

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
October 2007 Business Meeting Agenda
White Haven (US Grant NHS), Affton, MO
October 27, 2007**

Opening of Business Meeting at 10:02 AM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Champlin

Roll Call of Officers (Membership Card and Medal Check) Present: Walt Busch, Commander; Bob Petrovic, Treasurer. Without medal: Bob Petrovic (lost temporarily in truck).

Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Guests: Present Charles Funck, Jack Grothe, late arrivals: Donald Palmer, National Secretary, and Bob Amsler, Jr. Without medal: Bob Amsler

Minutes of Last Meeting and Treasurer's Report -- Delayed until arrival of Don Palmer

ELECTED OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander -- Walt Busch

Reports the resignation of Chris Warren as Secretary/Treasurer due to pressing engagements.

I also report that Brother Palmer is giving over the duties of Unionist Editor to Gary Scheel. Gary promises to have an issue out shortly.

Sent in 26 Graves Registrations from OPS1, Jefferson Barracks. OPS1 complete. See attached for additional.

Senior Vice Commander -- Emmett Taylor -See attached

Regarding SVC's efforts to establish a camp in Columbia, Charlie Funck suggested getting in contact with the DUV in that area as many probably have husbands who could join as members or associates.

Junior Vice Commander -- Brian Smarker - See attached

Council Report -- Robert Champlin, John Boucher & Mark Coplin:

Robert Champlin and Mark Coplin report they approved \$1,080 for the restoration of the Missouri GAR Charter which was donated to us by Jack Powell. Robert Champlin also advises that in June he offered his services to the Treasurer to review the Dept. records and offer a scenario to update the accounting procedures. [Acting Treasurer advises he was not aware of this offer.] This has not been requested as of yet.

APPOINTED OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS (Should be submitted prior to the meeting)

Eagle Scout Coordinator -- John Avery -- advises nothing to report.

Chaplain -- Vern Stottlemyre - No report, due to serious injury --
It was noted that Craig Brown, Grant Camp passed away and that

a card should be sent. It was also noted that a get well card should be sent to Vern.

Historian -- Vern Stottlemire - No report, due to serious injury

Signals Officer / Webmaster-- Brian Smarker - See attached

GAR Post Records Officers -- Brian Smarker

Walt Busch submits the following:

Gary Scheel and I did a lot of research at the Missouri Historical Society and found the original charters for about 50 GAR posts. Gary has copies of all the posts with their original charter members listed. We will provide that information shortly.

Missouri Unionist -- Gary Scheel -- Verbal report/commitment to have one out by Dec 2007

Department Organizer -- Emmett Taylor

(Columbia Area Camp -- See Senior Vice Report Attached)

2007 National Encampment Committee -- Report

Good Encampment. Much discussion concerning the closing of the books and auditing them. Jack wanted immediate audit. Walt suggested keeping books on-going and establishing a group to work on future national encampments including the upcoming Central Regions encampment this next October. The group finally agreed that the books should stay open until an audit. Bob Amsler and Bob Champlin agreed to do the audit on the books in January-February 2008 prior to the next department business meeting. Currently there was reported over \$600 in the account and if the remaining stock of items were sold even at wholesale, the amount should go up by \$2 to \$4 thousand.

Chief of Staff -- John Martin - No report submitted

Last Soldiers Project -- John Martin - No report submitted

Monuments Officer --Walt Busch

Located Civil War monuments at Bethel and Newark, Mo. Reports on both monuments have been filed.

Battle of Blackwell Station (Jefferson Co.) Monument Dedication -- Oct 14 -- Salt River - Grant's First Action Rededication on Oct 20. Also Battle of Shelbina, Battle of Monroe City and Major A.V.E. Johnson Monuments located, recorded and reports to be filed once pictures are back.

Restored Salt River "Grant's First Military Action" Monument Ceremony on Oct 20 -- Report on monument to be filed.

243 Monuments are known to either exist or will exist shortly (thru the Dept of Natural Resources Civil War Monuments Program). Of these, to date we have recorded 154 of them

Graves Registration Officer -- Gary Scheel

Gary e-mailed a report prior to the meeting to Walt which breaks down as follows:

Wilhelmi Camp ----- 26

McNeil Camp ----- 75

Grant Camp ----- 26

McCormick Camp--- 67

Total: 193

Entered into national database: 125

SUV Camps Officer -- Glyen Brown 3rd

Walt Busch provides the following information. Gary Scheel and I found addresses for several of the S of V posts in St. Louis and will

provide that information shortly.

Archivist -- Glyen Brown 3rd -- No report

Marketing/Promotions Officer -- Rod Price -- No Report

By-Laws Committee -- Emmett Taylor - No Report

GAR Highways Officer -- Chris Warren -

Verbal report states that until the department can come up with \$2000 there is no addition information or actions that can be done.

Patriotic Instructor -- Jack Grothe

Jack mentioned Jefferson Barracks Grave decoration for Christmas and said there would be more information to follow. Decoration is Saturday, Dec 1 at 9 am and removal is Jan 12 at 9am. He verbally asked for him to be replaced as patriotic instructor.

OTHER REPORTS

National Report -- Don Palmer

Reported that there will be a special national encampment on Nov 17 at Gettysburg, PA to correct the by-laws concerning Junior and Honorary Membership. Juniors are not currently constitutionally correct and some want to give honorary membership to Ken Burns, but others wonder if he is interested why he hasn't simply applied for membership.

SVR Report -- Major Jack Grothe

Mentioned the Blandowski ceremony on Sep 14., Mentioned Quinette Cemetery Service on Nov 11 for 5 African-American CW soldiers. Also mentioned new commander after November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of Last Meeting approved at this point with change that it recorded Vern as being on the resolutions committee and it should have read Bob Champlin. Approved with change noted.

1. Budget Review and Approval --After discussion and some changes to Walt's proposed budget, the attached budget was approved on motion by Bob Amsler and seconded by Don Palmer, with further stipulation that the 2007 national encampment committee's books be reviewed & audited by Bob Amsler and Bob Champlin by next business meeting. All ayes, except Jack Grothe, nay.
2. Camp History Report -- Delayed due to Vern's injury
3. Write Benevolent Fund Check to John Rutherford -- It was approved to write John Rutherford a \$400 check from the benevolent fund to aid in bill payment due to his wife's illness, provided that if there was found to be a fund established for him already that for tax purposes, it be paid to the fund. Motion: Bob Petrovic, Second Bob Amsler.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nov. 11 1pm -- Quinette Cemetery , Kirkwood, MO
Jack Grothe, Charlie Funck and Walt Busch said they would be in attendance.

2. Nov. 17 -- 1st Special Encampment -- Gettysburg, PA --
Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic and Don Palmer all said they were going to the encampment and were issued delegate cards.
3. Camp Officer Installation and Form 22 Reports
Walt wants to make sure these are in on time this year and will send the form out prior to December to all camp commanders and secretaries.
4. By-Laws Committee? Report in Spring
As Commander, my only recommendation is that almost all the committees should be changed to reflect officers and not committees. However, it should allow for that officer so appointed to appoint a committee. Example: There is a GAR Posts Committee. We don't have such a committee now, but have an officer running it. We should change that by-law to reflect how we operate.

Charlie Funck brought up some by-law changes that they discussed at Sherman Camp (see attached). While most were passed to be considered by the SVC's committee, he brought up that the state per capita should be set at each department encampment. Bob Petrovic commented that if we did that and raised our per capita by some amount and then national raised theirs at the national a few months later it could be of significant concern to some members and for that reason our department has waited until October to discuss per capita so that we know what national is doing prior to our department setting their rate.

5. Allied Orders Meeting in October 3 & 4 2008
Mark your calendars for a good time. More forthcoming. Others are invited to let Walt know who wants to be on the committee. He has currently assigned Bob Petrovic and Walt Busch of the Grant Camp and Rod Price from the McCormick Camp to be the organizing committee.
6. Another St. Louis Encampment in 2013
Motion made by Charlie Funck and seconded by Bob Petrovic to pitch to national that we would sponsor another encampment in the state in 2013 or during the sesquicentennial. Motion passed without dissent.
7. Battle of Lexington Monument Project --- Phelps Camp
Is looking for money for this project. National gave them \$200 already. This will be reviewed again at the March meeting in Jefferson City, if we have increased our funds between now and then, we will entertain motions to donate to this project.
8. Nov 3 -- Major BB King Monument Restoration Project -- Mark Liby
The Canton camp is working on the BB King Monument and have submitted to national a request for funds for that monument.
9. Set dues for 2008
On a motion from Bob Petrovic and seconded by Don Palmer all members present agreed to keep the per capita set at \$6 for the department for 2008.

After discussion was initiated by Charlie Funck,, a motion was made by Bob Amsler and seconded by Charlie Funck that "Any brother in a war zone as defined by National is exempt from the Department per captia tax." Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting Closing: 12:15 pm.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2008 -- Capital Building

Commander's Report

- June 9 ----- Elected Department Commander
- June 16 -----U.S. Grant National Historic Site, White Haven, attended with other SVR members for Grand Opening of Visitor Center.
- June 18----- Attempted to locate Grant's First Battle monument at Hunnewell. Not located. Vern Stottlemeyre later reported that the marker had been removed for scrap and has been recovered and is awaiting rededication.
- June 21----- a. Located Civil War monuments at Bethel and Newark, Mo.
b. Attended Meeting with Moore Camp in Canton, MO
- June 23-----Attended SVR School of the Piece Training at Jefferson Barracks
- June 24-----Attended Grave Dedication of Last Soldier of Franklin County at St John's United Church of Christ Graveyard, Cusco, MO. Event Sponsored by Wilhelmi Camp.
- June 25----- Attended Encampment Organization meeting at Alandale's Pub, Kirkwood with Don, Bob, and John
- June 29 ----- Add GAR Post 252 to Dept Records. Added Info to J.N. Hilton Post 254 to GAR Post Records.
- June 30 ----- Add Harris, Kirksville and Kissee Camps to SUV Camp Records.
- June 30 ----- Attend Grave Dedication for John C. Reeder, 3rd MSM Co. A/L, Little Vine Cemetery, Ste. Genevieve Co. Martin Aubuchon of our camp also there.
- July 5----- Attended Encampment Organization meeting at Alandale's Pub, Kirkwood with Don, Bob, and John
- July 12----- Attended Encampment Organization meeting at Alandale's Pub, Kirkwood with Don, Bob, and John
- July 21----- Inks Cemetery, Eureka, MO --- Clean up Day - Mark, John, Marty & Walt
- July 30----- Attended Encampment Organization meeting at Growler's Pub, Kirkwood with Don, Bob, and John
- Aug 2----- Packed "goody bags" for National Encampment at Jack Grothe's house with Don and Bob.
- Aug 4 ----- Load up "goody" bags at Grothe's house in truck to take to encampment.
- Aug 8----- Help Set up at National Encampment, Frontenac, MO
- Aug 9----- Setup and Registration Table at National Encampment
- Aug 10----- National Encampment
- Aug 11----- National Encampment
- Aug 15----- St. Louis Civil War Roundtable Board Meeting
- Sep 10----- Grant Camp Meeting, Growlers, St. Louis
- Sept 13----- McCormick Camp Meeting, Farmington

- Sep 14----- Captain Constantin Blandowski's Memorial Dedication, Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. Grave Registration OPS1 Completed.
- Sep 22----- Battle of Pilot Knob Re-enactment in SVR Uniform. Also extended greetings from Dept of Missouri to Real SCV Son, Luther Otho Lucas at his initiation into the SCV.
- Sept 26 ----- St. Louis Civil War Roundtable
- Oct 1 ----- Grant Camp Meeting, Growlers
- Oct 6 ----- Allied Orders Central Region Association Meeting w/ Bob Petrovic, Don Palmer, Jack Grothe. Elected Senior Vice Commander of Association. Visited Gov. Lane Mansion and the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum
- Oct 12----- Attended Encampment Committee wrap-up at Growlers with Jack and Maggie Grothe, Don Palmer, Bob & Cher Petrovic.
- Oct 14----- Walt attended Battle of Blackwell Station (Jefferson Co.) Monument Dedication with Rod Price of McCormick Camp
- Oct 15----- Cpl Geo Williams 96th Birthday Party in Granite City IL and public speaking event at the nursing home. Grant Camp Members in attendance: Walt Busch, Gary Scheel, John Avery, Bob Petrovic and Mark Coplin.
- Oct 20 ----- Attended Monument Dedication at Hunnewell, MO. Restoration of marker to US Grant's first combat of the Civil War at Salt River. David Wilson from McNeil Camp was also in attendance. Surveyed other monuments at Shelbina, Monroe City & AVE Johnson Memorial.
- Oct 25----- Research at Missouri Historical Society with Gary Scheel. Also attended St. Louis Civil War Roundtable with Gary Scheel and Jack Grothe.



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Department Meeting, 27 October 2007

My major activity of late has been to provide leadership to a group of men in the Columbia, Missouri area who are interested in forming a new SUVCW camp. A meeting was held on Saturday morning, 06 October 2007 at the Golden Corral restaurant in Columbia to explore this idea.

The following individuals were present:

- Bryan Bradford of Columbia
- Wayne Sampson of Mexico
- Jim Coy of Columbia
- Allen Harger of Columbia
- Emmett Taylor of Wentzville

Ideas discussed were:

- Getting information on SUVCW or SV [pre-1980] Camp previously in Columbia
- Advertising in local media
- Getting information to the History Department at the University
- Getting a list of local Civil War re-enactors
- Getting information on GAR Camp in Columbia

Those present were in agreement that definite steps should be taken to determine if there were others in the community who would like to join this effort. An open breakfast meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Saturday, 17 NOV 2007 at the Golden Corral, located off the I-70/HWY 63 exit on the east side of Columbia. The address is 3421 Clark Lane. Jim Coy (a retired Army Colonel and physician at the University Hospital) has agreed to personally fund an advertising campaign in five area newspapers to promote the meeting.

The format of the meeting will be informal and will include a brief introduction to the SUVCW, membership requirements, its history, and its goals. I will be in attendance at the meeting to make this presentation. Other meeting details are still in the works. Any Department of Missouri members who are available, are encouraged to attend. The Golden Corral has a great breakfast buffet.

I regret that I can not be with you at the rescheduled Department of Missouri meeting in Jefferson City on this day. A previously scheduled event prevents it.

Finally, it has been my sincere desire throughout my years as a member of our order, to promote peace and harmony within our brotherhood. I have not always been completely successful in that effort, due partly to my own shortcomings. However, I will continue the effort, and ask you all to join me, as we together pledge to honor the "Boys in Blue" in a spirit of "Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty".

Respectfully submitted in F.C. &L.,

Emmett P. Taylor, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander
Dept. of Missouri



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Missouri



Report of the Junior Vice Commander
27 Oct 2007

This is the first report of the Junior Vice Commander, Brian Smarker.

Applications have been received from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy, PDC for the following:

<u>Name</u> <u>Camp</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Suggested</u>
James "Jamie" Frakes	Member	Portageville, MO	Oglesby Camp
Robert D. McDonald	Member	St. Louis, MO	Grant Camp
Robert E. Speers Camp	Member	King City, MO	Westport

In each case, the Camp Commander and Junior Vice Commander for camps in the candidate's vicinity were contacted, usually by email, to notify them about the candidate. In addition, the applicants had been contacted to inform them that their applications have been received and if they don't receive an invitation to an upcoming meeting soon, to notify the Dept. JVC.

The Dept. JVC asks that either the Camp Commander or Camp JVC contact the Dept. JVC ***PROMPTLY*** after the applicant has been invited to a meeting in order to better serve our potential members and to more efficiently process applications. **PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

Here ends the report of the Junior Vice Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Smarker, JVC
Department of Missouri, SUVCW



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Missouri



Report of the Signals Officer
27 Oct 2007

INTRODUCTION

This is the report of the Signals Officer since the previous report submitted at the last department meeting on 9 Jun 2007.

APPLIED ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO WEBSITE

Links to the 2007 Department Encampment registration forms had been removed following the encampment.

All email inboxes that have not been cleaned out as requested last quarter were deleted. They were then re-created in order to free up space allotted to our web site by our host company. We seem to be in pretty good shape right now. Even though the department approved upgrading the web site, it has not been upgraded at this time. If email boxes are maintained regularly, and if camps don't take advantage of their subdomain space, it may not be necessary to upgrade.

There does not seem to be any interest by the various camps to take advantage of the subdomain web sites. For camps with existing web sites it doesn't seem to be a problem. For camps without web sites, the subdomains could prove to be advantageous.

The website had been draped in black per General Order No. 4 in memory of Brother Craig Brown, a member of Grant Camp #68.

Adobe Acrobat Professional 8 was purchased and installed on the Signals Officer's computer to create forms that may be saved as they are completed and submitted in PDF form rather than XML form. It was believed that this product would allow the Signals Officer to create PDF forms to publish onto the web site that could be completed by other users and then submitted in PDF format. So far, it looks as if the Signals Officer may be the only user capable of doing that. More research is required of this software and if something is determined to make submitting forms more efficiently for camp officers and members, it will be pursued. If Adobe Acrobat Pro 8 is not capable of meeting the department's expectations, then another viable alternative will be pursued, possibly involving an online database.

A Google Calendar has replaced the calendar the web site has incorporated in the past. Google Calendars, like so many other Google products, are free to use with a registered account. Besides the Signals Officer, the Department Commander, Secretary/Treasurer, SVC, JVC, Camp Commanders, and Camp Secretaries will be (or have been) given

access to the calendar. This has been done by invitation using the SUVCWMO.org email addresses. An email was sent out prior to the invitations so the invited members knew what was going on ahead of time. Meetings and events can be added by any of those members. Invitations may be sent using email addresses. For example, when I added the department meeting for this Saturday, I added the allmembers@suvchwmo.org email address. It then asked if I wanted to send an invitation (I didn't). If training is required for the calendar, please notify the Signals Officer, but it is pretty much self-explanatory. It would be nice for each Camp Commander or Secretary/Treasurer to add their camp meetings right away. Make them public so all visitors will be able to see them. For location, be sure to use an exact address. Google provides a link for a map so anyone not familiar with the area may find their way. Please try it out and encourage other members to check it every now and then.

SUGGESTED OR UPCOMING ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO WEBSITE

There hasn't been much time since school started to work on the web site. The email "overload" was a priority and has been dealt with in small chunks.

There are still some items that need to be taken care of. One of the main items is the Monuments and Memorials list. Attention will be given to that when school life slows down.

Here ends the report of the Signals Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Smarker, Signals Officer
Department of Missouri, SUVCW

2007 APPROVED BUDGET

Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers --- To keep this as simple as possible, I have not included expenditures and revenues such as taking in national dues and then expending them later. Since the net result should be ZERO.

MONIES ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2007

CD purchased 3/1/2007 with current interest of 4.6800%.....	\$1,027.62
Business saving account as of 9/28/07.....	\$1,128.72
Organization checking account as of 9/28/2007.....	\$ 112.33
Department Encampment Committee Final Funds.....	SEE NOTE
Department Benevolent Fund.....	\$ 520.00
Loyalty Bonds Donated to Past Commander's Fund.....	\$ 0
Loyalty Bonds Donated to Benevolent Fund.....	\$ 20.00
Loyalty Bonds Donated to GAR Charter Restoration.....	\$ 40.00
Loyalty Bonds Donated to GAR Highway Fund.....	\$ 0
Other Donations to GAR Charter Restoration.....	\$360.00
Donation for Central Region fee.....	\$5.00
Per Capita, new members in FY 07.....	\$36.00
Amount already paid out for Adobe Acrobat.....	\$ 149.95

Projected Income Based on Per Capita Taxes

Department Per Capita Tax based on estimate 170 members (x X6).....\$1,020.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$4419.62

Expenditures Budgeted For the Year Ending June, 2009

Purchase Adobe Acrobat (as approved at Dept Encampment).....	\$ 149.95
Department Encampment.....	\$1,366.00
Missouri SOS Incorporation Annual Fee.....	NO COST ¹
Annual Fee: The Allied Orders - Central Region Association.....	\$ 5.00 ²
Ad in National Encampment Book.....	\$ 50.00
Flowers, Greetings, Sympathy.....	\$ 75.00
Postage & Office Supplies.....	\$ 20.00
Web Site Fees.....	\$ 70.00
Past Department Commander's Medal/Eagle Scout Awards.....	\$100.00
Encampment Awards / Recognition.....	\$250.00

¹ \$10 Fee paid by Commander Busch (donation)

² Donation from Brother Petrovic.

Department Commander Travel & Office Expenses.....	NO COST ³
Department Benevolent Fund to John Rutherford.....	\$400.00
Missouri Unionist.....	No Cost ⁴
Department Gift to C-in-C.....	\$ 30.00
GAR Charter Restoration Project.....	\$1,080.00
	TOTAL \$ 3,595.95

Motion to approve by Bob Amsler, 2nd by Bob Champlin. Approved by all present on Oct 27, 2007 at dept. business meeting held at White Haven.

³ Any expenses will be paid or donated by Commander Busch

⁴ Missouri Unionist will only be published by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of Camp Commanders and Secretaries to provide a copy (or shared copy) to Brothers without computers and for any other distribution they feel necessary.



William T Sherman Billy Yank Camp 65
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29 October 2007

Missouri Department Bylaws

Upon hearing last Spring, Department Secretary/Treasure Robert M. Petrovic had resigned his office, Wm. T. Sherman, Billy Yank, Camp #65 voted to review the department bylaws.

Upon reviewing the bylaws, it was determined no change is needed regarding the department office of secretary, treasure, secretary/treasure. The option to have one or two brothers holding these offices are already in the bylaws.

It was though determined there should be a change regarding Article VII.

Article VII, Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax (Dues)

Section 3: The Per Capita Tax for the ensuing year shall be fixed at the first Department or special Department meeting after the National Encampment.

The above Section 3 should be deleted and rewritten

New Section 3: The Per Capita Tax for the ensuing year shall be fixed at Department Annual Encampment.

Reference: The new revised form 27 has two lines for the Per Capita Tax. First line is for National Per Capita Tax and the second line is for Department Per Capita Tax. Prior form 27's had these two lines as one line. Our Department Per Capita Tax is no longer attached to the National Per Capita Tax.

The National Per Capita Tax is determined by vote at the Annual Encampment, therefore: the Department Per Capita Tax should also be determined by vote at the Department Annual Encampment. These votes are not by delegates votes, but by majority of these present.

In the National Department, the Council of Administration may advice for an increase or decreases of Per Capita Tax, Neither should a small number of department brothers determine the Per Capita Tax for the entire department.

New Section 5: Camps shall be exempt from Department Per Capita Tax assessment on Brothers in War Zone. The definition of this exemption shall be in agreement with National departments definition.

Page Two:

New Section 5: continued:

Form 27 - Revised April 2006

Brothers in Good Standing

Exempt from Per Capita

Life Members

Real Sons

Brothers in War Zone

Honorary Members

(Brothers in War Zones) Attach letter including name, rank, branch and location of service

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Charles Ed Funck III

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Past Department Commander

Past Camp Commander

Camp Secretary - Treasure