

US Grant Camp 68
Meeting Minutes 12 Sep 2016
Frailey's Grill
I-55 & Butler Hill Rd

Present: Mark Coplin, Don Palmer, Don Alwine, Bob Aubuchon, Bob Petrovic, John Avery, Marty Aubuchon, Jim Stebbings, Walt Busch

Opening Ceremony – 1900 led by Comdr Coplin

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Motion by John Avery and 2nd by Don Alwine. Passes
Review and approval of **Secretary and Treasurer Report** – Motion by John Avery and 2nd by Don Alwine. Passes. Reimbursement of Walt for Website fees. Motion by Marty Aubuchon and second by Don Palmer, Passes.

Commander's Report:

Spoke at Grant Remembrance Day 23 Jul at White Haven
Attended and delivered name badges at the National Encampment in Springfield Aug 14
Heard back from Shiloh and Pea Ridge – both stating that there are no Union monuments at their sites needing care.
Sent out Camp Order #1 – Regarding Lucy Palmer's Passing

Senior Vice Commander Report – No **Junior Vice Commander Report** – No

Department Report – Website has all research information now at the weebly website after Walt switched all stuff over from godaddy.

National Report – Poorly run encampment. Central Region Association going to have their event in Franklin TN on Oct 1

Comdr Coplin gave a **book review** about *SHILOH 1862* by Winston Gloom. Recommended it. The we had **Civil War Trivia**

Trivia — Civil War - September 2016

1. Grant's drinking of whiskey is legendary. Did he have other vices?
2. Which rear admiral scuttled the Confederate fleet up the James River when Richmond fell in April 1865?
3. Who were the following?
Old Abe, Old Brains, Old Blue Light, Old Rosy, Old Pete, Old Baldy, Old Woodenhead, Old Beeswax. Old Fuss and Feathers
4. With what ancient weapon did John Brown intend to arm the slaves he planned to free?
5. What did the government manufacture at Harpers Ferry that attracted John Brown's attention.
6. What did the Union troops call their cheap uniforms that fell apart in heavy rains?
7. What were "Abatis"?
8. Where was the Gatling gun used during the war?
9. Where was the largest Civil War cannon?
10. From what unusual vantage point did Thaddeus Lowe observe the Battle of Fair Oaks (June 4, 1862)?

OLD BUSINESS

John Avery and Marty Aubuchon attended the Westport Camp reenactment of the **GAR 1916 Encampment**. Good event and nice park
56th Colored Ceremony was cancelled without any word. Bob Aubuchon showed up to be There and no one else was there.
Attempted to contact PCC Dan Jackson about **ROTC Award program**. No response yet. John Avery taking over to assist in ROTC award program

NEW BUSINESS

Missouri History Museum Event on 16 Oct 2 PM – Walt sent out e-mail about it. No one other Than he has volunteered for it.

CinC Martin mentioned in his acceptance speech that he wanted all camps and departments to Finish what we have started. Last Soldier Projects, Tracing Member's Ancestors, Camp Histories. Have we completed these for the St. Louis Area. Yes, all but camp history.

Event at White haven on past weekend – **1872 Elections – Grant or Greeley** – Marty Aubuchon and John Avery participated with reenacting
October is Nomination of Officers Month

Walt mentioned the **Washington Missouri Historical Society** has a display to the end of the year about their local Turnverein (German Health Club) and the Civil War with some Civil War artifacts.

Walt gave **Eagle Scout Patches** purchased at national to Mark Coplin

Kim Palmer will once again try to set up **Christmas party at Greenbriar Country Club** for date of Dec 6

Don Palmer to give book presentation this next month.

Closing ceremonies at 2008 hrs.

OCTOBER SECRETARY REPORT

1. **We have been approved to have a table at this event. Can we get 3 people interested in serving at the table? Would anyone be interested in being in GAR or Civil War uniform for it? Let me know. I can be there so could use two more.**

Researching Your Civil War Ancestors

Did your Civil War ancestor wear Union blue or Confederate gray? Or was your ancestor a civilian affected by the tumult of the war years? Associate Archivist Dennis Northcott discusses the vast array of genealogical documents and publications that the war produced.

When: Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m.

Where: Missouri History Museum (Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park)

How much: Free. Reservations are not required.

I have not reimbursed myself yet for the godaddy billing and now have an additional \$15.98 that needs to be paid. We need to decide what to do until we go with John's website.

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TREASURER'S REPORT SINCE LAST MEETING

9/2/2016	DEP	Deposit			50.00
10/2/2016	3078	James B Pahl - in lieu of dues	27.00		
10/3/2016		Arch Engraving Inv #74578		-45.60	-45.60
10/4/2016	DEP	Deposit			27.00

**TOTAL
Check &
Savings**

1,077.26

Committed Funds	
SVR Fund	\$97.51
Total	\$97.51

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,115.26
Undeposited Funds	
Total	\$1,115.26

Committed Funds \$97.51

Uncommitted Funds \$1,017.75