

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department Special Meeting, April 2, 2005
State Capitol Building, Room 6, Jefferson City, Missouri

Commander, Charles Ed Funck opened the meeting at 11:00am with department short opening ceremony.

Acting Chaplain Donald Bell opened the Bible and led us in prayer.

Patriotic Instructor Jack G. Grothe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers: Present; Commander Charles Ed Funck; Robert Petrovic PDC; Vern Stottleyre PDC; Donald E. Bell Counselor; John Martin Chief of Staff; Brian Smarker Signals Officer; Walter Busch Camp Commander; Jack G. Grothe Patriotic Instructor; Camps present: #62, 64, 65, and 68.

Minutes of October 22, 2004: Amended: Section D * * could be "Tabled" delete to bring it up at the National Encampment in August. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Bob Petrovic, second Vern Stottleyre. Motion Passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: (see attached report) Note; seven new Members at large and two new camp members. Treasure Mark is installing a system to insure we will not be charged a maintenance fee on our saving account. All treasures accounts were present and in good order.

Chaplain Report: Mar Coplin's father in law is undergoing an operation, therefore, Mark is attending to his farm in Kansas.

Patriotic Instructor Report: Jack Grothe distributed 'Annual report forms for camp and department P.I.'s. Jack noted difficulty in finding out who were the camps P.I.'s. Complimented the National P.I. Bruce B. Butgereit development of an excellent program.

GAR Highway sign progress: no report

Eagle Scout: National Coordinator has set up an e-mail address directing parties to department Eagle Scout Coordinators. Question: has a copy of our commendation sent to them. Bob Petrovic said no. They will have to work with us. Cmdr. Funck reported he has signed fifty commendations for John Avery.

Web Master: Bob noted our web site needs to be updated, some information is more than two years old. Brian Smarker said this is due to lack of information being sent to him. 'brain storming general discussion'. Information from camp officers installation will be put on.

The Banner: Change of address on Camp Status Report need to be filled out. E-mail to Lee Walters. In the last Banner it was noted from National new members to be put on mailing list before application sent to departments.

11:55am Bible closed for short break. Re-opened 12:15pm

Archivist: Walter Busch shared information about micro film of records. Cost could be \$150.00 for 500 pages. We are on the list with the state for them to cover cost, yet at this time no funds are available.

2007 National Encampment: B.P. We need seed money. Selling 'bonds' and raffles work last time. Bonds were for \$20.00 and this could be repeated.

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Letters of Endorsement; Received letters from: Gettysburg Camp No. 122 - Charles E. Kuhn Jr. for the post of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Department of Pennsylvania - Charles E. Kuhn Jr. for the post of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Department of New Hampshire - Daniel W. Murry PDC to the post of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Received from Department of Pennsylvania invitation to attend their Encampment June 24-26, 2005.

Brother Robert M. Petrovic PDC sent us a letter of intent to run for the position on the National Council of Administration. All present are backing Brother Petrovic.

Missouri Unionist; B.P. motion that our Missouri Unionist be sent to all members whose camps have sent in their rosters. All members at large in good standing as of April 15, 2005. Second by V.S. Motion Passed.

Department Officers for 2005-2006; Nomination opened with the understanding if the Brother is not present, he should be contacted for his approval to keep his name on the nomination list. The following is a suggestion. Commander; John Martin of Kansas City; Sr.V.Cmndr. John Avery of Manchester, Mo. Jr.V.Cmndr. Walter Busch of Pilot Knob, Mo. Council Member Vern Stottlemire and Bob Petrovic.

2005 Missouri Department Annual Encampment; June 17 & 18. Friday evening and Saturday with evening banquet and speaker. Same as last year. Room cost the same. Food lunch three choices, banquet two choices. Commander and his committee will determine choices. Speaker Mark Coplin had made a suggestion, and all agreed to his choice. Order of business same as last year. Awards, poster boards, ribbons, etc. Bob Petrovic commented: Last year Cmdr. Don Palmer presented to Holiday Inn a plaque of appreciation. This plaque was displayed in their display case. Holiday Inn executives noted our plaque and decided to use it in their 'P.R.' programs.

13:20 Bible closed for short break. Re-opened at 13:33

Membership-at-Large; John Avery written report noted we have 27 Brothers in Departments Member-at-Large. Representing the second largest "camp" in the department. Bob Petrovic asked, what are we to do with them. There's no real advantage for them not being in a camp. They need to choose a camp or be assigned to a camp. This would give them a 'camp newsletter' etc.

Counselor Donald E. Bell and Robert M. Petrovic (National Council of Administration) proposed the change in our department By-laws.

"Dept. By-laws; Article X, Sec. 1 - 5 be replaced. New Article X Sec. 1 1; Member-at-Large needs to choose a Camp in the Department.2: If this choice is not made ~~with 30 days of becoming a member of the department,~~ he shall be assigned to a camp. OH

This first reading of two required was voted to approve motion. Passed.

Good of the Order; Vern Stottlemire gave an update regarding the John P. Byrne's funeral and burial. Noted there are two more brothers who were in the Civil War Missouri Militia. 5 Union, 1 Confederate. This is a once in lifetime event, sponsored by the DUVCW and involving all the Allied Orders. Don Bell reported the Marines will also be there.

Patriotic Instructor; Jack Grothe presented information about other Civil War groups that were also started by the veterans and the reason they no longer exist.

Commander Charles Ed Funck closed the special department meeting at 1417 hour. Pro-temp secretary Jack G. Grothe JGG/cef

The activities in which I participated, visited, or represented the MO Department, SUVCW:

- June 18-19, 2004**--Was elected and installed as MO Department Commander of the SUVCW at the 9th Annual Missouri Department Encampment held at the Holiday Inn, South County, St. Louis, Missouri.
- August 12-15, 2004**--Attended the 123rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- September 11-12, 2004**--Attended the Civil War Living History Weekend held at Frontier Park, St. Charles, Missouri.
- October 23, 2004**--Attended and led the Missouri Department meeting held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- November 5-7, 2004**--Was a participant at the setting of the military headstone of Corporal John Peyton Byrne and led the 1879 GAR dedication of said headstone, at the City Cemetery at Memphis, Missouri.
- November 20, 2004**--Gave 'Greetings' to the Col. Hecker Camp #443, Belleville, Illinois, at their 9th Annual Encampment and Dinner.
- December 2, 2004**--Visited the camp meeting of the William T. Sherman - Billy Yank, Camp #65, St. Louis, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- December 18, 2004**--Attended the Regimental Holiday Dinner of the General Alexander S. Asboth, Camp #5, Wentzville, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- January 15, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the General John H. McNeil, Camp #62, Unionville, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- January 17, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Ulysses S. Grant, Camp #68, St. Louis, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 1, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Phelps, Camp #66, Springfield, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 8, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Richard J. Oglesby- Bird's Point, Camp #61, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 22, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Maj. Francis Wilhelmi, Camp #17, Washington, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 27, 2005**--Participated in the General William Tecumseh Sherman, 185th Birthday Anniversary, held in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, and gave 'Greetings' as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.
- March 2, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Westport, Camp #64, Kansas City, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- April 2, 2005**--Attended and led the Missouri Department meeting held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- April 15, 2005**--Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on the 140th Anniversary Commemorating the Death of Abraham Lincoln, held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, and laid a wreath as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.

- April 16, 2005**--Attended the GAR Founders Day honoring Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson and the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, and laid a wreath as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.
- April 23-24, 2005**--Attended the Battle of Pea Ridge Civil War Reenactment, held in Rand Park, Keokuk, Iowa, and participated in the practice for the funeral and burial of Corporal John Peyton Byrne, as the GAR Commander using the 1879 GAR Ritual for the burial service for a comrade.
- May 13-15, 2005**--Attended the open sessions of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Missouri Department Convention, held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Tower, St. Louis, Missouri, posted colors, gave 'Greetings' as the MO Department Commander, and assisted in their Memorial Service with the flag folding ceremony.
- May 26-29, 2005**--Attended the funeral and burial of the last Civil War Union Soldier, Corporal John Peyton Byrne, at Memphis, Missouri. Participated in the Friday activities on the court house steps and as MO Department Commander, SUVCW, presented a program on the Grand Army of the Republic and General John Logan, Commander-in-Chief, and his General Order No. 11 proclaiming May 30 as Memorial Day. Participated in the Saturday Burial Services as the Commander of the GAR Officers using the 1879 GAR Ritual for the burial service for a comrade.
- May 30, 2005**--Participated in the Memorial Day Activities held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, by assisting the Casket Honor Guard; then participated in the Civil War Service held at the DUVCW Monument erected to the memory of the Union Soldiers, and also attended the service held at the Confederate Monument.
- June 17-18, 2005**--Presiding as MO Department Commander of the SUVCW at the 10th Annual Missouri Department Encampment held at the Holiday Inn, South County, St. Louis, Missouri.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Charles Ed Funck, III
MO Department Commander, SUVCW

Commander Charles Ed Funck III, Missouri Departments 10 Annual Encampment Report.

Correspondence

June 19, 2004; Senior Vice Commanders report to 9th Encampment.

June 2004; Letter to all department officers and camps. 1; 30 day policy . Within the month all correspondence, money, reports should be completed. 2; Activities reports. Chief-of-Staff, John Martin is asking for camp activities be reported to him. 3; Each camp needs a recruiting and retention policy for current and new brothers. 4; Public Relations, need for getting the word out about our SUVCW AT THE CAMP LEVEL. 5; All of the reports from the camps and by the department have dead lines for the reports. 6; GAR Post records are part of our duty. 7; Grave Registration. Check with the local cemetery's about veterans graves. Or just walk through some in your neighborhood. 8; Eagle Scout commendations is one of our community projects. 9; National Encampment any brother in good standing can attend this encampment. 10; Most important, changes in brothers address, phone no. e-mail or status should go through our department secretary for then the changes are recorded by national.

Publication of 2004-2005 department officers, and camp officers as known at this time. 2005 Missouri Department Encampment, need a camp to sponsor in an area other than St. Louis since it has been here for past four years. 30 day policy - when I receive the minutes of the 9th Encampment they shall be forwarded to all department officers and camps.

Enclosed; Eagle Scout flier, Union Burials book covers

25 June; to Cmdr. Greg Zellinske, recommending they forward their camp newsletter to C-n-C.

30 June ; to National Headquarters, department officers certification of department officers with explanation.

26 June; letter to brother Paul for attending.

27 June; from Brian Smarker Asking for updates for web site.

27 June; from John Martin, do we have e-mail for Wilhelme camp? E-mail answered.

30 June; from Don Palmer said Mark Coplin would be back from Kansas July 5th.

30 June: to Mark Coplin information I did regarding officers certification and forms he was to sign and send.

3 July; to Don Palmer Asboth camp brothers roster and their officers.

15 July; from John Avery Recommendations to be implemented for recruiting, financial goals, communications with camps, list of reports needed to be completed and by whom, and GAR records.

15 July ; from John Martin regarding a camp in St. Joe.

15 July; question from John Martin regarding staying on as Chief of Staff, and the new camp.

15 July; from Don Palmer I had asked for some of the appointed officers Don had and he answered.

15 July; from Bob Petrovic about some papers he had for me.

15 July ; Corrections of some of the department officers by Don Palmer.

3 July; to Brian Smarker, I'll be on family vacation till July 12th.

15 July; Emmett Taylors note to Don Palmer forwarded to me regarding a stone dedication.

15 July; from Don Palmer thanking me for address updates, yet need more from other camps.

15 July; from Mark Coplin explaining going through boxes Bob had given him and when we could get together.

15 July; from Bill Casseau, Chaplain correcting his e-mail address.

20 July: to State Historical Society of Mo. Purchasing two burial record books for our Gary Scheel. I paid for them.

21 July: letter to all department officers and camps: Unscheduled delay in Branson due to my heart three way bypass. Repeat 30 day policy; Missouri Unionist editor Don Palmer said he enough material for the Unionist yet needs up to date brothers lists from all camps.. Please camps send your list to editor Don, Secy Mark and as back up Cmdr. Charles.; We have a number of brothers who are NOT getting their Banner. Also a need to keep the membership list up to date.; Instruction given on how to fill the Camp Status Report.; Banner change of address to Banner editor. Announcing the new General Alexandria S. Asboth camp, chartered at our encampment

Roster of Sherman camp received.

26 July: to Mark Coplin guide lines regarding record keeping.

26 July; received the books from. State Historical Society.

7 August: from Don Palmer editor, question regarding table at nations, Unionist up date of article.

19 August; from Brian Smarker, visitors of web site comments.

10 September; from Mark Coplin exchange of conversation with John Martin regarding web site.

10 August: from Don Palmer inquire about national table and podium table?

10 September: John Avery letter regarding Memorial Day 31, 2005. Those who will be marching with the hearse.

September 2004; 'by the light of the late night lamp', Cmdr's letter to all department officers and camps; Department Officers list with address, phone no. e-mail. Next special department meeting and items to be discussed. 2004 Annual Encampment minutes also included in packet. C-n-C Orr's recruiting letter. Corrections, Bob Petrovic removed as Eagle Scout Coordinator and add Jack Grothe as Patriotic Instructor. Editor Don Palmer said the Missouri Unionist would be in the mail if he had all of the rosters. Plus four short stories by cmdr. Charles.

10 September; from Mark Coplin wanting an address.

10 September; from Gary L. Scheel, report sending 619 Grave Registrations to national, and thanking those who made this number possible.

24 June; from Don Palmer copy of his letter head as Commander.

7 August; from Don Palmer regarding national encampment and who is going plus about table?

4 July; from Emmett Taylor grave stone dedication in Clarksburg, Mo.

1 September; from National Chief of Staff Don Palmer, General Order #1, Passing of PC-in-C Schlenker, C-in-C. Stephen Michaels thanks all for his support. Department of Iowa for their hospitality. Congratulation to Allied Orders. Instructions for various National Offices. Timely reporting continues to be an issue. Remembrance Day, Memorial Day observances. Productive regular meetings and relevant, well planned activities are the key. Draping of charters in honor of PCinC Schlenker.

10 September; from Don Palmer announcing appointment as National Chief of Staff. Also some guidelines. Relating to Department Encampments through the Order.

6 September; Editor Don Palmer 'I'm going to try and get the Unionist out by the end of the week.

10 September; from John Martin, does the dept. have a Camp at Large Coordinator? Answer No. though the Jr. Vice Department Commander has been acting as such.

19 September; General Order #3; CinC Michaels suspension of Douglass R. Knight, Massachusetts Dept., from all duties as an officer in camp

19 September; General Order, Eagle Scout certificates must be ordered from Quartermaster Wheeler.

21 September; Editor Don Palmer, correction the Unionist is not in the mail, only received rosters from; Sherman, Grant Asboth, camps.

21 September; To all; Cmdr. Charles back from the hospital after complications from fluid in lung, side effect of bypass surgery and to thin of blood. Complications noted at National Encampment.

October; 'by the light of the late night lamp' to all department officers and camps: 2004-2005 department officers, Special Department Meeting for October 2nd. Items to be

discussed at the meeting. Camp visitation by commander. Reminder of 2005 dues with no changes for National or Department per capita dues. Commander will extend greetings to the DOLLUS for the department while in Philadelphia, PA. Will also visit Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA?

3 October; info shared by Robt. Champlin and Emmett Taylor regarding Clarksburg, Mo. Stone dedication.

7 October; from John Avery and John Martin. GAR Post records should be continually collected.

7 October; from Don Palmer, A complete listing of 2004 Camp Commanders

16 July; CnC Kent Armstrong Our thoughts and prayers for Cmdr, Charles complete speedy recovery.

10 October from Robert Champlin, House bill #845 was killed in the house. It can be reissued next legislative session.

12 October; from Penn. Dept. Nomination for Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Charles E. Kuhn Jr.

19 October; Nat. Chief of Staff Palmer requesting Mo. Dept. Encampment date.

20 October: John Avery will not be able to attend the Special Meeting, also thanks for the news letter. Correcting an e-mail.

23 October; Department Commanders newsletter. Quote from Pres. Lincoln. Eagle Scout commendations info. Enclosed for the camps the following: Certificate of elections and officers installation; Missouri Department Awards program; James Eads, Francis Blair, Show me Spirit, certificates of appreciation, Camp quarterly Activity report, Camp Annual report, plus some items from the Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA>
Outline of Special Department Meeting agenda, with an outline of the order of business. Added to the packets for the camps, Jr. V. Cmdr. Report with attached Eagle Scout form, Department Secy. Treas. Report after the encampment, Two Motions to have encampment dates be flexible in the future, First to rescind motion of 19 June 2004 and new motion, encampment be held in May, the date to be determined at the annual encampment. Vern Stottlemyre, PDC's report on last funeral and burial of Cpl. John Byrne's. As soon as the minutes are received by Cmdr. Charles they will be sent to all officers and camps.

18 October; from the Banner, our department officers for publication. E-mail answered.

22 October; Chaplain Casseu will not be able to attend meeting.

22 October; John Martin will not be able to attend the meeting at the Capitol Jefferson City.

29 October; Secy. Mark Coplin Special Meeting minutes completed. Plus notice of Grant camp meeting dates and times. Officers installation in January? Included roster of Grant camp. To date secy. And treas. Report.

27 October ; Roster of Westport camp received, and forwarded to Don Palmer, John Avery, and Mark Coplin.

1 November; Grant camp meeting attended. Agenda with letter from Mark not being able to attend. Installation 1st or 2nd Monday in January.

2 November, Commanders letter to all department officers and camps. Minutes of 23 October, Correction of 9th Encampment minutes, Commanders request for dates and times the camps will have their 2005 officers installed. Note on the S.E. Missouri Civil War meetings November 8th. Contact Walter Busch.

7 November; John Martin update of phone no.

8 November; McNeil camp Dave to send out Unionville camp meeting.

18 November; National Secretary, Michael S. Bennett. Instruction to download the new camp election form 22. This was just approved at Gettysburg, PA. Remembrance Day. E-mail was sent several times because of some problems.

12 November 2004, Happy Birthday S.U.V.C.W. One Hundred and Twenty Two years ago in 1881 Major Augustus Plummer Davis and eight boys organized the first Camp of the Sons of Veterans.

25 November; from Michael Bennett, National Council of Administration. Wish Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. 1; voted to Waive National p. c. d. for Brothers serving in combat zones. 2; 124th National Encampment, New Hampshire, 1st weekend in August 2005. 3; C & R camps should be holding elections between October and December. Installation between November & January.. The new form 22 must be used.

30 November; from Gary Scheel. Mo. Dept. sent 107 grave registrations include 37 from Sherman. To date: 930 grave registrations. 618 Westport, 246 Grant, 38 Sherman, 28 Wilhelmi. We need a goal set for how many we should get. Add 16 Asboth.

December 2004; by the light of the late night lamp; Cmdr. Charles Newsletter; Department Officers and Camps with their commanders. Included all address's. Special Meeting for spring time not set. 10th Annual Encampment set for June 18, 2005. The Banner, survey your camp brothers and see if all received their Banner. Camp Officers Installation form 22 is included. Saluting the new 2005 camp officers for Sherman camp and Walter Busch Grant camp commander. Missouri Unionist, thanking those camps who forwarded their roster to Don Palmer. Last funeral and burial of Cpl. John Byrnes of Memphis, Mo.

1 December, invitation for Asboth banquet and officers installation.

12 December; General Order #4; new camp in Petersburg, VA. General Order #6, observance of Abraham Lincoln. We owe so much to the 48 million Americans who served these 228 years.

18 December; General Order #7, Camps are finalizing their dues and reports. Consider supporting the following: Permanent Fund, GAR Fund, Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund, Senior Vice Commander in Chief Fund, National Headquarters Fund, General Fund, Permanent Fund, Civil War Heritage Fund. Contributions are tax deductible.

Scholarships of \$1,000 accepted to March 31st. Request for Life Membership applications from January 1st through March 31st. Information on 2005 National Encampment. Reminded the Allied Orders are: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In keeping with the GAR traditions and wishes, this is the protocol.

18 December; Nat. Chief of Staff don Palmer. Notes only 10 departments have sent in their Annual Encampment dates.

18 December; General Order #9; Follow the protocol of the allied Orders. February 12th Lincoln's birthday be observed. April 15th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Ill. April 16th GAR Founders Day, Petersburg, Ill., attendance is encouraged. PCnC Alan R. Loomis appointed liaison for Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial 2009.

18 December General Order #5. Thanks to all who observed Veterans Day.

18 December, General Order #8. Nat. Treas. Newman for medical reasons will step down. Those interested as assistant treasure need to apply. Chartering of Colonel James D. Brady Camp #63, Maryland Department, Corporal James Tanner Camp #134, Cobleskill, NY. New York Department, Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp #6, Eugene, Oregon, Camp at Large, Almeron J. Patching Camp #26, Los Molinos, Calif. California and Pacific Department.

19 December, from Jackie Foster regarding cemetery in Springfield, Mo. Sent originally to James Lyons GAR Records Officer, forwarded to Phelps camp.

23 December answer to John Martins question. Missouri Militia and State Militia are veterans of the Civil War.

6 November a special meeting at Memphis, Mo. For head stone of Cpl. John Byrnes. All day event with formal ceremonies.

23 December from John Martin regarding St. Joe camp. Organizer believes he has enough men, but can't start up now, after the holidays. Also Westport camp may install officers in January, weather permitting could be February.

16 December; from U. S. Grant camp their activities since February 2004 to date.

16 December; from National Chief of Staff don Palmer poem SUVCW Night Before Christmas.

28 December Grant camp Charter Brother Robert J. Amsler Sr. died on Christmas Eve.

22 December, Department Encampments to date: Connecticut, Vermont. Gettysburg, PA Council of Administration Meeting Nov. 21. Oklahoma encampment

9 December from Doug Niermeyer, Cndr. Wilhelmi camp. Computer problem down three weeks. Annual dinner December 18th. Thanks to department Cndr. For camp officers.

8 December from Emmett Taylor annual dinner and officers installation. SUVCW and SVR event.

20 December from John Rutherford, listing of professional researchers in Springfield area.

3 January 2005 from department commander to John Avery, Mark Coplin, Donald Palmer. I sent Christmas cards to all MAL, and received two returned. New address for Russell Bryan and Elvin Pettet.

3 January from Gary Scheel. Received 35 grave registrations from Grant camp.

3 January from National Chief of Staff Don Palmer notice PDC Thomas L. W. Johnson passed on. Long time co-chair and chairman of Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. He died January 1st. During the past 41 years he only missed the ceremony once..

3 January from National Patriotic Instructor, Bruce B. Butgereit. Large package for department and camp P.I.'s.

3 January General Order #10; Real son of Illinois, Hiram Shouse Jr. passed away January 1st. Charters to be draped 30 days

4 January e-mail sent regarding prior info. Some could not be delivered.

13 January thank you note from Robert Amsler Sr. family.

6 January General Order #12 appointment of PCnC Alan R. Loomis co-chair Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Also PCC Alan Hembel Wisconsin Dept. to Lincoln Tomb Ceremony committee.

6 January from John Rutherford, Charles called night before for their camp installation date May not be in January because of weather.

10 January received pictures and report of November 6th, Memphis, Mo. Grave stone dedication and installation from Patricia Mullenix, NJVP. Five pages.

16 January from J. Williams Pillers. Subject modern military in Remembrance Day parade caused complaints in SUVCW/SVR circles.

17 January Grant camp meeting with officers installation

19 January to Debbie Boyer, Holiday Inn South St. Louis. Signed contract with note a \$100 check will be coming from our treasure.

27 January e-mails to McNeil camp, Westport camp, when can I be their to install the officers.

28 January. Westport camp will meet next in March. (note I delivered to each camp new officers installation with envelopes to be returned to department treasure and to me)

28 January from Oglesby camp they will install officers February 8th.

30 January to all department officers and all camps. Department General order #1. Nominations Committee should be formed. Chaired by Past Department Commander with committee members Camp Commanders.

Second reading of motion presented at the last department special meeting in October.

1 February correspondence with Phelps camp about February meeting installing officers.

1 February Don Bell question to Pat Mullinex and I regarding Last Veteran and Modern Military units.

1 February from Nat. P.I. Butgereit follow up on material sent last month. Was given to dept. P.I. (problem we do not know all the camps P.I.'s) Letter sent by snail mail in response to Brother Butgereit.

Received from Phelps camp, Battles Bulletin, Newtonia, Mo. Civil War site.

8 February, from Nat. P.I. Butgereit. He has known Jack Grothe for some years. We have a good man as P.I.

9 February from Doug Niermeyer, camp officers will be the same as last year. Will send roster, Need information about Sherman Day. Exchanged comments about Greg Wolk.

13 February to Lee Walters, The Banner editor. Department brothers who have not received their Banner. 18 names. Copies to various camp officers.

Sent copies of department awards blanks to camps.

9 April to Bob Petrovic asking if he wanted us to notify all departments of his nomination to National Council of Administration.

3 April; letter to all Missouri Department Members at Large. Proposed change in our department bylaws regarding the MAL's. Article X and five sections changed to Article X and two sections. All MAL's would belong to a camp. Included a short item on each camp of Mo. Dept.

10 April to John Avery Jr. V.Dept.Cmdr. I setting up a department wide membership list and noted some duplications. Copies to camp cmdr's. involved.

10 April to Danny Wheeler Nat. Qrtmstr. National Proceeding now available. Looking for years 1997, 98, 99, 02, 03, 04. And a new department commanders badge ribbon. His response they are still not printed. The ribbons in the mail.

11 April from Emmett working on the roster for Asboth camp, and correcting some of the brothers on the roster.

12 April from J. William Pillers, next meeting is Tuesday April 19 in Cape.

14 April from Bob Petrovic, would appreciate such a notice to all departments to be read at their encampments. Follow up postage paid by Bob.

22 April from Nat. P.I. Bulgereit. Update on Flag Facts flier, adopt a school program, P.I. Instruction Handbook, goal to rewrite Education Page on National web site.

25 April from Brian Smarker not knowing who the department officers are. Reply; do you have the officers on site. The Missouri Unionist is to be mailed, though I have not received

mine yet.

25 April from Lee Ward inquire about a government grave stone and needs some help. Response to contact Wilhelme camp. Notified each.

28 April to Mark Coplin about a speaker for the encampment. Grant camp brothers new who he was, but I do not. James Cunningham wants to transfer from MAL to Camp #17.

28 April to Brian Smarker information about our encampment, date, time, location, banquet meals, Don Palmer and Bob Petrovic will represent C-in-C Michaels. Meal cost and registration costs, and who to mail this to. Also for the web site information about the Last Veteran funeral and burial in Memphis, Mo. Listing of department officers with address, phone no. e-mail, and all the camp information on hand to date.

3 May from Don Palmer, he has all camp rosters except McNeil camp. He will mail one package of Missouri Unionist to them for distribution to their brothers.

18 May from Don Palmer his Missouri Unionist mailing list.

18 May to Mark Coplin asking for McNeil roster.

2005 Missouri Department Annual Encampment Special. One page of information with directions and registrations. Mailed to all brothers of the department.

3 May to James Cunningham transfer papers and Camp Status form for his to sign and mail to John Avery.

Commanders expense voucher for postage to date and DUVCW convention flowers from our department.

8 May to Mark Kayser follow up regarding application and camp status report to Mark Coplin.

8 May new camp brother on Missouri Unionist list. Fredrick Colberg Sherman camp.

8 May from John Martin question on award date. Original was an error.

10 May to all department staff. DUVCW convention flowers ordered for about \$35. I and Paul Leistriz will extend greetings.

11 May Brian Smarker Westport camp project at Pisgah Cemetery. Will involve other patriotic groups.

30 April from mark Coplin regarding Oglesby camp officers installation report. Mark is having difficulty in getting an answer. Response: I left them envelopes for them to send to you, as I have with all to other Camps. Also, as far as the speaker for the Department Encampment - Which Saturday? And what time is dinner around 6:00?. How long a presentation do you want? Once I receive the information I will pass it onto Steve.

18 May Cmdr. Gives thanks to National President Roena Bayes for GAR Wreath gift.

22 May to department council officers. Mark Coplin informed me we have a camp with

**Department of Missouri - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Secretary - Treasurers Report for April 2, 2005**

**Department Commander Funck and Fellow Brothers of the Department of Missouri:
Sorry for not being present for this Department Meeting. Due to family business I am
unable to attend. I submit my third report:**

Secretary-

**Since our last meeting I have received 4 correspondences. The first item was from
Gettysburg Camp #112 dated December 2004 - asking support for Brother Kuhn Jr. to the
post of Junior Vice Commander. The second letter, also received in December of last year,
was from the Department of Pennsylvania in regards to the endorsement of Brother
Charles E. Kuhn Jr. to the post of Junior Vice Commander. On January 18th a letter from
the Department of New Hampshire endorsing Brother Daniel W. Murray for post of Junior
Vice Commander was received. The last letter received was an Invitation to the
Pennsylvania Department Encampment on June 24-26, 2005. I have sent out letters to the
Executive Director in regards to membership.**

Treasurer-

**I have received several items since our last meeting - I received applications and fees for
seven new members and four current members at large from Junior Vice Commander
Avery. Please welcome Gary Martin from Kansas City, David Camden from Dup0, Ill,
Daniel Camden from Wappapello, MO, Charles Kroscher from Manchester, MO, William
Conway Jr. from Kansas City, MO, Charles Boydston from Mexico, MO, and Lee Ward
from Independence, MO. Sherman and Asboth sent in applications and dues for two new
members. Please also welcome James Barnes of Overland, MO and Mark Kayser of St.
Peters, MO. Phelps, Wilhelmi and Asboth have sent their officer lists and membership lists
(Asboth sent an incomplete list and I have requested a current and updated list to be sent).
I am still missing current and complete information from Westport, McNeil, Oglesby and
Grant Camps.**

**Debits to the Department account included the following - \$5 to Central Regional
Committee, \$110.50 National Organization fees, \$9.50 National Organization fees, \$100
Holiday Inn for Department Encampment, \$9.50 for Dues to National, \$43.00 for Supplies
from National, \$55.50 National Organization fees for Ward, Boydston, Kayser and \$10.00
Transfer of funds to Savings account. (We received notice from Montgomery Bank that our
savings account had no activity for the past 18 months and that a \$12 maintenance fee
would start if we did not begin using the account.)**

Total deposits since last report = \$275.00

Total debits since last report = \$343.00

Current funds in the checking account = \$478.11

Current funds in the savings account = \$1953.57 - \$500.00 in the Commanders Fund

**Receipts and the ledger are available for all to view at any meeting. The funds of the
department are stable. Do not forget to make sure your camps annual reports are in by
April 30th. I look forward to seeing you all in June at the Department Encampment in St.
Louis.**

Submitted in F.C.L.



Mark Coplin Secretary/Treasurer - Department of Missouri

**Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Department Encampment
Date of the meeting: June 18, 2005
Location of Meeting: Holiday Inn South - Butler Hill Rd and I-55**

Encampment Started at 9:10 am (ECT) –Opening Gavel

Brothers Present: John Avery (JA), Walt Busch (WB), William Casseau (WC), Bob Champlin (BC), Charlie Funck (CF), Fredrick Colberg (FG), Mark Coplin (MC), Edwin Eller (EE), Jack Grothe (JG), Paul Leistriz (PL), John Martin (JM), Don Palmer (DP), Bob Petrovic (BP), Gary Scheel (GS), Brian Smarker (BS), Vern Stottlemire (VS), Chris Warren (CW)

Guide – EE and JG Posted colors

Guide directed the Visitors before the alter -

Visitors : Brenda Demarts – Daughters of Union Veterans

Ruth Funck Past National President Daughters of the Civil War (94-95) Presented DC Funck with a scrapbook for his year in office. Mentioned to the encampment that she had Civil War Veteran Magnets for sell - \$5.00

Maggie Grothe – Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Greetings given to DC Funck

Roll of Officers – Dept. Commander CF – Present, Jr VC JA - Present,

Sec / Tres MC Present, Council – Martin, Palmer Present - MC -Roll Call Called.

CF – appointed BS as acting Senior Vice Commander

Department Chaplin WC – Read the opening prayer and opened the Bible.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Encampment

- A. Patriotic Instructor JG – Lead the Encampment in Response – See CF Notes.**
- B. General Order No. 1 – See CF Notes**
- C. General Order No. 2: (AS PURPOSED) No less than two brothers signatures be on any account held be department and/ or camp.**

BP – Under the National C and R's a department cannot tell a camp how to operate. Gen Order #2 should be changed to read – “It is SUGGESTED that”- No less than two brothers signatures be on any account held by the department and/ or camp. 2nd BC - Gavel Sounded Passed

WB – Mentioned that is Oglesby is unable to get their funds from their bank – Take to the bank a list of the current officers of the camp. Show that the Tres has changed.

D. General Order #3 – See CF Notes.

E. Brothers Present and Camps Represented – 19 members registered, 17 members present – Don Bell and Vernon von der Heydt registered but not present.

9 Sherman #65 7 U. S. Grant #68

2 Westport #64 1 McNeil #62

See Excel Spread sheet for list of those who attended.

F. National Report – Don Palmer – National Chief of Staff - Report of the C and C Stephen Michaels – Regrets not being here for the Missouri Department Encampment. Currently at the Colorado – Wyoming Encampment this weekend. Wanted to be able to visit with all the encampments where no Cand C had had been before. Recognizes those who serve at the National level from the Department of Missouri. Bob Petrovic CofA, Jack Grothe Military Affairs, Don Palmer Chief of Staff. Hopes for a successful 2005 Encampment. Hopes to see us at National in New Hampshire in August.

G. Junior Vice Commander Report: Members at Large (MAL) are starting to transfer into camps as requested by DC-CF. We dropped about 22 MAL for failure to pay dues. The new Junior Vice Commander will need to contact those who have been dropped to see if they would like to continue their membership. Putting together promotional packets for potential members. Help draw more men into the order.

H. Approval of Sec Minutes: Minutes of April 2005 (JG acting Sec) 1st JA 2nd JM vote by all members – Gavel Sounded - APPROVED

I. Treasurer's Report: MAC – Report not part of packet provided by DC-CF. Wrong reported copied. Verbal report given with written report issued to some members at the banquet. See attached Report Dated June 18, 2005

J. Department Council Report – JM and DP Review of the books was done and found to be in order. One check from February (#1020) has not cleared National. To have MC contact Lee Walters to check on the status of the check in question. Nothing else to report.

K. Outstanding Bills: MC – Hotel bill pending (Should be \$650-750) CF expenses \$386, BP \$35 for encampment ribbons, JA \$55 for supplies and postage.

L. Communications: MC – Nothing to report at this time.

M. Unfinished Business: Motion #1 – Rescind the current language for the Department Encampment to be the 3rd week in June. 2nd at the Oct Meeting by Don Bell. Discussion BP – May has multiple encampments and recommends keeping it in June. JG – Motion made to keep PL – 2nd. DP – Re-enactments on Encampment dates? If we move dates there will always be a conflict. Those present today made that choice. Those at re-enactments made their choice. CF – (Gave gavel to BS) Asked DP about Encampments – CF – April? DP answered 1-2 encampments on the 4th week, CF May? DP answered 2 in the 1st week, 3 in the 2nd week, 0 in the 3rd week. CF June? DP answered 2 in the 1st week, 6 in the 2nd week, 4 in the 3rd week, 2 in the 4th week. CF then informed BP that May has fewer encampments than June. (Gavel returned to CF). JG – The date needs to be more flexible in the determination of the encampment date. Pick a date at each encampment.

WB- Don't rescind the motion just for re-enactors. They would be here if they wanted to be.
PL- Keep same date – Not happy with the wording. See if it can be arranged. You never know what might happen or come up on the third week of June. A storm may damage the hotel. See if it can be arranged? VS – June works for him – Keep it in June. I do more in May with reenactments then in June. I am here. BP- Can plan 2 years down the road. Where he is going to be. We don't need to change the date. Should not have a problem with getting a place each year with that much lead-time. JG – May need to have flexibility – reenactors are not concerned. They would be here if it was important. WB – In response to PL comments – Disasters – we are not in control may have to cancel if the storm hits the day before. If a few weeks from the date can always arrange new facility. CF- (Gavel to BS) Sons and Daughters meetings – Joint meeting. Dtrs meet in May. (Ruth Funck mentioned that there is not a set date and they are flexible.) CF – (Gavel returned) Discussion closed – Vote In favor to rescind 3 to keep 13 - Gavel Sounded – CF - Motion to rescind failed – Keep date on the 3rd week in June.

- N. Motion #2: BP Remove the MAL – move all to camps. Bylaws 4-5 Page 27 Department at Large. Every member of the Department of Missouri needs to join a camp. He checked with National – We currently have too many members in the MAL. It is the second largest camp in the Department. Article X – By law needs to be revised. Section 1-5. New article X – MAL need to choose a camp or be assigned to a camp. MAL – New proposal in compliance with National – give 30 days to choose a camp or be sent to a camp. Correction – MAL Section #1 #2 With 30 Days shall be assigned to a camp. Discussion – JA - In favor of the changes “Shall choose a camp.” Page 2 amendment “With the camps approval.” GS- Questions dues to each camp. Each camp has different dues structure. How will the member who is transferring know his dues? The Dues should be listed for each camp so he will know which camps are cheaper to join. The members agreed to GS proposal. Vote 13 approved 2 against. Gavel Sounded CF – Motion for MAL to Camp Passed.
- O. Side Note: BP announces that BC has donated a sword to the 2007 National Encampment. The members of the encampment give thanks to BC.

Break Taken – DP requested a break – CF asked WC Chaplin closed the Bible at about 11:00 for a 15min break. Gavel sounded. Approx- 11:21 Gavel Sounded to have WC open the Bible.

P. Reports of Committees –

-Council (JM & DP) Nothing further to report.

-Chief of Staff (DP) Nothing to report.

-Patriotic Instructor (JG) – Sent to each camp an annual camp report request. Only received two back. One from Sherman and the other from Grant. Upon review of the activities of all the camps it is noted that all the camps do some form of Patriotic Duty. Congratulation to McNeil Camp for their efforts with Cpl Byrne Burial. Thanks again to Grant Camp for their efforts with Memorial Day. Good Joint Effort. See letter submitted with report for further information

Side note by JA – Price Camp SCB came thru with funds for the horse at Jefferson Barracks.

-Chaplin (WC) – Reported the death of Robert Amsler Sr. on Christmas Eve 2004. Brother Amsler was a charter member of U.S. Grant Camp #68. He was a decorated pilot while serving during the Korean War. A moment of silence for our Brother who has left us.

-Graves Registration (GS) – 1265 Graves Registered list year. We are down 400 from last year. We are seeing more camps getting involved. See Hand Written Report for information.

-Historian (VS) – Book of GAR Songs from Green City, MO – Profit goes to the Department. See Type Report Submitted at Encampment

-Civil War Memorials (PL) – Thanks to the Grant Camp – they have located 15 GAR Posts. Suggestions for the next person at this post. Needs to be put into a computer. Talked briefly about Highway markers. WB- Mention 45 markers to be put in place by the State. No written report submitted.

-Eagle Scout Coordinator (JA)- 83 Certificates given over the past year. Most received from the website. None from the camps. Goal is 200 for next year 2005-06. Try contacting the local Councils for BSA to find out who is up to getting their Eagle. See Typed Report Submitted at Encampment for further information

Break for Lunch – 12:00 CF requested WC to close the Bible. Gavel Sounded - Return from lunch at 1:26. WC opened Bible and CF – Gavel Sounded to continue.

-GAR Highways (BC)- The bill did not make it through the MO State Legislature. It was defeated when another item was put in the bill. The original bill had 125 lines. The new bill only has 12. This may be a bad thing. Anita Yeckel is no longer in the Senate. Current Senator is not interested in sponsoring our bill. Bob will follow the Senate and House. Sign may already be made. Just needs to be approved by the MO State Legislature and set. WB – With money tight it probably will not happen. DP – It will cost the Department \$750 to set the signs. CF- (Gavel to JA) Hwy 6 is the GAR Highway. It goes all the way across Nebraska. In some counties the signs are down and there is an effort to have them put back up. It is costly. CF- Gavel returned. Senator Greshinmer may be interested in our cause. GS lives in his district and will write him a letter about our sign problem. No further action mentioned.

-Signals Officer – (BS) Check camp web pages. Can make forms for the GAR Posts. WB- Questioned BS about different forms for the website. Omni forms. BP- National looks at the websites and will pull off if not updated. BS – mentioned that he has received emails from National commenting on how nice the site looks. CF- Form 22 – Officers Report needs to get to Brian ASAP.

Hand written report – typed by MC

- 1. The website fee for hosting has been paid and covers the next year until June 2006.**
- 2. Some camps have submitted updates and those have been transferred to the Department Website. Some camps may not have been updated at this time. If camp information needs to be updated, or if the department has information to**

be updated, I appeal to members of each camp and Department officer to submit those updates as soon as possible or whenever changes are made to Officer Positions.

3. I am open to any additions to the Website.

In F.C.L. (Signed) Brian Smarker – Signal Officer

-Awards Committee – (Bud Marks/DP/VS) DP Reporting –

Eads Award to Westport #66

Blair Jr. Award to Mark Coplin

Show Me Sprit Award to Pat Livingston of LaGrange, MO.

Walt Busch – Certificate for Memorial Work

Emmit Taylor – Certificate for Educating the Public

Recommendations –

1. Eads Award – Amending the time for the award. It will now be from May 15 to May 15 – Items cannot be carried over to the next year. CF- Any objections. None heard (gavel) Passed

2. Points for the Eads Award – Need to revise the list and change the point system. Currently it is Grave =1pt, GAR Post = 5pts, Monument = 3 pts. It takes a lot of research for monuments and GAR Post. You can spend an afternoon researching a Post and get 5 pts and you can spend one hour in a cemetery and get 100 pts. It doesn't seem equal. CF – Any objections. None heard (gavel) Passed – The award committee to look into changes and report back to the department.

3. New Award for those who serve the SUVCW and cross over to help serve in one of the other allied orders. It would be named the GAR Award – It is not an annual award. It is only given when a nomination is given to the Awards Committee and if the committee agrees with the nomination. BP- Motion to except the new award as stated above. Have the award committee design the award. 2nd JG Voted 16 to 0 CF- (gavel) Passed

DP –Motion to present the 1st GAR Award to Pat Mullenix for here service to the SUVCW. 2nd by WB. Vote 16 for. CF - (gavel) – Passed.

4. Eads Award – Reenactment Points

WB – Began a motion to discuss on the Reenactment listing on the Eads Award Form. He is asking that it be removed. It isn't fair to list reenactments as activities of the SUVCW. Unless you are there representing the SVR or recruiting for the SUVCW then the time can be used toward points for the Eads Award. BP – This should have never been put on the form. It was never brought up before the Department.

BP- 2nd the Motion to remove Reenactments from the Eads Award Points Form. BC – SVR activities at a Reenactment fall under the approval of the points? He agreed that the points are valid if the member is there for SVR or SUVCW activities. (The debate lasted for several minutes – I had to use the restroom- JA took over the note writing. Not much said by the time I returned) DP Amendment to the motion. Let the Awards Committee look into the points system for the Eads Award. BP agreed to the changes JG 2nd the changes. Vote – 16 to remove the Reenactment Listing on the Eads Award and for the Awards Committee to look into the points system and make changes. CF – (gavel) Passed

-Archivist (WB)- No money for the State – No movement forward. BP- Mentioned that the Mormons maybe interested in assisting us. JG – We need to move forward to success. WB – Will cost \$150 for 500 pages to do ourselves. BP- Use the monies from savings to get the job done now. CF- (Gavel to JA) He asked WB to look into the situation.

BP Motion for the Department of Missouri to use \$150-200 to copy the records of the Department and put them in archives. JA 2nd. Voted 13 approved. CF- Gavel Passed.

DP Motion – Set up a committee to be chosen to review the records to determine what should be copied in the above said action. PL 2nd. Voted 13 approved. CR- Gavel Passed. BP – Make sure they can do the job

-Missouri Unionist (DP)- 1.5 years since last mailing. Volunteered to take over the Unionist when Mark Trout resigned. Needs current list of members to send out the Unionist. Working toward next issue. July is when the next issue will be ready to send out. PL- Motioned to keep DP as the Editor of the Unionist. BP 2nd Voted CF – Gavel Passed DP to remain as Editor of the Unionist.

CF- (Gavel to JA) Frustrated with the membership roster. Communication is the key. Information needs to be provided to the Jr. Vice, Editor and Commander. (Gavel returned)

DP – 16 pages for the Unionist 60 cents for postage. CF – (Gavel to JA) How many members of the Department receive the Banner? (All Hands) How many receive one for the Camp? (No Hands) BC – Only given to members. (Gavel Returned)

JM – Asked about non-profit mailing? How many does it take? DP answer –200. JM – How many are we short from the 200? CF – About 46. DP- There is a one-time charge of \$125 for set up and a \$125 annual fee for the postage meter. The first year would be \$250. He recommends we keep it as it is for now. Will try and look at the non-profit status as soon as able.

-National Encampment 2007: BP/JG/ DP/GS/ Maggie Grothe/Cher Petrovic/Kim Palmer Banquet /MC volunteered to help with table decorations/Pat Mullinex Pres of Daughters. All are willing to help with the organization of the 2007 National Encampment to be held here in St. Louis, MO. BP- Currently working with Pat Mullinex to determine hotel needs. Would like to have all the Allied Orders in one hotel. Will start selling Loyalty Bonds like we did in 2001. Each will cost \$20.00 and will be refunded when the Encampment is completed in 2007. Banquet may have

400-450 people in attendance. Daughters, Women Relief Corp, Ladies of the GAR and Auxiliary to the Sons. JG- Time is of the essences! We need to get moving on a hotel and the sooner the better. BP- Timetable – accounts and expense sheets to be made. GS to be the Treasurer for the Encampment. Keep it separate from the duties of the Department Secretary /Treasurer. Anyone can view the books to make sure all is well. Need to keep good records – National checks to see where the monies go.

Q. Installation of New Members to the Department : Fredrick Colberg and Chris Warren

VS– Guide JM – Flag Presentation JG – Patriotic Instructor

CF – Department Commander BS – Appointed Sr. Vice Commander

See Tan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Installation Booklet for Ceremony

R. 2005 National Encampment: Those attending the National Encampment CF, DP, GS, JG, VS may be going. (All except VS was issued a credential card.)

Full-page ad for the National Encampment agreed to have one done. DP to set up the ad.

Motion by DP - Table at National. 2nd by BC. Discussion – BP to contact New Hampshire Dept. to see about the cost of the table. So far he has little information on the encampment. DP to work on the display. JG – Display at National can be used for recruiting. Recruiting is still a problem. Vote – CF –(gavel) Passed

S. New Business:

Confederate Battle Flag Letter – GS -U.S. Grant Camp has sent a letter in support of Governor Mat Blunt’s decision to let the Confederate Flag fly over Higginsville during Confederate Memorial Day. WB read the letter to the encampment.

Motion by WB to have a letter sent to Governor Mat Blunt by the Department of Missouri. 2nd by VS. Voted –CF (gavel) Passed

Song Book Profits :VS – Motion for profits of the Song Book to go to the 2007 Encampment. Vote CF- (gavel) Passed

Program Guide: BP – Motion to develop a planning guide that can be used by future members of the department to help them know how to get things done. How to set up an encampment. Room, ribbons, proceedings, notes, meals and drinks. 2nd by JA Discussion JG – We need something to help us know how it was done in the past. CF- JG and BP have taken classes to help them be better at programs and how to set up encampments and meetings. BP- Need to set up a timetable so each member knows when and who needs to get things done. When do we order the ribbons? Who orders the awards and medals? Develop a problem list and show how some of those problems were solved in the past. Vote – 15 for the planning guide CF (gavel) Passed

T. Spending Limits for Officers of the Department: MC – This is not a motion –it is a query. I have issued a check to Department Commander – CF for postage expenses and today I am given more bills for expenses of the office of Department Commander. So far the total of such reimbursement requests is over \$500. With the potential for more to come before the Department. In reviewing the records of the pervious two years the Department Commander’s expenses have been about \$330 to \$340 each year. Should the Department

set limits on what an officer of the Department can be reimburse? What is the limit and should the Council set the limits or should the Department membership? I am concerned for the future of our department. On it current course we will not be able to continue operations. I need direction. Discussion: JG Table for the next Commander. CF – Give information to Council for direction. BC – Are the bills reviewed by Council? Answer by MC – Bills are not usually sent to Council for approval. Most expenses fall in line with what is acceptable for reimbursement by the Treasurer. (postage, flowers for funerals or conventions) WB – Questioned CF about expenses. CF – My expenses were in line with the department rules. I submitted my voucher with receipts to the Department Treasurer. It is up to Council to approve of the use of funds. MC – I am not questioning CF's expenses. They all are legitimate items. I am asking if we should be concerned about future uses of Department Funds. BP – Need to set up guidelines for expenses. JA – Motioned to curtail this item. BP 2nd. Voted – CF (gavel) Passed to Curtail Spending Limits to a later date.

U. Nominations and Election of 2005-2006 Officers of the Department of Missouri –

Review Meeting Minutes from the April 2nd Meeting for Nominations that were submitted at that time.

Each Nomination was read by MC Sec/ Tres

Commander – John Martin BP – GS 2nd

CF – Brother Martin - Do you accept the nomination for Commander?

JM -Response – Yes I Do.

CF- All in favor – Unanimous vote for JM – CF (gavel) Passed –*Congratulations*

Senior Vice Commander - John Avery BP - VS 2nd

CF- Brother Avery – Do you accept the nomination for Sr. Vice Commander?

JA -Response – I Do.

CF- All in favor – Unanimous vote for JA – CF (gavel) Passed –*Congratulations*

Junior Vice Commander – Walt Busch – CF - MC 2nd

CF- Brother Busch – Do you accept the nomination for Jr. Vice Commander?

WB –Response – Yes.

CF- All in favor – Unanimous vote for WB – CF (gavel) Passed – *Congratulations*

Secretary – Treasurer – CF -Two year term – Mark Coplin has one more year on his term.

Council – CF - Two positions open. Now that JM has accepted the position of DC his one-year term needs to be filled. There is one two-year term up as well. Nominations –

BP – 2 year term - JM – JA 2nd Unanimous vote for BP – CF (gavel) Passed
Congratulations

Second Position has two nominees – Vern Stottlemyre and Emmit Taylor

Ballot Vote – CW and FC handed out pieces of paper. Each member voted and returned the papers to CW in a kepi. The count was VS – 10 ET – 3

CF – VS will finish JM position on the council – (gavel) *Congratulations*

Installing 2005-2006 Officers – DP Installing Officer *See SUVCW Rituals*

V. Commander John Martin – Closing Comments

W. JM Closed the meeting at 5:24pm – WC Closed the Bible

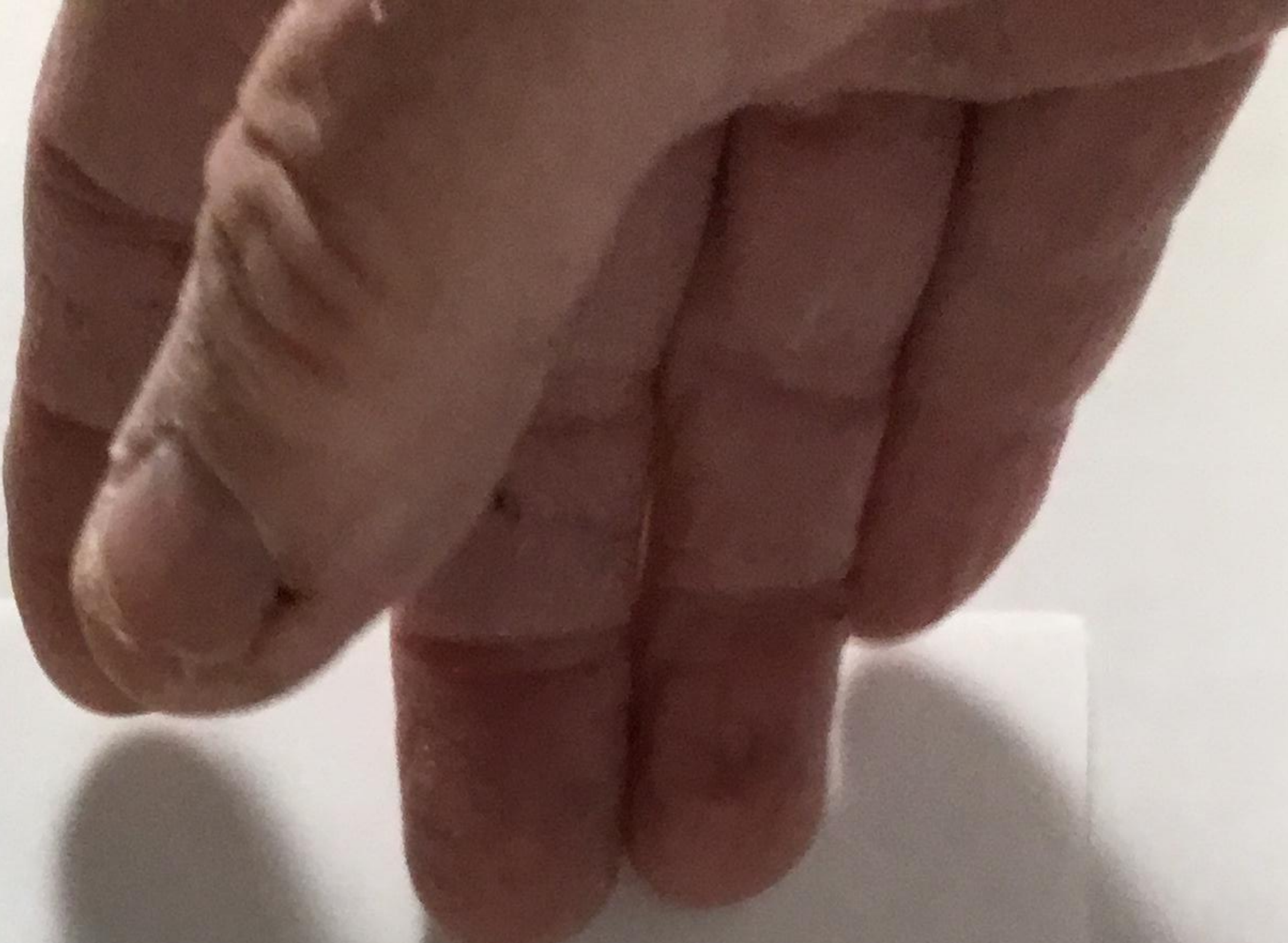
Submitted by Mark Coplin Secretary – Treasurer Department of Missouri SUVCW

The activities in which I participated, visited, or represented the MO Department, SUVCW:

- June 18-19, 2004**--Was elected and installed as MO Department Commander of the SUVCW at the 9th Annual Missouri Department Encampment held at the Holiday Inn, South County, St. Louis, Missouri.
- August 12-15, 2004**--Attended the 123rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- September 11-12, 2004**--Attended the Civil War Living History Weekend held at Frontier Park, St. Charles, Missouri.
- October 23, 2004**--Attended and led the Missouri Department meeting held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- November 5-7, 2004**--Was a participant at the setting of the military headstone of Corporal John Peyton Byrne and led the 1879 GAR dedication of said headstone, at the City Cemetery at Memphis, Missouri.
- November 20, 2004**--Gave 'Greetings' to the Col. Hecker Camp #443, Belleville, Illinois, at their 9th Annual Encampment and Dinner.
- December 2, 2004**--Visited the camp meeting of the William T. Sherman - Billy Yank, Camp #65, St. Louis, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- December 18, 2004**--Attended the Regimental Holiday Dinner of the General Alexander S. Asboth, Camp #5, Wentzville, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- January 15, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the General John H. McNeil, Camp #62, Unionville, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- January 17, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Ulysses S. Grant, Camp #68, St. Louis, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 1, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Phelps, Camp #66, Springfield, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 8, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Richard J. Oglesby - Bird's Point, Camp #61, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 22, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Maj. Francis Wilhelmi, Camp #17, Washington, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- February 27, 2005**--Participated in the General William Tecumseh Sherman, 185th Birthday Anniversary, held in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, and gave 'Greetings' as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.
- March 2, 2005**--Attended the camp meeting of the Westport, Camp #64, Kansas City, Missouri, and installed their officers for the year 2005.
- April 2, 2005**--Attended and led the Missouri Department meeting held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- April 15, 2005**--Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on the 140th Anniversary Commemorating the Death of Abraham Lincoln, held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, and laid a wreath as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.

- April 16, 2005**--Attended the GAR Founders Day honoring Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson and the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, and laid a wreath as MO Department Commander, SUVCW.
- April 23-24, 2005**--Attended the Battle of Pea Ridge Civil War Reenactment, held in Rand Park, Keokuk, Iowa, and participated in the practice for the funeral and burial of Corporal John Peyton Byrne, as the GAR Commander using the 1879 GAR Ritual for the burial service for a comrade.
- May 13-15, 2005**--Attended the open sessions of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Missouri Department Convention, held at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Tower, St. Louis, Missouri, posted colors, gave 'Greetings' as the MO Department Commander, and assisted in their Memorial Service with the flag folding ceremony.
- May 26-29, 2005**--Attended the funeral and burial of the last Civil War Union Soldier, Corporal John Peyton Byrne, at Memphis, Missouri. Participated in the Friday activities on the court house steps and as MO Department Commander, SUVCW, presented a program on the Grand Army of the Republic and General John Logan, Commander-in-Chief, and his General Order No. 11 proclaiming May 30 as Memorial Day. Participated in the Saturday Burial Services as the Commander of the GAR Officers using the 1879 GAR Ritual for the burial service for a comrade.
- May 30, 2005**--Participated in the Memorial Day Activities held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, by assisting the Casket Honor Guard; then participated in the Civil War Service held at the DUVCW Monument erected to the memory of the Union Soldiers, and also attended the service held at the Confederate Monument.
- June 17-18, 2005**--Presiding as MO Department Commander of the SUVCW at the 10th Annual Missouri Department Encampment held at the Holiday Inn, South County, St. Louis, Missouri.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Charles Ed Funck, III
MO Department Commander, SUVCW



18 June 2005 Missouri Annual Encampment

Department Commander: (one rap) The department officers will assume their respective stations. (any vacancies to be filled at this time)

Guide: Will you instruct the Color Guard to post the colors (three raps)

Colors posted and the Color Guard returns to their seats.

Guide, you will determine if all present are entitled to remain.

Guide, do we have any visitors? You will retire and escort the guests to the Alter.

Guide: Announces the visitors. (three raps)

Commander: on behalf of Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend you a hearty welcome to our meeting.

Department Brothers: (respond in unison) Welcome.

Guide, you will escort the visitors to the commanders station right. Our guests may speak.

Commander: (one rap) The officers and brothers of the 10th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order.

Commander: The Department Secretary will call the roll of officers.

Secretary: Sir, the roll is called.

Commander: Brothers upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Commander: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct, our deliberation, be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternity, courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.

The Department Chaplain will invoke the Devine blessing. (three Raps)

Chaplain: (the following or one of his choosing) Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free instructions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry our properly its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that Charity, and Justice, and Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

Commander: Brothers, we will now give the pledge of allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the colors. Patriotic Instructor will lead us in the pledge.

The Patriotic Instructor will say a word, everyone else will respond with the summary.

I Pledge: Dedicate all my worldly goods to live without self-pity.

Allegiance: My love and devotion

To the Flag: Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts Freedom is everyone's job.

And to the republic: Republic is a state in which sovereign power is invested in representative chosen by the people to govern.

For which it stands: And government is the people, and its from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

One nation under God: The nation being so pleased by God.

Indivisible: Incapable of being divided.

With liberty: Which is freedom and the right of power to live one's life without threats or fear of retaliation.

And justice The principle of dealing fairly with others.

For all; which means it's as much your country as it is mine.

Commander: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 10th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department, sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.
(one rap)

Commander: I personally welcome all to our 10th Annual Encampment. Some instructions for a harmonious encampment. A brother may only speak once on a subject, unless a question is raised he may have to answer. Only the election of officers will be by delegate vote. All other votes by simple majority of those present. If an item is to be deferred. It will be deferred to a time later in this business day. My gifts from 'The Last Veteran.' May be purchased from the Missouri Department DUVCW through me for \$5.00 a package.

The camp packets not picked up will be mailed.

The handouts include: all secretaries minutes from last encampment including the special department meetings. The commanders travels and summary of his correspondence. And Committee chairman's reports.

The following are three General Orders I present to improve our department.

General Order No. 1: I noted in the bylaws no direction was given to establish a 'nominations committee.' Therefore: a nomination committee to be formed after the annual encampment with three Past Department Commanders form the committee and they determine who is the chairman.

General Order No. 2: No less than two brothers signatures be on any account held be department and/or camp. Explanation: Some time ago the Illinois Department Treasure died during his term in office. The vacancy treasure had a major problem in freeing up the departments accounts, because the accounts had only one signature. This can also be a problem if the treasure moves away, drops his membership, or for some reason becomes inactive.

General Order No. 3: Process to keep our brothers status up to date. During the year I've wanted to have a department wide roster complete, but I discovered this was easier to say than to do. The Camp Status Report, form 30, in duplicate must be forwarded to our department secretary as soon as the camp knows of any changes. Our department secretary than keeps one copy and forwards the second copy to National Executive Director. (this includes keeping up to date the address for the Banner)

Our Department Secretary will then by e-mail forward the changes to our membership chairman, Missouri Unionist editor and the Department Commander.

I suspect the individual camps have prospective parties on their mailing list. The information though for the Camp Status Report does not include them.

Commander: Secretary do you have a report of brothers present and the camps represented?

Secretary: (gives his report. May include brothers registered yet not present)

Commander: Are the following Chairman's giving a report? Council. Chief of Staff. Patriotic Instructor. Chaplain, Graves Registration. Historian. Civil War Memorials and Monuments. Eagle Scout Coordinator. Counselor. GAR Highways. Signals Officer - Web Master. Archivist. Missouri Unionist.

Any one I have called, are their other reports to be given?

Commander: We will now have Department Officers reports: Senior Vice Commander. Junior Vice Commander.

Commander: At this time we will review the secretary's minutes for approval.

Commander: Treasure will you present your report.

Commander: Council do you have a report on the audit of our accounts.

Department Council report:

Commander: Treasure do you have any outstanding bills for us to deliberate upon?

Treasure presents bills. Bills presented. Deliberation noted.

Commander: Do we have any communications that need to be considered at this time?
Secretary reads communications.

Commander: Unfinished Business. We have three motions that were brought up at the special department meetings. These will be deliberated at this time.
(Annual Encampment motion. Bylaws change motion)
(discussion and vote)

Commander: Reports of Committee Chairman.

Commander: New Business: to be determined yet not limited to: delegates to National Encampment; Greetings in National Encampment book; Display table reserved at National; Emmett Taylor PCC - how to recruit Civil War re-enactors into the SUVCW; Supporting Grant Camps suggested letter to Governor regarding the battle flag a Higginsville and Fort Donaldson; Sherman camps proposal regarding past missing Nationals Proceedings not printed;

Secretary make not on any other items to be discussed.

Commander: Nomination for Department Officers 2005-2006 are open.

Commander: Secretary will give an account of the voting.

Commander: Nominations are closed. Any department office with only one brother seeking to post will the secretary cast one vote for the encampment.

Commander: we will proceed the installation of the Department Officers for 2005-2006 term.

Closing Ceremony: Newly installed Department Commander, There being no further business to come before this encampment, we will proceed to close.

Commander: (three raps)

The encampment will now sing the first verse "America, God bless our native land"

God Bless our native Land
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night
When the wild tempests rave
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save,
By Thy great might.

Commander: You will give attention while the Department Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. Parade Rest.

Chaplain: (the following or one of his choosing)

Our Father in Heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here., and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.
Amen.

Department Commander: Brothers, We are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. I now declare the 10th Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed. (one rap)

From: Robert Champlin
To: macnac1@earthlink.net
Date: 6/26/05 7:44:59 AM
Subject: GAR Memorial Highway Report

This report as delivered at the Dept of Missouri Annual encampment, 118 June 2005, is submitted as follows:

Regarding the continuing efforts by the MO Dept SUVCW, I have determined the following; To wit: The original Bill as submitted by Sen Anita Yeckel was passed by the MO Senate and forwarded to the House for approval. In committee, amendments in the excess of 125 additional lines concerning the establishment and regulation for a Park Review Board were appended. Resulting was that the Bill was never voted on in the House, and the Bill died. In the following General Election, Sen Yeckel could not run for the seat again due to term limits. Her husband attempted to win the seat, but was defeated and the new Senator became Harry Kennedy. It was my understanding, probably incorrect, that coordination between the incoming and outgoing offices would provide for resubmission of the original Bill. This did not occur, and later contact with Sen Kennedy's office indicated that he was not disposed to submit this Bill but referred me to Sen John Griesheimer's office, in whose district the Memorial Highway would fall. Coordination with Senator Griesheimer's office indicated that the Senator would consider this legislation as he developed his program for the next legislative session, early in 2006. I will continue to coordinate with his office to determine if he will go forward, and if not, refer the Bill to some other legislator.

I remain, in F C L

Bob Champlin

GAR Memorial Highway Officer.

Cordially sent by Bob or Rita Champlin

SIGNALS OFFICER'S REPORT

18 JUNE 2005

1. THE WEBSITE FEE FOR HOSTING HAS BEEN PAID & COVERS THE NEXT YEAR UNTIL JUNE 2006
2. SOME CAMPS HAVE SUBMITTED UPDATES AND THOSE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPT. WEBSITE.
SOME CAMPS MAY NOT ~~BE~~ HAVE BEEN UPDATED AT THIS TIME. IF CAMPS ^{INFORMATION} NEEDS TO BE UPDATED OR IF THE DEPT. HAS INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED, I APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF EACH CAMP AND THE DEPT. TO SUBMIT THESE UPDATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ~~AND~~ WHENEVER CHANGES ARE MADE TO OFFICER POSITIONS.
3. I AM OPEN TO ANY ADDITIONS TO THE WEBSITE.

12 F.C., FL,

BRIAN SMAGE JR

SIGNALS OFFICER

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
REPORT TO THE 10th MO. DEPT. ENCAMPMENT

The following is a list of events that I have attended during this department year.

2004-2005

2004

Aug. 12th-14th SUVCW National Encampment-Cedar Rapids, IA.
Oct. 1st Central Region Assoc.- Region Conference-Milwaukee, WI
Nov. 11th Veterans Day Ceremonies & Parade-St. Louis, MO.

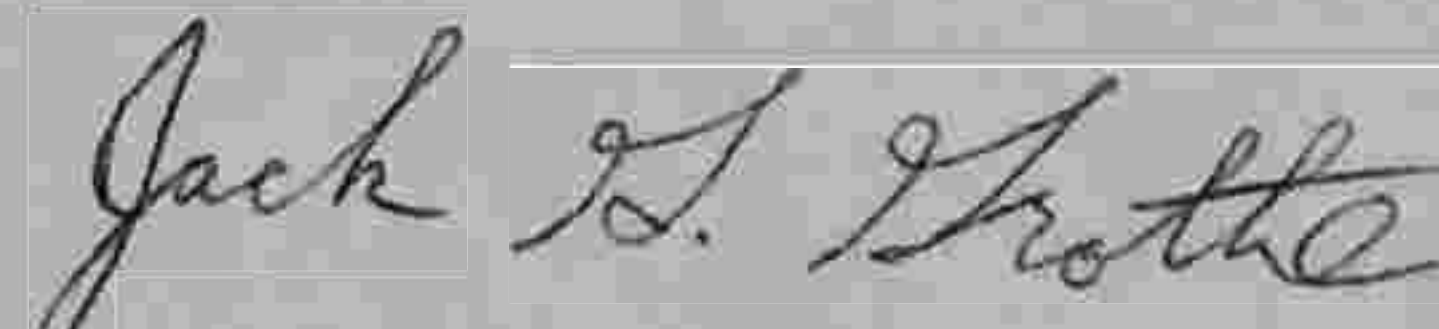
2005

Feb. 27th Sherman's Day-St. Louis, MO.
April 15th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony-Springfield, IL.
April 16th G.A.R. Founders Dat-Petersburg, IL.
May 28th Burial Civil War Veteran, Cpl. John P. Byrne, Memphis,
May 30th Memorial Day-Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery-
St. Louis, MO.
June 4th Reclaiming Our Heritage Day-Milwaukee, WI.
June 14th DAR 100th Anniversary Rededication of the Monument
to Unknown Soldiers of American Revolution-
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

Annual Report of Camp Patriotic Instructor to Department Patriotic Instructor forms were sent to all camps. Only Wm. T. Sherman-Billy Yank #65 and U.S. Grant Camp #68 filled them out and returned them.

In spite of this lack of reporting, I know that most camps attended patriotic events or had patriotic projects.

Yours in F.C. & L.,


Jack G. Grothe



Department of Missouri
Junior-Vice Commander
Patriotic Instructor



Junior-Vice Commander's Report

Department Of Missouri
Mid-year Meeting
October 23, 2004

My regrets that I cannot be in attendance at the meeting. Following is my report.

Eagle Scout Certificates:

As of this date, upon request I have sent out thirty three (33) Eagle Scout Certificates. This is less than the number of scouts who achieve this high rank. I would request of all camps that they contact their local Scout Troops and be sure the leaders are aware of the Sons of Union Veterans Eagle Scout Certificate program. I am providing a form that can be used by those requesting a certificate for an Eagle Scout. Please use them.

Members-at-Large:

National Junior-Vice Commander James Pahl has forwarded to me the names of twenty (20) names of Members-at-Large who live in Missouri. I have made contact with all 20. Of those eleven (11), have paid their dues and received their membership card for 2004. As I receive names I send a letter introducing myself and welcoming them to the Department of Missouri member-at-Large Camp. I also encourage them to join a local camp. Their name and information is then sent to an officer in the local Camp to make personal contact. In this regard, I need an updated list of all Junior-Vice Commanders of each Camp. Please email the names, address, phone numbers and emails to me immediately. NOTE, contact information is listed below.

This concludes my report.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

John D. Avery, PCC
Junior-Vice Commander
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DEPARTMENT OF MO ENCAMPMENT

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

18 Jun 2005

DEPARTMENT of Missouri Camps turned in a total of 1,065 grave REGISTRATIONS.

Westport Co. 2pm 64#-6 24

U.S. GRANT Camp #68-300

William T. Sherman Camp #62-39

Maj. Francis J. Wilhelm's Camp #17-28

Phelps Camp #66-67

Gen. Alexander Asboth Camp #5-17

This total number is down by 400 over last year ~~but~~ but we have an increase of ~~over~~ 2 camps participating over last year. I find this to be a more important figure.

Respectively Submitted,

Gary L. Scheel

GARY L. Scheel

GRAVE Registrations Officer

Dept. of MO

SUVCW

The report of Missouri Department Historian 2004-2005

As most of you are aware at the national convention in Cedar Rapids last year we were informed about the unburied remains of a Union soldier. Little did I know at the time just how that find was about to change my life.

John Peyton Byrne was discovered by a great great great Niece, Margaret Gordon of Minnesota, who while researching her Civil War ancestors found the unburied remains of John in California. John was a member of company I, 21 Missouri Infantry. It was decided by the family to bring him home to Missouri for burial next to his family in Memphis, MO.

Margaret Gordon, a member of the DUVCW 1861-1865, approached the local tent (C.H. Boone tent of northeast Missouri) to help in the final plans for this burial. In the past my Camp (General John H. McNeil camp #62 had supplied a Color guard for some of their activities, so it was natural that they would ask us to supply a Military presence for the funeral. When we were asked I said yes before I found out all that might entail. We had several planning meetings, about one a month until the time of the burial. It was at the second meeting that I found that I was the one who was supposed to build the full sized Coffin. This is something that I had never done before, it became a great learning experience for me and my students. McNeil camp was also supposed to supply a 24 hour honor guard at the funeral home as well as plan a GAR type funeral service. It was at this time that I began to call for help, lots of help, this job had become much larger than our camp alone could handle.

On November 6th 2004 several members of McNeil camp along with Missouri Department Commander Charles Funck, Major Jack Grothe 4th Military District SVR and several people from the Department of Iowa all came and lent a hand in the setting of the military stone of John Byrne and the resetting of the Military stone of his brother Harrison Byrne. Also in attendance were several members of the DUVCW including the National President Ozzie Thompson. It is my guess that there were about 100 people including the press and onlookers. This was by far the largest gathering at a stone setting that I had ever witnessed. I began to breath a little easier as I saw the number of people who were willing to help in this historic event.

I spent the next several months answering e-mails, snail mails and phone calls which on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for the last two months would be between 3-5 each night. Finally on May 28th, 2005 all of our work came to fruition. It was a lot of work but I believe that it was a success. I would like to thank everyone from the Department of Missouri who helped in this final farewell. A special thanks to Emmett Taylor and the members of his SUV-SVR ^{HEATHS} camp who came and helped, not only with their Cavalry unit but also for the use of their cannon that was one of three used to fire the final salute at the end of the services. Also I would like to thank John Avery for his role of driving and supplying the horse drawn hearse used to transport John's remains from the funeral home to the cemetery, Major Jack Grothe for his work as the program as MC, Missouri Department Commander Charles Funck for his role as the GAR commander in the funeral service and PDC Don Palmer who came to represent national by laying the SUVCW wreath on the grave. Thanks to everyone who came I think we made the family very happy.

A couple of other notes of interest is the fact that we have set the stones of two Medal of Honor recipients. One stone was set by members of McNeil camp in Sullivan County, Missouri for Civil war soldier John Opel the other Medal of Honor stone was reported to me by Emmett Taylor for MHR Charles Biejer. After we had set Mr. Opel's stone, I received in the mail a photo of Mr. Opel along with two other Missouri Civil War Medal of Honor Recipients. The caption claims that they are the last three Missouri Medal of honor winners from the Civil War.

Respectfully,


Vern Stottlemyre PDC

Department of Missouri - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Secretary - Treasurers Report for June 18, 2005

Department Commander Funck and Fellow Brothers of the Department of Missouri:
I submit my forth report:

Secretary-

Since our last meeting I have received 3 correspondences. The first was from Executive Lee Walters in regard to our Department Roster. He later sent me an email reporting that he had received our Per Capita Tax by the dead line. I received confirmation from Debbie Boyer our host from the Holiday Inn. I have sent out letters to the Executive Director in regards to Per Capita Tax as well as the Oglesby Camp in regard to their Per Capita Tax. I revised the Department Roster at the request of the Executive Director. If anyone in the Department would like a copy please contact me and I will be glad to get a current copy of the Roster to you either by email or regular mail. We currently have 158 members with 3 being Juniors, 2 Life Members and 1 Serving in a Combat Zone.

Treasurer-

I have received multiple items since the meeting in April - I received applications and fees for three new members and three current members at large from Junior Vice Commander Avery. Please welcome Ralph Brown, Stanley Coryell and Fr. Richard Frank.

I have received payment for Per Capita Tax from all camps except Oglesby Camp #61. Oglesby is currently in poor standings with the Department. I had contacted Commander Funck with the request that the Department go ahead and pay the Per Capita Tax for Oglesby. Upon checking the records of the Department and talking with Brother Petrovic - this happened last year as well. I did locate the line item that Oglesby did pay their 2004 Per Capita Tax. They currently owe the Department \$162.00 for 9 members. The National Per Capita Tax has been sent in on time and the Department of Missouri is in good standings with the National Organization. The National Executive - Lee Walters informed me the report had a few errors. After review of Form 35 I did find two mistakes that have since been corrected and a sum of \$26.00 has been sent to National.

Debits to the Department account included the following - National Organization Per Capita Tax \$2704.00, National Organization Per Capita Tax \$10.00, Charlie Funck Expenses for Postage and Flowers \$172.09, Reimbursement of Per Capita Tax to Sherman Camp #65- \$24.00, Asboth Transfer (Kalal) \$30.00, National Per Capita Tax \$36.00, U.S. Postal Service \$42.39, Brian Smarker (Web Site Fee) \$50.00 and National Per Capita Tax \$26.00.

Total deposits since last report = \$4209.00

Total debits since last report = \$3094.48

Current funds in the checking account = \$1592.63

Current funds in the savings account= \$1953.57- \$500.00 in the Commanders Fund

Receipts and the ledger are available for all to view at any meeting. The funds of the department our stable and the checking book is balanced.

Submitted in F.C.L.

Mark Coplin Secretary/Treasurer - Department of Missouri



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Missouri



Office of the Commander

Proposed Missouri Department By-laws change was presented at the Department Special Meeting, 2 April 2005. Was Voted on and passed at the Missouri Department Annual Encampment, 18 June 2005.

Article X Camp-at-Large

Section 1: While applicants are encouraged to join their local camps, authorization is provided for the establishment of a Camp-at-Large within the Department of Missouri to accommodate Brothers of the order who do not reside within a reasonable distance of a local camp.

Section 2: The Commander shall appoint a Camp-at-Large Coordinator. The Coordinator will perform the duties generally associated with the Camp Secretary, for the Camp-at-Large applications for membership shall be directed to him and he shall accept or reject the same keeping a record of such Brothers.

Section 3: All fees and dues collected by Camp-at-Large Coordinator shall be forwarded to the Treasure. The Treasure shall maintain the funds for this Camp as a 'Liability' account in the General Fund of this Department. The Treasure shall remit per capita payments based on the membership report from the Camp-at-Large Coordinator.

Section 4: Membership fees shall apply to Camp-at-Large Brothers in the same manner as for Brothers in a local Camp. Annual dues for Camp-at-Large Brothers shall be set at the same time as dues for the local Camps.

Section 5: All Brothers with National Membership-at-Large status within the confines of the State of Missouri shall be encouraged to transfer into a Camp within the Department of Missouri.

The entire Article X Section 1 through 5 shall be deleted

Article X Camp-at-Large

Section 1: Member-at-Large shall chose a Camp in the Department.

Section 2: If this choice is not made by a new Member-at-Large within 30 days, He shall be appointed to a Camp in the Department. The Camp must approve of such a transfer by the Member-at-Large.

Related Authorization

Constitution, Regulations and Policies: Chapter II, Departments; Article X, Department Member-at-Large.

Section 1: Each Department shall make provisions for Department Members-at-Large. (DMAL) DMAL shall include all Brothers (Members, Associates and Juniors) residing within the jurisdiction of the Department, who are not Brother of a camp within the Department. Such provision may be 1) Department MAL, 2) A Camp established by the Department for the purpose of administering the DMAL, or 3) A requirement in the Department By-Laws that all Brothers belong to a Camp of their choice or assigned to the nearest Camp if the Brother does not choose a Camp.

10th Annual Department Encampment

Friday, June 17, 2005

6:00-7:00 pm Registration, Fellowship Following

Saturday, June 18, 2005

7:30-9:00 am Registration

9:00 am Opening Ceremony; First Business Session

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 pm Second Business Session

4:00 pm Election and Installation of 2005-06 Officers

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Encampment Banquet

Missouri Department Camps

General Alexander S. Asboth	Camp # 5
Major Francis Wilhelmi	Camp #17
Colonel Richard Oglesby, Birds Point	Camp #61
John H. McNeil	Camp #62
Westport	Camp #64
William T. Sherman, Billy Yank	Camp #65
Phelps	Camp #66
U.S. Grant	Camp #68

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Charles Ed Funck III #65
Ferguson, Missouri

Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Secretary/Treasurer
Council

Chief of Staff
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Counselor
Archivist
Civil War Memorials
Eagle Scout Coordinator
GAR Highway
Graves Registration Officer
Historian
Missouri Unionist
Signals Officer, Web Master

Department Officers

Perry 'Bud' Marks	#64
John D. Avery	#68
Mark Coplin	#68
Glennon G. Alsop	#17
John J. Martin	#64
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC	#68
John J. Martin	#64
Jack G. Grothe	#65
William 'Bill' Casseau	#65
Donald E. Bell	#65
Walter Busch	#68
Paul E. Lelstritz	#65
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Gary Scheel	#68
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Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC	#68
Brain Smarker	#64

**10th Missouri Department Annual Encampment
Holiday Inn South-Butler Hill**

Banquet June 18, 2005

Banquet Program

Master of Ceremonies Charles Ed Funck III
2004-05 Department Commander

Presentation of Colors Sons of Veterans Reserve

Invocation John D. Avery
Eagle Scout Coordinator

Banquet

Introduction of Guests Charles Ed Funck III

Introduction of Guest Speaker Mark Coplin
Dept. Secretary/Treasurer

Presentation of Awards John J. Martin
2004-05 Dept. Chief of Staff

Closing Remarks John J. Martin
2005-06 Department Commander

Benediction John D. Avery
2005-06 Senior Vice Department
Commander

Banquet Menu

Chicken Remington
Char-grilled chicken breast topped with
sautéed peppers, onions, mushrooms
& melted Swiss cheese

Steak Remington
Steak topped with sautéed peppers,
Onions, mushrooms & melted Swiss cheese

Garden Salad

Chef's selection of potato & vegetables

Dinner rolls & butter

Ice Tea, Coffee

Chef's selection of dessert

Guest Speaker

Steve Clem

Topic: "Oddities of the Civil War"

Steve Clem has had 30 years of banking experience and bank manager at Montgomery State Bank in Crestwood. Steve graduated in 1973 from Northeast Missouri State with a degree in Business and Finance. His life long passion for the Civil War started at the age of three. An avid reader, he has read about all the books available to date on that period. Besides visiting 90% of the Civil War battle fields, he has an extensive collection of Civil War items in his home. His speaking engagements include Jefferson County College, high school students and Civil War Round Tables in the region.

**Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Special Meeting Minutes
Date of the meeting: October 22, 2005**

Present: John Avery (JA), Walter Busch (WB), Mark Coplin (MAC), Charlie Funck (CF), Jack Grothe (JG), Bob Petrovic (BP), John Martin (JM) Emmett Taylor (ET)

Meeting held at Meeting Room 6 – State Capital – Jefferson City, MO

John Martin Commander started at 11:00am– Opening

Acting Chaplin – John Avery read the opening prayer and opened the Bible.

Roll call of Officers – Commander, SVC, JVC, Sec/Tress, Member of Council – As mentioned above.

- A. Meeting minutes from June 18, 2005 - Department Encampment – CF mentioned to members – Special Note to mailing to MAL Notes Handed Out – CF WB motioned to except – JM / JG Second – Passed**

Senior Vice Commander – No report

Junior Vice Commander – Gave Report Verbally -

JM asked if we should get letter out to MAL – WB? BP – Need to have the by laws changed first before letters can be sent to the MAL with any changes. Jim Pahl needs to over look the proposed changes to make sure they are acceptable. Then the Department can get the letter out to the MAL. Need to have MAL letter ready to go once the changes are approved. CF- Mentioned dues at \$30 for MAL and each camp has individual dues. Some are \$25 and some are \$35. JM - Same situation from about one year ago. Individuals would get more out by being a member of camp. They would get a news letter and other opportunities to participate in camp activities. BP – MAL if the changes are allowed would have 30 days to comply – if they did not pick a camp we should rotate those members with all the camps. WB – Problem with choosing a camp. Phelps Camp in Springfield won't take members unless approved by the membership of the camp. MAC – Many members have been dropped since last year. Did not pay their dues. JVC is the camp commander of the MAL. We had 33 members at the beginning of the year and now are down the about 14 of 16. They did not pay dues and the proper forms where not sent to the MAL for dismissal. If all members are part of a camp – it will eliminate the confusion of MAL members with dues and payment. Dropped – need to check with WB about whom to contact to renew membership. ET – May need to reduce fees for those members who can't be part of a camp. Keep the rate at the basic level and don't charge for any extra fees that a camp charges their members. JM – For those members who are MAL they should continue to pay the same dues that they are paying currently. JG – If I were a MAL I would be wanting to go to the cheapest camp in the department. ET – Assign to a camp after 30 days. Pay the same as the current MAL even if the dues for the camp are higher. JG – Is National against the MAL camp? Any support from National on what we are trying to do here? BP – National is

discouraging a large MAL camp. They feel that if members are part of an active camp they will continue being members of the organization. 33 MAL in a camp is discouraged. National considers the MAL camp to consist of 2 to 5 members. We need to put many of these MALs into camps. The Department of Kansas went through the same thing last year. They eliminated their MAL camp. JM - Give them a choice. If we assign the camp - we may not see that member any more. BP - Why are we getting rid of the MAL completely? I will tell you why - because we are losing members like MAC reported. If the camps is not taking care of the members and keeping tabs on them we will lose members. The Department Secretary should not be responsible keeping tabs on 33 members. CF - John Anderson got tired of doing this as well in Tennessee - I told John to join Sherman Camp. As a member of the camp we will keep records and let him know when dues are coming up. Members then can brake off to form own camp. Camps can do what the department can't. In some cases we have members that we know can't afford their dues and the camp pays the dues to help out that member. Some don't want to join a camp - just have them stay MAL. JG - What is our problem - I don't see why the MAL can't pay the same dues they pay now and join a camp. It's good for the member and good for the camp. JM - More contact with with the order if they belong with a camp. MAC - Camps need to take over member at large. A camp can track dues and membership easier then the Department Secretary/ Treasurer. WB - Need to pick a camp. No longer need a MAL Camp. CF - To contact John Pahl to see if the changes to the bylaws are okay. To get MAL form approved. Transfer form sent to each MAL. Needs to be sent. JM - Starts with WB BP - Bylaws have not been approved? We cannot start any where yet. CF - Will look into the status of the report by John Pahl.

- B. Secretary - Treasurer Report - See Attached Copy of Report - BP moved to approve JG Seconded - JG Commented that the report should be commended.
- C. Signal Officer Report - Section projects and events on the website. Associates and Junior Members. The only camp that has projects on the event section is Westport. New sections and events for each camp and in the department. JM - Is this redundant? CF - Does not feel the information is redundant. The department should have links to each camp website. JM - Master page - to include events listing and dates. Provide information. BP - Need to get information to Bryan for events for National. Need to send a copy of the list of National Events to JM to see that it gets on the website. JM - Some information on the current department website is obsolete. Other members associate and juniors - membership and types -

2005 Officers Assignments. Any corrections to signal officer. JA - Publishing names and information on the website is not advisable. That section needs to be removed so sensitive information is not available on the website. MAC - Assign each member an email through the website holding company - signals officer is currently the only one using the system. BP - Commander in Chief at National they have a system in place to link personal information with a separate address that is dedicated to the organization. Example - Darby Commander in Chief - email SUVCW-CC. SUVCW.org. ET - email address for each member of the military. If you don't have a computer you can go to a local library computer. WB - Don't put Junior

members information on the web. JM – Need to have a codeword. JG - Members need to be in control. ET – Strongly recommend to set this up – Contacting someone in the Department would be so much easier. MAC – Have Bryan check into email system that is best for the Department and get it set up. BP – Need to check the website email system. JM – Needs to look into this to see what advantage to this type of system. ET – Login set up to email system for the department. CF – Last year made a change on annual report form. Report the Officers. That form was down loading - some camps can't down load – number one problem is information. All camp officers and information are current on the website. JM - Do you know how hard it was to get that information? CF - Camps need to forward information to the secretary and to the webmaster. JM - Camp elections are coming up soon - if you have information get it to the department ASAP. Don't sit on the forms. JM – Some information not on the site until June or July. Because of cost of gas will not be able to get to each camp this year. BP – May be able to get all the St. Louis area camp meetings.

D. **Eagle Scout Report:** JA – To date the department has issued 33 Eagle Scout Certificates to date this year. Need to continue to get information to Districts and Troops so we can honor these young men who have done something special.

E. **Communications:** Two letters received CF – Banner will be late. The editor of the Banner's wife had past away. MAC – Would be nice to see more articles from the Department of Missouri. Need to have more information to show national that we are doing things. JM – Need more communication from the camps. Camps need to be more involved in the Department.

F. **Old Business :**

- **Unionist – JM – Asked Don Palmer to send him information on when the Unionist will be ready to be sent out. Information not sent as far as he knows. BP – Not enough funds for the Unionist – Don't have the funds. JM – Did we not raise dues to pay for the Unionist? BP- Lost money on the Department Encampment and funds are limited. Unionist will be coming soon with funds. WB – Can we do PDF files so that we can email to each member a copy of the Unionist. Save on postage and printing costs. Each camp member can print out their own copy if needed. If a member doesn't have a computer – another member of that person's camp could print a copy of the newsletter. JG – Lets get one out and then worry about the PDF file later.**
- **National Encampment –**
- **Last Soldier Project – JM – The reason this has not happened is me. The only thing we need to do is spend time on this project. I have found a list of all Missouri Counties. We need each camp to go out to each county and historical society and search for this information. Each Camp Commander needs to assign a member of the camp to be the Last Soldier Project Coordinator. CF – St. Charles has found 2 last soldiers and WB mentioned that he has found 4 so far. In Madison County they found the last soldier and then were disputed. WB – Research papers and books. Search in the 1930-1940 Encampment Guides – they**

listed the deaths of members for the year. Years 36, 38, 39 and 40 that is where you are going to see a lot of this information. JG – Labor of love – Some have found some people that get involved. Local County member that loves to do research for their county. We do have special awards for non – members who help out the order. WB – GAR Post, Map of Missouri with each county listed. If you have it listed on the website someone in Boone County may see that they could make a difference in their county and help our order. All we need is to verify the information. Only 109 Counties to go. JM – I'll have Bryan Smarker talk to WB about this project. People out there want to help.

By Laws – No one knows anything.

MAL – Letter?

Oglesby – MAC - Letter was sent to them in regard to their per-capita tax – They sent a letter back report that this will not happen again. Only had one signature on the account. The individual camp members have sent in their funds directly to me from their own personal accounts. All records and account are in one location now; they had a change in bank accounts. They are and active camp in their area and do programs. DP and I attend one a few years ago.

CF- Only a few active members in their camp - but they do school programs and city activities.

BP- Most members are re-enactors. JM- Maybe we can help them stay strong. JG- Their SVR troops have done some stuff in the past. As long as dues are paid they can continue to belong.

Break 12:40 to 12:50 Bible closed and then re-opened.

JM – Encampment booklet (to help with the 2006 Department Encampment) where are we at currently? BP – Is on hold for the moment secondary to the 2007 National Encampment. JG- With the experience we have in St. Louis we can get it done. If in KC we can help JM. – Logistics is my specialty. BP – Need meal and room prices established along with forms to register members – etc.

2007 National Encampment BP - WB will probably be Department Commander - BP- Will be putting together a National Encampment Booklet – Convention Plan so that every department can put on a convention – review several hotels, set up proposals. BP – About a week ago I talked with the – Frontanac Hilton - Contract pending food price. Room rate locked in at \$92.00 and food at \$30. ET- Pricey for the area. BP- We have the front building the second building could be used for the Daughters. If they plan on doing more then just the banquet. CF – The only thing the Dtrs will be doing is the banquet. BP- That is that is what I said – Has their (Dtrs) committee chosen a hotel? CF – The two separate kitchens concern the Dtrs. They don't want them to have something in one area and not have people to take care of their needs. JG – If you go some where else you can't get the service if the Elks are there. The Hilton should be prepared to handle multiple groups. CF – I will be going there Monday to check out the facility and look into the arrangements. BP

– I have not made any arrangements for the Dtrs only for the Sons. You will need to set up your own arrangements for the Dtrs.

2006 June Department Encampment – JM – A lot of emails if things go on as it is now 16th and 17th of June in the Kansas City area. BP – Don Darby has commented to him that he wants to come to our encampment – but Father’s Day is that weekend. That is the weekend Ohio has their encampment. Dave Medart Jr. has also voiced that he would like to attend our encampment. If we keep it where it is we will never have a national officer at an encampment. We may want to move the encampment to a different weekend. The following weekend is the Department of Pennsylvania’s encampment. Second weekend in June. Keep it the same weekend from now on. Easier to schedule each year.

ET – Pushing the date for years – I apologize that I am a re-enactor - Turner Brigade. Move to change the Department Encampment to the 3rd weekend of May. CF - 2nd the motion Don Palmer – Chief of Staff – State department encampments. When can the National Commander in Chief make the meeting? JM - May is a bad month. Can we vote on the motion? Not enough members present to vote? 2nd weekend in June may be better. MAC – We don’t have a quorum. We have 8 members in attendance.

ET – Motion to move the date 2006 Encampment to the weekend of June 9 and 10th. MAC – 2nd the motion. Those present agreed to the motion. Will need to contact camps to see if such a move can be done. Unofficial vote here today but by presenting it to the camps it can be ratified.

We can visit it again to motion to move the date permanently when we have a quorum -

WB – Move to have Department Encampment look into making a permanent date set at the 2006 Department Encampment. BP 2nd CF- Friendly amendment -30 days prior to the dept encamp to have each camp commander and dept officer. 7 to 1 in favor MOTION PASSES.

Record archival – JM- Bryan Shay was to be here for the meeting – I have lost cell phone number. Need to archive all records. Oglesby camp member has experience in archiving records.

Budget – BP- Do we need one?

GAR Highway – Bob Chaplin all held up in the house. CF – Changed

BP – John Bucheit of Asboth to help with marketing the department. ET - Lunch with him once a week. Pass out hand outs and talked about camp.

Motion to adjourn by BP - ET 2nd Passed

JA - Chaplin closed the Bible at 1:40 pm - Next meeting to be held in April.