

**2008 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**07 June 2008**  
**Holiday Inn – St. Louis South**  
**St. Louis, MO**

Opening

- Meeting brought to order at 9:10 am by Commander Walt Busch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Busch, followed by the opening prayer offered by Vern von der Heydt.
- Acting Secretary Don Palmer called the roll of officers and all elected officers were present. Commander Busch then appointed PCC Harold James from Asboth Camp #5 as acting Patriotic Instructor to fill the vacancy at the station.
- Commander Busch opened by reading his order regarding the case of Petrovic vs. Funck, prohibiting discussion about this case.
- PDC Charles Funck presented greetings from Margaret Mullen, Missouri Department President of the DUVCW. A book entitled “Women – Our Civil War Heritage, Vol. 4” was presented to Commander Busch as a gift from the DUVCW.
- Commander Busch introduced Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy to the Encampment and invited him to provide some insight about activities at the National level. JVCinC Kennedy discussed the proposed amendments to the Constitution currently going through ratification by Departments, the formation of two new Departments in the south, the number of new member applications being processed at the National level and the upcoming National Encampment in Peabody, MA.
- Commander Busch appointed the following Encampment committees: Resolutions - Bob Petrovic (Grant Camp #68) and Rod Price (McCormick Camp #215); Officers Reports – Chris Warren (McCormick Camp #215) and Glyen Brown (Oglesby Camp #61); Credentials – Don Palmer (Grant Camp #68) and Brian Smarker (Westport Camp #64).
- Acting Secretary Don Palmer presented a preliminary credentials report and noted that 20 brothers were in attendance at the opening of the Encampment. It was also noted that Brother Paul Summitt from Columbia Tugers Camp #432 was attending without a delegate card. Commander Busch noted that since this is a brand new Camp, they may not have known the credentials procedure. Motion by Bob Petrovic, second by Glyen Brown, to allow Brother Summitt to remain as a delegate representing Columbia Tigers Camp #432. **Motion passed.**
- The minutes from the 15 March Department meeting were distributed. Motion by Emmett Taylor, second by Glyen Brown, to approve. **Motion passed.**

## Officers and Committee Reports

Commander Walt Busch presented his state of the Department address. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Bob Schmidt for recoding 500 graves. Reports were also provided by Senior Vice Commander Emmett Taylor, Junior Vice Commander Brian Smarker (also provided Signals Officer report) and Eagle Scout Coordinator John Avery. The written reports were filed with the Department Secretary.

A discussion followed the Signals Officer report regarding the website proposal presented by Paul Summitt at the March Department meeting. Motion by Brian Smarker, second by Paul Summitt, to table discussion until new business. **Motion passed.**

Commander Busch presented a certificate of appreciation to Brian Smarker for his years of service as Department Webmaster.

Commander Busch also noted that Department Graves Registration Officer Gary Scheel was resigning that position. Paul Summitt expressed interest in serving as Department Graves Registration Officer.

Chris Warren provided a report on the GAR Highway project. He noted that the \$2000 requirement plus signatures still remains. He also indicated that the “sunset” window has dropped from 20 years to 19 years.

Rod Price reported on his activities as Marketing/Promotions officer, highlighting a need to increase awareness amongst the Boy Scouts regarding SUVCW awards and recognition.

Commander Busch offered a break at 10:40 and reconvened the Encampment at 11:00.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy took a few minutes to discuss the Memorial Grants Fund and the availability of funds from the National organization for restoration of old and erection of new Civil War monuments. A discussion followed regarding the need for funds to support establishment of a Union monument on the Lexington battlefield. Motion by Emmett Taylor, second by Glyen Brown, to request \$500 from the Memorial Grants Fund to support the Lexington battlefield Union monument project. **Motion passed.**

## Unfinished Business

- Commander Busch noted the need for a Department inventory list and presented a draft listing. Motion made by Glyen Brown, second by Jack Grothe, to require an annual signed Department property list and an annual signed inventory/merchandise list. **Motion passed.**
- Bob Petrovic discussed interest in the Department of Missouri hosting the 2013 National Encampment in St. Louis. Motion by Emmett Taylor, second by Charles Funck, to send a letter to the National Encampment Site Committee expressing interest in hosting the 2013 National Encampment. Friendly amendment offered by Chris Warren to include 2014 as an alternative. Friendly amendment was accepted. **Motion passed.**

## New Business

- The charter for the new Columbia Tigers Camp #432 was presented to Paul Summitt by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy.
- The two proposed Constitutional amendments establishing Juniors/Junior Associates as categories of membership were presented to the Department. Both were approved by vote of the Department Encampment.
- Rod Price wished to recognize Cher Petrovic for her efforts in producing copies of a video.

Commander Busch broke the Encampment for lunch at 11:50 and reconvened the Encampment at 1:35

- Bob Petrovic brought up an opportunity for the Department to sell Lincoln medallions for the Charitable Foundation during the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009. Motion by David Busch, second by Glyen Brown, to purchase one set of 25 and then go on a set by set basis depending on sales. **Motion passed.**
- The Department Council reported that they found the Department treasury to be in order and makes the following recommendations: (1) change the accounting period to end in April; (2) balance the checkbook at the end of each month; (3) include service charges in spreadsheets and (4) provide one set of data that shows everything in the treasury.
- Bob Petrovic followed the Department Council report with a motion to have the new Secretary/Treasurer find a new bank if so desired and include three Department members on the account. Second by Brian Smarker. **Motion passed.**
- National Encampment – motion made by Jack Grothe, second by Charles Funck, to place a full page advertisement in the program book with the upper half presenting greetings and the lower half presenting merchandise offered by the Department. **Motion passed.**
- Website proposal – Paul Summitt withdrew his proposal for hosting the website that was presented at the March meeting. He is willing to host it for free and offered to work with Brian Smarker to keep website current. The Department website currently has 20MB of space occupied. Paul is trying to determine if we are required to pay the \$61 fee now in order to get things working over the next year. Motion by Emmett Taylor, second by Bob Petrovic, to pay the \$61 fee if needed. **Motion passed.**
- E-bay Store – Paul Summitt reported that he received merchandise information from Bob Petrovic and will set up the store on E-bay. Costs may be \$16 per month. Commander Busch appointed a committee to set up E-bay store (Bob Petrovic, Brian Smarker, Paul Summitt). Motion by Emmett Taylor, second by Chris Warren, to set up E-bay store for one quarter (one month free + two paid months) and assess at next Department meeting. **Motion passed (one dissenting vote).**

Commander Busch offered a break at 2:45 and reconvened the Encampment at 3:05.

- Commander Busch presented certificates of appreciation to Jack and Maggie Grothe for their efforts in planning and executing the 2007 National Encampment. Commander Busch also announced that a certificate of appreciation will be presented to Brenda

Schloss for her efforts in erecting a stone for a soldier in Cape Girardeau. Harold James and Glyen Brown were tasked with making an official presentation.

- Department By-Laws Amendments – Amendments 2-5 to the Department By-Laws were distributed to the Camps earlier in the year and were brought to the Department Encampment for action. Motion made by Harold James, second by Bob Petrovic, to accept Amendments 2-5 as amended. Commander Busch decided that each amendment should be voted on separately.
  - Amendment 2 – Passes - 21 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention
  - Amendment 3 – Passes – 24 in favor
  - Amendment 4 – Passes – 24 in favor
  - Amendment 5 – Passes – 24 in favorNote: a fire alarm disrupted the meeting for a 10-minute period. Commander Busch commended Brothers Coplin, Brown and Summitt for protecting the charters.
- Commander Busch noted that the Central Region Association Conference will be in St. Louis on 04 October. The Department is looking for volunteers to transport attendees to and from downtown St. Louis.
- Charles Funck presented a proposed By-Laws change relative to the Department Encampment. Commander Busch tasked Brother Funck with submitting By-Laws changes through the documented process.
- Commander Busch called for the reports from the Encampment Committees. The Officers Reports Committee acted on the recommendations from the Department Council.
  1. Checkbook balancing at end of each month – no objections – so ordered.
  2. Service charges included in spreadsheets – no objections - so ordered.
  3. Accounting period ending in April – no objections – so ordered (new accounting period defined as 01 May – 30 April)
  4. One data set presented to Council – no objections – so ordered.
- The Resolutions Committee reported that no resolutions were presented.
- The Credentials Committee reported a final accounting of attendees and noted that 25 Brothers were in attendance.

Commander Busch offered a break at 4:05 and reconvened the Encampment at 4:20.

#### Nomination and Election of Officers

Commander – Emmett Taylor nominated by Asboth Camp #5. Bob Petrovic nominated by Grant Camp #68. A roll call vote of Camps was taken with the first ballot ending in tie. Commander Busch asked each candidate to briefly present their case for becoming Department Commander. Second ballot taken and Emmett Taylor was elected.

Senior Vice Commander –Brian Smarker nominated by McCormick Camp #215. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded to have the Department Secretary cast one vote for the nominee. **Motion passed.** Brian Smarker was elected.

Junior Vice Commander – Rod Price was nominated by Grant Camp #68. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded to have the Department Secretary cast one vote for the nominee. **Motion passed.** Rod Price was elected.

Secretary/Treasurer – Walt Busch was nominated by Grant Camp #68. No other nominations. Motion made and seconded to have the Department Secretary cast one vote for the nominee. **Motion passed.** Walt Busch was elected.

Council – Two openings for two year terms – Chris Warren from McCormick Camp #215 and Mark Coplin from U.S. Grant Camp #68 were nominated. Both were elected.

Delegates to the National Encampment – the following were elected as delegates to the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Peabody, MA from 07-10 August:

Asboth Camp #5 – Harold James, Mark McGehee  
Oglesby Camp #61 – Glyen Brown, Steve Pledger  
Westport Camp #64 – Brian Smarker  
Sherman Camp #65 – Mike Kiernan  
Grant Camp #68 – David Busch  
McCormick Camp #215 – Rod Price  
Columbia Tigers Camp #432 – Jim Coy

Motion by Charles Funck, second by Paul Summitt that all Department of Missouri members in good standing that attend the National Encampment shall be considered alternates. **Motion passed.**

#### Officer Installation

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy relieved Commander Walt Busch and installed the newly elected Department officers for 2008-2009.

#### Closing

Commander-elect Emmett Taylor closed the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Department Encampment at 5:15 pm.

#### Attendees

Asboth Camp #5, Wentzville

- Harold James, PCC
- John Boucher
- Emmett Taylor
- Wayne Sampson
- Mark McGehee

Oglesby Camp #61, Cape Girardeau

- Glyen Brown

Westport Camp #64, Kansas City

Grant Camp #68, St. Louis

- Robert Petrovic, PDC
- David Busch
- Don Palmer, PDC
- Mark Coplin, PCC
- Walt Busch, PCC
- Steve Leicht, PDC

McCormick Camp #215, Farmington

- Doug Roussin
- Rod Price

- Brian Smarker

Sherman Camp #65, St. Louis

- Charles Funck, PDC
- Jack Grothe, PCC
- Robert Champlin, PCC
- William Groth
- Vern von der Heydt, PCC

- Bob Schmidt
- Andy Warren
- Chris Warren, PCC
- Paul Cameron

Columbia Tigers Camp #432, Columbia

- Paul Summitt