Camp, and all shared food and drink afterwards in the reception hall of the church.

Plaque dedicated





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Cannon and plaque, entrance to cemetery



One of our boys in blue, Jacob Hull
2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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Upcoming Events

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| April 8 | Xavier ROTC Award Ceremony, Cintas Center |
| April 11 | Meeting of the General Lytle Camp at Scarlet Oaks, 3254 East Kemper Road, Sharonville, Ohio |
| April 12 | Hamilton Civil War Roundtable, Hamilton Ohio |
| April 19 | UC ROTC Award Ceremony, Richard Linder Center |
| April 20 | Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable, Drake Center |
| April 20-22 | Grant Days, Georgetown Ohio |
| April 22 | Miami University ROTC Awards Ceremony |
| April 28 | Diamond Oaks Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony |
| April 30 | Lineage Societies 2017 Spring Gathering Sharonville |

For Your Information:

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| April 20th | Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable at the Drake Center in Cincinnati. Dinner at 6:30 PM, speaker at 7:30 PM. |
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Unless otherwise noted all photographs are submitted by Todd Mayer, Denny Brown, Wanda Langdon and Larry Collins

*Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to SVC Todd A Mayer at todd.mayer@ge.com
The deadline for articles to be included in the 1st Quarter Newsletter is March 30, 2017.*