

History of the
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Camp # 10



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General William Haines Lytle Biography

**WILLIAM HAINES LYTLE
THE MAN**



**24 SEPTEMBER 2006
SPRING GROVE CEMETERY
KENNETH WILSON PCC
SUVCW**

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William Haines Lytle The Man

Presented by Kenneth Wilson, PCC

24 September 2006

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William Haines Lytle was precocious, a prodigy, a poet, a politician and a patriot.

On the title page of *Poems of William Haines Lytle* there is a verse by Thomas Caryle, which reads:

"The poet could not sing the Heroic Warrior, unless he himself were at least a Heroic Warrior too. I fancy there is in him the Politician, the Thinker, Legislator, Philosopher;--in one or the other degree he could have been, he is all these"

The Lytle family came from Ireland in the early 1700's. G Grandfather William Lytle was commissioned as a captain in the French and Indian War and came to Kentucky from Pennsylvania around 1797. Grandfather William Lytle was the founder of Williamsburg in Clermont County, Ohio, a major general in the Ohio militia, served in the Indian wars and was surveyor-general of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. At age 15 he had been in charge of a war party under the direction of Daniel Boone. He was involved in the establishment of the Cincinnati College. Father Robert Todd Lytle was a representative in the Ohio legislature, a major general in the Ohio militia, Representative in the 23rd Congress of the U.S and surveyor-general of public lands in Ohio.

The Lytle family moved from Williamsburg in 1810 and built the mansion on

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Lawrence St., midway between 3rd and 4th Sts and is now the site of Lytle Park. Robert was educated in the Cincinnati College, then studied and practiced law. He was described as a person of fine presence, a courteous gentleman, and an accomplished scholar.

Robert married his stepsister Elizabeth Haines, a lady of rare culture and beauty. They had four children: William Haines 1826, Margarita 1828, Josephine Roberta 1830 and Elizabeth Haines 1835. Margarita died in 1832. There was a family of the highest social and economic standing in the developing city of Cincinnati. The emphasis on education constituted one aspect of the intellectual and cultural life of the Queen City claiming the title of "Athens of the West". The Lytles took active roles in establishing and promoting the arts and intellectual life. Grandfather William Lytle commissioned John James Audubon to paint portraits of himself and his first wife, Eliza.

William Haines Lytle inherited the martial spirit of his ancestors and the gift of eloquence. Very early he demonstrated a natural tendency to express himself in oratorical prose and romantic verse, which he inherited from his mother. From the time of his birth, he was groomed to fulfill a special destiny. He began school at the age of four and his teachers were amazed by his gift for words. Academic success was matched by social success. His formal education was at the Cincinnati College, which his grandfather helped to start and where his father was educated. His father, Robert Todd, had died the year before he started and his mother, Elizabeth Haines, died shortly after he had started college.

Young Lytle studied English, Latin, Greek, German and French, finishing the prescribed course before he was sixteen and graduated first in his class. His oration at graduation was on "Law and the Legal Professions" and was noted in the local newspaper as the "gem of the evening". His earliest surviving poem was written in his college years and was called "the Soldier's Death". After graduation, he wanted to go to West Point but his family persuaded him to study law.

Lytle's grandmother took over the raising of the three children and his mother's brother, E. S. Haines, began training him for the law profession. Lytle found time to continue his education in science and literature with emphasis on French and German. Even though he was still a minor, he enlisted in the Ohio volunteers for the Mexican war.

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Returning to Cincinnati after the war Lytle devoted himself to an active social life. As one of the towns leading bachelors, he courted a long line of local beauties and was particularly interested in his cousin, Elizabeth Macalester. Her father opposed the romance largely on the grounds of being first cousins in a family with a history of consumption and he didn't like Lytle's habits. Lytle had the gentleman's weakness for drinking and apparently drank to excess on several occasions. His next romance was with a distant cousin, Sed Doremus, and it seems he proposed marriage. Sed said no but expected that Lytle would ask her a second time. But being stubborn and not accepted on the initial offer he instead he broke off the romance. She vowed that she would never marry until Lytle did. At his death she was spent an all night vigil by Lytle's casket the evening before the funeral and remained single for the rest of her life.

After returning home from the Mexican War he entered into the law partnership of Haines, Todd and Lytle. His popularity with both Democrats and Whigs and ability as a public speaker led his friends in the Democratic Party to nominate him as a candidate for the state legislature and he was elected in 1852. He spent two terms in the House and was speaker of the house.

After his two year term he returned to his law practice. In 1857 he was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, campaigning largely on a proslavery position believing the south should work out it's own future. Lytle was a moderate on the question of slavery and supported its continuance as an economic necessity. He warned that abolition could only be achieved through violence. This view was a factor in his defeat by a small margin.

Also in 1857 republican governor Salmon P. Chase commissioned him major general of the Ohio militia, as had been his father and grandfather. Lytle supported Stephen Douglas in the 1860 presidential campaign against Abraham Lincoln.

Prior to the war, Lytle had earned a considerable reputation as a poet. He wrote for his own amusement and his friends, never planning on being published. In 1858 a friend of his found a copy of Antony and Cleopatra on Lytle's desk and it was published in the Cincinnati commercial newspaper without Lytle's knowledge. That poem gained him instant recognition as lyric poet. His poetry, together with his fair complexion, small stature, long silken brown hair and gray eyes suggested an effeminate personality. He was deeply religious and

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carried a bible. He actually was a cigar smoking, hard drinking, tobacco chewing, respected poet with outstanding military instincts. He was also frequently bored and restless and was written up in the newspapers for his poor conduct.

The picture of William Haines Lytle shortly before the war was that of a gifted but less than happy or fulfilled individual. His sisters were both married and busy with their lives. He was a man without real purpose until the outbreak of the Civil War.

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William Haines Lytle - The Civil War Years

On Sunday, April 15, 1861, Ft. Sumter was evacuated by Union troops. And, on that day President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 3-month troops. William Lytle was then the Major General commanding the First Division of the Ohio Militia. On arriving back in Cincinnati from Columbus the next day, he organized the Guthrie Grays as the nucleus for the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited to full strength by that night. The 9th, 5th, and 10th regiments quickly followed. For training, he organized Camp Harrison at the site of the current Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds, not far from here.

On June 4, Lytle was commissioned Colonel of the 10th OVI, composed primarily of Irish immigrants and now reorganized as a three-year regiment. The unit, including Lytle, marched on foot to Camp Dennison on June 12. Ten days later they embarked on their first field service under Gen. William S. Rosecrans in western Virginia.

The first engagement in which the 10th OVI took part was at Carnifex Ferry on September 10, 1861. On that day the regiment posted themselves at a horseshoe bend on the Gauley River and at 4pm advanced downhill toward the Ferry. The Confederates were waiting at a hidden bend. Within 30 yards of the enemy fortifications, Col. Lytle was shot through the leg by a sharpshooter's squirrel rifle. The same shot killed his horse, which fell inside the enemy's works. Recognizing their many casualties that day, the regiment thereafter called themselves "the Bloody Tinth."

Col. Lytle was captured during the Carnifex Ferry Battle, but was paroled the next day and later returned to Cincinnati to recover. Before his wound was completely healed he was placed in command of army training in Bardstown, KY. After three months he was assigned command of the 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Ohio under Gen. Don Carlos Buell. Gen. Buell had been pursuing the Confederate Army of Tennessee, which was attempting to bring Kentucky into the Confederacy.

The two armies met in battle on October 8, 1862 at Perryville, KY. Col. Lytle led the 17th Brigade under Gen. Rousseau and occupied a position on the right side of the line. After heavy fighting, his Brigade fell back about 4pm above the Bottom House near Doctor's Creek. At this time Col. Lytle attempted to rally a counter attack, but in the process he was wounded in the head and fell to the ground. His line gave way in disorder, presuming he was dead. He was quoted as saying, "you may do some good here, but I can do no more. Let me die here." Fortunately, the wound was only superficial, but the Confederates seized the position and captured Col. Lytle. Several weeks later he was paroled and again recuperated in Cincinnati.

On October 24, 1862 Col. Lytle received a congratulatory telegram from Secretary of War Stanton. A few days later, he was promoted to Brig. Gen. In February 1863 he was assigned to command the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 20th Army Corps, Army Of the Cumberland, then located at Murphreesboro, TN. [The 3rd Division was commanded by Gen.

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Philip Sheridan, the Corps by Gen. Alexander McCook, and the Army by Gen. William Rosecrans.]

In June 1863 the Army of the Cumberland began the highly successful Tullahoma Campaign moving south through Tennessee. By August they had reached the Tennessee River downstream from Chattanooga. Only 560 Union casualties resulted during this Campaign. In the euphoria of their success, the soldiers of the 10th Ohio presented their old Colonel a jeweled Maltese cross on August 10 at Bridgeport., AL. In his acceptance speech - the most memorable and last of his life - the Gen. spoke in part:

"That the day of ultimate triumph for the Union arms, sooner or later, will come, I do not doubt, for I have faith in the courage, the wisdom, and the justice of the people. It may not be for all of us here today to listen to the chants that greet the victor, nor to hear the bells ring out the new nuptials of the States. But those who do survive can tell, at least, to the people, how their old comrades, whether in the skirmish or the charge, before the rifle-pit or the redan, died with their harness on, in the great war for the Union and Liberty."

It would be just six weeks before his tragic death .-----

Late in the morning on the second day of the Battle of Chickamauga (Sun. Sept. 20, 1863), Gen. Lytle 's brigade was moving north to the aide of Gen. Thomas' Corps when a Rebel breakthrough occurred. In repositioning to meet the enemy, Gen. Lytle was wounded in the spine but remained on his horse. He was heard to say: "All right, men. We can die but once. This is the time and place. Let us charge." He was struck twice more and mortally wounded.

Waiving his aides to cover, he died on the field - known ever since as Lytle Hill. Confederate troops recognized the poet/soldier and posted guard until his body was removed. Through the night it is said they recited his most famous poem - Antony and Cleopatra, a favorite in the South.

His remains were brought to Cincinnati in October and after the largest funeral procession in the city's history, he was laid to rest here in Spring Grove Cemetery on Oct. 22, 1863.

So ended the heroic Civil War service of Gen. William Haines Lytle.

James H. Houston, PDC
Gen. Lytle Memorial Service
September 24, 2006

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Camp Charter Members

Name:

“General William H. Lytle CAMP, NO 10, DEPARTMENT OF Ohio”
[capitalization and punctuation as given; no period after “NO”]

Signed:

5 July 2000 by C-in-C Danny L. Wheeler

Charter members:

(in order as given on charter)

Russell A. Ackermann
Larry W. Collins
Charles G. Edwards
Ralph P. Erlick
James E. Hadsell
Rick J. Horton
James H. Houston
Craig W. Keller
Ray Nagel
Clifford H. Pohl, Jr.
Michael D. Smith
William A. Smith
William J. Smith
Byron B. Williams

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Memorial Day

The General William H. Lytle Camp has conducted a Memorial Day Service at Spring Grove Cemetery annually beginning in the first year of the Camp's existence in 2000. The first service was held at the graveside of General Lytle with only a handful of attendees. The following year and every succeeding year it has been held at Section 21, the burial place of hundreds of Civil War soldiers. Attendance at the service has increased each year and is now one of the premier Memorial Day services in the city.



The following year, 2001, the service became a joint effort with the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. That successful partnership has continued each year and is a key to success.



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General William Lytle Observance

The first annual observance of the anniversary of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at the Spring Grove Cemetery on September 18, 2005 and has been observed each year since then. Special invitations are offered to the family of General Lytle along with invitations to the public.



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Last Soldier Project

Adams County

Oct. 17, 2010 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Adams Co., Ohio, Private John Lytle Baldrige. Private Baldwin served in Co. G, 129th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in July 1863 and saw action in Kentucky and Tennessee. At age 92 Baldrige participated in the 75th reunion of soldiers from both sides of the war at Gettysburg.



Brown County

Oct. 2, 2011 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Brown Co., Ohio, Private William Pittenger. Private Pittenger served in Co. A, 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in 1863 at the age of 16 and participated in the battles of Chattanooga, the Atlanta Campaign, the March to the Sea, and the final battles in North Carolina. He was mustered out in August 1865.



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Clermont County

May 21, 2006 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Clermont Co., Ohio, Private Leonidas H. Fisher. Private Fisher served in Co. B, 59th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and the Atlanta campaign. He was discharged in 1864.



Clinton County

May 12, 2007 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Clinton Co., Ohio, Private Thomas Benton Baldwin. Private Baldwin served in Co. G, 175th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was captured and was imprisoned in Andersonville. He was paroled and discharged in Columbus Ohio on June 24, 1865.



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Hamilton County

Oct. 12, 2007 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Hamilton Co., Ohio, Private Frederick Pfiester, Sr. Private Fisher served in Co. F, 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and Co. B, 137th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.



Warren County

June 20, 2009 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Warren Co., Ohio, Private John Cafferty Winters. Private Baldwin served in Co. G, 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery. He first served the military when he responded to the call for volunteers to protect Cincinnati from confederate invasion and became a member of the Squirrel Hunters. He enlisted on July 12, 1863 at Camp Dennison and saw action at Cleveland, Tennessee before being discharged on August 23, 1865 at Nashville.



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Annual Activities Listing

1999

1. Oct. 12, 1999 – A meeting was held at the Clovernook Center for the Blind in Cincinnati. The purpose of the meeting was to start a discussion which would lead to the establishment of an SUVCW camp in Cincinnati. The participants were Charles Edwards, Jim Houston, Craig Keller, Ray Nagel and Ken Purdy. It was noted that the charter for the U. S. Grant Camp # 100, the former Cincinnati camp was lost and had been missing for many years.
2. Nov. 9, 1999 - A meeting to continue the discussion leading to the establishment of a camp in Cincinnati was held at the Clovernook Center for the Blind. The participants were Charles Edwards, Jim Houston, Craig Keller, Ray Nagel, Ken Purdy, Larry Collins, Chris Keller and Ronald Maxstadt. Temporary officers were elected and a proposed camp name and number was selected. It was agreed that an application would be forwarded to the Department of Ohio Secretary/Treasurer to establish the General William H. Lytle Camp # 10.
3. Dec. 14, 1999 - The first formal meeting of the General William H. Lytle Camp was held at the Clovernook Center for the blind. The participants were Jim Houston, Ray Nagel, Craig Keller, Charles Edwards, and Larry Collins. Officers for the year 2000 were elected, including James Houston as the first Camp Commander. Dues were established for the coming year at \$25. Several projects were discussed among the membership including, graves registration, painting of the cannons at Spring Grove Cemetery, new member recruitment and participation in a Memorial Day event at Spring grove Cemetery.

2000

Installation of Camp officers was held in Columbus, Ohio at the Mid-winter Ohio Department Meeting.

Camp Commander
James Houston
Senior Vice Commander
Ray Nagel
Junior Vice Commander
Craig Keller
Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Collins



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The year 2000 was one of growth and development of the new Camp.

1. ***The Camp Charter was received.***
2. Bylaws were drafted and approved for the Camp.
3. Work began on researching sites in Cincinnati for the 2003 National Encampment.
4. Several camp members volunteered to act as docents for the Civil War Museum at Camp Dennison.
5. A Memorial Day Service was held at the gravesite of General Lytle in Spring Grove Cemetery.
6. The graves registration project was continued in Clermont County by Commander Houston and at Spring Grove Cemetery by Sr. Vice Commander Nagel.
7. The cannons at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati were painted.
8. Members of the camp participated in the rededication of the Camp Denison Cemetery in November. Fourteen Civil War veterans are buried in that cemetery. Approximately 300 more Civil War veterans have been relocated from the Camp Dennison Cemetery to the Spring Grove Cemetery.



2001

During the year 2001, under the leadership of Commander Ray Nagel, the Camp continued to be very active. Some of the activities are as follows:

1. January 20, 2001 - Installation of Camp Officers was held at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Ray Nagel
Sr. Vice Commander	Craig Keller
Jr. Vice Commander	Ken Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Collins
Camp Council	Barney Williams
	Mike Becknell
	Jim Houston

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2. April 21, 2001 - Wreath laying ceremony at the birthplace of General Grant in Point Pleasant, Ohio. Commander Nagel made remarks about General Grant's life.
3. March - The Camp was given access to the grave registration cards at the Cincinnati Public Library.
4. April 30-May 4, 2001 – Sharon Woods Civil War bazaar. The camp provided registration services for the attendees.
5. May 4, 2001, 5-8 pm - Genealogy Fair at the Cincinnati Public Library. The camp provided a display of information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
6. May 28, 2001, 11:00am – Memorial Day Service at Spring Grove Cemetery, Section 21.
7. Several camp members volunteered to act as docents for the Civil War Museum at Camp Dennison.
8. Several members participated in the graves registration project.
9. The Hamilton County Recorder's Office offered the use of their presentation case to the camp for the month of November 2001.
10. Oct. 14, 2001 – The Camp laid a wreath at the site of the John McLean training camp of the 75th OVI in Wyoming, Ohio.
11. Oct. 27-28 – North College Hill Re-enactment – The camp registered the re-enactors.
12. Nov. 9, 2001 – Commander Nagel and PCC Houston gave a talk at the Cincinnati Public Library on the graves registration project.
13. Nov. 11, 2001 – The camp laid a wreath at the Veteran's Day ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery hosted by Spring Grove and the 6th Ohio.
14. A Camp flag and accessories were purchased by the Camp.



2002

The Camp continued to be very involved in Civil War related activities during the year 2002. Ray Nagel agreed to serve another term as Camp commander.

1. January 8, 2002 - Installation of officers was held at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Ray Nagel
Sr. Vice Commander	Ken Wilson
Jr. Vice Commander	Dan Spellman
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Collins

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Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Secretary/Treasurer
Camp Council

Dan Spellman
Craig Keller
Larry Collins
Woody Cook
Tom Sutton
Elmer Williams

2. Feb. 12, 2003 – Joint Lincoln Day Dinner with the Captain John Bruck Camp #96, Ohio and the Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp # 3, Kentucky. The meeting was held at the Coolligan Lodge in Hamilton, Ohio.
3. April 12, 1-4:30pm – Cincinnati Public Library Genealogy and Family History Day. The camp provided a display of information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
4. Saturday, April 26 - Wreath laying ceremony at the birthplace of General Grant in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
5. Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery.
6. Several camp members volunteered to act as docents for the Civil War Museum at Camp Dennison.
7. Several members participated in the graves registration project.
8. August 7-10, National Encampment at the Drawbridge Inn in Northern Kentucky. The General Lytle Camp along with the Northern Kentucky Camp are the host camps for the encampment. Brother Houston commented on the successful National Encampment held in August. He reported that the memorial service at Spring Grove Cemetery was very well done and well received by both members and the general public in attendance.



There were four cannon batteries present at this service, along with the 6th OVI reenactment group, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Pipe and Drum Band, a bugler from Mt. St Joseph College, participation by three national presidents of member groups of the Allied Orders, a speech by Dave Medart (SVR Commander), and bus tours of the cemetery. On Friday and Saturday, there were the usual business meetings of the organizations. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Ft. Wright City Administrator Larry Klein for the city's efforts in preserving a 14-acre Union battery site – one of the defenses of Cincinnati. There was entertainment provided Friday evening by the Hamilton Harmonettes,

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and Saturday evening by Saxton's Cornet Band. The banquet on Saturday evening was very well attended. On Sunday, there were additional events taking place at Linden Grove Cemetery, and at Camp Dennison.

9. The Hamilton County Recorder's Office again offered the use of their presentation case to the camp for the month of August.
10. Several brothers were in attendance at the performance of the play "The Andersonville Trial" which was held at Wyoming High School.
11. The Camp participated in the Veterans Day program at Spring Grove Cemetery. The program was organized by the 6th OVI reenactment group.

2004

Dan Spellman was elected Camp commander for the year 2004. Camp activities during the year 2004 are as follows:

1. Jan. 10, 2004 –The installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Dan Spellman
Sr. Vice Commander	Elmer Williams
Jr. Vice Commander	Woody Cook
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Collins
Camp Council	Ken Wilson
	Eric Tipton
	Charles Reeves
2. Brothers Houston and Wilson conducted a presentation titled "Digging up your Civil War ancestors" at the Anderson Senior Center on Monday evening, January 12.
3. Heritage Village – The camp again participated in the registration of school children for the Heritage Village program at Sharon Woods. The program was held the week of April 26.
4. U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration – The camp was again invited to participate in the U. S. Grant birthday celebration at the Grant birthplace. The celebration was held on April 24th at 1:00 pm.
5. The annual Genealogy Fair and Family History Day was held at the main branch of the Cincinnati Public Library on May 22 for 1-4:30 pm. The camp again had a table for the program.
6. Commander Spellman recognized two camp members who were recently deceased, Col. Clifford H. Pohl, Jr. and Brother James E. Hadsell. The Camp recognized Brothers Pohl and Hadsell during the Memorial Day Celebration at Spring Grove Cemetery.
7. Memorial Day Ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery was held on May 30 at 1:00 pm.

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8. Several members participated in the graves registration project.
9. The Clarksville Cemetery dedication was held on May 23, 2004 at 2:00 pm. The ceremony paid appropriate homage to the veterans that are buried there. Brothers Yahle, Williams, Houston, Nagel and Reeves were in attendance.
10. The camp once again provided assistance with registration at the reenactment at Sharon Woods on May 14 & 15.
11. ROTC Recognition – The recipient was Mike Hickey of Norwood High School and Scarlet Oaks. Mr. Hickey has joined the U.S. Navy.
12. Harrison OH Civil War festivities (3 July 2004) – Commander Spellman thanked Brother Cook for organizing a very successful Civil War display at this event. It was noted that a large number of the public visited our display and a number of Brothers also attended.
13. The Lincoln Statue on Rockdale & Reading has been defaced again. The Lincoln statue was donated to the school board by a Civil War veteran. The camp made a donation of \$50 for the purpose of repairing the statue.
14. The rededication ceremony of the GAR marker at the Wilmington Courthouse was held on October 24th. Past National Commander-In-Chief Robert Grim and current Ohio Department Commander Brad Tilton participated along with Brothers Yahle, Houston, Wilson, Keller, Williams and Nagle of the General Lytle camp.

2005

Elmer Williams was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2005 included the following:

1. Jan. 8, 2005 - Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander

Elmer Williams

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Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Secretary/Treasurer
Camp Council

Woody Cook
Jim Yahle
Ken Wilson
Larry Collins
Bill Warden
Charles Reeves

2. Feb 12, 2005 – The annual Lincoln Day Dinner was held jointly with the Nelson-Garfield Camp from Northern Kentucky and the Keller Camp from Hamilton.
3. April 2005 – Several Brothers of the Lytle Camp were in attendance at the U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
4. The annual Genealogy Fair and Family History Day was held at the main branch of the Cincinnati Public Library. The camp again had a table for the program.
5. May 30, 2005 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery was held on May 30 at 1:00 pm.
6. Sept. 18, 2005 – The first annual observance of the anniversary of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at the Spring Grove Cemetery. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at the Coach and Four Restaurant.
7. Oct. 22, 2005 – A luncheon reception was held at the Red Brick Tavern in Lafayette, Ohio to honor Dan Darby, Commander-In-Chief of the SUVCW and Ray Nagel, Ohio Department Commander.



2006

Woody Cook was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2006 included the following:

1. Jan. 7, 2006 - Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Woody Cook
Sr. Vice Commander	Jim Yahle
Jr. Vice Commander	Charles Reeves
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Wilson
Camp Council	Larry Collins
	Andy Sweeny
	Bill Warden

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2. Feb 11, 2006 - The annual Lincoln Day Dinner was held jointly with the Nelson-Garfield Camp from Northern Kentucky and the Keller Camp from Hamilton. It was observed at the Down Under restaurant.
3. April 22, 2006 - PCC Ray Nagel spoke at the annual U. S. Grant birthday celebration at the Grant birthplace in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
4. May 11, 2006 – Cadet Scott Daria of the Scarlet Oaks NJROTC program was presented with the SUVCW ROTC award by Ohio Department Commander Ray Nagel.
5. May 21, 2006 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Clermont Co., Ohio, Private Leonidas H. Fisher.
6. May 29, 2006 - Memorial Day Ceremony was held at Spring Grove Cemetery.
7. July 29, 2006 - Members of the Lytle Camp and the Austin Blair Camp of Michigan participated in a dedication ceremony for the setting of a headstone at the grave of Joseph Wolf, 102 OVI. The stone was found in Michigan and was brought to Cincinnati and set at the Wolf gravesite in St. John's Cemetery by the Austin Blair Camp.
8. Sept. 24, 2006 - The 2nd annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.
9. Oct. 28, 2006 - The Lytle Camp participated in Family History Day at the Cincinnati Public Library. Once again the camp again had a booth to provide information about our organization and its programs.
10. Commander Cook and Brothers Houston, Brown and Nagel traveled to Chickamauga Battlefield to meet with representatives of the National Park and Friends of Chickamauga to plan a strategy for reconstruction of the cannibalized Lytle Monument located on the battlefield.



2007

Chuck Reeves was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2007 included the following:

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1. Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Secretary/Treasurer

Charles Reeves
Dennis Brown
Kerry Langdon
Ken Wilson



2. Feb. 12, 2007 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was held at the historic Market Street Grill in Harrison Ohio and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Nelson-Garfield Camp, Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp.
3. April 28, 2007 - PCC Ray Nagel once again spoke at the annual U. S. Grant birthday celebration at the Grant birthplace in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
4. May 3, 2007 – The SUVCW ROTC medal and certificate were presented to Kalief Logan at Scarlet Oaks.
5. May 12, 2007 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Clinton Co., Ohio, Private Thomas Benton Baldwin.
6. May 28, 2007 - Memorial Day Ceremony was held at Spring Grove Cemetery. The 6th OVI participated in the service by presentation of the colors, a 21 gun salute. Sergeant Mike Davis and Commander Reeves each spoke at the ceremony.
7. The third annual observance of the death of General Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.
8. Oct. 12, 2007 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Hamilton Co., Ohio, Private Frederick Pfiester, Sr.

2008

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Dennis Brown was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2008 included the following:

1. Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Dennis Brown
Sr. Vice Commander	Kerry Langdon
Jr. Vice Commander	Larry Collins
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Wilson
Camp Council	Charles Reeves
	Jim Yahle
	Charles Edwards
2. Feb. 12, 2008 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was held at the Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp. The dinner was hosted by the Keller Camp.
3. April 2008 – Once again several Brothers of the Lytle Camp were in attendance at the U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
4. April 17-19, 2008 – The Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference was held in Sharonville. The camp had an information table throughout the conference featuring on-line ancestral lookup for the attendees.
5. April 24, 2008 – Scarlet Oaks held their student recognition ceremonies on April 24. Brothers Houston and Reeves presented the ROTC medal and certificate to Christopher Palumbo.
6. May 28, 2007 - Memorial Day Ceremony was held in Section 21 at Spring Grove Cemetery. The 6th OVI joined in the observance, marching in mass with flags flying and then the 21 gun salute and taps at the conclusion. Sergeant Mike Davis and Commander Brown gave inspiring speeches to the crowd of well over 100 persons.



7. Sept. 24, 2006 - The 4th annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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Richard Kesterman of the Cincinnati Historical Society was the main speaker.

8. The Lytle camp had a display table and on-line ancestral lookup for attendees at the Family History Fair at the Cincinnati library.

2009

Dennis Brown was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2009 included the following:

1. Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Dennis Brown
Sr. Vice Commander	Kerry Langdon
Jr. Vice Commander	Chris Sparks
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Wilson
Camp Council	Larry Collins
	Woody Cook
	Charles Edwards

2. Feb. 12, 2009 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was held at the Log Cabin Inn in Covington, Kentucky, hosted by the Nelson-Garfield Camp and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Nelson-Garfield Camp, Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp. General Lew Wallace (aka Bernie O'Brien) was the featured speaker.
3. April 2009 – Several Brothers of the Lytle Camp were in attendance at the U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio
4. May 3, 2009 – An Eagle Scout Certificate was presented to Kyle Mays by Commander Denny Brown.
5. May 24, 2009 – The Lytle Camp held a Headstone Dedication ceremony for Private Calvin Deem some 80 years after his burial in Laurel Cemetery in Madisonville.
6. May 25, 2009 – The annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held in Section 21 at Spring Grove Cemetery. Once again the service was very well attended. The 6th OVI once again participated in the program. Taps was presented by Peter Sturdevant.
7. June 20, 2009 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Warren Co., Ohio, Private John Cafferty Winters.
8. Sept. 20, 2009 - The 5th annual observance of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.



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Richard Kesterman of the Cincinnati Historical Society spoke about Lytle's final days before his burial in Spring Grove.

2010

Kerry Langdon was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2010 included the following:

1. Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Kerry Langdon
Sr. Vice Commander	Chris Sparks
Jr. Vice Commander	Richard Foy
Secretary/Treasurer	Ken Wilson
Camp Council	Woody Cook
	Charles Edwards
	Denny Brown



2. Feb. 17, 2010 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was hosted by the Lytle Camp at the Manor House Restaurant in the Maple Knoll Village and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Nelson-Garfield Camp, Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp.
3. April 2010 –Several Brothers of the Lytle Camp were in attendance at the U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio.
4. May 31, 2010 – The annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held at Spring Grove Cemetery. The service was very well attended. The 6th OVI once again was a partner in the ceremony. Brothers Langdon and Brown delivered messages and Brother Sturdevant played Taps.
5. Sept. 19, 2010 - The 6th annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery. Speakers were Richard Kestermann of the Cincinnati Historical Society and Mike Rhein of the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable.
6. The William H. Lytle, Camp # 10 celebrated its 10 year anniversary at the home of PDC Chuck and Bonnie Reeves.

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7. Oct. 17, 2010 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Adams Co., Ohio, Private John Lytle Baldrige.
8. In a Veterans Day ceremony, a headstone was placed on the unmarked grave of Union soldier, Clay Trotter, in Hill Crest Cemetery in Anderson Township. The Lytle Camp conducted a dedication ceremony after the marker was installed.

2011

Kerry Langdon was elected to serve a second term as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2008 included the following:

1. Jan. 8, 2011 - Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Kerry Langdon
Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Foy
Jr. Vice Commander	Zachery Haines
Secretary/Treasurer	Denny Brown
Camp Council	Ken Wilson
	Ray Nagle
	Woody Cook
2. Feb. 12, 2011 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was hosted by the Keller Camp at Ryan's Tavern in Hamilton and was attended by Brothers and guests of the Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp.
3. Mar. 19, 2011 – A marker dedication ceremony was conducted at the grave of Alfred Lorain Rogers, a Private in Co. E, 60th Ohio Infantry.
4. April 30, 2011 – Once again several Brothers of the Lytle Camp were in attendance at the U. S. Grant Birthday Celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio. On behalf of the Lytle Camp, PDC Reeves received a certificate of appreciation to the Camp for its support of the activities each year.
5. May 1, 2011 - A Headstone Dedication Service was conducted at the grave of Isaac Henry Hurley at Mt. Washington Cemetery. Hurley served as a Private in the 149th Ohio Infantry.
6. May 13, 2011 – The Lytle camp participated in the American History Days at the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead in Camp Dennison.
7. May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day Ceremony was held at Spring Grove Cemetery in partnership with the 6th OVI. Attendance continues to grow each year.
8. Sept. 18, 2011 - The 7th annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery. The 6th annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery. Speakers were Richard Kestermann of the Cincinnati Historical Society and Mike Rhein of the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable.

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9. Oct. 2, 2011 - A memorial dedication service was held for the last Civil War Union Veteran buried in Brown Co., Ohio, Private William Pittenger.

10. Nov. 13, 2011 – A Headstone Dedication Service was conducted at the gravesite of Captain John Landis Jeffries in Spring Grove Cemetery. John was mustered into the 17th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in April 1861 following President Lincoln’s request for 90 day volunteers. In December 1861 John enlisted for 3 years in Co. E, 115th Pennsylvania Infantry. After service at Bull Run and Chancellorsville, where he was wounded, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of K Company. He was wounded for the second time in the Battle of the Wilderness. He was discharged in October 1864.



11. Nov. 13, 2011 – A Headstone Dedication Service was conducted at the gravesite of Ozro J. Dodds in Spring Grove Cemetery. As news of that Fort Sumter had been fired upon and that the Union and Confederacy was at war, He organized a company of volunteers from Miami University and the surrounding community. He enlisted on April 18, 1861 as captain of Co. F, 81st Ohio Volunteer Regiment. In 1863 Dodds became lieutenant colonel of the First Alabama Union Cavalry. At the close of the war, Dodds received his degree from Miami University and led a life of service as an Ohio legislator, U.S. Congressman and Trustee of Miami University.

2012

Rich Foy was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2012 included the following:

1. Jan. 7, 2012 - Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Richard Foy
Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Davis
Jr. Vice Commander	Tom Luce
Secretary/Treasurer	Dennis Brown
2. Feb. 12, 2012 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was held at the Log Cabin Inn in Covington, Kentucky hosted by the Nelson-Garfield Camp. The event was attended by Brothers and guests of the Nelson-Garfield Camp, Pvt. Valetin Keller Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp.

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3. Mar. 24, 2012 – Xavier University held their student recognition ceremonies on April 24. Brothers Davis and Brown presented the ROTC medal and certificate to Anthony J. Frisone.
4. Brother Tom Luce presented the SUVCW ROTC medal and certificate to Cadet Kenneth Stapleton.
5. May 2, 2012 – Scarlet Oaks held their JROTC recognition program. Brothers Reeves and Brown presented the ROTC medal and certificate to Cadet Brandon Calia.
6. May 9-12, 2012 – The Lytle Camp had an information table at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Cincinnati.
7. May 26, 2012 – The Lytle Camp conducted a Headstone Dedication for Sister **Anthony O’Connell** at the Sisters of Charity **cemetery**.
8. May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day Ceremony was held at Spring Grove Cemetery, conducted by the Lytle Camp and the 6th OVI. Remarks were presented by Commander Foy, PCC Kerry Langdon, Captain Mike Davis and Wanda Langdon
9. Aug. 19, 2012 - The Lytle Camp had an information table at the Ramage Museum.
10. Sept. 16, 2012 - The 8th annual commemoration of the death of General William H. Lytle was held at his grave site in Spring Grove Cemetery.
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2013

Richard Davis was elected to serve as Camp Commander. Camp activities during the year 2008 included the following:

1. Installation of officers took place at the home of Jim Houston. The officers were:

Camp Commander	Richard Davis
Sr. Vice Commander	Larry Collins
Jr. Vice Commander	Kerry Langdon
Secretary/Treasurer	Denny Brown
Camp Council	Woody Cook
	Jim Houston
	Tom Luce
2. Feb. 12, 2007 - The Lincoln Day Dinner was held at the Amber Rose Restaurant in Dayton, hosted by the Sherman Camp. It was attended by Brothers and guests of the Sherman Camp, Pvt. Valentin Keller

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Camp and the William H. Lytle Camp. The program included special remarks by President Lincoln.

3. February 16, 2012 – Participated in a graveside service for Byron (Barney) Williams. Barney was a charter member of the Lytle Camp and was very active for many years.
4. April 24-27, 2013 - The Lytle Camp had an information table at the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Cincinnati.
5. April 27, 2013 - The Lytle Camp had an information table at the U. S. Grant Birthday celebration in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

