

MOMOLLUS BUSINESS MEETING

10 December 2022

Commander Hunnewell House

Present Physically: Commander Sumner Hunnewell and Recorder Gary Scheel

Present Virtually via ZOOM : Treasurer Dale Crandell, Sr. Vice Commander Dan Jackson, Jr. Vice Commander Randal Burd, Doug Richardson, and Walt Busch

9:05 Meeting called to order by Commander Hunnewell with Dale Crandell leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments about the spread sheet of Original MOMOLLUS members with the hopes of us finding a Find A Grave information on them or at least finding out where they are buried. When other information is found out about them we can add that also.

We discussed the application for membership by Greg LaVal “Aussie” Thayer briefly.

The following reports were sent out by Commander Hunnewell for our information via internet.

Commanders Report- Covers 1903 Register of Companions and the work we are doing on a spreadsheet.

Covers 125th Anniversary of the dedication of the Revolutionary War cannons at Lafayette Park.

Sr. Vice Commanders Report- Nothing to Report

Jr. Vice Commanders Report- Nothing to Report

Recorders Report- Submitted Minutes of March 5th meeting, and submitted a Report of Communications via email and minutes of Zoom Meetings.

Treasurers Report- We have \$1512.82 cash assets. Membership is 2 Life Members, 1 Junior, 18 Hereditary, 7 Associate members for a Total of 28 members.

Registrars Report – Greg LaVal “Aussie” Thayer application is believed to be ready for voting on.

We discussed there was approximately \$1,500.00 dollars added to our checking account due to the closing of the closing of the account in the United Missouri account by Companion Doug Niermeyer.

Old Business:

March 5th Meeting Minutes were reviewed. MOTION made by Dan Jackson that the minutes be approved as presented. 2nd by Gary Scheel. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Spread sheet containing information from the 1903 registration of MOLLUS Companions. We would like to know if there are some Grave Markers of these men that need to be replaced or if they are missing grave markers.

New Business:

Registrar Hunnewell called for the Vote to accept Greg LaVal “Aussie” Taylor application as a Hereditary Member to our Missouri Commandery. 2nd by Dan Jackson. There were 5 to vote to accept and 1 abstained to vote. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Companion Todd Wilkinson has informed us that should we desire a tour of Wilsons Creek National Battlefield he would be glad to give us one. We discussed doing one in either late April or early May

Discussion of having Zoom meetings four times a year. Doug Richardson suggested that we do this because that way he can participate as an active member. He is unable to participate actively because of where he lives in Oklahoma. We feel this is a good idea.

Our next physical meeting may occur with the Department of Missouri Encampment in June. We discussed June 2nd, Friday night.

Discussion of forming a Virtual Commandery at Large. This discussion was brought up by Doug Richardson. He mentioned it being set up as having a commander and other officers. We discussed it for a little while but I believe we think this is more of a discussion should be left up to the National level. Some of the discussion was that our members have an opportunity to attend our meetings virtually. There were only 5 out of 28 members attending virtually for this meeting even with a month notice.

9:45 am Companion Walt Busch, joined us virtually, we discussed the MOMOLLUS website. Right now we have access to LoyalLegion.org through the National MOLLUS which is using the information furnished by Companion Doug Niermeyer. We discussed changing the site as it exists today and make it more modern and up to date and still contain the historic information on the current MOMOLLUS page. Walt said he may be willing to do a new website for MOMOLLUS and that Weebly was an option. Weebly with ads is \$4 per month and that Weebly without ads is \$8 a month. Companion Randal Burd shared that if we use WordPress website we can get a page for \$30 a year.

They are going to do some research on the website of the SUVCW Department of Missouri and see if they might sponsor a MOMOLLUS website on their webpage. It could be made for members only to see. The SUVCW next meeting is scheduled for March 18th. We also may check to see if we can link to the National web page LoyalLegion.org with a long term landing page. We also discussed Google Drive or even personal you tube. Our next meeting will be a ZOOM Meeting on March 25th. Time to be announced at a later date.

10:05 am Meeting was adjourned by Commander Hunnewell

Respectfully submitted by,

Gary L. Scheel
Recorder