

Cuyahoga County Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument

Mid Year Budget Hearing July 13, 2011

- <u>Mission Statement:</u> To operate, maintain and preserve the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Sections 345.13 and 345.14 and, through the Monument Support Group, a "Showcase" at 200 Public Square Building, Cleveland, Ohio, so as to educate the public as to the nature of war and to honor and perpetuate the memory of those Cuyahoga County men and women, whose military, political and patriotic service during the Civil War (1861 1865) preserved the Union and ended slavery.
- <u>Monument Board</u>: The Board is currently composed of 11 seats, 8 of which must still be addressed by the County Council. Six are for terms of 5 years and expired on Nov. 5, 2011 with the additional 2 being for the unexpired term of April 16, 2009 April 15, 2014.

- <u>Monument Staff</u>: Currently composed of 3 full time employees (2 Senior Clerks and 1 Executive Director) Total salaries - \$99,255.60.
- William Tyler Senior Clerk Veteran of the U.S. Army Hire Date – October 9, 1995
- Timothy Leslie Senior Clerk
 Veteran of U.S. Navy, Retired
 Hire Date January 17, 2005
- **Timothy Daley** Executive Director Hire Date – October 13, 2008

<u>Objectives:</u>

- Maintain, operate and preserve the Monument so as to attract visitors and aid the economic development of Cleveland's downtown
- Increase public interest and support for the Monument
- Promote and increase visitation at the Monument and the Showcase by improving the monument experience and carrying on Programming
- Improve the public image and reputation of the Monument throughout the County, State and Nation

• **Events:** In order to achieve these objectives the Monument must actively seek out and engage the community through a wide array of activities and events. These include Evening Events, Off-Site Displays, Off-Site Events, Professional Meetings, Programs, Talks and Tours. Additionally, by pursuing collaborative opportunities with other individuals and organizations, such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Western Reserve Historical Society, Lawnfield, and the Ohio Historical Society, we are able to leverage our success while decreasing our costs. In the end it's all about doing more with less and working smarter rather than harder.

• Statistics:

ΑCTIVITY	NUMBER HELD 2010	NUMBER HELD 2011 (YTD 6-7-11)	NUMBER SCHEDULED 2011	PROJECTED TOTAL 2011
EVENING EVENTS	8	2	0	2
OFF SITE DISPLAYS	4	2	2	4
OFF SITE EVENTS	9	6	2	8
PROF. MEETINGS	10	2	2	4
PROGRAMS	12	3	2	5
TALKS	12	10	3	13
TOURS	72	19	6	25
TOTAL	127	44	17	61

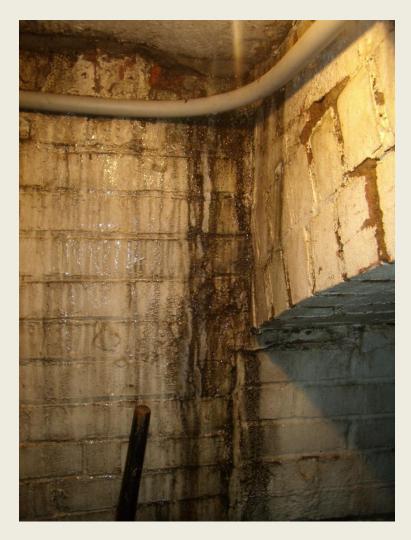
ATTENDANCE	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 TARGET	2011 ACTUAL (YTD 6-30-11)
NO. OF SIGNED IN VISITORS	9,776	3,059	16,664	15,000	4,807

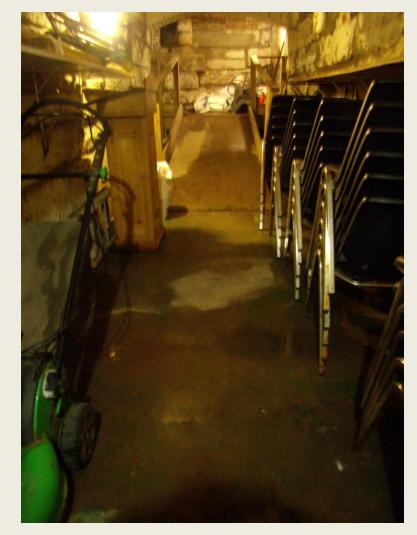
Photos of Water Problems March 5, 2011



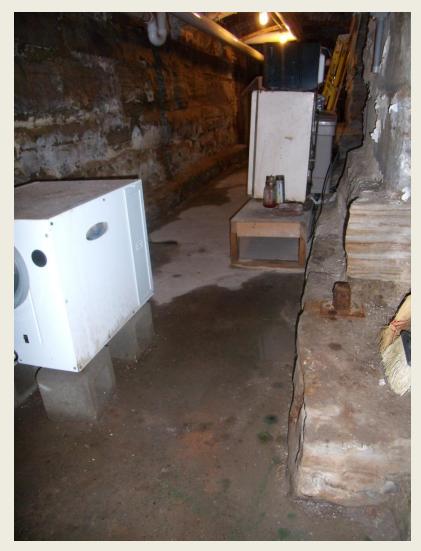


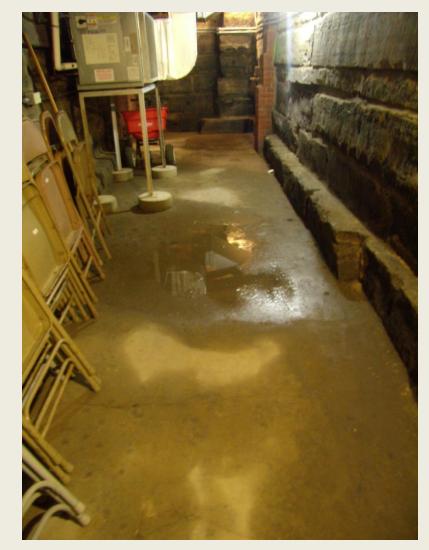
Photos of Water Problems March 12, 2011





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Budget and Financial Challenges

Water problem in basement: An urgent concern is the leaking of water from the esplanade and the back flow of water from the drain system. Though some work was undertaken to address this issue as part of the renovation, this continues to be a problem. This leaking water resulted in the complete malfunction of one of the four dehumidifiers which were installed as part of the renovation work in 2009. This required the installation of a new replacement dehumidifier this past spring. However, even after the completion of this work we experienced water leakage and back flow issue on May 12th, June 7th and July 4th, 2011. Though the Division of Public Works has been working to assist us with this issue it still remains an open issue.

At our midyear meeting with the OBM the President made an inquiry regarding the possibility of having this issue declared a capital project with the hopes that the County might be able to allocate capital project dollars to the estimated \$27,000 cost which will be required to remedy this issue. We were informed that there may be a possibility that this request might be accommodated and the President, Neil Evans was directed by William Sheehan to contact Mick Chambers for further discussions. I'm unaware wither this has occurred or not.

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• **<u>Steam Leak:</u>** We are currently experiencing a steam leak in the pipe owned by Cleveland Thermal on the south side of the Monument. The challenge of this issue is that the pipe runs underneath the pavers on the lower walkway of the Monument. The current plan is to dig in the grass/ flower area on the south side of the Monument and then feed the new line into the monument without the removal of the pavers. So long as the leak is in the section of pipe leading into the Monument the cost of this work is the responsibility of Cleveland Thermal. As this work began yesterday we have yet to determine the true extent of the repairs which will be required.

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 Development of a Preventative / Routine *Maintenance Plan:* Funds for the renovation of the Monument included a grant of apx. \$98,000 from the Save America's Treasures Program of the National Park Service. As a result of this grant there is a historic lien on the Monument which requires that it be kept up in accordance with the National Standards for Historic Buildings. In order to comply with this requirement we must develop and implement this maintenance plan. These standards being of a higher level than that of simple maintenance will possibly require the allocation of additional funds which are not currently included in the Monument's budget.