



# The Shako

The Official Newsletter of 'The Cleveland Grays'

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## September Membership Meeting



Monday Sept. 22, 2008  
Social Hour starts at 6:00  
Business Meeting at 6:45  
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### The Cleveland Grays Membership Season Begins next Monday ~!

The regular membership meeting calendar begins this month-! After our usual social hour, light fare will be served, after which comes a brief business meeting. Among the prominent agenda topics will be a discussion of the Cleveland Grays annual Veterans Day commemoration as well as other programs taking place throughout the year. This month's food and refreshment takes the form of an end-of-summer cookout. Please consider attending the September meeting: *Reservations* can be made through voicemail, email or fax. ☆



### Long-awaited Drill Hall Roof Project is slated to begin on September 22, 2008.

By the time of our first membership meeting, Grays Members will observe that a small portion of our West Parking lot area will be given over to a construction site. Come Monday, crews will begin staging for the tear-off process. This project will be the culmination of many years of planning, preparation, and volunteerism on the part of our membership and our friends in the community.

One significant development that propelled the project from planning to reality was a very generous show of support from the leadership of **Willoughby Supply Company**, who've pledged nearly **\$30,000** worth of products and services. We are truly grateful for their generosity and their commitment to the preservation of Grays Armory.



Our organization also owes a debt of gratitude to both **Willoughby** and to a host of other friends and supporters who've assisted us over the years.

**Warren Roofing** was instrumental in our initial efforts to address many, many years of deferred maintenance on the flat roof areas above the corner Tower, Flag Room and the "South Building area."



**Warren Roofing's** kind donation of rolled rubber roofing material helped us to quickly stop water intrusion into some of our most vulnerable and historic areas—their help was timely and crucial.

The final phase of the roofing renovation will entail much more than just re-shingling the peaked roof above the drill hall. Years of exposure has taken its toll on the sub-decking, fascia boards and other pieces of this old edifice. Modular insulated sub-decking will be used to address some of these structural concerns as well provide enhanced insulation and air flow beneath the new shingle layer. This product will be attached directly over existing decking both enhancing energy efficiency

and bridging any structural deficiencies on the existing roof deck.



After soliciting and analyzing a myriad of bids and proposals, an “ad hoc” committee of Grays members chose **West Side Roofing Co.**

as our ‘contractor of choice’ for the project.

Thanks go to Grays Trustee **Paul Konys** for his scrupulous attention to detail and thorough examination of various designs, all developed from initial discussions with the Cleveland Landmarks Commission (which also approved of our final plan’s adherence to historical accuracy). **President Bill Roediger** and Grays **Treasurer Bob McLaughlin** labored unceasingly to analyze our budgetary situation and determine our best options for financing this substantial project. ☆

## Veterans Day at the Armory

**CALLING ALL Cleveland Grays Members ~ !**  
**G.I. Jive Swing Dance: Friday November 8, 2008**  
**☆ Dancers and volunteers urged to attend ☆**

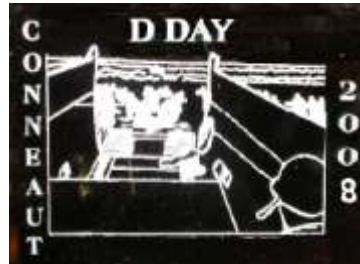
Here’s your chance to once again enjoy a great evening of music, dancing and nostalgia. The dance starts at 1900 (7:00 pm). The gate price is only \$15, with proceeds benefiting the Cleveland Grays Armory Preservation Fund and the Andrew Nowacki Scholarship Endowment. The continued participation of dancers and volunteers is critical! 1940’s-era attire is encouraged! The canteen will be open and the dance floor will be hopping!

Tickets can be reserved and held by the *Will-Call Desk* at the Door. Prizes will be awarded for best dancer and for best period costume. Even if you can’t dance, consider volunteering; even if you’re busy that night, buy some tickets for your neighbors. As always, your donations will be cheerfully accepted and greatly appreciated. ☆



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## Organizational News



### Grays members partake in living history event

For several years, the dramatic spectacle of the Normandy D-DAY Invasion has been

vividly recreated by WWII re-enactors at Conneaut, Ohio. Many Cleveland Grays members participated in this year’s event on August 23. Barb and Bernie Borowski shared a tent with Paul Konys (all in period Polish uniforms) giving their visitors an appreciation of the Free Poles’ contribution to the liberation of Europe.

Living history representations ranged from Chaplains to Canadian infantry. George Woodling and Anne Johnson were dressed as a regular G.I. and an Army Air Corps Nurse, respectively. Among the spectators were Grays Herk Rauzi, The Hutcherson Family and the Crowe Family. ☆



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### MUSEUM & RENOVATION COMMITTEE WORK

#### Artifact conservation and Interior renovation:

Over the summer, Bernie and Barb Borowski have gone great guns by restoring the Thoburn Library with various repairs to the third floor room and its furnishings. The *dynamic duo* reports they’re just about ready for repainting and that they’re always on the lookout for an extra hand to help out!

Owing to the work of Ed Pavisch & Paul Konys, *The Grays* acquired a piece of history with the purchase of an inscribed presentation **pocket watch** originally bestowed upon Capt. Henry Pierce Shupe, (*Grays Armory Commander, 1900-1904*).



An enthusiastic advocate of militia proficiency and unit morale, Shupe organized drill contests and tour excursions. Captain Shupe’s nephew (also named Henry) was killed by a landmine just after the Armistice that ended the First World War. **The Henry P. Shupe Machine Gun Post No. 22, American Legion, was comprised of World War I veterans who met at Grays Armory (ca 1920-1935).** ☆

**Remember** ~ the current and prior issues  
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on the Cleveland Grays Armory website!

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