

## **Fraternal: Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.**

The Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., is a group of veterans formed in the early 1950's (probably in 1952). The Wood County Barracks #71 (Ohio), as an example, was formed in October of 1964. It was one of a number of barracks generally located county by county in Ohio. The charter membership numbered around thirty with average attendance in the 1970s of approximately a dozen members.

A Ladies Auxiliary to the Wood County Barracks was formed in 1965 when the members of Barracks #71 invited their wives to form an auxiliary. Little information is available on the history of the national organization. By back-dating from the 25th National Convention in 1977, it seems the National Auxiliary was formed around 1952. No further information is known although it is likely that by 1994 the auxiliary had disbanded. Indeed, from what I've been able to find, I'd say this entire fraternal organization is defunct. There is no web site for it, and just about all the references to it that I was able to locate were in obituaries. It's rather odd that an organization of W.W. I vets was formed in the 1950s.

The cover pictured here is the only one I have of this fraternal organization, so in case you were just about to make this category your life-long specialty.....I might switch if I were you!

