

Missouri Department, S.U.V.C.W., February 26, 2000, Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Missouri Department Bylaws
- 2) Missouri Department Budget, Surplus Funds, & their Investment
- 3) Missouri Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors
- 4) Department-wide Efforts at G.A.R. Cemetery/Graves Registration
- 5) Grand Army of the Republic Post Locations Statewide
- 6) Missouri Department History Anthologies
- 7) 2001 National Encampment Planning/Loyalty Bond
- 8) Forming New Camps
- 9) A Common Repository for Camp/Department Records
- 10) Summaries of Recent and Upcoming Camp Activities for submission to the "Campfire" and the "Banner"
- 11) Missouri Department position on the flying of any Confederate flag at the South Carolina capitol.
- 12) Announcements

Opening the Department meeting with three raps.

Welcome

Join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers.

Introduction of all members with camp affiliation

Introduce Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Senior Vice
Commander Edward Krieser

Secretary Bob Petrovic Reading of the Minutes

Treasurer Bob Petrovic Reading of the Minutes

Does any brother know of a sick brother or a brother's family in distress?

Any special communications (candidates for national office) or announcements?

Reports of Committees & Officers

Commander (John Rutherford)
Senior Vice Commander (Vern Stottlemyre)
Junior Vice Commander (John Martin)
Patriotic Instructor (Don Palmer)
Council report (Pillers,
Bylaws report

Old Business

New Business

Balloting for members attending the national meeting in Lansing, Michigan

Balloting for Department officers

Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Council (3 members)

Initiation of new officers

Missouri Department Meeting
26 February 2000

The Department meeting was called to order at 1300 hr. and a roll call of officers was made.

A roll call of camps was made and all camps were present with a total of 10 members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

#1 A committee was selected to write the bylaws for the Department of Missouri. The members on the committee are as follows. Vern Stottlemire Chairman and camp 62, camp 61 John Pillers, camp 66 J. Rutherford, camp 68 D. Palmer, Dept. Sect/Treas B. Petrovic, Counselor B. Amsler, camps 64 & 65 will submit a name later on.

#2 A motion to charge \$27.00 dues to all members at large. Motion by P Leistriz second by J. Martin. Motion passed.

Motion to exempt all life members from Department per capita tax. Motion by J. Martin second by P. Leistriz. Motion Passed.

Motion to move \$400.00 from the checking account to the savings account. Also check on money market account. Motion by J. Rutherford second by p. Leistriz. Motion Passed.

#3 D. Palmer made a presentation on goals and the duties of the Patriotic Instructors.

#4 A committee was appointed to help coordinate the Department efforts to register the cemeteries/graves. Committee members are D. Palmer, J. Rogers, B. Petrovic

#5 J. Rutherford is chairman of a committee to help find GAR post in the state. A list will be sent to the ~~Grant camp on GAR post that need to be found at the Historical Society.~~

#6 Missouri Department history of camps in the future will be given to J. Pillers.

#7 Discussed National Encampment planning. Talked about medals, balls, raffles, auction sites, brochures, hotel, and loyalty bond. J. Rutherford will attend the next meeting on 29 April.

#8 Discussed new camps being formed in Columbia and Joplin. Motion to change Department Encampment to 24 June at 1pm at Columbia public library. Motion J. Rutherford second V. Stottlemire. Motion passed.

#9 Discussed a common repository for department/camp records. Take this back to the camps and bring back information at the next meeting. Tabled at this time.

#10 Send all information and stories to V. Stottlemire for submission to the "Campfire" and the "Banner."

#11 Discussed flying the Confederate flag and members are to take the information back to their camps.

#12 Sherman camp 65 in going to have a program at Calvary cemetery on 27 February at 1330 hr. at W. t. Sherman's gravesite. All members are invited.

G. Powell is in charge of web site applications.

A motion was made to charge \$35.00 dues for the first year and pro rate it every quarter for on line applications only. motion by J. Rutherford second D. Palmer

Discussed real sons and daughters and we are to keep looking for them. J. Pillers stated they found 1 real son and 2 real daughters.

Handed out camp rosters to all the camps.

Meeting adjourned at 1635 hr..



Robert M. Petrovic
Secretary/Treasurer

Missouri Department Encampment

24 June 2000

The Department Encampment was called to order at 1300 hours and a roll call of officers was made and all officers were present.

A roll call of camps was made. Camp 61 absent, Camps 62, 64, 65, 66, 68 were present.

Introduced National Senior Vice Commander Edward Krieser as a guest to our Encampment.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report. Balance in the savings account is \$907.55. Balance in the checking account is \$694.56. Treasurers report approved.

There are no sick or deceased members in our Department. Commander D. Wheelers father passed away.

Read communications from camps and brothers supporting candidates for national offices.

C. Funck extended greetings from D. Niemeyer of Mollus.

J. Grothe talked about the SVR.

C. Funck is going to Nebraska to present their Department charter.

There is a new brochure from the graves registration committee and the quartermaster has them.

Commander J. Rutherford gave his report. See attached report.

Senior V. Commander V. Stottlemire talked about grave dedication, marches, Athens battlefield, memorial day program, placed flags for a program at Milan. Discussed the writing of the Missouri Department bylaws.

J. Grothe made a motion to keep the same members of the bylaws committee and have V. Stottlemire assist the new senior vice commander. Motion passed. Junior V. Commander J.

Junior V. Commander talked about the state flag program that he gives to school classes, the restoration of the GAR post in Austin and how the floor has to be jacked up, and about the medal of honor society. Received about 4 requests from National for information on the Sons. Information was sent but they were not interested in joining.

D. Palmer gave the patriotic instructors report. See attached report.

No council members present to give report.

Old business talked about the 2001 encampment planning. Discussed special balls, raffles and medals.

New business discussed placing an ad in the 2000 book for our encampment in 2001. Motion to purchase a full page ad in the book was passed.

The following members are delegates to the 2000 encampment. D. Palmer, V. Stottlemyre, E. Taylor, C. Funck, J. Rutherford, and B. Petrovic

A motion was made that all members who have their membership in a camp of the Missouri Department and are members in good standing in their camp, who attend the National Department Encampment 2000 are 'alternates' for the Missouri Department. There shall be no restrictions placed on this motion. This motion does not supersede the designation of Missouri Departments 'delegates' to the National Departments Encampment 2000. Motion passed.

Nomination of officers for Missouri Department.

Department Commander-V. Stottlemyre

Senior D. Commander-J. Martin

Junior D. Commander-D. Palmer

Sec/Treas-B. Petrovic

Council

J. Rutherford

P. Leistriz

J. GroTHE

By acclimation the above members are the new officers of the Department of Missouri.

National Sr. V. Commander E. KRIESER installed the new officers.

Meeting adjourned at 1700 hr..



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Secretary/Treasurer

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Department Commander's Report, June 24, 2000

Since June 19,
During the past year, I represented the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the following functions:

On August 10, 1999, I made a special presentation to Lemuel Paul "Shorty" Robertson at Wilson's Creek Battlefield, honoring him as a Real Son of a Civil War Veteran, Private James Marion Robertson of the 24th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment. I also opened the program to the audience, asking each to participate in a roll call of ancestors who were veterans during the American Civil War.

The 1999 National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 19-22, 1999.

On Sunday, September 5, 1999, I represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a joint wreath laying ceremony at Pea Ridge National Battlefield.

On Saturday, September 11, 1999, I represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in an effort to create a Columbia-Jefferson City, Missouri, area camp. Two interested parties attended.

On Saturday, September 18, 1999, I placed 150 brochures on the S.U.V.C.W. at the Ozarks Genealogical Society's Fall Conference in Springfield's University Plaza Hotel. All brochures were taken.

On Saturday, September 25, 1999, a joint Missouri-Kansas Department, SUVCW, and L.G.A.R., SUVCW auxiliary planning conference was held near Austin, Missouri. This was the opening meeting for the 2001 National Encampment Planning. Artwork, Raffle Items, Representative badges, Entertainment, Financing, and Commemorative Merchandise was discussed.

On Sunday, October 3, 1999, Charles Funck and myself represented the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the chartering ceremony for the Mary Whitney Phelps Tent # 22 of Springfield, Missouri. About thirty-five Daughters were present. I had recruited most of the membership.

On Saturday, November 27, 1999, Kansas and Missouri Department officers, in conjunction with L.G.A.R. and SUVCW Auxiliary members, met for planning the 2001 National Encampment. Alternative forms of entertainment were discussed.

On Saturday, February 19, 2000, I represented the SUVCW at a special ceremony commemorating the Battle of Dunagin's Farm, the first battle fought on Arkansas soil during the Civil War. In a speech, I also identified and honored the first organized company of loyal Arkansas troops to serve on the Union side during the Civil War.

Department Commander's Report, June 24, 2000

On Saturday, February 26, 2000, the Missouri Department met for a meeting.

On Friday, February 12, 2000, I opened discussions with the Springfield-Greene County Library to for hosting entertainment of the SUVCW, LGAR representatives during the 2001 encampment (such as Chautauqua style speakers and period musicians). The Library also agreed to place Civil War, G.A.R. SUVCW DUVCW UCV SCV and UDC exhibits on display at each of the branches during the month of August, 2001.

On June 16-17, 2000, I represented the SUVCW at a recruiting table during the reenactment of the Battle of Wilson's Creek.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Missouri

Office of the Patriotic Instructor



REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
1999 - 2000

It has been an enjoyable task serving as Department of Missouri Patriotic Instructor this past year. The following is a summary of activities and accomplishments:

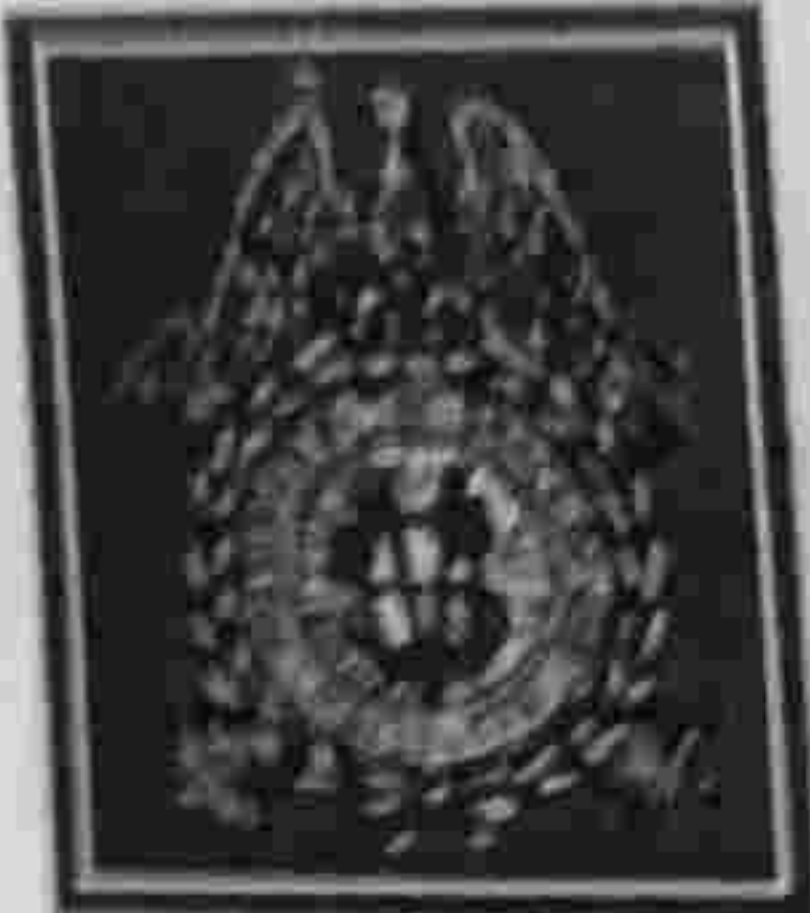
My primary objective during the past year was to establish a Department Patriotic Instructor's web site for the purposes of:

- educating the public on patriotism and the Civil War in Missouri
- establishing a resource for Missouri SUVCW camps to support camp educational programs
- serving as an educational resource for secondary school and college students to generate information to support classwork and/or research assignments.
- setting a standard for other SUVCW departments in setting up educational resources for their members and the viewing public.

This web site, the scope of which has since been expanded to include information pertinent to the department historian, includes sections on patriotism, Union leaders in Missouri, battles/engagements in Missouri, the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri and miscellaneous historical information on the Civil War in Missouri. Also included are a Missouri Civil War travel guide, a section entitled Hallowed Ground and an archives for information generated through the activities of our organization.

In order to enhance the educational value of this site, I met with secondary school and college representatives to solicit inputs relative type of information that may be beneficial to their students. The goal was to have these representatives recommend our repository of information as a reference for those studying the role of Missouri in the Civil War. In meetings with individuals from Rockwood and Parkway School Districts in St. Louis County, it was discovered that the information that would be the most benefit to secondary school students would be the leaders, the battles and any historically significant contributions Missouri had in winning the war. Of special interest are those leaders that went on to hold state and national offices and had some influence in bringing the nation back together. In a meeting with Dr. Iver Bernstein of Washington University, it was mentioned that information on the political aspects of the Civil War in Missouri would be beneficial to undergraduate students. At the graduate level, there is interest in any state legislation introduced by the Grand Army of the Republic in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The completed site contains links to pertinent information on the National and individual camp web sites. The new site will be located at www.usgennet.org and will be linked to the Missouri Department web site located on www.geocities.com. It should be accessible within the next week or so. I would like to thank Scott Williams from U.S. Grant Camp #68 for assisting me with this aggressive project.



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On another front, I met with Roger Engelhart, who is a district commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America to discuss potential collaboration. Specifically, the introduction of a Patriotism merit badge to the program was the main topic of discussion. There was interest at his level; however, it was pointed out that this would need to be pushed up to the national leaders in order for it to go anywhere. From the SUVCW standpoint, this should probably be pursued at the National level as well. I would be willing to work with National to meet this objective. Another topic of discussion was the Genealogy merit badge currently offered by the Boy Scouts. An idea was presented to me by PDC and Past Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Petrovic to define projects for Scouts working on their genealogy merit badges focusing on their Civil War ancestors. SUVCW members would serve as mentors as the Scouts complete their projects. When completed, the Scouts may become members of the SUVCW with the receiving camp picking up the application fee. This is something that can be worked at the department level and I am willing to continue to work with Commissioner Engelhart in documenting a plan palatable to both BSA and SUVCW.

Finally, on Memorial Day, I was invited by the Inter-Veterans organizing committee to give a presentation at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. My presentation focused on the origins of Memorial Day, the influence of the Grand Army of the Republic and the effect of this annual observance on the reunification of the Blue and the Gray. It has been my experience that the general public has a good understanding of the meaning behind Memorial Day; however, its history is not widely known. It was my intent to add a patriotic and educational flavor to the proceedings to enhance the public's knowledge of this important observance and role our ancestors played in establishing it.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Palmer
Patriotic Instructor
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

TREASURERS REPORT

October 28, 2000

Checking Account

Beginning Balance		\$ 69456
3 deposits	\$1370.00	\$2064.56
Checks		
#159 Secretary of State	\$ 15.00	
#160 Montgomery Bank CD	\$1000.00	
#161 National Org. per capita	\$ 445.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 604.56

Savings Account

Beginning Balance		\$907.55
2 deposits	\$142.45	\$1050.00
Withdrawal	\$700.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 350.00

Certificate of Deposit
6 month term
7.30% Interest Rate
Due Date January 10, 2001
\$1000.00

Robert M. Petrovic
Robert M. Petrovic PDC
10/28/00

Charlie.

I thought I had this in the envelope that I gave you at your meeting. I am sorry about that.

These are the only letters that I can find in our file. I intend to look again in the files later this month.

I do not know if this is what you are looking for.

Bob Petrovic

Received
9 Nov. 2000
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