

US Grant Camp Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2013
d.Dooley's 026, Fenton, MO

Present: Cmdr. Mark Coplin, SVC James Egbert, JVC Bob Aubuchon, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic, Donald Palmer, DC Martin Aubuchon, Mike Hudson, Bob Amsler Jr., Dan Jackson

Guests: Proposed Members Fr. Vincent Heier and Donald Alwine, Guest from Chicago Camp Jim Stebbings, Gayle Egbert.

Prior to meeting, Walt collected dues from several people and gave out cards.

Meeting opened with pledge and prayer led by Cmdr. Coplin at 6:58 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes were read and Bob Petrovic made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Marty Aubuchon. While all other members present voted 'AYE', Dan Jackson insisted on voting 'NO'.

The treasurer's report was read and Bob Petrovic made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Marty Aubuchon. While all other members present voted 'AYE', Dan Jackson insisted again on voting 'NO'. This goes to show that people who play the bagpipe just don't make other people disagreeable with their obnoxious wailing, but they are generally that way themselves!

Commander's Report:

Cmdr reports he has been working on a large badge order with a member from Michigan.
Cmdr informed by DC Aubuchon that he wishes to expand our presences at Grant Day in July.
Cmdr thanks Marty for the Grant Camp items in the Dept. newsletter

Senior Vice Commander Report: SVC Egbert turned in 65 graves he logged at Jefferson Barracks.

Junior Vice Commander Report: JVC Aubuchon reports that he marched in Veteran's Day parade and helped remove grave decorations at Jefferson Barracks.

Department Report:

1. Department Meeting March 2 in Jefferson City
2. Website updated and will be updated again in March, this time with a lot more bios, etc

National Report:

1. Bob wants to remind everyone that April 13 is Lincoln Tomb Day events starting at 10 AM

Old Business:

1. Sherman grave site flag has been replaced and ceremony for Sherman to take place on February 23.
2. Walt needs to get website updated – merchandise pricing needs updating – are we going to still carry address labels? (YES) – Walt reports we can sell Battle of Pilot Knob medallion set on site for Friends of Fort Davidson and make \$5 per set. (All agreed, even the bagpiper).

New Business:

1. Sherman Day - February 23

2. Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet is on Feb 22. Marty and Bob P. will run our table (Walt registered for one) until Walt can get there around 1 pm. Then he will also assist. We will sell our Grant Coin Sets and also the 2014 Battle of Pilot Knob Coin/Medal Set which we get on consignment from Friends of Fort Davidson.
3. Grant Death Day – July 20. Marty handling it.
4. April 13 – Lincoln Remembrance Day as above
5. Inks Cemetery - Still have some funds for this and really need to have clean-up day or find someone to do it for us for the funds we have since this is our only dedicated fund.
6. Memorial Day: May 27 being conducted this year by Sherman Camp. They are being advised that if they desire the hearse, they will need to make payment arrangements.
7. Grave Markers: Have \$100 check for markers either GAR or regular Union Veteran ones. Need to have proof that when we place a GAR marker on a grave that the Union veteran was actually a member of the organization. Walt/Mark to get together to order.
8. Bob P. reports that Michigan is picking up the challenge to host the 2015 national encampment.

At 7:31 PM, one of our fastest meetings concluded with a prayer by Father Heier.

Most members after a brief intermission returned and conducted business concerning the 2nd Missouri Infantry Volunteers, Co. A, SVR Unit.

Next Meeting February 11, 2013 – d.Dooley's Pub, Hwy 141 & Hwy 30, Fenton, MO 7:00 PM

**US GRANT CAMP #68 SONS OF UNION
VETERANS – MISSOURI
Treasurer's February Report**

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery Checking	Montgomery Savings
1/2/2013	2178	Dan Jackson Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/2/2013	2057	Walt Busch Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/13/2013	2222	Dwight Prade Membership Dues	\$35.00			
1/13/2013	1197	Wildwood Hist Soc for cemetery markers	\$100.00			
1/14/2013	5318	Marty Aubuchon for his & Bob's dues & SVR dues & \$4 addl to SVR	\$80.00			
1/14/2013	9675	Bob Petrovic Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/14/2013	4922	Don Palmer Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/14/2013	4245	Mark Coplin Dues & SVR	\$38.00			

1/14/2013	Cash	Bob Amsler Dues for Fr Heier	\$20.00			
1/14/2013	Cash	Mike Hudson Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/14/2013	Cash	Walt Busch Addl Dues for Fr Heier	\$2.00			
2/5/2013	162	Glee Wheeler Website Services		- \$196.32	-\$196.32	

TOTALS

\$1,497.55

\$413.52

**TOTAL
Check &
Savings**

\$1,911.07

Committed Funds	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$228.78
Cemetery Markers SVR Fund	\$100.00
CRA 2012 Acct	\$71.50
Total	\$0.00
	\$400.28

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,497.55
Total Savings	\$413.52
Undeposited Funds 2/6	\$465.00
Total	\$2,376.07

Committed Funds \$400.28
Uncommitted Funds \$1,975.79

**US GRANT CAMP #68
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 7 P.M.
D.DOOLEY'S 026 PUB**

Present: Cmdr Mark Coplin, SVC James Egbert, JVC Bob Aubuchon, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, DC Marty Aubuchon, PDC Steven Leicht, Father Vincent Heier, Mike Hudson, Michael Hannon, Dennis Hannon, PDC Bob Petrovic, Guests: Jim Stebbings and Donald Alwine

Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with prayer and pledge of allegiance led by Cmdr Coplin

Minutes were then reviewed and motion made by Bob Petrovic and seconded by Steve Leicht to approve them. Motion passed with Bob Petrovic voting 'No' in proxy for Dan Jackson.

Secretary's report was that there are 14 members to still pay 2013 dues. He also reported that he has not yet purchased the GAR grave medallions agreed upon in the January meeting. The treasurer report was then reviewed. Mike Hudson moved to approve the reports with treasurer report being subject to audit. Seconded by Dennis Hannon. Passed with a Dan Jackson proxy again voting nay.

Commander's Report: Big badge order in process. Also showed flyer he developed to sell items and get members at the swap meet.

SVC Report: Completed another section and half of Jeff Barracks graves. Forgot to bring to meeting

JVC Report: Tried to recruit a few people. Nothing else to report.

Department Report:

Cmdr. Aubuchon reports that the dept meeting is on Mar 2. He advised he has visited several camps. Oglesby in Cape Girardeau is struggling and apparently is going to have an event on April 27 in a Cape Co. park. He is going down to Fort Smith AR to give Spradling camp their charter.

Walt mentioned website has been updated and is getting ready for a major update, so please check and see if you find errors. Also mentioned that Gary and he need bios for Steve, Bob P. and Marty as past commanders.

National Report: Quiet. National Encampment is in Wisconsin in August.

Old Business: Sherman Day 2pm February 24. Cmdr Coplin mentioned that new flag pole is now up. Swap Meet at Jefferson Barracks 9am-4pm February 23. Question asked of Walt about tables. Walt said any member that is willing to sell something for themselves and willing to give the camp say \$1 of the proceeds can bring it and we will try to sell it for them.

Grant Death Day – July 20. Walt asked Father Heier if he might be available to open and close the ceremony. Fr. Heier said he should be able to.

Lincoln Remembrance Day is April 13 10am in Springfield IL. Dr Stephenson Monument at 3 pm. Asking people with uniforms from our group to show up.

Inks Cemetery – Bob P. said he would check it out on his way back from Department meeting on March 2.

Memorial Day – Cmdr Coplin has been in contact with Sherman Camp regarding the event.

Grave Markers – Walt didn't get them yet. Bob P. checking for better price.

New Business: Mark Coplin and Steve Leicht talked about helping scouts out on Sunday prior to Memorial Day events at Jeff Barracks to help put flags out. Dress in uniform and give talk to participating scouts, etc.

Walt brought up that the Central Region Conference is in Bardstown KY this year and is a really neat place with a lot of Civil War stuff, museums, etc. AND it appears that the person who said they would put it on is not responding to e-mails so Grant camp members might take it on themselves again to run the event.

Walt to order some medals for ROTC and membership medals from National Quartermaster.

Walt and Marty discussed an eagle scout court of honor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church we missed. Walt and Marty to try to get some info so we can hand out an award to the scout who placed benches in the Crestwood area honoring Crestwood's fallen WW2 soldiers. [Walt got name of scout and passed along to Marty 2/12/13]

Getting out to children's programs was discussed as was Father Dixon Cemetery as a clean-up site.

Programs were discussed: Best CW movie, the Lincoln movie, if coming to next meeting be prepared to discuss favorite CW movie [not the English Civil War, although there is a connection between that war and ours, but der originale amerikanische Bürgerkrieg]

Meeting closed with prayer led by Cmdr Coplin at 8:32 p.m.

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03/11/2013
dDooley's 026 Grill, Fenton, MO

Present: Cmdr Mark Coplin, SVC James Egbert, DC Martin Aubuchon, Dan Jackson, Sec/Treas Walt Busch, Mike Hudson, Bob Petrovic, Bob Amsler, Fr Vincent Heier, Don Alwine and guests Jim Stebbings and Gail Egbert

Opening with Prayer and Pledge was led by Cmdr Coplin at 7:05 PM.

Minutes were reviewed and motion to approve by Bob Petrovic with 2nd by Dan Jackson. Motion passes with Dan Jackson voting negatively.

Walt presented the **secretary and treasurer's reports**

Following Members are still unpaid: James Hubbard, Kenneth Kennedy, James Sullivan and Michael Woulfe

Treasurer's Report

Need us to probably send in a DBA to the state as our bank doesn't like us trying to cash checks made out to Sons of Union Veterans because it is not in our corporate name with the state and not recorded as such on our bank accounts. I presented our FEIN info again to them to show that we are SUVCW and that has taken care of it for a while at least. Cost would be \$7.00 every few years. Advised by Cmdr to do it.

Also brought up grave markers. Advised I had dropped two off to John Avery for the two Wildwood Graves and have one extra one. Most felt the quality was not that great. Walt showed them his larger new GAR marker that he had acquired and suggested the camp keep it and use it for ceremonies. Walt said he would give it to the camp if the camp paid the per capita for his brother Dan's dues as a transfer from Oglesby Camp. All agreed. Walt turned over both grave markers to Bob Amsler for our ceremonial use.

Marty said he has been in contact with a scout from the Eureka area and the scout leader regarding our new member, David Marshall's court of honor ceremony and may have interest in caring for the Inks Cemetery and we would give them our remaining funds.

Committed Funds	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$228.78
SVR Fund	\$112.50
CRA 2012 Acct	\$0.00
Total	\$341.28

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$2,333.85
Total Savings	\$413.52

Old Business:

1. Grant Remembrance Day - Expanding. Talked to Stan Prater about portraying Grant and having a little living history on site. Also discussed Don Palmer giving a talk about the GAR inside and Fr Heier giving a talk on Grant-Custer relations. All this may be done besides our normal ceremony.
2. Lincoln Remembrance Day – Springfield IL. Bob Petrovic advises it is proceeding. Needs units to turn in their registration.
3. Ink's Cemetery – See above.
4. Memorial Day – John may have funds for the horse according to Mark Coplin. If he is a little shy, we may cover.
5. Grave Markers – See above.
6. Walt's nomination for C of A. Marty to send out letter to department commanders asking for support. Mark is getting ready to send out info on our sale items to various departments. May include support letter as well.
7. ROTC awards – See above. We currently support 3 and sometimes 4 awards per year.

New Business:

1. Cmdr Coplin reported that he has not heard back from Steve Leicht regarding Boy Scout approval for some of our members to show up in Uniform on the Sunday Before Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks as the boys put out flags on graves. This was to be a first/third person presentation advising the scouts of the importance of Memorial Day.
2. Name badge prices have gone up to \$6.00 and we sell them for \$9. Sales are flat. We may raise prices to \$9.00, but not yet.
3. Auxiliary Charter for the Julia Dent Grant Camp of the A-SUVCW, our new auxiliary, to be chartered. Normally paid for by the camp. Motion by Marty to pay for chartering. 2nded by Don Palmer. Passes.
4. Again reminder that *Missouri Unionist* Deadline is March 15.
5. Swore in Don Alwine and Fr Vincent Heier.
6. Marty checked on who wants to attend David Marshall's court of honor on April 7.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting - April 8 at same place.

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d.Dooleys 026, Fenton, MO

April 8, 2013

Present: Mark Coplin, Bob Petrovic, Don Palmer, Steve Leicht, James Egbert, Bob Aubuchon, Marty Aubuchon, Jim Stebbings, Mike Hudson, Dennis Hannon, Vincent Heier, Walt Busch and arriving at 1940 hrs, David Marshall with guest Bob Marshall.

Opening Ceremonies conducted by Cmr. Coplin at 1900 hrs.

Minutes read and motion to accept by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passed

Secretary report - None. Treasurer Report approved pending audit on motion by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Walt brought up that since the department probably won't pay for the National President's dinner at the encampment if Grant Camp could. Bob Petrovic made motion to pay for them. 2nd by Don Palmer. Passed.

Topic of discussion:

Most interesting weapons to be 1st used in the Civil War. Cmdr. Coplin had a list of 6

	Weapon	Notes
1	Machine gun	machine gun is defined as a gun that fires rapidly and repeatedly
2	Landmine	developed by Confederate Brig. Gen Gabriel Rains in 1862
3	Observation balloon	both Union and Confederate forces experimented with balloons
4	Anti-balloon gun	
5	Repeating rifle	
6	Mounted railroad cannon	the most famous one was called the Dictator

The group also came up with a few like breech-loading cannons by war's end. Double action revolvers, minie balls.

Commander's Report

- a. Badge orders placed for new members
- b. Attended two Eagle Scout presentations with Marty Last week.
- c. I will not be attending Lincoln event due to wedding.
- d. Sent in information to Chris Warren for the Unionist.

Senior Vice Commander turned in more graves from Jefferson Barracks. He is done with the ones assigned Grant Camp to do. We told him to start doing those given the Sherman and Wilhelmi camps as no one has been doing them.

Junior Vice Commander's Report - Nothing to report. Would like membership list sent to all members. Walt will do.

Department Report -- June 1st is department encampment and the Auxiliary national president will be presenting the Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary its charter.

Oglesby camp is probably going to be suspended soon.

National Report -- Nothing shaking, including nothing new with tax issue.

Old Business

- a. Grant Remembrance Day July 20 White Haven -- We can get no support from 8th Missouri for an all day event. [Later meeting with park service has developed information that they are not wanting an all day event, just more speeches at the current event, like a five minute talk about some aspect of Grant]
- b. April - Lincoln Death Day - Springfield, IL. SVR details discussed briefly.
- c. Inks Cemetery - Troop 322 may be able to take over maintenance. Have not heard back from them yet.
- d. Memorial Day -- Hearse may be there.
- e. ROTC awards -- all 3 are on April 26th. Mary to go to U City, John Avery may be able to assist at Lafayette. Bob Petrovic brought up issue that U City does not yet have a ROTC plaque and made motion to give them one. 2nd Walt Busch. Passed with Walt Busch voting Nay as a gesture to Dan Jackson.
- f. Sunday before Memorial Day - Scout Good Turn Event at JB -- Coplin and Leicht lead discussion. Steve was at he reported the the Scouts do not want us to do any programs at JB. So no Sunday event at JB. This will be an event later in the year. He has not given me any dates. The Scouts go out to JB some time during the year and members of various groups come out and represent different areas of the cemetery to educate the scouts about our history

New Business

- a. Steve Leicht mentioned the Hiking Patch for Scouts representative of all wars.
- b. Jim Stebbing mentioned a sesquicentennial event on the Sanitation Fairs. There is one and Marty is talking to Pat Baehr about it, but since her husband is in Sherman camp, they may be doing it through them.
- c. Department encampment delegates - who will attend. Voting on it in May. Walt to issue cards.
- d. David Marshall was installed to the organization.
- e. Department 2014 150th Events as a Price's Raid over-arching event discussed. Walt thought Grant camp could do Glasgow since we have a member out there who might be able to work on it with us. Walt to check out.
- f. Suggestion for a Ghost Graves at Jefferson Barracks in the Fall.

Closing Ceremonies around 2030 hrs.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT FOR MAY 13, 2013

Secretary has been requested to give out membership info to members. Here it is

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Treasurer's Report

Committed Funds	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$228.78
SVR Fund	-\$25.50
CRA 2012 Acct	\$0.00
Total	\$203.28

TOTAL MONEYS

Total Checking	\$1,421.85
Total Savings	\$413.58
Undeposited Funds	
Total	\$1,835.43

Committed Funds	\$203.28
Uncommitted Funds	\$1,632.15

US Grant Camp #68

Approved Meeting Minutes

1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026

May 13, 2013

Present: Donald Alwine, Jim Stebbings, Cmdr Mark Coplin, Bob Petrovic, Don Palmer, SVC James Egbert, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, JVC Bob Aubuchon with Guest Gail Egbert

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Secretary's report -- Non activity.

Treasurer's Report submitted with amendments from transactions after creation of the report. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

Commander's Report:

- a. Badge order complete starting new one and two new members need name tags.
- b. Contacted Helen Fitzgerald's and Terraza Grill about meeting room. Both have rooms. These or Gravois Grill may be options if dDooley's doesn't open up soon. Walt will hold meeting again at his house in July. \$5 for Brats/Hot Dogs and potato salad, probably tea and soda.

Senior Vice Commander's Report: Submitted more grave registrations. Walt said because of the grave registrations James submitted we should get the Eads Award this year.

Junior Vice Commander's Report: Talked to a couple of people about joining at the Hartville Reenactment.

Department Report: Discussion about camp size. Grant camp is now the largest in the state with 37 members. Sherman camp is two or 3 behind. DC is ready to suspend Oglesby Camp. Mark asked Walt about getting a list of Price's Raid Battles. At the department encampment our camp's auxiliary will be receiving its charter from the ASUV President. Don talked about paying for department boards and that paying for them is pending council approval. Bob and Walt talked about the CRA conference coming up the 1st Saturday of Oct in Bardstown, KY

National Report: Reminder that the National Encampment is coming up in August in Milwaukee and that Walt is running for Council. Don Palmer asked how full are the tours and apparently they are not doing well. 501-C3 has been filed.

Old Business:

Grant Remembrance Day - July 20- Various members needed to speak in 1st person as people who knew Grant. Fr. Heier giving a talk about Custer/Grant

Inks Cemetery --- Troop 322 may be able to take over maintenance according to Marty. But Marty not here so no new info.

Memorial Day - Sherman running it. John will not be able to attend this year so no hearse.

Department 2014 = 150th Events. Will Grant Camp host one. Walt suggested possibly Glasgow as Father Frank out there and can help us keep tabs on event.

Department Encampment Delegates: Mark Coplin and Bob Aubuchon said they were coming and then paid Walt the \$7 registration fee each. James Egbert said he might come.

New Business:

Meeting place still up in air.

Characters for Grant Remembrance Day discussed. Mark said the SVR did something like that the last time he attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremonies. Also that it was very well done. It will take a lot of practice and preparation. Some possibilities for 1st Person characterizations are:

Business Associate

Confederate General (Gen. Longstreet)

Infantryman

Julia Dent

Walt talked some on the 100th anniversary of the last G.A.R. campfire inside Fort Davidson and its ceremony being held on June 22. Several members attending.

Topic of discussion next month open. Suggest something.

Meeting closed around 8:15 p.m.

TREASURER REPORT FOR JUNE MEETING

Committed Funds	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$228.78
SVR Fund	-\$22.50
CRA 2012 Acct	\$0.00
Total	\$206.28

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,132.80
Total Savings	\$416.58
Undeposited Funds	
Total	\$1,549.38

Committed Funds	\$206.28
Uncommitted Funds	\$1,343.10

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Meeting Minutes

1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026

June 10, 2013

Present: Jim Stebbings, Cmdr Mark Coplin, Bob Petrovic, Don Palmer, SVC James Egbert, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, JVC Bob Aubuchon, Mike Hudson, Dan Busch and John Palmer

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes: Don noted his name is not in the list of those present, but is in the report. Report Amended. Motion to approve as amended by Bob Petrovic. 2nd by Marty Aubuchon. Passed voice. Nay - Bob Petrovic in honor of Dan Jackson.

Secretary's report -- Non activity.

Treasurer's Report submitted with amendments from transactions after creation of the report. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on motion by Mike Hudson and 2nd by Marty Aubuchon.

Topic of Discussion Briefly was whether Grant was a butcher or not. Walt suggested that he knew a good kosher cut of meat when he saw it. Or was that horse meat?

Commander's Report:

- a. Latest badge order complete. After discussion he was approved to go ahead and order national name tags. Motion to also buy Walt's council name tag by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passes.

- b. Attended Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks. Comments on the Union Ceremony (unprofessional) and Confederate Memorial Service (too long and unpatriotic). I was bayoneted (self-inflicted). Wants purple heart, got raspberries from the group.

- c. Attended Department Encampment. Grant Camp won the Eads Award again. The award has been modified. Now will be given to all camps who meet criteria. At this point we had Gail Egbert come out and Cmdr Mark Coplin presented SVC Egbert with an extra banner we had of the EADS award since it was his grave registrations that got us the award.

- d. Commander then read his proposed presentation (as follows) for Grant Remembrance Day which was favorably accepted.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We are gathered here to remember Gen. Grant and his leadership and actions that helped to pressure our Union. Let me introduce myself – My name is Thomas Hyland I was born in Lorraine, Ohio which is a day's ride west of Cleveland. My brother Henry and I mustered into the 8th Ohio Vol. Infantry in August of 1861. We heard the war was going to last a few months. Henry became ill early in our training and ended up dying in a hospital in

Cincinnati.

The 8th was part of the Army of the Potomac, 2nd Corps, 2nd Division, and 3rd Brigade. After the Antietam we were known as the Gibraltar Brigade, later in the war after Gettysburg the 8th Ohio was called the Fighting Fools. Well at the



beginning of the fighting we did not think much about what was going on out West. Their General Lee was here in the East and so was their capital in Richmond. While at Bloomery Gap word came

to us through the papers about the defeats of the Rebs in places called Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. We were on duty at Paw Paw Tunnel when we started hearing the term Unconditional Surrender along with a General by the name of Grant. We did not realize at first US were his initials. While we were fighting Stonewall in the Shenandoah Valley at Mt Jackson word came thru to use about Grant's victory at a place in Tennessee called Shiloh. We learned more thru Harper's that Grant about lost the battle if it wasn't for timely reinforcements that landed at Pittsburg Landing. Grant seemed to be a different kind of leader. He seemed to push forward unlike McClellan or Burnside who would have us fight a battle – win it or lose it and retreat away from the enemy so we could lick our wounds and regroup. On the way to cut off Lee's advance into Pennsylvania I had a chance meeting with my brother George

who was a member of the 8th Illinois Cav under the command of General Buford - he asked me if had heard about Grant's siege of Vicksburg. Shortly after that meeting we both found ourselves in the middle of a grand fight in the small Pennsylvania town of Gettysburg. I and a few others in my company were pulled for Provost Duty. We were situated behind General Hancock near the Bloody Angle and by those famous clump of trees.

After the smoke had cleared on the 3rd day of the battle – Meade let old Bobby Lee flea back into the south. On that very day we heard news of Grant taking Vicksburg. I along with my fellow soldiers very excited to have been a part and hearing of two great victories. After a long winter break from the fighting we heard that we had a new commander of the army. General Grant was made head of the entire army in March of 1864.

Information spread quickly of many changes coming. No longer were we allowed to exchange prisoners. Little did I know what that new rule would mean to me and many of my fellow brothers in blue or gray. Grant took over the command of the Army of the Potomac while his right hand man General Sherman took over command of the Army of the Tennessee. Grant's 1st campaign as commander of the Army was my last. The overland campaign started with the Battle of the Wilderness. On May 5, 1864 I was part of a lead scouting party in front of General Hancock's 2nd Corps. We were just moving up Orange Plank Road when AP Hill's boys opened up on us. I was wounded and taken prisoner fairly early in the battle. I was moved to Andersonville, Georgia. No more prisoner exchanges. I would continue to hear of Grant's great movements and victories. I would also hear of him being called a butcher for his

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US GRANT CAMP #68 SONS OF UNION VETERANS - MISSOURI

DATE ITEM DESCRIPTION Amount Rec'd Amount Paid Out Checking Savings

6/1/2013	Cash	James Dixon for SUV Polo Shirt	\$20.00			
6/1/2013	175	CinC Perley Mellor meals at encampment		-\$48.00	-\$48.00	
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6/10/2013	Dep	Deposit			\$20.00	
6/10/2013	4241	Robert Kraus Check for Pilot Knob Medals	\$40.00			
6/10/2013	177	Void				
6/10/2013	178	Friends of Fort Davidson (sold one of their medal sets)		-\$30.00	-\$30.00	
6/10/2013	179	Arch Engraving #406044 & 406369x		-\$117.00	-\$117.00	
7/8/2013	DEP	Deposit Saving				\$40.00
TOTALS			\$15,342.73	-\$13,399.18	\$985.80	\$456.58

TOTAL Check & Savings

\$1,442.38

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SVR Fund	-\$22.50
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Total	\$118.01

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US Grant Camp #68

Meeting Minutes

1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026

June 10, 2013

Present: Jim Stebbings, Cmdr Mark Coplin, Bob Petrovic, Don Palmer, SVC James Egbert, Sec-Treas Walt Busch, JVC Bob Aubuchon, Mike Hudson, Dan Busch and John Palmer

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes: Don noted his name is not in the list of those present, but is in the report. Report Amended. Motion to approve as amended by Bob Petrovic. 2nd by Marty Aubuchon. Passed voice. Nay - Bob Petrovic in honor of Dan Jackson.

Secretary's report -- Non activity.

Treasurer's Report submitted with amendments from transactions after creation of the report. Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on motion by Mike Hudson and 2nd by Marty Aubuchon.

Topic of Discussion Briefly was whether Grant was a butcher or not. Walt suggested that he knew a good kosher cut of meat when he saw it. Or was that horse meat?

Commander's Report:

a. Latest badge order complete. After discussion he was approved to go ahead and order national name tags. Motion to also buy Walt's council name tag by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passes.

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d. Commander then read his proposed presentation (as follows) for Grant Remembrance Day which was favorably accepted.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We are gathered here to remember Gen. Grant and his leadership and actions that helped to pressure our Union. Let me introduce myself – My name is Thomas Hyland I was born in Lorraine, Ohio which is a day's ride west of Cleveland. My brother Henry and I mustered into the 8th Ohio Vol. Infantry in August of 1861. We heard the war was going to last a few months. Henry became ill early in our training and ended up dying in a hospital in Cincinnati.

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to us through the papers about the defeats of the Rebs in places called Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. We were on duty at Paw Paw Tunnel when we started hearing the term Unconditional Surrender along with a General by the name of Grant. We did not realize at first US were his initials. While we were fighting Stonewall in the Shenandoah Valley at Mt Jackson word came thru to use about Grant's victory at a place in Tennessee called Shiloh. We learned more thru Harper's that Grant about lost the battle if it wasn't for timely reinforcements that landed at Pittsburg Landing. Grant seemed to be a different kind of leader. He seemed to push forward

unlike McClellan or Burnside who would have us fight a battle – win it or lose it and retreat away from the enemy so we could lick our wounds and regroup. On the way to cut off Lee's advance into Pennsylvania I had a chance meeting with my brother George

who was a member of the 8th Illinois Cav under the command of General Buford - he asked me if had heard about Grant's siege of Vicksburg. Shortly after that meeting we both found ourselves in the middle of a grand fight in the small Pennsylvania town of Gettysburg. I and a few others in my company were pulled for Provost Duty. We were situated behind General Hancock near the Bloody Angle and by those famous clump of trees.

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US Grant Camp #68 Minutes
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September 9, 2013 7:00 PM

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7:02 PM - Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Opening Ceremony led by Cmdr Coplin

Minutes reviewed.

Motion by Bob Petrovic to approve and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passed with Bob Petrovic voting no in honor of Dan.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports reviewed.

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Treasurer recommended that we move 35.60 to the SVR fund to eliminate the negative balance. Passed on voice vote.

Topic of Discussion ---

What if Lee would have agreed to Command the Army of the Potomac. After discussion, Walt suggested we stop having "what ifs" because its can get as ridiculous as "What if Lee didn't want to wear pants during the battle of Gettysburg."

Commander's Report --

Working on a badge order for National - JVC. Also working on an order from James Ward (FLA)

Spoke at White Haven for Grant Remembrance Day Ceremony. Felt it was well received. "Wish my leg would not have shaken."

Attended the 56th Colored Infantry Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks. Very well done.

Kudos to Grant camp members John Avery and Marty Aubuchon. "My arm was about to fall off." [They don't give purple hearts for that either Mark --- Walt]

Toured the Missouri Civil War History Museum -- Very nicely done facility. Go check out what our camp's idea has wrought. They still have some work to do but what they do have is great.

Planning on attending Lt. Col. Jack Grothe's change of command ceremony on Sunday Nov. 17. The ceremony will take place at Jefferson Barracks in the National Guard Assembly Hall.

Senior Vice Commander's Report -- None

Junior Vice Commander's Report --

Hall Cemetery July 13 - Grave site ceremony for William Shumake 10th MO & Wm . Meyers

114th Illinois. - Marty Aubuchon also present

White Haven on July 20 for Grant Remembrance Day

Wentzville Reenactment on Aug 24-25

Patterson MO Living History on Sep 7 & 8 included a grave site ceremony at mass grave.

Department Report --

Fall meeting scheduled for October 12.

Quarterly reports are coming due on the 30th. If anyone did anything supporting our mission, please contact Walt

National Report --

Walt updated camp on issues with running a sesquicentennial event. Most involve the insurance needs issue. Walt said he is working on it by trying to get Mo Civil War Reenactors Assoc insurance rep to see if they can cheaply cover us.

SVR Report --

Jack Grothe retiring on Nov. 17. David Lamb is the new 4th Military District Commander. The Officers are having to reapply for their commissions.

Old Business:

Inks Cemetery - No update regarding scouts. Mark said he would check it to see what work is required prior to next meeting

Department 2014 - 105th Events -- Grant Camp at Glasgow? - Tabled to next meeting

Meeting Location -- New Dooleys still not open. We are thinking Frailey's is the best quiet place we can get. Welcome to hear other suggestions.

At this point in the meeting, the Christmas party was mentioned and Don hadn't worked on it, so Cmdr Coplin appointed John Palmer as liason to work with Kim Palmer in getting Greenbriar Country Club.

New Business:

Nominations of officers for next year. Only two more meetings until we vote. We are very desirous of getting new faces to fill some of these positions.

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Gravestone in St. Charles: Walt reported he got an e-mail from member Jim Hubbard inquiring if we would want to do something about getting a stone in the Oak Grove Cemetery of St. Charles replaced. The stone is that of George Ottman, 4th Mo Cav Co I bugler. Group suggested seeing if John Avery could check on this and possibly get something started. [Done- Walt]

Valhalla Cemetery - Bob Petrovic has info from a person in Illinois about a soldier there in possibly unmarked or poor condition tombstone grave site. Bob said he'd check it out.

Camp Asylum, South Carolina - Walt rec'd e-mail from Chester Depratter wanting to get our support (money) to do rescue archaeology at a Confederate prison camp for Union Officers. He indicated that there were 14 officers from Missouri held there during the war. Group felt this should be passed onto the department. [Done - Walt]

56th US Colored Troops Monument Ceremony is probably now an annual event. Walt suggested that maybe instead of having the Civil War Memorial Day ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks where we usually do, we change it to the monument area when Grant camp runs the event. Walt said they were denied or had a segregated Memorial Day for years, this would represent their recognition in a non-segregated society.

Next Meeting Info:

FRAILEY'S PUB SOUTH

7 PM

October 14, 2013

TOPIC: Walt will talk on two theories he's been developing on 1) How could the South have seceded without firing a shot; and, 2) Neo-Confederates always decry Lincoln's suspension of Habeas Corpus, why was this a military necessity?

From: DEPRATTER, CHESTER (CBDEPRAT@mailbox.sc.edu)

Sent: Fri9/06/13 12:14PM

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2 attachments

State Newspaper.docx (137.9 KB) , City Council-July 1, 2013.docx (15.4 KB)

Dear Officers of the Sons of Union Veterans:

Here in the 150th anniversary of our Civil War, we are about to lose a very important place that was part of that war. What remains of Camp Asylum, a prison camp in Columbia, South Carolina, where Union officers were held in late 1864 and early 1865, is about to be lost to commercial and residential development. I write to ask your help in doing what we can to record the history of this prison camp and to assist in funding archaeological excavations that will recover remaining evidence of the difficult life endured by the more than 1,200 men held there.

Camp Asylum was unlike other Civil War prison camps in several ways. First, only one prisoner died during the two months the prison was in use. Second, the officers held there ate far better than prisoners in other camps, because they were allowed to have gold, silver, and greenbacks sent to them by their friends and families in the north. The funds from these bank transfers were used to buy food from well stocked sutlers in the camp. Third, Camp Asylum is especially well-documented, because the officers held there wrote diaries, made presentations at MOLLUS meetings, and sent many letters home. I have spent the past four years tracking down this material, and I now have accumulated about 8,000 pages of information pertaining to Camp Asylum and the men who were held there.

As an archaeologist, I want to bring the story of Camp Asylum to life. I want to lead a large team of archaeologists in excavations at the site which is on the grounds of the old State Mental Health asylum. I want to film the excavations, and make a broadcast quality film about that work. I want to use the diaries and letters to create a film detailing the stories of the prison and the officers who were held there. I want to put together a museum exhibit, so that the story of the prison will be accessible to all who want to know more. I want to lead tours during the excavations, so that I can educate the public, especially school children, about the Civil War and the important part it played in our nation's history.

None of this will be cheap, and that is why I am turning to you and your organization for help. The developer of the Camp Asylum property has allowed me a four month window of opportunity to excavate the camp, with no further access after that. Current plans call for me to be on site excavating January through April, 2014. To conduct the necessary excavations in that

time frame will take about \$400,000. Completing the films I would like to do would take another \$200,000 or so.

The tight time frame dictated by the developer does not allow me time to go to usual funding sources for such work, including granting agencies, foundations, etc. I am forced to turn to the public and to people like you, descendants of the men held prisoner at Camp Asylum or other prisons. I feel connected to Camp Asylum because my own great-grandfather spent a year in prison in Elmira, New York, and I want to better understand what prisoners on both sides endured.

Records indicate that there were 14 officers from Missouri units (none from Arkansas) held prisoner here in Columbia. Their story is buried in the soil on the grounds of the Mental Health Asylum here in Columbia. I hope that you will help bring their story to life.

Each and every contribution will bring this important project closer to reality. Please bring this project to the attention of your SUV Department members, friends, and other potential donors. Tax deductible contributions can be made by sending checks or money orders made to the USC Educational Foundation directly to me at the address below. In the "For:" box, please enter "Prison Camp Project." Do not make checks to the S.C. Institute of Archaeology, or I will have to return them for replacement.

I have attached two documents for your information. The first is my presentation before Columbia City Council that assured that there would be archaeology at Camp Asylum. Before I spoke at that public hearing on July 1, 2013, there was no provision in the development agreement with the city for any work at Camp Asylum. The second is a newspaper article describing the prison and the work I want to do there.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please call or send me an email if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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**US Grant Camp #68
Meeting Minutes
14 Oct 2013 Frailey's Pub- South**

Members Present: Cmdr Coplin, John Avery, Bob Petrovic, James Egbert, Don Alwine, Bob Aubuchon, John Palmer, Don Palmer, Marty Aubuchon, Walt Busch, Mike Hudson and guest Vince Cople.

Opening Ceremonies began at 1902 hrs with PDC John Avery acting as chaplain leading us in the prayer and the pledge. Cardinal game was then turned on the two TVs in the room.

Minutes were read and motion to approve was made by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passes. No **secretary report**. **Treasurer report** was read and Walt mentioned an outstanding check he had not deposited that doesn't show as cash on hand (\$7.00) and that the bank has started charging us a fee (\$5.00) for receiving printed statements. Walt said he would get it set up for online statements so we don't get charged anymore. [Done 10-16-13 - Walt] Motion to approve subject to audit by Bob Aubuchon and second by Mike Hudson. Passes.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA -- Can you name the battlefield was played by all. More trivia coming in future meetings.

Commander's Report -

Sent out badge order to James Ward after some difficulty with Arch Engraving
Worked on Veteran's Day program (Nov 11) with Marty to be held at Mercy Skilled Nursing
Planned on attending Col Jack Grothe's retirement party on Nov 17. Time has been changed to
1:30 PM. To be held in the National Guard Assembly Hall at Jefferson Barracks.
Was able to get in touch with the Julia Dent impersonator, but she will not modify her 45-50
program so we cannot use her in our July program.

Senior Vice Commander - No report.

Junior Vice Commander - Attended reenactments at Marshall, MO, Chickamauga, and the Capt Blandowski ceremony (Don Palmer, Marty Aubuchon and John Avery also present). Also cleaned up Inks Cemetery and presented a bill for services. Money to be taken from Inks Cemetery fund and placed in SVR Fund.

Department Report -- Walt - By order of department, people under 18 cannot attend a meeting with parent or guardian. James Egbert only one really effected and that will end this Dec as he turns 18.

National Report -- Bob Petrovic - Schedule of all events at national level will be brought to next meeting and it covers several years.

Old Business

Inks Cemetery - Handled by Bob Aubuchon this time. Next year can close the account as funding would be depleted probably with one more clean-up.

Department 2014 Sesquicentennial Events - Walt reported on insurance issue and that the department may pay for it. If we can get insurance we need event. Glasgow, Leesburg, Sanitary Commission Event and Pacific, MO discussed. Marty Aubuchon made a motion

that we have an event, to be determined. Second by Mike Hudson. Passes. [10-16-13 - Cmdr Coplin reports that Leesburg is most likely open as Wilhelmi camp is doing Hermann. If so, we will do Leesburg]

Location of Meetings -- Discussion about waitress's attitude and food. Walt and Bob will talk to owner/manager after meeting. We still have Frailey's for Nov. ..May change after 1st of year.

Officer Nominations for 2014 -- Discussion produced the following ticket. If anyone wants to run for an office please notify Secretary Busch to be put on the ballot. So far:

Bob Aubuchon -- Commander

Mark Coplin -- Senior Vice Commander

John Palmer -- Junior Vice Commander

Council - - Bob Amsler, John Avery, and James Egbert.

Secretary/Treasurer Walt Busch is in the middle of a 2 year term.

Grant Remembrance Day 2014 -- Set for July 19 pending historic site ok. Mrs. Stan Prater will do Julia Dent Grant for us. Discussion over whether we should have someone as Grant and it was decided against.

Memorial Day then discussed -- John Avery can have hearse there again. It is our event so we would pay for it. Bob Petrovic moved to pay up to \$250 to have the horse / hearse. Walt Busch seconded. Passes. Bob Petrovic thanked John who apparently for many years has been tipping the horse deliverer out of his pocket.

Christmas Party -- Still at Greenbriar Country Club. No speaker yet. Bab Prater suggested. We pay meal for speaker and one guest.

Central Region Association-- Meeting held. Marty Aubuchon elected commander. Jim Pahl as SVC and Don Palmer as JVC. All 3 top offices held by members of US Grant Camp! Next year is in Oberlin, Ohio.

New Business --

October 26 -- **Grave Dedication for Eric Essen**, Pacific Home Guard, in Wildwood at Essen Cemetery at 1 PM. Need help! John Avery asked if Walt would send out help request again to area camps. [Done on 10/15]

Site Proposal for us to run **2014 Department Encampment**. We were snubbed at the department encampment about having the next 3 years set up to be run in St. Louis. Walt is on the committee deciding where to hold an event and he has submitted that we would do it again in St. Louis.

Collapsible Flag Stands -- Current stands are very heavy for commander to lug around. Bob Petrovic made a motion that we buy 2 collapsible ones for indoor use. Walt seconded. Passes.

Good of the Order --

John Palmer has been nominated by St. John's Lutheran School in Ellisville to *School National Youth Leadership*.

CLOSING CEREMONIES conducted by John Avery at about 2020.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, NOV 11 7PM at Fraileys.

This month's quiz from Civil War Preservation Trust - Name That Battlefield

1. Where Thomas Jonathan Jackson received his nickname.
2. Peach Orchard, Ruggle's Battery, Duncan Field, Hornet's Nest
3. Robert E. Lee's first major victory.
4. "No terms except unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted."
U.S. Grant
5. Burnside, River Crossing, Marye's Heights, Prospect Hill.
6. Shanks Evans, Potomac, Senator Baker is dead.
7. Rosecrans, Bragg, Slaughter Pen, Orphan Brigade, Hell's Half Acre.
8. Bragg vs. Buell, Squire Henry, Buttom House, Doctor's Creek, Open Knob
9. Hagerstown Pike, Cornfield, West Woods, Rohrbach's Bridge renamed
10. "Charge them both ways!" - Nathan Bedford Forest.

One place to find the answers is at

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/contests-quizzes/quizzes/name-that-battlefield-20/>

US Grant Camp Meeting

11/11/2013

Frailey's Pub --- South

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

Opening Ceremony with pledge and prayers at 7:00 pm by Cmdr Coplin

Minutes read. Motion by Don Alwine to approve and 2nd by Mike Hudson. Passes. The Spirit of Dan Jackson opposes. **Treasurer's report** reviewed and motion to approve subject to audit by Don Palmer and 2nd by Bob Petrovic. Passes.

Trivia – Name that Battle Field

1. Orchard Knob, Missionary Ridge, Wauhatchie, Look Out Mountain
2. Crampton's Gap, Turner's Gap, Major Gen Reno is killed
3. Ray House, Blood Hill, Benn McCulloch, Nathaniel Lyon
4. John Ericsson's invention has its combat debut
5. William Carney wins Medal of Honor, Washington wins an Oscar
6. Catherine Furnace, Orange Plank Road, Hazel Grove, Fairview
7. "The Father of Waters again goes unvexed to the sea" – Abraham Lincoln
8. River of Death, Wilder's Lightening Brigade, Horseshoe Ridge
9. The Mule Shoe Salient
10. Fort Morgan, Fort Gains, Tennessee vs Hartford, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Commander's Report – New badge order placed, Commander and the Aubuchon brothers visited a skilled nursing home in uniform on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov 17 is Jack Grothe's retirement- be there.

Senior Vice Commander's Report: None

Junior Vice Commander's Report: Attended Oct 19-20 Fredericktown, MO reenactment. Attended Erich Essen Grave Dedication on Oct 26 at Essen Cemetery in Wildwood, MO. and served in the honor guard (about 30 spectators). Marched in Veteran's Day parade on Nov 9 in St. Louis along with Michael Hannon and Bob Aubuchon. Went to Mercy Rehab Center on 11/11 to honor veterans along with C,dr Coplin and Marty.

Department Report: Walt -Only that we are working on getting insurance pricing to run all events connected with Price's Raid in 2014.

National Report: Walt – Council of Administration getting a lot of e-mails about Olustee Battlefield in Florida because the Sons of Confederate Veterans are whining about the Florida SUV attempt to put up a marker honoring Union Veterans.

Old Business:

- a. Inks Cemetery - Still there. No project work day yet for 2014
- b. Dept 2014 Special Events – We will do Leasburg if this gets up and running. So far, the Department, though it has the info on what insurance will cost, is falling behind.
- c. January Meeting – Dooley’s or Fraileys? We set up Dooleys, but they failed to fix it so the room has a door, because of that we are back at Fraileys and are scheduled there through March so far.
- d. Grant Remembrance Day 2014 – Various members speaking again. We have a Julia Dent. Need to have a meeting with Arlene at White Haven. Mark and Marty.
- e. Christmas Dinner at Greenbrier Country Club – Dec 10th. No Jeans Allowed. Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. Speaker still pending.

New Business:

- a. **Election of Officers - No competition. Secretary passed one vote for each candidate per motion by Don Palmer and Second by Bob Petrovic. Passes.**

New Officers

Bob Aubuchon -- Commander
Mark Coplin -- Senior Vice Commander
John Palmer -- Junior Vice Commander
Council - - Bob Amsler, John Avery, and James Egbert.
Sec/Treas-- Not voted on this year. Walt Busch

- b. GAR Stars – John Avery needs some for ceremonies. Bob Petrovic talked about Star GAR markers and the round ones. Walt Busch commented about the fact that we need to make sure that GAR markers are put on former GAR member graves. Other soldiers can have a Civil War star. Walt made a motion to buy 3 (2 GAR and 1 Civil War). Marty Aubuchon 2nd. Passed
- c. Bob Petrovic stated that there may be a new camp organizing in the Branson area as a former Indiana member is moving to Table Rock. Walt mentioned that since the Oglesby Camp closed, there is opportunity for a camp in Southeast Missouri.
- d. Talked about the Real Son, Herb Gramelspacher , we have in Poplar Bluff and that it would be nice to do something for him around Christmas. No action.
- e. Don Alwine talked about Wreaths across America to help with projects. Marty Aubuchon said he will check it out.

Meeting Adjourned about 8:25 pm.

		Dinners at Dec meeting				
12/15/2013	Cash	Terrie Madler for PK Badge Set	\$40.00			
12/15/2013	Cash	Friends Fort Davidson 1 badge set		-\$30.00		
12/22/2013	194	Arch Engraving Inv 602788		-\$19.50	-\$19.50	
12/22/2013	DEP	Deposit			\$155.00	
1/10/2014	2217	Walt Busch for Dave Busch Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/10/2014	7759	John Soucy Jr Dues	\$35.00			
1/10/2014	5220	Carl Wattenberg, Jr Dues & SVR Dues 2014	\$38.00			
1/10/2014	1078	Robert Aubuchon Dues & SVR	\$38.00			
1/10/2014	756	Kenneth Roberts Dues & SVR	\$38.00			

TOTALS

\$16,165.73

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\$13,939.20

\$1,069.78

\$463.64

TOTAL Check & Savings

\$1,533.42

Committed Funds	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$57.57
SVR Fund	\$105.94
Total	\$163.51

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,069.78
Total Savings	\$463.64
Undeposited Funds	\$187.00
Total	\$1,720.42