

## Department of Missouri SUVCW Meeting

Oct 24 2009

Lohmann Landing, Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Present:** Commander Brian Smarker, SVC Rod Price, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, Dept Organizer Robert Petrovic, GRO Bob Hammack and later JVC Chris Warren

**Opening:** Called to order 10:15 due to moving location. Pledge of Allegiance. Robt Petrovic motioned to dispense with rituals due to inadequacy of meeting room, seconded by Rod Price and carried unanimously.

### **Business:**

Motion to approve minutes by Robt Petrovic and seconded by Bob Hammack. Passed unanimously.

Commander' Smarker then read his report. Report copy attached

JVC Chris Warren showed up at 10:32

SVC Rod Price advised nothing to report as SVC

JVC Chris Warren submitted a written report. See attached. One membership application and \$10 check for same given to Sec/Treas

Secretary & Treasurer Walt Busch submitted a written report. See attached.

Walt mentioned he brought some Department sales items along with him. The remaining 3 Lincoln Medallions given to Brian Smarker. Walt also mentioned that payment of dues for new members screwed up. He has sent out the department pro-rated lists before but he still gets the wrong money sent in. He is currently holding the membership application given him by the JVC as the amount due (according to the date of application) should have been \$17. Walt said he would send a letter to Westport's Sec/Treas with the pro-rated information.

Chaplain: No Report, Walt Busch reported that Chaplain E. Taylor sent letter of condolence to Chuck Amsler family

Patriotic Instructor: No Report

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Rod Price gave bills to Walt. 24 Eagle Scout certificates issued since encampment. Discussion as to trying to make mailings cheaper. Robt Petrovic mentioned that there will be a national report for eagle scouts due prior to national encampment. Motion to Pay Rod made by Walt Busch and seconded by Chris Warren. Passed unanimously.

ROTC Coordinator: Chris Warren has packet of information to take back to camp to assist them in getting ROTC awards out. Copy attached.

Dept Organizer: Robt Petrovic advised that Arkansas Camp Organization was being handled by Walt Busch, under new business

SUVCW Camps –No Report

GAR Post Records Officer – Brian Smarker – Three GAR posts submitted. Post 75, Post 577, Post 326

Graves Registration Officer – Bob Hammack. Brian Smarker thanked him for stepping up to take on responsibility. Reports Camp 326 registered 186 graves since June.

Congressional Medal Officer – No Report

Last Soldier Project – Walt Busch – No new info, report attached

Memorials Officer – Walt Busch – Walt turned in 44 monuments/cannons to National since last meeting. Report Attached. Brian reports several other monuments in KC area.

Historian - No Report

Archivist – No Report

Missouri Unionist Editor – No report. New newsletter coming soon.

Signal Officer – Brian Smarker – attached. Letter read from Charlene Konersmann read. Attached.

Marketing / Promotions Officer – Rod Price. Brainstormed. Barbershop posters. Wants postage money. Walt disagreed. Felt shouldn't send to camps unless camps truly interested and then why not issue at dept meetings. More discussion on how to improve.

Letters of Communication: included in this report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Commander Smarker** advised that his Dept Order #4 required camps to submit updated by-laws to the department and he also requests they be digital.

**Walt Busch: Arkansas** report attached. All agree to move ahead with camp organization. Decided to be called General James McPherson #1 of Arkansas.

**Brian Smarker: Sesquicentennial ideas:** Ste Genevieve County Civil War Veterans Book by St James Camp. Last Solider project discussed. 3 ideas per camp by March meeting

**2010 Dept Encampment:** Old Folks Home in KC not going to be it. Second weekend can't be made by Leo. Walt made motion that we let Brian straighten out trying to get Leo at Encampment this year. Second Robt Petrovic. Unanimous

Second motion made by Walt Busch to start requiring the first weekend of June to be Department Encampment beginning 2011 weekend. Second Chris Warren. Carried Unanimously

**2011 Encampment Proposals.** Department runs the encampment in 2011. . McCormick / St. James interested in 2014 Walt motions that we strike the terms in the department encampment proposal that **The Department will hold the encampment at the same location every year.** and instead that the department encampment location will be determined by the department encampment committee. Second Robt Petrovic. Carried Unanimously

**Department Encampment Committee** appointed by Brian Smarker and shall consist of Robt Petrovic and Walt Busch

**Committee on ROTC:** ROTC/JROTC Resolution Committee Jack Grothe – No Report. Committee dissolved on order of the Commander because we have ROTC officer.

**Radio spots** not checked on by Rod Price.

### **New Business:**

**Lincoln Death Day:** Robt Petrovic in charge and asking for some help. Apr 17 10 am. & 3pm for Stevenson.

**First Heroes:** Commander Smarker suggests a project of honoring the first hero that died from each county. Walt mentioned that it is a good project for sesquicentennial; however, since finding out for certain which soldier died first during the war would be difficult, Walt suggested a **Fallen Heroes** project that would instead concentrate on acts of bravery by certain soldiers of the county.

**MOH Recipients:** Bill Groth working on this. It was asked why we have the MOH Recipients Officer and Walt Busch advised he set it up during his term as commander to insure that markers are in place and graves kept up.

**Robert Petrovic** asked if we were holding the March meeting held in Jefferson City again and if so we need to get a house committee room reserved prior to the meeting. All agreed and Brian said he'd work on it.

**Robt Petrovic** asked why are we keeping some of these officers on list when they submit no reports or attend meetings. It was felt that we did this to try to encourage people to attend and be active, but that we probably ought to rethink some of the assignments. Especially for those who have not shown an interest in over a year.

**National Officers** –Walt Busch mentioned that Don Palmer is running for National JVC and the either Bob Petrovic or he would be running for council of administration (probably Bob). Walt Busch made a motion and it was seconded by Robt Petrovic that the department of Missouri endorse the candidates mentioned in the order mentioned. Second Rod Price. Carried Unanimously

Robt. Petrovic **motioned to adjourn**. Second Rod Price and carried unanimously. Walt Busch led group in prayer and then we adjourned.