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DATE SET FOR FLAG DEDICATION & COOKOUT

Our new camp flag will be dedicated in conjunction with our 2nd Annual Camp Cookout and Gabfest, to be held at Compatriot Ed Harpel's home on Saturday, June 13, from noon until close. Preliminary plans call for Compatriot Harpel to provide chicken for the barbecue and for guests to bring beverages and sides. Please let Commander Stobbs or Lt. Commander Harpel know by May 1st the following: Will you attend, and how many guests will accompany you? Do you like the proposed idea, or would you prefer to bring your own meat?

CAMP CARPENTER & BLACKSMITH DOES IT AGAIN

Compatriot Ed Harpel presented at the March 21st meeting a beautifully crafted double-pole flag holder. Designed to be both durable and easily transportable, the adjustable, base-mounted, wood and metal poles will carry our camp colors and the "Stars and Bars." Thank you once again, Compatriot Harpel, for putting your hands to work on behalf of the camp.

MAY 1ST HUNLEY AWARD PRESENTATION

Camp 2Lt. John Bethel Bowles # 2228 will present to a cadet of the Kenton High School Corps of Cadets the H. L. Hunley JROTC Award at a dinner on Friday, May 1st, at 6:00 P.M. The award of the Hunley medal is meant to honor or reward cadets who have shown the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, as did the ill-fated crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, which made naval history off the coast of Charleston, South Carolina, on February 17, 1864 as the first submarine to sink an opposing vessel in combat. The crew of the submarine was lost in action, and it is the spirit of this selfless sacrifice that the award draws its theme.



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Compatriot Ed Harpel demonstrates his masterfully designed flag mounting system. Our "camp blacksmith" has once again demonstrated his ingenuity and dexterity. We are much obliged, to you, Compatriot Harpel.

MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2015



After a long winter hiatus, the **March meeting** commenced at the Tiffin-Seneca Library's Junior Home Room at 1:05 p.m. Attending were Commander Henry Stobbs, 1Lt. Commander Jeremy Harpel, Chaplain Don Blankenship, Compatriot Ed Harpel, and Compatriot Dave Auble. Compatriot Blankenship gave the invocation, and 1Lt. Commander Harpel led the SCV Salute and Pledge. With a quorum of officers present, the meeting was opened to the conduct of official business.

Quartermaster Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Quartermaster Treasurer reported out the status of the camp treasury. A copy of this report is available upon request.

Adjutant's Report: Second Lieutenant Adjutant Stachoviak was unable to attend in person. Commander Stobbs noted that Tom St. Aubin, of Maumee, had prepared and was to send to the adjutant his application for membership. The 1Lt. Commander contacted Adjutant Stachoviak by text message: as of this date, he had not yet received any application materials from Mr. St. Aubin. Commander Stobbs stated that he would contact Mr. St. Aubin before the weekend was out. NOTE: Mr. St. Aubin has joined Commander Widowski's camp!

Commander's Report: Commander Stobbs reported that, due to health reasons and on the recommendation of his physician to cut back on activities, he would not seek reelection to the position of commander. See "From the Commander's Field Desk." Cdr. Stobbs also reported that he had tentatively accepted sponsorship of the Hunley Award for Kenton High School, pending final authorization and release of funds. Stobbs reported additionally, that he had made the final payment on the computer that was gifted to the Mansfield Museum of History.

Enlistment Committee: No new business.

Old Business:

Fundraising: Several ideas were refloated regarding the camp's need to raise funds. Consensus was reached that the best option at this time would be to follow Compatriot Jeremy Harpel's suggestion that the camp design and sell a t-shirt on Teespring.com. The shirt does not have to follow a Confederate theme; it should be designed to sell. Members are encouraged to submit ideas. Without funds, we cannot carry out our mission. : e
previous comments.

Convention: Much discussion centered on the camp's obligation to host the 2015 convention. Although the convention is traditionally held in the spring, illness and the lack of funds kept the camp from taking any action during the winter. After a telephone conversation with Division Commander John Anson to solicit his advice and input, the officer team resolved as follows: 1. The convention will be held in September of 2015. 2. The convention will be held in a location that will facilitate camp planning, as well as travel for attendees. Depending on price and commitment, the tentative venue is the French Quarter holiday Inn, in Perrysburg. 1Lt. Commander Harpel will contact the French Quarter to obtain information. 3. Commander Stobbs will coordinate with Division Commander Anson to communicate with camp commanders to determine attendance. If fewer than twenty members commit to attend, the camp will not be able to host the convention. 4. Checks must be in hand and on deposit before the camp can commit itself financially to the convention. Fees must cover facility costs, an honorarium for the guest speaker, and souvenirs. Division Commander Anson kindly extended his assistance to the camp in its efforts to make the convention a reality.

New Business:

Moved by Cdr. Stobbs: That the camp sponsor the H. L. Hunley Award for the Kenton High School JROTC Corps. After a brief discussion, sponsorship was approved unanimously upon second by Compatriot Blankenship. Discussion then followed regarding payment of the \$30.00 fee. The members present each (continued on page 3)



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(continued from page 2) present each contributed \$10.00 in cash to fund the award both for this year and 2016. Quartermaster Treasurer Leapley wrote a check against the camp account, which Commander Stobbs was to mail on Monday.

Mansfield Military Show. Commander Stobbs moved that the camp join forces with Camp Quantrill's Raiders to man the May 2nd and May 3rd show in Mansfield. After some discussion, which centered on availability of membership and lack of fundraising ideas, the membership present failed to approve the proposal, and it was tabled.

IRS 99N filing status. Commander Stobbs reported that, as of Saturday A.M., the IRS website would not recognize our EIN. He had communicated with Holly Pittman at SCV HQ, and would try again. NOTE: As of this report, additional attempts have been unsuccessful. Cdr. Stobbs will attempt on Monday, March 23, to contact the IRS for assistance.

Camp Dues: By unanimous consent, annual dues for 2015-2016 will remain at \$20.00. Dues must be current in order to stand for camp office or to vote. Please remit 2015-2016 dues prior to April 18th to the Quartermaster Treasurer at the address listed on the back.

April Elections: Elections were discussed and nominations recorded. See insert panel below.

April Meeting: April's meeting is set for Saturday, April 18th, 1:00 P.M. at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library.

Closing. Compatriot Chaplain Blankenship offered a benediction, and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM. To reconvene informally at Reino's Italian Restaurant to break bread together.

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 18th, 1:00 PM—Elections, Camp Meeting Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin.

Friday, May 1st, 6:00 P.M.—Kenton High School Awards Banquet, Kenton High School, 200 Harding Avenue, Kenton, OH 43326.

Saturday, June 16th, 12:00 P.M.—Flag dedication and 2nd Annual Camp Cookout and Gabfest, 1868 Devil's Hole Road, Pemberville, OH 43450

Did you know? Yankee soldiers tended to be city and town folk. They named battles after natural objects near the scene of the conflict. Confederate troops on the other hand, tended to be country folk; they named battles after significant man-made objects near the scene of the conflict. What the Yankees called "Stone's River" was named "Murfreesboro" by the Southrons. The battle of "1st Manassas / Bull Run" was named by the Federalists "Bull Run" after a little stream near the scene, called Bull Run, and the Confederate army named the battle "Manassas" because of the nearby Manassas railroad station. At least 230 actions were known to have had more than one name. In "Ball's Bluff / Leesburg"- The Union troops noted the steep 100-foot-high bank rising above the Potomac on the Virginia shore, and the Confederate army noted the nearby city of Leesburg, Virginia. "Pea Ridge / Elkhorn Tavern": Elkhorn was a nearby tavern and Pea Ridge was the name of a crest of the Ozark's Ridge. Your editor's third great grandfather is noted in Union records to have been captured at "Stone's River." We prefer to call that engagement "Murfreesboro".





THE COMMANDER'S FIELD DESK



Two of the greatest accomplishments of my life have been in chartering Camp 2Lt. John Bethel Bowles, and in having been elected to serve as its first commander. We have accomplished much together since our April, 2013 birthdate., and I have come to treasure each of you, my compatriots, as true friends. It has been my great privilege and honor to bear the rank of Captain and to wear the "Commander" ribbon.

Now, however, I must reluctantly step aside. Several physicians of body and mind have urged me with great sincerity and concern that I must let go of some things in my life, if I am going to survive with mind and body intact. I have until recently given their advice lip service, but recent events have convinced me to heed the wisdom of their words.

Therefore, my last event as commander will be the Hunley Award presentation at Kenton High School, immediately after which a new commander will assume leadership of the camp. I urge that you support 1Lt. Commander harpel in this role, as he has proven himself to be a true Southron, a dedicated soldier, and an imaginative leader.

As Past Commander, I will continue to serve as newsletter publisher, research genealogist and historian, and I am willing to serve as First Lieutenant Commander. I also commit myself to participate in mind, body, and pocketbook in as many of the camp's activities as my health will permit.

I look forward with great anticipation to the great things I know this camp has yet to accomplish; thank you, gentlemen, for allowing me the honor of your comradery.

Deo Vindice,

Your Commander



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My Murdered Mother—

Each Southron person should thus remember his State as Robert L. Dabney, a Confederate Chaplain, at one time Stonewall Jackson's Chief of Staff, a minister of the gospel, a theologian, an author, a linguist, a planter, a seminary professor, etc., noted in his A Defense of Virginia and the South,

"Of course, a set of people who made success the test of truth, as they avowedly do in this matter, and who have been busily and triumphantly engaged for so many years in perfecting a plain injustice, to which they had deliberately made up their minds, are not within the reach of reasoning. Nothing but the hand of a retributive Providence can avail to reach them...But my purpose...is, first and chiefly, to lay this pious and filial defense upon the tomb of my murdered mother, Virginia. Her detractors, after committing the crime of destroying a sovereign and co-equal commonwealth, seek also to bury her memory under a load of...falsehood. The last and only office that remains to her sons is to leave their testimony for her righteous fame--feeble it may be now, amidst the din of passion and material power, yet INEXTINGUISHABLE AS TRUTH'S OWN TORCH."

Don Blankenship, Chaplain

To God be the glory



ELECTIONS, 2015– 2016



Qualification for Office: The following camp members have placed or have had placed on their behalf their names in nomination to serve as commissioned and noncommissioned officers for the two-year period that will commence on May 1st, 2015 and end on May 1st, 2017. In order to be elected, nominees must be members in good standing on or before election day, which will be Saturday, April 18th, 2015.

Qualification to Vote: In order to be in good standing, a member must have paid camp dues of \$20.00 by election day, and must be current with national dues. Additionally, only members who are in good standing as defined above are eligible to cast their vote.

Voting: If you cannot vote in person, please complete this ballot, sign it, and mail it to Quartermaster Treasurer Leapley not later than April 13th, 2015. If you have not previously paid your 2015-2016 camp dues, include a check for \$20.00 along with your ballot. Vote for only one nominee in each position by making an X in ink in the space next to the nominee's name. You may write in the name of a candidate not nominated, including your own name, so long as the nominated write-in candidate is otherwise eligible to hold the position.

Standing for the commissioned position of Captain Commander:

Compatriot Jeremy Harpel _____

Standing for the commissioned office of First Lieutenant Commander

Compatriot Henry B. Stobbs _____

Standing for the commissioned office of Hon. Captain Chaplain

Compatriot Donald R. Blankenship, Sr. _____

Standing for the commissioned office of Second Lieutenant Adjutant

Compatriot Steve Stachoviak _____

Standing for the commissioned office of Third Lieutenant QM Treasurer

Compatriot Londell L. Leapley _____

Standing for the noncommissioned office of QM First Sergeant

Compatriot Christian E. N. Reynolds _____

Standing for the noncommissioned office of Color Sergeant

Compatriot Dave O. Auble _____

Compatriot Wade E. Wedge _____

Standing for the noncommissioned office of Sergeant at Arms

Compatriot Dave O. Auble _____

Compatriot Wade E. Wedge _____

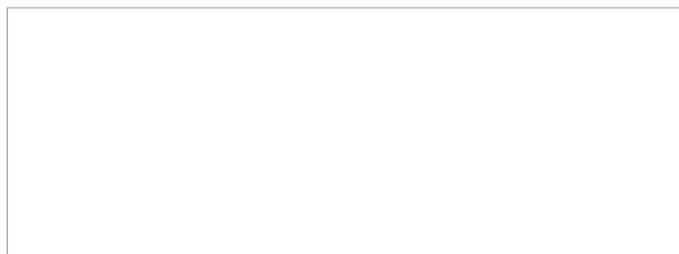
Print your name and sign here; your name and signature will be removed before your ballot is submitted for counting.



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