



LYTLE'S LETTER



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Message from the Commander

Dear Brothers

First Quarter is in the History books, and we are off to a great start in 2018. Brother Jim Crane has informed us we are very close to being the second highest membership camp in the Department of Ohio. With a little effort we can also be number one. While numbers are great, and we need them so we can continue our great work of educating the public about the Civil War, and honoring and caring for our relatives markers and monuments, it is the quality of our membership that makes our organization great. We come from various professional backgrounds, educational backgrounds and religious backgrounds. But we come together in fraternity to utilize our talents to ensure we have the best possible Camp and activities. Last quarter saw us have the biggest leadership turnover in a lot of years in the camp. While the new team is off and



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running, the veterans are helping to mentor us, that is what makes a successful organization.

The Lincoln Day Dinner in February fell to the Lytle Camp, and we had a great turnout at Camp Dennison. It was such a pleasure to share good food and conversation at such an historical location, and such a meaningful place to our great hero, General Lytle.

At our March meeting, we inducted a Junior Member into the Camp to make our first third generation membership with the Kidd family. A great young man, Liam Kidd is destined to be the Lytle Camp Commander someday.

In closing, it's an honor to serve as your Camp Commander, and I appreciate the great work of the appointed officers and membership. It's not easy to put together a newsletter, a Patriotic instruction, submit our forms to the Department, track down dues, or submit an article to the banner, but you all do it, and do it well.

We have a lot of events coming up that are mentioned here in this newsletter, please try and support the Camp with your presence and help.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Todd



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Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

The 2018 Lincoln Dinner was hosted by the General Lytle Camp at the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Dennison. The Camp Dennison School was built in 1864 after the conclusion of the Civil War and was occupied from 1870 – 1952. Following the closing of the school, the Dravo gravel company bought the building and the school became office space for this company until 1961. The Camp Dennison School was then purchased by Donald & Phyllis Miller which saved the school from being demolished. The Millers opened the Schoolhouse Restaurant in 1962 and it has been in continuous operation since that time. It was a special treat for the Lytle Camp to hold the 2018 Dinner in this historic location.

The Lytle Camp, the Keller Camp and the Sherman Camp and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW were well represented along with many guests. Department of Ohio Ohio Commander Jim Crane, Sr. Vice Commander Kerry Langdon, and Jr. Vice Commander Shane Milburn were also in attendance.

The featured speaker for the evening was Robert D. Billings, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Law, at Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law. He spoke about Lincoln's relationship with his senior military leaders and Lincoln's frequent battlefield visits.





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Induction of New Members

A special welcome to our new members, Brothers Wilke, Gordon Stokely, Dan Davis, Robert Elkin, and Jim Schroer.





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A very special welcome to
new Junior Member Liam
Kidd.



Four Lytle Camp
members of the Kidd
family, including three
generations, Phil, Robb,
Doug & Liam.



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Congratulations!

Brother Zach Haines, a long time member of the General Lytle Camp, has been appointed to the Miami University board of Trustees. His term began on March 1st and will continue until 2027. Brother Haines graduated from Miami University in 2005 and is currently the national historian and archivist for Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

He is an active member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the American Revolution. He has represented the Lytle Camp by presenting SUVCW ROTC medals to cadets and midshipmen at Miami University for many years.





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Patriotic Instruction



Brother's, as we begin 2018 let us take the time to remember the doughboys of 1918 who helped save Europe from tyranny and ruin. The United States entered World War 1 in April of 1917 but had not seen major combat until the spring of 1918. 1918 would prove a deadly but decisive year for the American Expeditionary Force and it's allies and the world would change forever and America would become the leader of the free world for the rest of the twentieth century.

Woody Cook
Senior Vice Commander



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Upcoming Events

➤ April 2018

TBA - Xavier ROTC Awards Presentation

10 - Gen. Wm. H. Lytle, Camp 10 meeting

14 - Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL

TBA - U. S. Grant birthday Celebration at Point Pleasant

24 - Diamond Oaks JROTC Presentation

➤ May 2018

8 - Gen. Wm. H. Lytle, Camp 10 meeting

TBA - Other ROTC Awards Presentations

28 - Memorial Day Service at Spring Grove Cemetery. ***This will be the 150th anniversary of CinC Logan's Order # 11. Please plan to be there for this very special event.***

➤ June 2018

10 - Department of Ohio Annual Encampment

12 - Gen. Wm. H. Lytle, Camp 10 meeting

16-17 - Civil War Weekend at Heritage Village



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For Your Information:

Sons of the American Revolution, Cincinnati Chapter,
Youth Awards Dinner, April 4, 2018
Crowne Plaza, Blue Ash, OH

Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable, April 19, 2018
Speaker: Chris Burns, Cincinnati
Topic: The Siege of Cincinnati

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