



# LYTLE'S LETTER

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### Message from the Commander.

## 150 Years Later....

It doesn't seem possible that we are nearing the end of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. It seems like only yesterday we were talking about how to commemorate the events of 1861 - 1865. Clearly these years have passed much more quickly for us than they did for our ancestors who fought and many who died in the service of our great country. I want to take a brief look back at what we have done and forward at those things remaining to be done before we complete our task of commemorating the sacrifices and the successes of that historic period.

### In Commemoration:

Along with other SUVCW Camps in the Tri-State, we have commemorated the leadership of our country by holding a dinner annually in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and by participating in the celebration of the birthday of U. S. Grant at his birthplace in Point Pleasant, Ohio.



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Each year we have held a Memorial Day Service in the Civil War Section at Spring Grove Cemetery, along with our partners, the 6<sup>th</sup> OVI. In addition, each year we have held a memorial service at the gravesite of our Camp's namesake, General William H. Lytle.

We have memorialized many Civil War soldiers by performing numerous Headstone Dedication Ceremonies. We have also completed our part of the task of honoring the last Civil War soldier to be interred in each county in the United States with a series of Memorial Services.

We took on a significant role in the project to restore the monument to General Lytle at the site of his death during the Battle of Chickamauga. Along with the Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, we were able to return all 323 cannonballs that originally formed the Lytle monument and to return the surrounding area closer to its 1863 appearance. In addition, we led the re-dedication ceremony for the monument at the Chickamauga Battlefield.

## In Celebration:

We must celebrate the end of a war that saw more American casualties than all other wars combined. We must celebrate the Union that was saved by the efforts of hundreds of thousands of citizen soldiers. We must celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution and freedom that was so dearly won for an entire people who had been held in slavery.

But, closer to home, we must recognize the role that Camp Dennison played throughout the War. More than that, we must celebrate the role that Camp Dennison played at the end of the war in mustering out thousands of Union troops as well as providing ongoing care of many wounded and ill soldiers housed in the hospital located there.



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With your help we have worked diligently to **commemorate** and **memorialize** the people and events of the Civil War, now is our opportunity to **celebrate** the accomplishments and the legacy that we have inherited.

Larry W. Collins  
Camp Commander

## Lincoln Day Dinner

Special thanks to Commander Larry Rich and brothers of Keller Camp for hosting this year's dinner.



Commander Larry Rich



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Special thanks to speaker Mike Rhein on his topic – Lincoln's Preparation for the Gettysburg Address.



Speaker Mike Rhein

## Recruiting

Initiation of new members – Brothers Bill Rybolt and Walter Gollady.



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Standing Left to Right – Bill Rybolt, Walter Gollady , SVC Bill West III and JVC Todd Mayer.

Also welcome to our newly elected members.

Brothers Donald McGraw, Stephen Murray, Michael Sandman and transfer James Crane.



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## ROTC AWARDS

Brothers,

Please find the most current schedule for the ROTC awards. I will distribute Medals and certificates (Except Xavier University, I have to take them their certificate early) at the next meeting to all the presenters. I would like to thank everyone for the great response! We actually had more volunteers this year than we could use. If you would like to assist in any of the presentations you are welcome to attend with the Presenter.

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Brother Todd

School	Date	Presenter	Certificate Complete
University of Cincinnati		Br. Todd Mayer	Cadet
Miami University	25 April 9:00AM	Br. Zachary Haines	Midshipman
Xavier University	18 April TTBD	Br. Richard Davis	Cadet Michael Willis
Scarlet Oaks	May 6 5:00PM	BR. Jim Houston	Cadet David Williams
Diamond Oaks	May 6 8:30AM	Br. James Crane	Cadet



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## Meeting & Event Schedule

- 14 April 2015..... Lytle Camp Meeting
- 12 May 2015.....Lytle Camp Meeting
- 25 May 2015.....Memorial Day – Monday, Spring Grove Cemetery
- 9 June 2015.....Lytle Camp Meeting
- 8 Sep 2015.....Lytle Camp Meeting
- 20 Sep 2015.....Gen. Wm. H. Lytle Memorial Ceremony, Spring Grove
- 26 Sep 2015.....Patriot Fair, Mason, Ohio
- 14 Oct 2015.....Lytle Camp Meeting

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Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter to SVC William C West III at [wwest@cinci.rr.com](mailto:wwest@cinci.rr.com). The deadline for articles to be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter newsletter is June 15, 2015.