

Minutes
Department of Missouri,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department Meeting
14 March 2009
Capital Bldg, Jefferson City, MO

Present: Commander Emmett Taylor, SVC Brian Smarker, JVC Rod Price, Secretary-Treasurer Walt Busch, Ron Burke, Jack Grothe, Paul Summitt, Greg Decker, Mark McGehee, Robert Petrovic, Chris Warren and his wife/auxiliary member Twyla Warren.

Meeting called to order at 10:13 am by Commander Taylor. Greg Decker appointed acting chaplain and he invoked divine blessing. Major Grothe led the pledge of allegiance.

Guest, Twyla Warren, was introduced and granted permission to stay for the meeting.

Review of the **minutes** of the October meeting. Rod Price made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Robert Petrovic. Passed Unanimously. [Minutes attached to this report]

The **treasurer's report** was presented and accepted. [Attached]

Commander Taylor then called for information regarding sick brothers. He reported that his father-in-law is in hospice. This past year we have been lax in sending out cards for passing and notifying the chaplain to do so. Commander Taylor stated the commander should take the initiative to have the chaplain (Vern Stottlemire) send letters of condolence.

On a lighter note, Chris Warren reported that he and his wife are celebrating their 2nd anniversary this week.

Finally, Jim Coy, PDC of Tiger Camp, has had his cancer come back, but is reported by Paul Summitt as doing better.

Officer's Reports:

Walt made the recommendation that people making reports who have not submitted a written report are limited to 3 minutes. So ruled by Commander Taylor.

Commander's Report [Attached]

Senior Vice Commander's Report [Attached]

One other suggestion was made that Department forms have due dates put on Them. This was so ordered by Commander Taylor.

Junior Vice Commander's Report [Attached]

Patriotic Instructor's Report [Attached]

Graves Registration Report [Attached]

Historian - No report

Civil War Monuments Officer Report [Attached]

Chris Warren mentioned that the report does not include the soon to be Installed Bonne Terre GAR Post monument. This brings the total of Known monuments and proposed monuments to 409.

This brought up the comment by the commander that the commander needs To be notified of such events.

Walt Busch - Since the McCormick Camp will be selling challenge coins to Pay for the monument could we allow them to send out to all members info On the sale of the medallion. This was approved by Commander Taylor.

Rod Price suggested including it in the Unionist as well, which was also approved By the commander.

Eagle Scout Coordinator - No Report

Walt said he would compile a report based on info turned in by John Avery with His resignation. [However, this cannot be done now as all paperwork was turned Over to new Eagle Scout Coordinator Rod Price. The report for the encampment Will have to be inclusive of the whole year. - Walt]

Commander Taylor appointed Rod Price, JVC, to finish the term for the Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Bob Petrovic -- General Informational Discussion about Eagle Scout Program. Need to update form on Eagle Scout website so that requests for certificates go To Rod Price and not John Avery.

GAR Highway Officer: No Report.

Motion to postpone indefinitely GAR Hwy Position made by Brian Smarker. S Second by Jack Grothe. Carried Unanimously.

Last Soldier Project Officer: No Report

Missouri Unionist: No Report.

Commander Taylor commented that it was good to be getting regular newsletters.

Marketing / Promotions Officer: No Report

Congressional Medal of Honor Officer: No Report

Commander Taylor reports that on March 25 at Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo There will be a MOH ceremony at 2pm. Sherman Camp and the 4th Military District will be in charge. Major Grothe expanded the details regarding this by Mentioning that March 25 is now permanently MOH Day as set by the US Congress.

Signals Officer's Report [Attached]

Commander Taylor issued order to shut down E-Bay site, due to costs, until E-Commerce site is established.

Bob Petrovic stated that the calendar is worthless on the webpage as no Information is on it. Walt Busch suggested the signals officer go to the Grant Camp site and use the basics off of that for the calendar.

GAR Posts Officers [Attached]

SVR, 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT REPORT [No Attachment]

Major Grothe reported that unit dues and paperwork are due in. Also reported Lincoln Death Day on April 18 and School of the Piece at Jefferson Barracks.

Secretary's Report [Attached]

New Camp Coordinator's Report [No report attached]

Bob Petrovic stated that the St James Camp in Ste. Genevieve is chartered and The charter is currently getting lettered now and needs to be framed. Stated that On Feb 17 - Don Palmer, national secretary, installed the camp officers.

Unfinished Business:

2009 Department Encampment - Walt Busch reports that the information is up on The website. A complaint was made that the form was in too small of print. [Corrected since the meeting]. Meeting at Holiday Inn (Hampton & I-44)

New Business:

Payment of Bills.

Walt reported \$43 sent to Nat'l QM for Eagle Scout Certificates received and needed payment for small postage bill from Bob Petrovic for E-Bay Sales and probably did not have the bill with him) a \$40 bill from John Avery for Scout Certs. Bob Petrovic motioned to pay bills. 2nd by Brian Smarker. Unanimous.

General Order #8

Seeing the necessity to conform to national CRs to accept Juniors and Junior Associates, Bob Petrovic made a motion that the secretary prepare by-laws Change for the department encampment to approve and that it be sent out

At least 30 days prior to the encampment for all camps to review. Seconded
By Chris Warren. Unanimous vote.

Nancy Greenwald-Hilton Letter

Commander Taylor states that the National Auxiliary states that all we need is 3 camps to start a department of Missouri Auxiliary. Stated he would send out e-mail to SUV Camps suggesting they support this endeavor.

Constitutional Amendment to allow Action of C-in-C contrary to Natl Encampment

Commander Taylor directed this be taken back to camps to review. There was Much discussion about this mainly concerning the necessity to empower the C-in-C with this authority.

By-Laws Review:

McCormick Camp and Asboth Camp withdrew them prior to review. Wilhelmi Camp, represented today by Ron Burke, Commander, was advised that article IX Would need to be reworked as all property must on dissolution is still the property Of the SUVCW. They were advised that the rest seem acceptable.

Walt made a motion and it was seconded by Bob Petrovic that a committee be established comprised of Walt Busch, Rod Price and Chris Warren to report to The encampment on various by-laws so that an up or down vote can be quickly Made without total review of the department encampment. Passed Unanimous.

Walt to send department by-laws changes for Junior Associates and Generic By-Laws for Camps to incorporate Junior Associates into their by-laws prior to the encampment.

E-Mail from Don Palmer Read by Commander Taylor

James Eads Committee:

SVC is in charge. Walt Busch and John Avery also on committee.

Department Awards:

Walt Busch made a motion and it was seconded by Brian Smarker that all Department award nominations will run from May 1 through April 30 and All camps must have their camp Eads Award statistics in by May 15 to be Considered for the award. Passed unanimously.

Arkansas Joining Department

Walt suggested that as in the past with the GAR and SV that the Dept of Missouri take charge of the SUV members in Arkansas and run them as Until they can form their own department. Commander Taylor stated that this needs a vote at the department encampment. Other Discussion involved how to best serve them as they need to be in a camp. Walt will check with Arkansas members and see if they are interested in this and if so would

Maybe Oglesby camp might be willing to serve them as a holding camp. Walt Also suggested that at least once a year an attempt be made in Arkansas to Start a camp.

Brian Smarker made a motion to extend an invite to Arkansas members to join Missouri Camp(s) until such a time that we can get a Department of Arkansas Or an Arkansas Camp within the Department of Missouri up and running. 2nd By Jack Grothe. Passed Unanimous.

Transfer of Past Camp Commander Status

Gary Scheel would like transfer his camp commander status from Grant Camp To Felix St. James Camp.

Emmett Taylor would like to transfer his past camp commander status from Sherman Camp to Asboth Camp.

Walt Busch made a motion to approve transfers of both to respective camps. Seconded by Chris Warren. Discussion: Paul Summitt felt that this needs to Stay with the individual camps and not be allowed to transfer. Rod Price Also had similar opinion. Vote all yes, except Paul Summit and Rod Price who Voted no. [This vote may have been improperly made!]

[NOTE: This vote is in compliance with General Order #10 Addendum issued 21 Jan 2008 by then C-in-C Charles Kuhn, Jr.,]

ROTC Officer:

A Motion was made by Brian Smarker and seconded by Bob Petrovic to create A position of a ROTC/Jr ROTC Officer. Passed Unanimously. Commander Taylor appointed Chris Warren to the position.

[NOTE: This vote may have been unnecessary as Amendment #3 passed last year in Department Encampment already created the position of ROTC Coordinator. See Amendment #3 of Article 3 Section 2. However since the Amendment hasn't been approved by Nat'l SUVCW yet, it might be appropriate for the interim.]

Encampment Dates;

Chris Warren stated he has problems due to employment with the 2nd weekend In June and motioned to change the department encampment to the 1st Weekend in June effective 2010. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Walt Busch made a motion that the department encampment can be either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June as specified by the department commander. Seconded by Brian Smarker. Yes: Walt Busch, Brian Smarker, Chris Warren, Rod Price No: Ron Burke, Bob Petrovic, Greg Decker, Jack Grothe, Mark

McGehee, Emmett Taylor. Motion dies. [Note: My notes do not record
A vote or abstention by Paul Summitt.]

More Meetings;

Rod Price made a motion to have a total of 4 meetings (including encampment)
Each year. He felt we do not get enough time to go over business. Walt Busch
Seconds. Yeas: Rod and Walt. No: The Rest present except Bob Petrovic who
Abstained.

Council of Administration:

Bob Petrovic state the C-in-C wants to stress participation in Lincoln Death Day,
Memorial Days, and Last Soldier Project. He also would like to see a President
Lincoln Program present by Camps to Outside Groups. It was noted that
McCormick Camp recently did such

2010 Department Encampment

Brian Smarker stated that his camp would like to host the 2010 encampment in
Kansas City.

With no other business to conduct, Greg Decker gave the closing prayer petitioned God
to bless our actions and the meeting was closed by Commander Taylor at 1:50 pm.