

**GAR Allied Orders
Central Region Conference
October 3, 2009
Kokomo, Indiana**

Minutes taken from the October 3rd, 2009 Conference of the CRA

Elected and appointed Officers for 2008-09

- Walter Busch, Commander, MO
- Lee Ann Teller, Senior Vice Commander, IN
- Mike Beck, Junior Vice Commander, IN
- Sec/Treasurer, Jack Shaw, IN
- Patriotic Instructor, Bob Petrovic, MO
- Chaplain, Barbara Stone, IN
- Color Bearer, Cody Shaw, IN
- Guide, Alan Russ, KS
- Historian, Alan Teller, IN

Newly Elected and Appointed Officers for 2009-10

- Commander, Lee Ann Teller, IN
- Senior Vice Commander, Mike Beck, IN
- Junior Vice Commander, Bob Petrovic, MO
- Patriotic Instructor, Barbara Knopke, KS
- Chaplain, Walter Busch, MO
- Color Barer, Maggie Grothe
- Guide, Roy Lafferty, KS
- Historian, Alan Teller, IN

Introductions of Allied Order National Representatives were made as follows: National WRC President, Marcia Butgereit – National LGAR President, Barbara Knopke – Barbara Stone representing the National President of the DUVCW – Maggie Grothe representing the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Bob Petrovic, representing the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. Each offered a warm greeting from their order to the conference.

The Minutes were printed and distributed to the members to be read and approved. A motion by the secretary was made to accept the minutes as read, second by Alan Russ and passed.

Commander Busch Nominated the Following Committees:

Resolutions Committee:

Marcia Butgereit

Barb Knopke

Roy Lafferty

Audit Committee:

Bob Petrovic

Tim Beckman

Ron Gill

Nominating Committee:

Alan Russ

Barbara Stone

Jim Knopke

A total of 24 Members attended the 2009 CRA Conference.

Report of Officers

Commander, Walt Busch

The Commander reported that through the year, three projects were accomplished. The order was completed on the much needed Past Commander's Badges by Bob Petrovic, Commander Busch was proud to state he was the first to wear the Commander's badge and the introduction of the new CRA web page.

Senior Vice Commander, Lee Ann Teller

SVC Teller explained in her report that a table was set up and manned by herself and other members, to meet and greet other Allied Order members at the National Encampment., in Louisville, KY, this year. She was also instrumental in organizing the CRA Conference in Kokomo, IN.

Junior Vice Commander, Mike Beck

Written report, not yet received. Brother Beck told in his report about the importance of recruiting new members into the Order.

Sec/ Treasurer, Jack Shaw

Sec/Treasure Shaw That all was safe and Sound with the Bank Account. The account was audited by our Audit Committee and it was reported that \$1.241.02 Remain the ending balance as of, October 2nd, 2009

CRA Historian, Alan Teller

Historian Teller reported that he has sent a Past Commander's badge to Jane Graham, who served in 1981 as Commander in the Peoria, IL. Conference. Historian Teller has also reported that he is collecting Biographies of all Past CRA Commanders. To date, seven have been received.

Old Business:

Commander Busch reports that he proudly wore the CRA Commander's badge on one occasion. He went on to say he wore the badge at a Daughter's of Union Veterans of the Civil War function in Missouri. He encouraged the Commanders and Past Commanders to wear their badges at functions, such as the Lincoln Death Day, in Springfield. Bob Petrovic spoke on the Past Commander's badges and the cost of each. Jack Grothe debated the idea of weather the CRA would need to produce a membership badge for each member. It was decided that a CRA membership badge was not needed.

New Business:

Commander Busch brought up the discussion of the 990 form. Discussion arose about our Non-profit status and the listing of the allied orders' EIN and our current bank account. A committee was appointed by Commander Busch to research the status of the CRA.

Up coming dates for the CRA Conference were discussed. Indiana DUVCW will host the CRA in 2012, By the DUVCW, 2011 MO. DUVCW and 2010 Kansas SUVCW Commander Busch discussed our current CRA Website. He brought to the body an idea of having our own www. web page. There was a motion made to take up to \$100.00 to produce a web page for the CRA. There was a second by Alan Russ and the body was all in favor.

Commander Busch spoke about microfilming the existing records of the CRA. Prices and procedures were discussed. Using past microfilming as a example, by members of the Conference.

Commander Busch called a short recess and the bible was closed by Chaplain Stone. The Meeting resumed, shortly and Commander Busch called on the Nominating Committee to present their report.

Audit Committee.

Bank Balance was checked and discussed by the Finance committee and deemed to be accurate and up to date. Treasurer's report was examined and signed by members.

Resolutions Committee

It was decided that letters of appreciation were to be written by Secretary Shaw, on behalf of the CRA, and to be mailed to Indiana University, thanking them for their cooperation. A recommendation was made to present the host with a \$200.00 check, to be used for a special project of their choice.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee reported the following nominations:

- Lee Ann Teller – Commander
- Mike Beck – SVC
- Bob Petrovic – JVC

The installation of the new officers was officiated by Past Commander, Alan Teller. Secretary Shaw called the roll of the newly elected officers and Commander Elect, Lee Ann Teller, reported to the members on her appointed Officers. The new officers were installed and presented to the members of the 2009 Central Region Association Conference.

Commander Lee Ann Teller closed the meeting, thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Shaw, CRA Secretary

2009 Commander Walt Busch



2010 Commander Lee Ann Teller

*2010 Commander Teller receiving
Commander's Badge*

