

**Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Business Meeting Minutes  
18 October 2008  
Capital Meeting Rooms  
Jefferson City, MO**

Commander Emmett Taylor opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 10:20 am.

Present: Commander Emmett Taylor, SVC Brian Smarker, JVC Rod Price, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, Webmaster Paul Summitt, Jack Grothe, Wayne Sampson, and Bob Petrovic, PDC & National Council of Administration.

Minutes of the Department Encampment were read privately by all. Change made to reflect Bob Schmidt award was for 600 graves, not 500 and E-Bay report to reflect \$19.99/mo instead of \$16/mo. Motion by Bob Petrovic to accept with amendments and seconded by Brian Smarker. Passed unanimously.

[Note: Minutes of the Encampment attached to secretary's file copy.]

Treasurer's report submitted [Note: Attached to secretary's file copy.]

Commander Taylor asked for an accounting of sick bothers. Bob Petrovic gave an update on real son George Williams of Grant Camp who seemed to be slowly improving (he passed away the week after the meeting). Rod Price reported severe breakage of the left arm to McCormick Camp SVC Doug Roussin. Brian Smarker reported that John Martin, PDC, of Westport Camp was recovering from eye surgery. Jack Grothe reported that Paul Leitritz, PCC, of Sherman Camp was on dialysis.

Commander Taylor advised he would like this update to be a regular part of meetings.

**Officer's Reports:**

Commander's Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

SVC Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

JVC Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

Secretary's Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

Graves Registration Officer's Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.] Only one grave recorded so far, but Grant Camp GRO has several to turn in.

Historian

No Report

#### Civil War Monuments Officer

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.] 11 monuments turned In by Walt Busch. Updated list given to all of monuments still needing To be recorded.

Paul Summitt reported that there will be a plaque soon at 8<sup>th</sup> & Broadway In Columbia honoring the Columbia Tigers' Blockhouse.

#### Eagle Scout Officer

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

Motion by Bob Petrovic to allow the Eagle Scout Officer to buy 100 Certificates instead of 50 requested. Seconded by Brain Smarker. Passed Unanimously.

#### GAR Highways Officer

No Report. – Do we need this position anymore? Passed to new business.

#### Last Soldiers Officer

No Report from Officer

Walt Busch has prepared a guide for obtaining information about last soldiers and believes all camps ought to be required to follow it so that we eliminate as much as possible having one claimant honored one year only to have another claimant a few years down the road. A form is also attached so that the department oversees the camp efforts and approves the claimant prior to any honors being given.

Motion by Bob Petrovic and seconded by Paul Summitt to approve procedure and form. Passed unanimously.

Walt reports he has 61 potential names and copies of most of their death certificates.

#### Unionist Editor

No Report.

#### Marketing Officer's Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

#### Medal of Honor Officer's Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

#### Signals Officer Report

[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

Paul Summitt wants to start creating monuments database to be on-line.

Walt (when his computer is fixed) will send a list of fields such a database should have and Walt will enter the data into the database Paul creates.

Motion to reimburse Brian Smarker for paying for our domain name by Paul Summitt, seconded by Bob Petrovic and carried unanimously.

GAR Posts Officer  
No Report.

Walt apologizes to Brian for failing to keep him in the loop of GAR posts he has recorded this past quarter. Walt was able to document new information on 63 posts, mostly the names of charter members transcribed from the original charters at the Missouri Historical Society.

SUV Camps Officer  
No Report

Walt recorded new information on 2 old camps.

E-Bay Report  
[written report attached to secretary's file copy.]

Motion by Bob Petrovic and Seconded by Brian Smarker to discontinue the store on e-Bay and establish our own website and domain name (under both .com & .biz, and to pay fees for individual postings on e-Bay from our Paypal account and associated banking account. Passed unanimously.

Paul Summitt left at 12:20 pm.

Break at 12:20 pm.  
Reconvene at 12:33 pm.

### **Old Business**

Budget [written report attached to secretary's file copy & this copy.]

Motion to approve budget by Bob Petrovic and seconded by Wayne Sampson  
Approved unanimously.

E-Bay Store:

Rod Price wants to add the SUV GAR Camp Banners that the McCormick Camp is selling to the items on the e-Bay store. He was supported by Bob Petrovic. This opened discussion on allowing all camps to sell on the store. It also presents problems about paying if done through e-Bay and having to reimburse the camps.

Bob Petrovic suggested that all the camp commanders be e-mailed about listing items on the store. Emmett suggests that this can be sent out by Paul to see if there is interest. Emmett put Rod Price and Paul Summitt on the committee to determine a policy on this.

#### Eagle Scout Awards:

Discussion on this as to whether the camps or the department was to hand out awards. Motion by Walt to have Eagle Scout Coordinator e-mail all camp commanders to find out what camps and what geographic area they may want. Those interested camps will get awards sent to them and the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator will send out awards in areas where no camp is interested. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Petrovic. Passed Unanimously.

Bob Petrovic requested reimbursement for shipping on items sold on e-Bay of \$18.56. Commander Taylor authorized reimbursement.

#### **New Business**

##### New Camp:

Gary Scheel, current commander of US Grant Camp, is attempting to start a camp in the Ste. Genevieve area. Bob Petrovic, department new camp coordinator, to help get it going.

##### Letters:

Walt read letters of thanks from the National JVC Hanby for our support.

Walt read letter from Central Region Association of Allied Orders advising of gift of \$200 for a project and thanks for hosting meeting.

Walt read letter from Missouri History Museum thanking us (through Bob Petrovic) for donating items from the 127<sup>th</sup> National Encampment to be preserved by them.

##### 2009 Encampment:

Commander Taylor corrected his department order stating that the department encampment will be held on June 12 & 13. The issue is where. He had been investigating Lake of the Ozarks and Lodge of the Four Seasons. They will give us a room provided we rent 30 hotel rooms at \$99/each. Bob Petrovic said we never have had more than a few rooms rented at a hotel, so the Lodge is an impossibility. All quickly agreed that it was beyond our budget.

The department encampment is reverting to the Butler Hill location and Bob Petrovic stated that he would check into it for availability.

Brian expressed interest that the next encampment in 2010 be in the

Kansas City area. It was decided that info concerning that encampment should be presented at the March 2009 meeting if Westport Camp or other camps want to hold the meeting.

#### GAR Business Cards:

Darrell Godfrey of Johnson City, TN, contacted Paul Summitt, who contacted Commander Taylor and then donated to the Department 2 business cards from an old GAR Missouri post. Commander Taylor sent them around the room for viewing. He also advised he had already sent a thank you letter.

#### By-Law:

Brian Smarker requests a copy of the by-laws of the department and suggests they be posted on the web. Walt said he would send a copy of them to Brian as well as Paul Summitt along with the Last Soldier Guidelines for web posting.

Walt complained that of all the camps contacted regarding the Department needing a copy of their by-laws only Asboth Camp and McCormick Camp have sent drafts in. Camp by-laws must be approved by the department and maintained on file with the Secretary. Several camps have failed to do this.

When Walt gets copies of by-laws, he will send them out to the officers of the department. [Note: This has not been done yet for the Asboth Camp or McCormick Camp's by-laws] If no officer responds in 30 days with suggested revisions, Walt will send out approval to the camp.

#### National SUV Buildings:

Commander Taylor brought up the fact that the national SUVCW is looking for a new home and that Jeff Barracks might provide an excellent opportunity to have national in Missouri. The CCC Museum recently left their building, but it is already under a contract. Other buildings could still be had. Jack Grothe asked Bob Petrovic to find out what costs National already has so that we can begin to prepare a proposal.

#### 2011 Central Region Association

Walt Busch, newly elected commander of the Central Region Association Allied Orders, announced that Don Palmer, Walt Busch and Bob Petrovic spoke up for Missouri to hold the 2011 CRA encampment in St. Louis. Walt advised that either the department could hold it or Grant Camp if the department wasn't interested. Commander Taylor advised to proceed with the department being the host.

#### 2013 or 2014 National Encampment

Discussion was held about having the national encampment in St. Louis Again. Bob Petrovic said everything is up and running in the committee. SO far, Missouri is the only one requesting 2013.

The meeting ended at 2:50 pm.

## **2008 APPROVED BUDGET**

### **Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

#### **MONIES ON HAND**

Montgomery Bank CD (purchased 3/1/2007 with current interest of 4.6800%) \$1,058.16	
Montgomery Bank Saving account	\$829.45
Montgomery Bank Checking Account	\$950.41
Cash on Hand Waiting Deposit into this account	\$200.00
National City Encampment Funds / E-Bay Account      for non-department Encampments / meetings we host and for E-Bay Use	\$
510.72	
Cash on Hand Waiting Deposit into this account	\$
20.00	
First State Community Bank Benevolent Fund	\$120.00

TOTAL ON HAND:

\$3,688.74

#### **PROJECTED INCOME**

<b>Department Per Capita Tax</b> (based on "estimate 190 members x \$6 each) \$1,140.00	
Estimated Per Capita, new members in FY 08-09	\$36.00
Estimated Income from E-Bay, GAR Song Book, Lincoln Medallions, Unionist Ads	\$254.00

2009 Department Encampment \$900.00

\$2,330.00

TOTAL PROJECTED:

**BUDGETED EXPENDITURES (year ending June 2009)**

Department Encampment \$900.00

Annual Fee: The Allied Orders - Central Region Association \$ 10.00

Flowers, Greetings, Sympathy \$ 75.00

Postage & Office Supplies \$  
70.00

Web Site Fees \$  
70.00

Past Department Commander's Medal/Eagle Scout Awards \$200.00

Encampment Awards / Recognition \$250.00

Department Gift to C-in-C & Auxiliary \$ 50.00

Camp Chart Framing and Application Fees \$ 75.00

Missouri SOS Incorporation Annual Fees  
(\$10 fee paid as a donation by Walt Busch, PDC) No  
Expense

Missouri Unionist *sent by e-mail* No  
Expense

TOTAL \$ 1,700.00

Approved at the October 2008 Meeting of the Department