

DEPARTMENT MEETING MARCH 15, 1997

On March 15, the Missouri Department meeting was held at Ryan's Restaurant in Columbia.

Meeting started at 1:45 p.m.

Meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Officers present were:

Department Commander Bob Petrovic
Senior Vice Commander Charles Funck
Department Treasurer Steven Leicht

7 members total were present.

A 50/50 drawing was held. Don Bell won the \$15.50 and gave his winnings back to the department, for a total of \$ 31.00 raised .(Thanks Don)

The Department Encampment will be May 10th at Ryan's Restaurant in Columbia (exit 125 Hwy. 70). The National Commander in Chief Alan Loomis will be present. He will be installing the new Department Officers and presenting the McNeil Camp with their charter.

Department Commander Petrovic announced that a checking account for the department was set up at Lemay Bank (St. Louis).

The camps were asked to discuss with their members what name they would like to use for the department newsletter. All camps present agreed to put the department newsletter in with their camp newsletter to help save the department money.

Camps were asked to send suggestions for bylaws to John Pillars Or Steve Leicht.

John Pillars
600 S. New Madrid St.
Sikeston, MO. 63801

Steve Leicht
2743 Bloomfield
St. Louis, MO. 63129

Camps were asked to send a list of delegates representing their camp for the Department Encampment May 10. Lists should be sent to Steve Leicht by May 3.

Camps were asked to discuss possibly having the National Encampment for the year 2000 in the state of Missouri.

Camps were asked to bring to the Department Encampment, a list of delegates from your camp who will be able to go to the National Encampment. Delegates will be selected at the department encampment.

Aug 7-10

Department Commander Petrovic handed out a fund-raiser report to the camp officers.

The Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation papers and the Federal EIN number papers have been filed with the State of Missouri. The Sales/Use Tax Exemption papers cannot be filed until the Department bylaws are completed.

A motion was made by Paul Leistriz "All new camp charter fees will be paid for by the Department of Missouri for the new camps formed within the boundaries of the Department of Missouri". David Wilson 2nd the motion. The motion passed 6 yes 1 no.

Department Commander Bob Petrovic **dismissed** Charles Funck from the Department Senior Vice Position and any other position he held at the Department level. (He was removed for lack of cooperation with the department, and refusing to report to the department commander.)

Treasurer Reopt

The checking account was opened with \$394.50.

Dispersments \$172.50

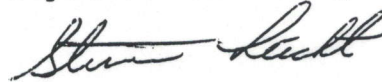
Balance \$220.00

Department Commander



Bob Petrivic

Department Asst. secretary



Steven Leicht

**DEPARTMENT of MISSOURI
SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR**

**Missouri Department Minutes
10 May 1997**

Subject: Calling the delegates to order

Missouri Department Commander Bob Petrovic called the Department Encampment to order at 1:30 p. m. on 10 May 1997. A roll call was made of the following Missouri Department officers:

**Department Commander Robert Petrovic
Department Junior Vice Commander Michael Bub
Department Secretary John Rutherford
Department Treasurer Steven Leicht
Department Counselor Robert Amsler, Jr.**

All Department officers answered the roll call.

Subject: March 1997 Department meeting minutes

The secretary read the March minutes. A correction was requested to indicate that at the March 1997 Missouri Department meeting, a delegate had moved to adjourn the meeting at an earlier time, and another delegate had seconded the motion without the Department Commander recognizing it or calling a vote on it. The Department Commander called upon several delegates who had attended the previous meeting. After verifying this action, the Department Commander personally apologized to all delegates and guests for not taking an appropriate action on this issue.

Subject: Distinguished guests

Commander Petrovic introduced the distinguished guests at the Department Encampment. Present were Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Commander Alan Loomis, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National President Leta Torrey, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Missouri Department President and Past National President Delores Hubbard, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past National President Ruth Funck, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Chief of Staff David Turpin, and Kansas Department Commander David Speaks.

Subject: Department fund-raising

Junior Vice Commander Michael Bub discussed a fund-raiser for the Missouri Department, SUVCW. Individual awards considered were \$300 or more in value. Charles Funck

suggested that the department designate the fund-raiser fees for a specific purpose so that the fund-raiser fees would have more credibility and draw more interest.

Subject: Department bylaws

Treasurer Leicht mentioned that a proposal for the Department bylaws was not yet developed enough by the committee to warrant presenting bylaws before the Missouri Department and the camps. Charles Funck provided all attending delegates with an example of department bylaws.

Subject: Old minutes

Delegates questioned why minutes from the 13 July 1996 organizational meeting were not read at the March 1997 meeting. The minutes from the July 1996 meeting will be presented at the following meeting.

Subject: Altar donation

Darveau Post # 329, Grand Army of the Republic, deposited their official ceremonial altar in the Women's Relief Corps Museum in Springfield, Illinois. The museum donated that altar to the Missouri Department. After some minor conservation and restoration work to improve its stability, this altar will be used at future Missouri Department Encampments.

Subject: Creation of the Missouri Department Newsletter

Commander Petrovic called for choices from the floor regarding the name for a Department newsletter, which would go out to the camps on a quarterly basis. Several suggestions came from the floor, such as the "Benton Barracks," "The Bugle," and "The Campfire." A vote resulted in the acceptance of the "Campfire" as the official title of the Missouri Department newsletter.

Subject: St. Louis Memorial Day Ceremony

Treasurer Leicht announced that he had invited the Sons of Confederate Veterans to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. He also invited all camps in the Missouri Department. A protest was made because the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the military arm of the order, was not charged with handling this function.

Subject: Former Senior Vice Commander's Appeal

Department Counselor Robert Amsler, Jr., took the chair to discuss Charles Funck's appeal over his removal as Missouri Department Senior Vice Commander. Since no official appeal

process exists in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War organization, Counselor Amsler discussed the rules of the appeal. The Department Counselor allowed both parties to present pertinent evidence regarding the charges, and then he cleared the room of non-Missouri Department Delegates for a vote to affirm or overrule the Department Commander's decision to remove Charles Funck from his position as Department Senior Vice Commander. A simple majority would determine the result. The vote was 9 to 7 to affirm the Department Commander's action. After the result of the vote was announced, Charles Funck decided against taking his appeal to the national level.

Subject: Election of Missouri Department Officers

Department delegates voted in favor of open floor nominations for individual department offices. In cases where more than one candidate was nominated for an office, secret balloting decided the issue. Commander Petrovic called for open floor nominations for the positions of Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary-Treasurer, and Council (3 members).

Department Commander: Steven Leicht (defeated Charles Funck 10 votes to 9)

Department Senior Vice Commander: Michael Bub (unanimous)

Department Junior Vice Commander: Vern Stottlemyre (unanimous)

After a brief discussion, the department delegates voted to combine the Secretary's and Treasurer's positions into a single office.

Department Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Jackson (defeated John Rutherford 10 votes to 9)

Delegates then voted in favor of an elected Council whereby the top three vote-getters would be on the Department Council.

Department Council (3): John Pillers (11), Ed Chapman (11), John Rutherford (10), Charles Funck (9), Bob Amsler, Jr., (9), Clyde Johnson (7).

Subject: Study for a new National Headquarters

Kansas Department Commander David Speaks mentioned that a large historic building in Topeka, Kansas, would be a centralized location for the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's headquarters and museum. At the August 1997 National Encampment, he will propose this site as an alternative to the existing proposal to make Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Subject: Jointly hosted National Encampment at Kansas City

Missouri delegates reopened a discussion regarding a proposal to stage the 2000 SUVCW National Encampment in Missouri. However, National Chief of Staff David Turpin pointed out that during the 1997 National Encampment, another department is already prepared to present a strong bid for the 2000 National Encampment. Kansas Department Commander David Speaks presented an alternative proposal that the Missouri and Kansas Departments seek the 2001 National Encampment and hold it in Kansas City. The Missouri Department delegates unanimously endorsed this plan.

Subject: New Department Commander's Orders

New Department Commander Steven Leicht ordered the next department meeting to be held 21 June 1997, 7 p. m., in St. Louis, Missouri at Jefferson Barracks. National Commander Alan Loomis and Kansas Commander Speaks also suggested that Camp members should propose at their next meeting that all camp members in good standing are eligible alternate delegates to the SUVCW National Encampments so that anyone present may participate in the National Encampment.

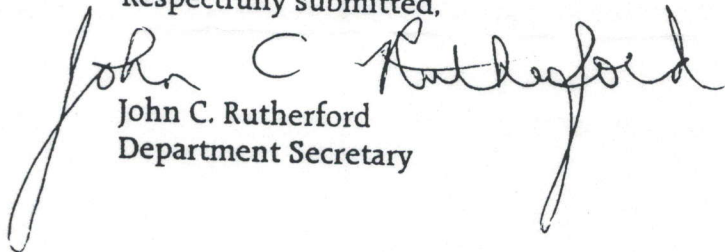
Subject: Installation of new officers

National Commander Loomis installed all new department officers and new camp commanders. Department Commander Leicht presented new camp commanders with camp commander badges and certificates in appreciation of their camp organizing efforts. Commander Leicht also presented Past Department Commander Petrovic with a past-department commander's badge in recognition of his service.

Subject: Closing the Encampment

Department Commander Leicht dismissed the delegates at 6:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,


John C. Rutherford
Department Secretary

**Missouri Department Minutes
4 October, 1997 Wilsons Creek**

Subject: Calling the delegates to order

Missouri Department Commander Steve Leicht called the Department Meeting to order at 1345 hrs. A roll call was made of the following Missouri Department officers:

**Department Commander Steve Leicht
Department Sec/Tres Bob Petrovic
Department Counselor Robert Amsler Jr.**

Subject: May 1997 Department meeting minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were read. They were approved as read.

Subject: Department of Missouri charter

Mr. Ollie Sappington of the Sterling Price Camp of Confederate Veterans presented the original Department of Missouri charter to the Department with Steve Leicht as its caretaker.

Subject: Web Page

The Department wants to set up a web page by the end of the year at a cost of \$1.00 a month. We need names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to get on. Also would like to set up a mail box for the web page. Motion by S. Leicht, Second by Bob Amsler. Motion Passed

Subject: Fund-raiser

A fund-raiser was discussed to keep the per-capita tax down. Video Post is donating a 8 vol set on the Civil War as our first fund-raiser to begin in January 1998. Our 2nd fund-raiser is a print that will be bought from Zac Caldwell for \$100.00. The print is by Don Troiani and is titled Emmitsburg Road. Motion by Bob Amsler, Second by Bud Marks to do the fund-raiser. Motion Passed

Subject: Joint National Encampment

The Department of Missouri and the Department of Kansas will host the 2001 National Encampment. Bud Marks from Kansas City and John Rutherford from Springfield will get prices for accommodations for the encampment in their areas.

Subject: Awards

Discussed awards to members that bring in the most new membes and do outstanding programs. Discussed awards to camps that has the largest increase in membership. Motion by Joel Hedrick, Second by Bud Marks. Moyion Passed.

Subject: Banner

Articles for the Banner need to be in by December 1, 1997

Subject: GAR ceremonial alter

A letter was read by S. Leicht about giving the GAR alter to the Department of Missouri. It stated the conditions under which it will be given to the Department of Missouri. Motion by Bob Amsler, Second by John Pillers to accept the alter and conditions. Motion Passed

Stop payment on check:

The Sherman Camp stopped payment on a check for per capita tax. They want the Department to reimburse them the \$15.00 stop payment charge. If they stopped payment after March 5th the Department will pay. If they stopped payment before March 5th the Department will not pay. They have to show the cancelled check to the Department Commander S. Leicht in order to be reimbursed. Motion S. Leicht, Second J. Hedrick Motion Passed.

Subject: By-laws

Discussed the by-laws for the Department of Missouri. One change in the by-laws is in Article XVIII Sect B Our property will go to the Missouri Historical Society if all other organizations are no longer in existence. Motion by J. Hedrick, Second by Bud Marks to accept as read with the one change. Motion Passed.

Subject: Closing the meeting

Department Commander S. Leicht closed the meeting at 1645 hours.



**Robert M. Petrovic
Department Sec./Treas.**

Dept meeting Oct 4th meeting

SIGN IN SHEET

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Ferry "Bud" Monks 8017 NE San Rafael Dr., Kansas City, MO 64119

Phelps 66

John Rutherford 1329 S. Meadowview, Springfield, MO 65804

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JIM GALLIAN 1338 S. MEADOWVIEW, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804

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JOEL E. HEDRICK 426 E. MADISON #2 SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65806

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JEFF PATRICK 2817 W. MAYWOOD, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

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Steve Kuch BLOOMFIELD ST. LOUIS, MO. 63129

Commander
Oliver E. Sappington
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STERLING PRICE CAMP No. 145

Founded in 1898

Sons of Confederate Veterans

ST. LOUIS, MO.

September 26, 1997

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby give to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, your original Department Charter subject to the provisions in this letter. Steve Leicht is to be the caretaker of the Charter while it is owned by the Department. He shall designate those who will aid him and succeed him. They shall take care of the original charter and maintain it with the highest honor and care.

The Charter is to be maintained by the Department. If the Department ceases to exist it shall go to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If they no longer exist, the Charter is to be returned to the Missouri Historical Society and placed with the other historical artifacts of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic. The Department Council shall have the authority to remove a caretaker for good cause shown and name a successor who shall have the same authority as any other caretaker of the Charter.

Finally, the Charter is to be noted as Department Property and accounted for each year. If the Department attempts to alienate the Charter in any way, then it shall go to the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and then the Missouri Historical Society as set forth above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Oliver E. Sappington'.

Oliver E. Sappington
Commander

Oldest Continuous Camp West of The Mississippi

October 4, 1997

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2743 Bloomfield
St. Louis, Mo. 63129

Dear Commander and Brothers:

I hereby give to the Department of Missouri the Grand Army of the Republic Altar from the Darveau Post #329 of Morris, Illinois which I received from the National Woman's Relief Corps. This gift shall only be used at formal ceremonies and the installation of officers at a Department meeting. This does not mean it must be used at one of the qualifying meetings. Moreover, I must be the caretaker of the Altar and I shall have the right to designate any aids or successors to this job who shall also have the right to designate their successors. Finally, if the Department is disbanded the Altar shall be given to the National. If the National is no longer in existence, the Altar must be given to the Woman's Relief Corps G.A.R. Museum in Springfield, Illinois. If the Woman's Relief Corps is no longer in existence, then the Altar shall go to the Missouri Historical Society or whatever preservation or historical institution receives the other Department property.

The Altar is over 100 years old and must be maintained in the same manner as any other delicate and aged piece of our history.

If the Department does not agree to these conditions or attempts to change any of the conditions of this gift, then I shall retain custody and control and my successors shall have the same right to retake control. If any caretaker fails in his duties, then the Department Commander shall retake control and designate a new caretaker with all of the attendant rights and responsibilities.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Leicht