



# *The Shako*

*The Official Newsletter of 'The Cleveland Grays'*

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*Election results*

*Now pinch-hitting for your Cleveland Grays...*

Our ink-stained editor, Scott Hutcherson, is, for the near future, a sweat-stained Coast Guardsman in the Middle East. Consequently, I will be helping out with *The Shako*. While I consider myself a decent wordsmith, I lack Scott's computer skills, especially when it comes to illustration, so coming editions may be unadorned—Herk Rauzi

At the May membership meeting the Grays held our annual election of officers. Bill Roediger and Scott Hutcherson were re-elected president and vice-president respectively. (Under the bylaws adopted in 2007, they will serve a two-year term.) Re-elected for a three-year term as trustees were: Bernie Borowski, Lou Frangos, Tom Rasch, and Bill Smrekar. Congratulations to all. Also, thank you to this year's press gang—er, Nominating Committee: Paul Konys, Phil Toomey, and George Vourlojianis.

*A word from "over there."*

Scott Hutcherson is not the only Grays' member now serving in the Middle East: Executive Director Katrina Hutcherson recently received an e-mail from SSG John Van Sickle who deployed earlier this year. He reports that he is doing well.

*Work party*

The work party scheduled for Saturday, 28 June 2008 has been cancelled. We have the opportunity to rent the hall that date for a wedding and opted to get much needed funds from a rental. We will reschedule a work party sometime this coming fall.

*Membership meeting 23 June*

Our now-traditional end-of-the-member-year cookout will be held at the Armory on Monday, 23 June 2008, beginning at 1800H (6:00 pm). Please RSVP by Friday, 20 June. After our summer hiatus, regular membership meetings will resume 22 September.

Thank you to those who took part in the 31 May work party: Barb and Bernie Borowski, Anthony and John Crowe, Katrina Hutcherson, Paul Konys, Jeanne and Bob McLaughlin, Herk Rauzi, and Bill Roediger.

*Museum Committee re-activated*

Although interested members—notably John Jenkins, Bill Stark, Barb and Bernie Borowski—have been providing TLC to our collection, the Museum Committee had not formally met for some time. Earlier this year President Roediger re-appointed long-time chair George Vourlojianis and added Herk Rauzi as co-chair. The call for volunteers was well-received, with a half dozen new recruits joining the committee. The Museum Committee met on 22 May and 9 June. The committee is gathering

information on museum-specific software for cataloging the collection and how-to manuals on securing, preserving, and displaying our artifacts. The Musuem Committee will meet again on Thursday, 28 August at 1800H (6:00 pm).

### *End-of-year report*

As our traditional membership year draws to a close, a brief look at just a few of our accomplishments this year:

New bylaws were adopted in December 2007.

Five work days with approximately 450 volunteer-hours devoted to cleaning, repair, and upkeep of the Armory.

We received a commitment from Willoughby Roofing Supply Company to donate materials for re-roofing the drill hall. (Bids for labor are pending, and the work will be completed over the summer.)

Various officers and trustees have attended seminars and other programs on marketing, fund raising, museum management, etc., at the Foundation Center, City Club of Cleveland, and the CWRU Mandel Center for Non-profit Organizations.

The Cleveland Grays have "shown the flag" at the Cuyahoga County Bicentennial observance, the Cleveland Landmarks Commission, the Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County, National History Day, Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums, and other meetings and events.

Hosted the second-annual G.I Jive Swing Dance and a renewed St. Patrick's Day event.

Again hosted students, their parents and teachers, for our Young Historians Night.

Well done, Grays!