

**US Grant Camp 68 SUVCW**  
**Jan 13 2014 Minutes**  
**Frailey's Pub – I-55 & Butler Hill Rd.**

**Present:** Cmdr. Bob Aubuchon, SVC Mark Coplin, JVC John Palmer, Sec/Treas Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic, James Egbert, Marty Aubuchon, Mike Hudson, John Avery, Don Alwine, Mike Woulfe, PC-in-C Don Palmer and showing up around 8PM: Father Vincent Heier.

Opening Ceremonies at 7:01 PM

Minutes read and motion to approve by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Aubuchon passes.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports read with motion by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hudson to approve with the treasurer's report to be approved subject to audit. Passes.

**Commander's Report** - 11-17 Attended 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Change of Command Ceremony at JB

12-10 Attended Camp Meeting at Greenbriar where I was sworn in.

1-10-14 Sent e-mail to Crawford Co Historical Soc and Museum requesting info on any plans to Have an event for the 150<sup>th</sup> of the Battle of Leasburg.

**Senior Vice Commander's Report** – Attended SVR ceremony above, worked on badge orders. Attended Eagle Scout Ceremony, needs certificate.

**Junior Vice Commander's Report** – None

**Trivia (See Attached – Played Here)**

**Department** - Reminder that dept meeting is Mar 8<sup>th</sup> also that Dept is falling behind on getting stuff done for 150<sup>th</sup> and for the encampment, but can't get anyone to move on it.

**Old Business –**

Inks Cemetery – Tabled to set up date to April Meeting

**New Business –**

John Avery and others had considerable discussion on a GAR meeting to be held in cooperation with the Wildwood Historical Society on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Clothing discussed (see John about this) as well as trying to get proper ceremony together. It was suggested that those attending be familiar with the rituals on the website as the ceremony will be similar.

Grant Camp event at Leasburg. It was decided to do one for the 150<sup>th</sup> no matter what (provided we can get insurance through dept or other source), but that further discussion tabled until Feb meeting so that Commander can check with Crawford Co Historical Soc about the event and Walt can check with nearby Onondaga State Park to see if we could hold an event there.

Grant Remembrance Day 2014 – Date moved to 7/26/13 6 pm so that it can be done in conjunction with a book signing going on at the site. Motion to provide up to \$200 for 2 persons to provide educational entertainment with our ceremony by John Avery. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Petrovic. Passes with one opposed (Mark Coplin).

ROTC Medals – Walt gave Marty all sets we have (5)

Walt – Unionist editor would appreciate getting some articles.

John Avery getting rid of home phone. Only service will be his cell phone. If you need it, Walt has it.

JB Swap Meet – Walt wants to know if we are going to have a booth. John Avery is as selling his uniform stuff. Marty Aubuchon and Bob Petrovic committed to being there. Cost \$15 each table. It was decided by group to work with John Avery that way he can staff our table also. So camp will sign up for 2 tables so we get them next to each other and John will reimburse us for one. [DONE! – Walt]

GAR Markers for graves – Bob Petrovic still looking for best price.

Walt Busch mentioned that Luther Otho Lucas, Real Son of Confederate Veteran from Caledonia, MO just passed at 101. This brought up our Real Son. Marty taking lead organizing several members showing up at nursing home to meet with him.

Memorial Day and Hearse was discussed. It is our turn to handle the event, so more to follow.

Father Heier closed the meeting around 8:40 pm.

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Civil War Trivia Questions

### **Persons, Sites, Actions, and Things**

- Q. What milk product, patented in 1856, became an important part of the Union Soldiers' diets?
- Q. What was the name of Robert E. Lee's beloved horse, now memorialized at Washington and Lee University?
- Q. What was the name of Jefferson's Davisfords last home, which after his death became a home for confederate veterans and the wives or widows and is now a museum?
- Q. What state university, whose students left en masse in 1861 to join the University Grays or the Lamar Rifles, is best known by its nickname, the antebellum term for the mistress of a southern plantation?
- Q. When the Federal government confiscated Mrs. Robert E. Lee's ancestral mansion where the Lees lived before the war, what use was made of the property?

### **Numbers Tell Their Own Stories**

- Q. In the election of 1860, what percentage of the voters backed Abraham Lincoln, who had pledged to preserve the Union, whatever the cost?
- Q. What was the population of the United States in 1860, slaves included, but American Indians not counted?
- Q. During 1861-65, with more that 955,000 immigrants arriving, what was the approximate division to the North and South?
- Q. At Antietam, or Sharpsburg, about how many casualties were suffered on Wednesday, September 17, 1862?
- Q. How many men were in the Pennsylvania units that reached Washington on April 18, 1861, constituting its only important defense?



**US Grant Camp 68, SUVCW**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/10/2014**  
**Frailey's Pub, I-55 & Butler Hill**

**Members Present:** Bob Aubuchon, Mark Coplin, Marty Aubuchon, James Egbert, Mike Hudson, Steve Leicht, Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic and John Avery

**Opening** ceremonies and prayer at 7:04 PM

Reading and approval of **minutes** and **secretary report** on motion from Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hudson. **Treasurer's report** approved subject to audit on motion by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Coplin. Received \$100 check from State of Mo for US Grant Coins and \$40 from Kinkhardt for Battle of Pilot Knob Coin Set. \$2 donation to SVR by Steve Leicht.

**Commander's Report:**

1. Sent out e-mail reminder about the GAR meeting in Wildwood to Mo-SUV Camps and Hecker Camp in IL
2. Contacted Tara at Onondaga Cave for commemorative on battle of Leasburg. Didn't get any response yet from Crawford County Historical Society.

**No Senior or Junior Vice Commander reports.**

**Department Report** – Marty Aubuchon reports department meeting on 3/8. Walt advises that the Encampment this year will apparently be at Comfort Suites in Rolla, MO on June 7. No action regarding sesquicentennial combined events although Walt had requested a special meeting on the topic.

**National Business:** Walt reported that there are some issue popping up about placing a Union monument at Oulestee Battlefield in Florida. We need to stay out of the discussion, but if you want to keep abreast of it, it can be googled as it is making the papers.

**Quiz - Attached**

**Old Business:**

General discussion was held setting up the GAR meeting for the Wildwood Historical Society on February 18 at 7pm. Discussion led by John Avery along with handing out proposed ceremony for event.

Brief discussion led by Marty Aubuchon about Sherman Day Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery on February 23 at 2pm. Marty advises that assembly to march in is at 1:30pm at the entrance.

Grant Remembrance Day at White Haven, July 26, 2014 at 6pm, no discussion.

Grant Camp event for Battle of Leasburg. We can do it through Onondaga Cave State Park, but we probably will still need insurance for National SUVCW which could be expensive if not done in group. Discussion mostly by Bob Aubuchon and Walt Busch

#### **New Business:**

Missouri SUVCW meeting at Jeff City Capital on March 8 at 10am. – Reminder

Mo Civil War Museum Trivia Night at Royal Orleans on Telegraph Rd, March 29, 2014 – Mark Coplin going, but no one interested in whether we have a team or not. Door opens 6pm. \$25 per person.

**Good of the Order:** Patriotic Instructor Marty Aubuchon passed out the attached.

Meeting **Closing** Ceremonies at 8:12 pm.

#### **ON-LINE**

Since the Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet was cancelled, Walt Busch made a motion on Feb 28 via e-mail: that the \$30 paid to Friends of Jefferson Barracks be donated to that group and that the camp secretary will inform them of that so they don't have to issue a refund check. Motion seconded by Marty Aubuchon. No dissenting members heard from, many voted aye. On March 5, Friends of Jefferson Barracks was advised: Per vote of the camp, Friends of JB is to keep the \$30 we sent to rent two tables. We desire the money to be earmarked for education, charity, interpretation, or exhibits.

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Civil War Trivia Questions

#### **Places: Small and Large, Obscure and Famous**

- Q. The English-born entertainer Harry McCarthy wrote the popular southern song "The Bonnie Blue Flag" in the spring of 1861 and performed it for the first time in what city?
- Q. In what vast uninhabited marshy area of tangled forest and underbrush west of Chancellorsville, Virginia, did Grant propose to fight it out "if it takes all summer"?
- Q. Jefferson Davis regarded what site in his home state as "the Gibraltar of the West"?
- Q. What city held the only gas works of the confederacy capable of inflating observation balloons?
- Q. What small community was completely transformed by General Grant, who made it his headquarters and the "nerve center" of the Union for the final ten months of the war?

#### **Weapons: Old and New, Deadly and Harmless**

- Q. What was the caliber of the bayonet-equipped Enfield rifle-musket, usually listed simply as "rifle"?
- Q. What distinguished the eight-inch seacoast howitzer, model 1841, from counterparts used in the field?
- Q. What was the maximum range of a shell from the gigantic twenty-inch Rodman Smoothbore gun?
- Q. Thirteen-inch seacoast mortars could send a 220-pound bomb 4,325 yards if elevated to what degree?
- Q. How many guns were expected to be fired as a salute to the U.S. flag when Fort Sumter was surrendered?



### **Patriotic Instructor Comments**

Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 68

February 10, 2014

Definition of Patriotism: "The American Heritage dictionary defines "patriotism" as feeling, expressing, or inspired by love for one's country. Source: Introduction, Handbook of Instruction for the Camp Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, copyrighted 2005; Revised 2009.

On February 17, 2014 a National Holiday known as President's Day (third Monday in February) will be observed. At one time, there were two holidays in February. One honored George Washington's Birthday on February 22 and one holiday honored Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12.

Washington's Birthday was adopted as a holiday on February 22, 1796. Some people initially celebrated his birthday on February 11 because of an old style calendar. According to the Gregorian calendar which was used by the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, Washington was born on February 22, 1732.

While Washington's Birthday was a federal holiday, Lincoln's birthday was not a Federal Holiday but is a legal holiday in several states.

The third Monday in February, while known as Washington's birthday, is a day for honoring Washington and Lincoln, and other men who have served as president.

### **Attachments:**

February 12 – Union Defender's Day or Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

The report of the Commander-in-chief, George B. Abbott, 8<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, Patterson, NJ, Sept 10 -13, 1889

The Third Monday in February – President's Day

George Washinton's Birthday – February 22

Source: Chapter 3, Holiday's and other special days, Handbook of Instruction for the Camp Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, copyrighted 2005, Revised 2009.

Next Month: Proper Use of the Flag, Posting of Flag, and Retiring the Colors

### **Chapter 3 – Holidays and other special days**

#### **National, Federal and Special holidays –**

##### **January 1 – New Year's Day**

##### **February 1 - National Freedom Day**

First observed on February 1, 1949

The purpose of this holiday is to promote good feelings, harmony, and equal opportunity among all citizens and to remember that the United States is a nation dedicated to the ideal of freedom.

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, fought to have a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. When Wright got his freedom, he went on to become a successful businessman and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major Wright chose February 1 as National Freedom Day because it was the day in 1865 that President Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

This amendment, an important change to our written law, outlawed slavery in the United States. Wright gathered national and local leaders together to write a bill declaring February 1 "National Freedom Day" and President Harry Truman signed the bill on June 30, 1948 making it official.

##### **February 12 – Union Defender's Day or Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**

First observed 1866

Abraham Lincoln, perhaps our greatest President, gives us insight into the qualities desired in leadership. Clearly Abraham Lincoln is considered one of the greatest U.S. Presidents of all time. From his humble log cabin beginnings to his martyrdom, his intellect, determination, humility, wit, and savvy is recognized. His determination to keep the nation together



## The Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports would respectfully submit the following:

1. That they approve the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in reference to a proper observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, but would recommend that instead of denominating it is "Sons of Veterans' Day", that the same shall be known as "Union Defenders' Day", and that the Commander-in-Chief issue proper orders providing for its observance by the Order.

## The Third Monday in February - President's Day

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Its traditions included Birthnight Balls in various regions, speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures, and a lot of revelry in taverns throughout the land. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the



**US Grant Camp Meeting Minutes**  
**3/10/14**  
**Frailey's Pub, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd.**

Members: Bob Petrovic, James Egbert, Jim Stebbings, Mark Coplin (acting commander), Don Alwine, Marty Aubuchon, John Avery, Mike Hudson, Walt Busch

Meeting opened with prayer & the pledge of allegiance at 7:10 pm led by SVC Coplin.

Trivia followed (SEE END OF MINUTES)

Minutes were read and approved on motion from Don A. and second by Marty A. Secretary & Treasurer's reports were read and approved with the treasurer's report approved subject to audit on motion by Bob P. and second by Mike H.

Commander Bob Aubuchon's report given by Mark C.

1. Our Leasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Event will be held on Sept 21 at Onondaga Cave State Park. Commander is in contact with Tara at the park about the event.
2. Feb 18 – attended GAR Meeting in Wildwood which was a camp – Wildwood ' Historical Society project.
3. Feb 23- attended Sherman ceremony. Good participation from SUV and re-enactors. Two members of Hecker Camp in Illinois were also there.

Department Report (Bob P, Walt B and Marty A attended and gave report that the sesquicentennial joint effort in the department has collapsed as no one was keeping dept informed of any projects, so it is felt the money spent on insurance for a nationally approved project would be better used just to support our own project. A boy scout challenge coin is being made up for us to give out at ceremonies along with the certificate, Vicksburg monument repair is having some push – Commander Dietzel is helping push the effort.

Old Business:

1. Grant Remembrance Day in July. Marty A. reports that Angela da Silva will be there for us acting the roll of a slave. Barb Prater will be there in the role of Julia Dent Grant.
2. Walt would really like some articles for the Unionist due Mar 30.
3. Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks was discussed briefly and everything seems on line for the hearse and other parts of the program as our camp takes the lead this year. Still suggested that someone needs to tell the Confederates that their program really needs to be trimmed.

New Business:

1. Aug 15 at 10 am at the 56<sup>th</sup> Colored Infantry Mass Grave in Jeff Barracks there will be a program. We should be in attendance.
2. Sept 21 – Battle of Leasburg event (already covered above)
3. Lincoln Tomb on schedule to be redone by the April 12<sup>th</sup> Ceremony. Units still need to sign up.
4. John Avery thanked everyone for the participation and support of the Wildwood GAR Ceremony.

5. Motion by Bob P and second by Mike H. to give Father Heier a membership badge. Passes.
6. Mark C. – Father Heier's book club (I have no idea what my note meant here on this, but putting it in anyway)

Patriotic Instructor Marty A passed out SUV brochure on flag facts (attached).  
Closing ceremonies with prayer at 8:02 pm.

#### War on the Water: Salt & Fresh

1. The loyalty of what Union naval officer was questioned because of his southern roots?
2. In what waters did David Farragut, USN, reputedly cry, "Damn the torpedoes! Full steam ahead!"?
3. What Confederate ironclad dueled with Farragut's flagship, the USS Hartford, in Mobile Bay?
4. Jeering Confederates aboard what southern vessel called the called the USS Monitor the "tin can on a shingle?"
5. What was the result of the famed duel between the Monitor and the Virginia (Merrimack)?

#### Roles of Civilians

1. The parents of Thomas "Tad" Lincoln became concerned because he had not learned to read at what age?
2. After Shiloh, which Union general did Gov. David Todd of Ohio want court-martialed?
3. What woman writer who defended Lincoln's use of war powers claimed to have planned the western campaign of 1862?
4. Whose name is attached to a December 1860 proposal for six US Constitutional Amendments regarding Slavery, to seek sectional compromise to avoid war?
5. What Scottish native reared in Alabama was enlisted in the Confederate army's medical department as a Hospital matron?

#### Secretary's Report

Thanks to everyone who expressed concern about my visit to the hospital. At least I can never rupture an appendix again!

I've recorded 6 markers and 1 cannon this month. We are down to only 12 markers/cannons needed recording statewide.

I've received payment from several members and Marty has heard from Phil Hinderberger. If Phil sends his in, we will only be dropping Ken Kennedy and David Marshall.

This next month I will have time while recovering to submit the Camp Annual Per Capita to Department and also the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report. Anyone having info for the quarterly report, please e-mail me.

#### Treasurer's Report

The savings account was closed as the bank no longer provides free savings accounts to businesses. The books balance with the banks last statement. Our per-capita being sent in this month will be around \$900.

2/21/2014	DEP	Deposit			\$499.00
3/11/2014	7213	Robert McDonald Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
3/11/2014	10720	Lindsey Check for Name Badge	\$11.00		
3/16/2014	1710	McAtee Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
3/16/2014	4456	Hunt Dues	\$35.00		
3/29/2014	21858132723	James Hubbard Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
3/25/2014	DEP	Close Out of Savings to Checking			\$501.78
4/1/2014	197	Marty Aubuchon reimburse for paying for SUV Dues		-\$129.00	-\$129.00
4/3/2014	DEP	Deposit above checks			\$160.00
TOTALS			\$17,215.87	\$14,128.20	\$2,581.56

**TOTAL Check &  
Savings**

\$2,581.56

<b>Committed Funds</b>	
Inks Cemetery Fund	\$57.57
SVR Fund	\$58.94
Total	\$116.51

<b>TOTAL MONEYS</b>	
Total Checking	\$2,581.56
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$228.00
Total	\$2,809.56

**Committed Funds**                      **\$116.51**  
**Uncommitted Funds**                **\$2,693.05**

Outstanding

7/9/2013	182	Dues for J Palmer advancing to membership		-\$14.50	
4/1/2014	197	Marty Aubuchon reimburse for paying for SUV Dues		-\$129.00	-\$129.00
4/3/2014	DEP	Deposit above checks			\$160.00



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## Grant Camp minutes Apr and tomorrow nite meeting reminder

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From: **Walter Busch** (webusch@hotmail.com)

Sent: Sun 5/11/14 12:07 PM

To: Barney Combs (kentuckylonghunter@gmail.com); Bob Aubuchon (baubcwpowlet@htc.net); Carl Wattenberg JR (carlawjr@gmail.com); Chei Mi Lane 2006 (cml209@gmail.com); Chris SUV Hunter (macslu@aol.com); D Jackson (axnjxn74@gmail.com); Daniel E Jackson (dan@bagpiperdan.com); David Grant Camp Hahs (hahs73@yahoo.com); David Gregory Marshall (denisecmarshall@juno.com); DEB & MARTY AUBUCHON (deb.martyaubuchon@sbcglobal.net); Dennis Hannon (dennis.hannon@charter.net); Don Alwine (dpalwine@live.com); Dwight SUV Prade (dpradeins@gmail.com); Father Richard Frank (richardwfrank1@yahoo.com); Fr Vincent Heier (vahcuster@juno.com); Gail & James Egbert (gle327@sbcglobal.net); Gary Scheel Somewhere (somewhere1@sbcglobal.net); Harold Hunt (hlhunt@suddenlink.net); J Avery (javery1129@aol.com); James Pahl, PCinC (pcincpahl@suvchw.org); James Egbert (missourirebel37@yahoo.com); Jim Hubbard (hubbardjim@hotmail.com); Jim Stebbings (j.stebbing@att.net); John Soucy Jr (johncsoucy@msn.com); John David McAtee (jdmcatee@aol.com); Jon Pennington (jpenn@swbell.net); Joshua "Hunter" Kelly (louisestl@sbcglobal.net); Ken Roberts (kwroberts@swbell.net); Mark Coplin (macnac4856@gmail.com); Michael Woulfe (mjwoulfe@sbcglobal.net); Mike Hudson (hudson0268@yahoo.com); One Daughter of Geo Williams (mossroses4u@yahoo.com); Phil Hinderberger (phinder@pacbell.net); ramsler@charter.net (rambler@charter.net); Robert McDonald (mcdonald@slu.edu); Steve Leicht SUV (sentryrem@att.net); SUV 1 (rpetro7776@aol.com); SUV 2 (pondook@aol.com)

Brothers: Here are the meeting minutes from April.

Walt

Attendance: John Avery, Robert Petrovic, Mike Hudson, James Egbert, Bob Aubuchon, Don Palmer, John Palmer, Mark Coplin, Father Heier.

Meeting commenced at 7: 03 pm.

Had the opening ceremony and prayer. Secretary and Treasure report waved do to absence.

Officers gave their reports.

Had trivia session.

Discussed of a challenge coin For the Boy Scouts.

Talked about Missouri Encampment at Rolla June 7, 2014.

Discussed The Grant Symposium At Central Library in St. Louis sponsored by several groups. Mo. Civil War Heritage Foundation and Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site to name a couple.

National discussion about expand Civil War Journals and web site over haul.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Bob AuBuchon U.S. Grant Camp. CC

**US Grant Camp  
Meeting Minutes  
5/12/2014  
Frailey's Pub**

**Present:** Bob Aubuchon, CC; Martin Aubuchon, PDC; Jim Stebbings; Don Palmer, PCinC; John Avery, PDC; Robert Petrovic, PDC; Walt Busch, PDC; Don Alwine; new member Jon Pennington; and Father Vincent Heier arrived at 7:47PM. Guest: Cher Petrovic, A-SUCVW

**Treasurer's Notes as adjustments to the treasurer's report:**

Prior to meeting received \$22 from Bob Aubuchon who purchased a membership medal and \$3 from Bob Aubuchon as donation to the SVR fund.

Wrote check #201 for \$200 for St. Louis Carriage Co for Memorial Day

Wrote check #202 for \$50 to John Avery to use as tip money for horse owners.

**Meeting began** at 7:01 PM with Bob Aubuchon leading both prayer and pledge.

**New member**, Jon Pennington, introduced himself and was greeted warmly.

**Motion to approve minutes** by Don Alwine and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Avery. Passed on voice vote.

**Secretary's report and treasurer's report** (subject to audit) motion to approve by Don Palmer with second by John Avery . Passes on voice vote.

**Commander's Report**

Worked with Greg Wolk for Grant Symposium May 3, 2014. Sent out e-mails trying to get SUV members to attend. Also attended event. US Grant Camp, our auxiliary, Sherman Camp, Westport Camp and members of the 101 First Airborne were present. Special salute to Dale Crandell from Westport Camp for making the journey. I helped present the Proclamation by St. Louis Mayor Slay declaring May 3, 2014, to be Ulysses S. Grant Day. Grant Camp now has St. Louis flag, Missouri flag and parade poles and tops.

Sent e-mails out for School Days at Fort Davidson, Memorial Day ceremony at Jefferson Barracks for interment of two Civil War veterans, June 12, 2014. Sent e-mail out to camps for Ceremony at Valhalla Cemetery May 24 for Civil War veteran and 20 unclaimed remains.

Tried getting bugler for our Memorial Day event.

**No Senior Vice Commander Report.**

**Junior Vice Commander** is still working on project recommended at earlier meeting.

**Trivia (answers on last page):**

What is the name of the first president given a speeding ticket (while president)?

How many meetings did Grant and Lee have at the end of the war including Appamattox?

What nauseated General/President Grant more than anything else?

**Patriotic Instructor/Camp Historian:** Marty reminded all about some of the facts of Memorial Day

**Department Report :** Encampment June 7. Comfort Inn-Rolla, 1650 Old Wire Outer Rd. ph. 573-368-4300. Preregistration contact Randall Burd 573-368-8481. Election of delegates below. New Eagle Scout Coins discussed – Motion to by 20 eagle medals made by Walt and seconded by Don Palmer. Passed on voice vote.

**National Report:** Bob Petrovic announced he is running for Junior Vice Commander. Resolution that the camp support and prepare a resolution of support for him made by Martin Aubuchon and seconded by Don Palmer.

**Old Business:**

Grant Remembrance Day at White Haven July 26 6pm. – Questionable whether Dan Jackson can be Bugler at the event.

Memorial Day Ceremony – 26 May Jefferson Barracks – assemble 9:30 AM – Issue with hearse, hopefully rectified by day of event.

**New Business:**

Memorial Ceremony at Valhalla Cemetery 7800 St Charles Rock Rd on 24 May 10AM  
School Days at Fort Davidson 27-28 May,. Walt surprised as site didn't know anything about it. Apparently Sherry Whitener of Farmington School contacted SVR members directly.

Memorial Ceremony for interment of 2 Civil War vets at JB 12 June at 1PM.

Dedication ceremony for new 56<sup>th</sup> USCT marker at JB on Aug 15- Person in charge is Sarah Cato.

ROTC – we reportedly have 2 navy and 12 JROTC units in the St. Louis Area. Motion by Bob Petrovic that we support all. Seconded by Walt. Passes on voice vote.

**Election of Delegates to the Department Encampment:** Persons definitely going: Bob Petrovic (PDC), Martin Aubuchon (PDC) Don Palmer (PCinC), Walt Busch (PDC) who is also representing National Commander and possibly Bob Aubuchon (CC). All entitled to vote already. Motion made by Bob Petrovic that any member of the camp showing up is an alternate and the camp commander will pick who are delegates to our total strength of 9 as we have 36 members. Second by John Avery. Passes on voice vote.

**Meeting Closed** with Prayer at 8:20 PM

- Answers:**
1. US Grant for racing his horse through Washington, DC streets
  2. Two meetings (second was to see if Lee would surrender all CSA troops).
  3. Sight of blood, even in raw meat.



## Secretary's Report for the Month

Since the last meeting I've attended (March) I've had the following itinerary

3/17 Add New Last Soldier to Cole County

3/25 5 markers in Greene County (Wilson's Creek) Recorded and one cannon

3/29 Ruptured Appendix Surgery

4/1 Unionist sent out

4/12 Didn't make the Council of Administration meeting due to family wedding in Charleston SC, but got to see several Civil War forts. The neatest with the most cannons was Fort Clinch on Amelia Island FLA.

5/10 Represented the National Commander at the Dept of Illinois Encampment in Batavia, IL

### Membership Update

1. David Gregory Marshall reupped so sent in Form 30 with Reinstatement
2. Jon Pennington of Kirkwood is our new member. Form 30 has been sent in and he has been invited to the next meeting.

## Treasurer's Report --- Balances with 4/30/14 Bank Statement

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery
3/11/2014	7213	Robert McDonald Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
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4/9/2014	198	Arch Engraving Inv 604737		-\$28.00	-\$28.00
4/15/2014	199	Dept of MO - Per Capita		-\$928.00	-\$928.00
5/8/2014	3433	Marshall's Dues	\$38.00		

5/8/2014	200	Dept of MO Marshall's Reinstate		-\$39.00	-\$39.00
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TOTALS

\$17,253.87

\$15,123.20

\$1,586.56

**TOTAL Check &  
Savings**

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SVR Fund	\$61.94
Total	\$119.51

<b>TOTAL MONEYS</b>	
Total Checking	\$1,586.56
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$38.00
Total	\$1,624.56

**\$119.51**

**Committed Funds**

**\$1,505.05**

**Uncommitted Funds**

**Outstanding**

7/9/2013	182	Dues for J Palmer advancing to membership		-\$14.50	
4/15/2014	199	Dept of MO - Per Capita		-\$928.00	
5/8/2014	3433	Marshall's Dues	\$38.00		
5/8/2014	200	Dept of MO Marshall's Reinstate		-\$39.00	

Respectfully in FC&L

Walt Busch, PDC

**US Grant Camp Meeting**  
**June 9, 2014**  
**Frailey's Pub, Butler Hill Rd & I-55, St. Louis, MO**

Present: Bob Aubuchon, CC; Walt Busch, PDC; Bob Petrovic, PDC; James Egbert; Don Alwine; Jim Stebbings; Marty Aubuchon, PDC; Mike Hudon; and John Avery, PDC.

Meeting began at 1905 with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance

Review and approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Bob Petrovic and second by Mike Hudson, approved on voice vote.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports presented. Motion to approve with the treasurer's report being subject to audit by Bob Petrovic and second by John Avery. Approved on voice vote.

**Commander's Report –**

Organized Jefferson Barracks ceremony for the Union grave sites, got the bugler Mark Garcia. Dropped off wreath before, so we had a wreath presentation. Made up programs for the ceremony.

Sent e-mail information for the interment of two Civil War soldiers at JB

Pick up flag carriers

Senior Vice Commander's Report – No

Junior Vice Commander's Report – No, still working on survey.

Trivia presented

Patriotic Instructor / Camp Historian – Marty Aubuchon told everyone to remember the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Department Report – Walt gave a summary of department encampment. Main things were that Don Palmer was elected council and Marty was elected Sec/Treasurer. Glen Alsop is the Commander.

National Report – None really, Encampment in Marietta GA

**Old Business-**

1. Grant Remembrance Day at White Haven July 26, 2014 at 6pm
2. Memorial Day – John said the horse was skittish. The structure of the hearse is now questionable. Mark Garcia was the bugler.
3. Valhalla – Missing in America ceremony went well – John Avery.

**New Business-**

1. A memorial ceremony for interment of 2 Civil War veterans at Jeff Barracks on 12 June at 1PM. Would like 20-30 SUV members present. SUV to assemble at 12:30PM.
2. June 14<sup>th</sup> there is a flagpole dedication at the Father Dickson Cemetery on New Sappington Rd. at 2pm. – John Avery.
3. There will be a ceremony for a new monument at Jefferson Barracks in honor of the 56<sup>th</sup> USCT troops buried there. Time: 15 Aug. John Avery taking lead
4. Walt mentioned that starting Tuesday night Fort Davidson SHS runs a lecture series on Tuesday evenings until the end of July mostly about Civil War topics.
5. Bob Petrovic stated that we should have a stock of ROTC medals since we are working with so many schools and made a motion for us to buy 20 of them. Walt Busch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost \$5/ea Total \$100.00. Walt to do a mailing to the schools. Bob Petrovic and Marty Aubuchon are to prep letter for them.

Closing ceremonies 2010

No Secretary Report – Treasurer Report



DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery
5/8/2014	3433	Marshall's Dues	\$38.00		
5/8/2014	200	Dept of MO Marshall's Reinstate		-\$39.00	-\$39.00
5/12/2014	Cash	Robert Aubuchon buy membership badge and \$3 SVR donation	\$25.00		
5/12/2014	201	St Louis Carriage Co		-\$200.00	-\$200.00
5/12/2014	202	John Avery - Horse Tip		-\$50.00	-\$50.00
6/7/2014	182/D EP	John Palmer dues returned to acct as Dept of Mo lost check. Encampment allowed its return	\$14.50		\$14.50
6/7/2014	203	Dept of Missouri- 20 Eagle Scout Coins		-\$100.00	-\$100.00
6/9/2014	171	Dept of Mo Check rest of Pennington's dues	\$23.25		
6/9/2014	DEP	Deposit			\$86.25
7/11/2014	1722	Milburn for badges	\$29.00		
7/11/2014	1723	Davis for Badges	\$11.00		
7/11/2014	2176	Enderlin for Badges	\$11.00		
7/11/2014	A7224 045	State of MO for 4 Medal sets	\$200.00		
7/11/2014	204	Arch Engraving Inv #606174		-\$14.00	-\$14.00
7/12/2014	DEP	Deposit			\$251.00

**TOTALS**

\$17,567.  
62

-\$15,487.20

\$1,574.31

**TOTAL  
Check &  
Savings**

\$1,574.31

**Committed Funds**

Inks Cemetery Fund	\$57.57
SVR Fund	\$64.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122.51</b>

**TOTAL MONEYS**

Total Checking	\$1,574.31
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,574.31</b>

**Committed Funds**  
**Uncommitted Funds**

**\$122.51**  
**\$1,451.80**

**Outstanding**

5/8/2014	200	Dept of MO Marshall's Reinstate		-\$39.00	
7/11/2014	204	Arch Engraving Inv #606174		-\$14.00	
7/12/2014	DEP	Deposit			\$251.00



**US Grant Camp Meeting**  
**July 14, 2014**  
**Frailey's Grill, Butler Hill Rd & I-55**

**Present:** Cmdr Bob Aubuchon, Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic, Mark Coplin, John Avery, Father Vincent Heier, PCinC Don Palmer, John Palmer, Mike Hudson, Jim Stebbings, John Soucy. 7:44 pm, Marty Aubuchon shows up. Guest: Cher Petrovic

**Opening Prayer & Ceremony at 7:03 pm** led by Father Heier. Pledge of allegiance led by Cmdr Bob Aubuchon.

**Reading and approval of minutes .** Motion to approve Bob Petrovic w/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Stebbings

**Secretary Report:** None; **Treasurer Report** approved subject to audit on motion by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Coplin

**Commander's Report:**

6/10 – Attended seminar at Fort Davidson. Discussion of Battle of Pilot Knob

6/12 – Attended Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Lost Soldier interment. Two Civil War soldiers were also interred. Augustus G. Witcomb, E Co. 6<sup>th</sup> MA Inf & Francis M. Tuttle, B Co. 44<sup>th</sup> IL Inf. SVR and other re-enactors did firing salute

6-21 & 22 – Attended re-enactment at Jacksonville IL

Sent e-mails to our bugler Dan Jackson for availability for Grant Ceremony at White Haven. No response.

7-8 – Clean up Inks Cemetery, stated expended 5 hours labor @\$10 and drove 72 miles at 50 cents mile (\$36.00) for total of \$86.00 on clean-up. There is only \$57.57 in acct, told to transfer that into SVR acct and forget the rest.

Senior Vice Commander Report: Attended 6/12/14 Jefferson Barracks Ceremony

Junior Vice Commander Report: Still working on survey. Went to Kennesaw Mountain NHP

Trivia – Too long to include

Patriotic Instructor/Camp Historian: Absent

Department Report: None

National Report: Mid-Aug Grant Merchandise needed to be re-licensed. Done 8/14

**Old Business:**

Grant Remembrance Day at White Haven Jul 26, 14 6PM final plans. Change of plan. Barb Prater to do talk about a Mrs. Young instead of Julia Dent.

**New Business:**

Leasburg Special Event is still going on on Sep 21. Bob Aubuchon and a few people to do a living history. Walt and Gary Scheel to give a few talks on Sunday

Name change ceremony - Would like SVR to be there at Fort Davidson SHS when it becomes Battle of Pilot Knob SHS. – Walt

John Avery reminded of 8/15 Jefferson Barracks Ceremony for USCT when National Encampment is going on.

National Badges need to be made by us (Mark Coplin) to give out to national commanders. Walt asks whether we want to continue giving to all three or just C-in-C. John Avery makes motion to have them presented to all three. Seconded by Marty Aubuchon. Passed on Voice vote.

ROTC name boards we've given to various schools need to be updated (Bob Petrovic). John Avery says that LaFayette doesn't need it, they've been doing theirs.

Fees for diSilva and Prater discussed for their portrayals at the Grant White Haven event. Decided just to stick with amount agreed upon.

Cher Petrovic to have a book signing at Main Street Books in St. Charles from 1-3pm on 7/19.

Don Palmer asked about an ad in national encampment magazine. Department to have one. Bob Petrovic motioned for a no vote. John Soucy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voice vote, Mark Coplin voting no.

CLOSING CEREMONY: 8:40 PM

# TREASURER REPORT

7/14/2014	205	Cher Petrovic Boards		-\$18.42	-\$18.42	07/31/14
7/26/2014	206	Mark Coplin for shipping merchandise		-\$12.26	-\$12.26	08/31/14
7/26/2014	207	Angela Di Silva for Grant Day		-\$100.00	-\$100.00	07/31/14
7/26/2014	208	Ms Praeter for Grant Day		-\$100.00	-\$100.00	08/31/14
7/26/2014	209	Cher Petrovic - Bulletins for Grant Day		-\$56.25	-\$56.25	07/14/14
8/10/2014	210	Walt Busch - Reimburse for SOS Registration Fee		-\$10.00	-\$10.00	08/31/14
8/15/2014	211	National SUV 20 ROTC Medals		-\$100.00	-\$100.00	08/31/14
0823/2014	212	Arch Engraving #607472		-\$35.00	-\$35.00	09/30/14

TOTALS

\$17,567.62

-\$15,919.13

\$1,142.38

TOTAL  
Check & Savings

\$1,142.38

## Committed Funds

Inks Cemetery Fund	\$0.00
SVR Fund	\$122.51
Total	\$122.51

## TOTAL MONEYS

Total Checking	\$1,142.38
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$38.00
Total	\$1,180.38

**Committed Funds**  
**Uncommitted Funds**

**\$122.51**

**\$1,057.87**



**US Grant Camp Meeting Sep 8, 2014**  
**Frailey's Pub**

**Members Present:** CC Bob Aubuchon, James Egbert, Mark Coplin, James Stebbings, John Avery, Donald Alwine, John Palmer, PC-in-C Don Palmer, Walt Busch, Bob Petrovic and Martin Aubuchon. At 8:00 AM, Father Vincent Heier arrived.

Meeting opened at **1907** with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes reviewed** and approved motioned by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Aubuchon. Passes  
No Secretary Report.

**Treasurer's Report** – Marty motions to pay Bob Petrovic's badge cost due to past service since after 30 years he is no a full member. No dissent. Marty motions to approve treasurer report subject to audit. Mark seconds. Passes.

**Commander's Report:**

July 26 – Attended White Haven/US Grant Camp event

July 27 – Attended Memorial for Moore's Mill Grave Dedication. Some 4<sup>th</sup> Military District funds  
Were spent on this. Bob, Marty and John Avery in attendance.

August 15 – Attended dedication of new plaques at 62<sup>nd</sup> USCT memorial at Jefferson Barracks  
Cemetery. Mark Coplin and John Avery also present.

Sent letter inviting Siegel Camp to attend our Battle of Leasburg Commemoration on Sep 20.

**Senior Vice Commander Report** – Mark Coplin attended White Haven Event & USCT event.

**Junior Vice Commander Report** -

**U.S. Grant Camp Membership Survey - 2014**

A total of 10 surveys were returned, representing slightly less than 30% of the Camp. Six of these responses were from members who regularly or periodically attend meetings and four were from members who rarely or never attend meetings.

Members responding to the survey averaged 13.3 years as members in the SUVCW.

Member motivation to join fell into three main areas, based on the percentages: (1) representing ancestors who served in the Union army, (2) interest in interacting with those with similar interest in Civil War history and (3) based on "arm twisting" by existing members to join.

Expectations varied; however, the largest percentage was directed at educational interests. This includes discussions on specific topics of interest relative to Civil War history. There are also expectations that we engage in preservation activities directed at honoring those that helped preserve the Union. A small percentage had no expectations whatsoever.

A majority responded that U.S. Grant Camp is meeting their expectations. This was a common response from those who regularly or periodically attend meetings. However, a significant percentage noted that expectations are not being met relative to communication (e.g., no newsletter, dormant website). This was a common response from those who rarely or never attend Camp meetings. It was also noted by some that, during meetings, we need to balance the discussions about the usual business items with educational topics.

Things that the U.S. Grant Camp should be doing and is not doing, based on the percentages: (1) better communication with membership, including resurrection of the Camp newsletter, and a more informative and updated website, (2) more community involvement (e.g., educational programs,

preservation projects, etc.), (3) focused membership recruiting activities, and (4) more meeting time dedicated to Civil War history topical discussions.

It should be noted that the U.S. Grant Camp is the largest and arguably, the highest performing Camp in the Department of Missouri. It has nearly doubled in membership over the past 10 years, slightly outpacing the Department growth over that same period and far outpacing growth of the National organization. It has been a frequent winner of the Department of Missouri's James B. Eads Outstanding Camp Award and has had a number of its members win the Francis P. Blair outstanding member award. The Grant Camp has also won National awards, including the Abraham Lincoln Award for outstanding Camp and had two of its members win the Cornelius Whitehouse Award for outstanding member and a member presented the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

John Palmer

Junior Vice Commander 23 August 2014

### **Trivia – Mark Coplin**

**Patriotic Instructor / Camp Historian** – Marty reported reading Sherman's Autobiography and noted that he claims a tavern drunk fired the shot at camp Jackson that hit Capt. Blandowsky and eventually killed him. Evidence from the autopsy however said it was a minie ball and therefore most likely it is a case of friendly fire.

**Department Meeting** – Oct 11, 2014 -- Marty discussed need for Vicksburg Missouri Monument to be addressed.

**National report** – 2015 is in Richmond and 2016 is in Springfield, IL. Bob Petrovic is running for JVC again. Motion to reissue proclamation in support of Bob by Walt and seconded by Marty. Passes

**Old Business:** Leasburg living history and Battle of Leasburg recognition Sep 20 and 21. Lectures by Walt and Gary Scheel to start at 1PM on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business:**

1. Battle of Centralia – DUVCW requests SUV CW to show up for memorial service at the DUV marker on Sep 13 at 9:30 AM
2. Licensing of name tags and address stickers approved by national.
3. Walt will bring the new video "Battle of Island Mound" to the November meeting and present it. Great video. Should try to be here.
4. Christmas Party is at Greenbriar Country Club on Dec 9 starting at 6:30 PM.
5. E-Mail Mark Coplin a list of all members (Done 10-13)
6. Nominations for camp officers taken Oct. Vote November, Installed Dec Meeting

20:30 – **Motion to close** meeting by Bob Petrovic, Second by Mark Coplin. Passes with Walt Busch voting negatively in honor of PCC Jackson

**US Grant Camp #68, SUVCW  
General Meeting Oct 13, 2014  
Fraileys Pub, St. Louis, MO 63128**

**Present:** Cmdr Bob Aubuchon; Bob Petrovic; PC-in-C Don Palmer; John Palmer; John Avery; Mark Coplin; Marty Aubuchon; Mike Hudson; Walt Busch

Opening Ceremonies of **prayer** and **pledge** led by Commander starting at 1902

Review and approval of **Sep Minutes** motion by Bob Petrovic and second by Marty Aubuchon. Passed

**Secretary's report** that he attended department informal meeting on 10/13. [He also lectured at the US Grant Onondaga Cave State Park on 9/21, but didn't list that in the report. Then **treasurer report** reviewed. Motion to accept both, with treasurer report subject to audit by Bob Petrovic and second by Mark Coplin. Passes.

**Commander's Report:**

- 9/20-21 – Grant Camp Living History at Onondaga Cave State Park
- 9/27 – Attended Battle of Pilot Knob Name Change and Reenactment
- 10/11-12 – Attended Battle of Glasgow

**Senior Vice Commander's Report** – Letter to officials sent on needs of Missouri's Vicksburg Monument.

Followed by discussion on how to proceed getting support.

**Junior Vice Commander's Report** – Website updates being worked on.

**Mark Coplin** then presented some trivia (Attached)

**Patriotic Instructor/Camp Historian** – Marty Aubuchon - Nothing – forwarded e-mails from national.

**Department Meeting** – No comments.

**National Business** – Getting Ready for Remembrance Day. Bob Petrovic and Walt plan on being there (Walt at least for the Council meeting)

**Old Business:**

1. Bob Petrovic – 82 Coin Sets have been sold and we have 118 left.\

**New Business:**

1. Marty Aubuchon said that the Central Region Assoc will be held in Dundee MI next year and will visit the Custer museum there. 2016 in Cleveland OH and 2017 somewhere in Tennessee.
2. John Avery – Motion to have the Lincoln Funeral Reenactment. Seeking letter of endorsement to the committee. Motion: John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Petrovic. Info given to Walt to prep letter for Commander's signature.
3. Don Palmer – Re Camp Newsletter. John and Don are volunteering to get one going again.
4. Mark Coplin invites others to give a presentation at an old folks home on Veteran's Day. Can discuss more at next meeting.
5. Christmas party set for Tuesday, Dec 9 2014 at the Greenbriar Country Club in Kirkwood, MO. Information on the speaker is attached to this report.

**NOMINATIONS:**

NOTE: ANYONE WISHING TO BE NOMINATED OR TO NOMINATE SOMEONE ELSE, PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OR E-MAIL WALT BUSCH. If you wish to hold a non-elected office, you can do the same and the information will be given to the next commander.

**Commander:** Bob Aubuchon

**SVC** – John Palmer

**JVC** – Mike Hudson

**Sec/Treas:** Walt Busch (will willingly sacrifice giving this position to someone else)

**Council:** Bob Petrovic (We may need to elect more people as there are to be 3 serving councils).

**NEXT MEETING:** Walt will be bringing a DVD, a new video on the ***Battle of Island Mound*** that the Division of State Parks just produced. So business meeting will be shortened accordingly.

**DUES are now due.** Payable to “US GRANT CAMP 68, SUVCW”

Dues are \$35 per year with an additional \$3 requested of members to maintain our SVR unit.

Two members have already paid their dues!

**Send checks to:** Walt Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026

MEETING **CLOSED** AT 2036 with **prayer**.

TREASURER REPORT FOR NOV MEETING

US GRANT CAMP #68			Rec'd	Spent	Bank Transaction
10/13/2014	4885	Steve Hammond – Badges	\$20.00		
10/14/2014	214	GLee Wheeler Website Services		- \$198.08	-\$198.08
10/14/2014	888	Herschberger - Badges	\$11.00		
10/14/2014	5433	James Crabtree-Badges	\$11.00		
10/14/2014	2358	Walt Busch to replace Hinderberger Check 1681 for \$38 dues for 2014 and Walt dues \$38.00 plus \$2 donation to SVR fund	\$78.00		
10/13/2014	4885	Steve Hammond – Badges	\$20.00		
10/15/2014	DEP	Deposit -mailed in			\$120.00
11/4/2014	8786	Williamson for badge	\$11.00		
11/4/2014	3303	Bures replace lost check for badges	\$40.00		
11/6/2014	DEP	Deposit			\$51.00
11/6/2014	Cash	\$50 for selling one challenge coin set to Iron Co Sheriff	\$50.00		

TOTALS

\$1,059.30

**TOTAL Check & Savings**

\$1,059.30

**Committed Funds**

Inks Cemetery Fund	\$0.00
SVR Fund	\$124.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124.51</b>

**TOTAL MONEYS**

Total Checking	\$1,059.30
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,109.30</b>

**Committed Funds** **\$124.51**

**Uncommitted Funds** **\$984.79**


**Matt Silverman – Civil War Trivia Quiz Book -2001 Barnes & Noble, Inc.**

1. What was the size of the North's economic base relative to the South's?
2. How many Civil War soldiers were made prisoners of war?
3. What were the ten bloodiest battles?
4. Who was the first casualty of abolitionist John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in October 1859?
5. At John Brown's hanging a young actor was one of the militiamen present – what was his name?
6. Which United States president had a descendant that was taken hostage in John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry?
7. What great abolitionist turned down John Brown's personal invitation to join the raid on Harpers Ferry?
8. What state stretches from south of Richmond (the Confederate capital) to north of Boston (the Union's northernmost big city)?
9. Only one southern city was among the twenty largest in the country in 1860. Which one?
10. With what luxuries did the elite 7<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment set out for Washington in April 1861?



# Jeffrey Copeland

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Again, welcome -- and enjoy!—JSC

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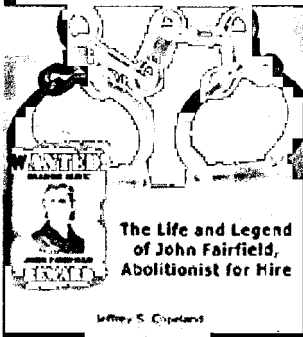
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Ain't No Harm to  
Kill the Devil



Coming in Fall 2014!

My newest book is called *Ain't No Harm to Kill the Devil: The Life and Legacy of John Fairfield, Abolitionist for Hire*. It will be out in the fall of 2014, but you can [pre-order it at the publisher, Paragon House](#).

One of the most amazing characters in American history was John Fairfield, a member of the Underground Railroad who helped slaves to freedom before the Civil War. His exploits are mentioned by notables such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Levi Coffin (the "President" of the Underground Railroad). All greatly admired him but were shocked by his tactics. Fairfield was the only high-profile abolitionist to charge people for his work. [Read more](#).



U. S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, Missouri

Distinguished Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**GREETINGS** from the U. S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, who pray you consider our petition.

WHEREAS: Robert M. Petrovic, who for 30 years has served our organization as an associate, and has just recently verified an ancestor who served in the Union army, now finally in his 70's has achieved Member status and,

WHEREAS: Robert M. Petrovic has always placed the highest priority in supporting the organization, currently serves as Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance and is in his 15<sup>th</sup> year as National Eagle Scout Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has served the National organization in a number of other capacities, including election to three terms on the National Council of Administration, as well as Chairman of the Memorial Grant Committee, Chairman of the Ebay Surveillance Committee, Co-chairman of the Remembrance Day Committee and member of the National Encampment Site Committee and the Military Affairs Committee, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has been equally active at Camp and Department levels, highlighted by his 10 years as Camp Secretary/Treasurer, 8 years as Department Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman of the Department Host Committee for both 2001 and 2007 National Encampments, and his election as the first Department Commander after the Department of Missouri was re-chartered in 1996; and,

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic sense of service extends to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, where he is a member of Co. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry and currently serves as National Chief of Staff, holding the rank of Colonel: and.

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has exemplified the spirit of Fraternity, by offering his insight and experience to other Departments hosting National Encampments; Charity, through offering of new products, services and gifts at his own expense for the betterment of the organization; and Loyalty through his impeccable record of attendance at Camp, Department and National meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE: at the 8 September 2014 meeting of the U. S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, the Camp passed this resolution of support for the election of Brother Petrovic to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 134<sup>th</sup> National Encampment to be held in Richmond, Virginia from 20-23 August.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert Aubuchon  
Camp Commander  
U. S. Grant Camp #68  
Department of Missouri

**US Grant Camp 68**  
**November 10, 2014**  
**Frailey's Grill and Pub, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd**  
**St. Louis, MO 63128**

**Present:** Cmdr Bob Aubuchon, Vincent Heier, Mike Hudson, John Palmer, PC-in-C Don Palmer, Bob Petrovic PDC, Mark Coplin PCC, Walt Busch PDC, Jim Stebbings.

**Father Heier opened** the meeting with prayer at 1902 hrs and Cmdr Bob Aubuchon led the pledge of allegiance. Last meeting minutes read. Motion to accept by Mike Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Petrovic, passed on voice vote.

**Secretary report** – communication with Dean Enderlin of Calif SUVCW about a mix up in grave site at Jefferson Barracks. Sgt Thomas M Goodman, survivor of Centralia Massacre, alleged to be buried there, but he is in CA. Contacted [david.rogers5@va.gov](mailto:david.rogers5@va.gov) by phone and he is looking into it with Enderlin. Believe the person buried in JB is actually Sgt Valentine Peters. Rogers has promised to look into it.

**Treasurer's report reviewed.** Motion by Bob Petrovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hudson to approve both sec and tras reports with treasurer's subject to audit. Passed on voice vote.

**Commander's Report** – Attended Battle of Albany at Richmond, MO on 10-25 and on Nov 1 attended SUVCW marker dedication at Mooney's Bridge near DeSoto.

**Senior Vice Commander** – Working on Missouri's Vickburg Monument repairs. Handed out slips of paper with names of people on them who need to be contacted to come to renew their spirit and come to meetings.

**Junior Vice Commander** – Showed a mock up of a upgrade to our website. Very Well received. Need to determine pricing of current site and whether we should switch now or some other time.

**Department Report** – Walt reported Cape Camp turned in some items to Gary Scheel. Don Palmer reported that we need to work with Friends of Vicksburg on the monument restoration.

**National Report.** Gettysburg Remembrance Day coming up on Nov 17-18. Bob P to be there both days. Walt there on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business –**

Camp Christmas meeting at Country Club on Dec 9. Mark Coplin will get speaker.

Bob Petrovic - Lincoln Burial at Springfield on April 11-12 this coming year.

Bob Aubucon - Lincoln Train event (which we sent letter of support on) is Apr 30-May 1 in Springfield

**New Business –**

Mark Coplin, Mike Hudson and Bob Aubuchon to go to Mercy Rehab on Tuesday Nov 11 9:30 to give presentation there for veterans.

**Camp Election –**

Commander: Bob Aubuchon

SVC - John Palmer

JVC - Mike Hudson

Sec/Treas: Walt Busch

Council: Bob Petrovic

Motion for one vote to be made by Sec to elect slate made by Don Palmer. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Hudson, passed on voice vote with Naves by Bob Aubuchon and Walt Busch

**MOVIE:** Walt then showed a new movie made by Division of State Parks *The Battle of Island Mound*, about the 1<sup>st</sup> battle in the Civil War involving black troops.

**Father Heier closed** the meeting with prayer at 2027 hrs.

**Treasurer Report for 12/08/14 meeting**

DATE	Chk #	Transaction	Money In	Money Out	Bank Trans
11/10/2014	2374	Walt Busch check for Bob Aubuchon Dues & SVR Dues and \$2 donation as he paid in cash and Walt didn't want to MAIL money thru UPS	\$40.00		
11/10/2014	1324	SUVCW Charitable Foundation for another medal set	\$50.00		
11/10/2014	5179	Don and John Palmer Dues	\$70.00		
11/10/2014	4516	Mark Coplin Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
11/12/2014	DEP	Deposit above			\$198.00
12/8/2014	7823	John Soucy Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/8/2014	5555	Carl Wattenberg Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/8/2014	6277	David Appleton for 2 badges	\$20.00		
12/10/2014	DEP	Deposit 3 checks above			\$96.00
TOTALS			\$18,102.62	\$16,173.21	\$1,403.30

**TOTAL Check & Savings**

\$1,403.30

<b>Committed Funds</b>	
SVR Fund	\$138.51
Total	\$138.51

<b>TOTAL MONEYS</b>	
Total Checking	\$1,403.30
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$0
Total	\$1,403.30

**\$138.51**

**Committed Funds**

**\$1,264.79**

**Uncommitted Funds**

## **Grant Camp #68 Meeting Minutes**

### **12/09/2014 Greenbriar Country Club, Kirkwood, MO**

Present Pictured L to R: Don Alwine; Fr. Vincent Heier; Robert Amsler, Jr., PCC; Suzanne Amsler; Mike Hudson, JVC; Walt Busch, PDC; John Palmer, SVC; Bob Aubuchon, PCC; Sarah Palmer; Robert Petrovic, PDC; Kim Palmer; Sandy Walther; PC-in-C Don Palmer, Jr; Mark Coplin, PCC; Debroah Aubuchon, Aux Camp President; Norma Coplin; John Avery, PDC.  
Not Pictured: Cher Petrovic, P-Aux Camp President (photo credit)



As is the case for the last several years, U.S. Grant Camp #68 has moved its December meeting to the Greenbriar County Club in Kirkwood for our festivities, a Civil War program, and our annual swearing in ceremonies. PC-in-C Don Palmer's wife has been the lead person on this for the past several years and has always done an excellent job decorating our dinner tables, ordering a cake, having a little gift surprise for all attending. Kudos for making this another wonderful year.

We had an excellent Christmas dinner off the menu and that was followed by Jeff Copeland, who talked about his most recent book: "Ain't No Harm to Kill the Devil." The book is described as:

One of the most amazing characters in American history was John Fairfield, a member of the Underground Railroad who helped slaves to freedom before the Civil War. His exploits are mentioned by notables such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Levi Coffin (the "President" of the Underground Railroad). All greatly admired him but were shocked by his tactics. Fairfield was the only high-profile abolitionist to charge people for his work. Some assert Fairfield exploited the slaves because he charged relatives in Canada to get their family members to safety, but he used the fees to help concoct elaborate ruses that he used to steal the slaves and help them to freedom.



After dinner around 7:30 pm, the business meeting was opened, the group exited the dining room and in one of the halls, the officers of the camp were sworn in for the next year. PC-in-C Don Palmer conducted the ceremony with an assist from Father Vincent Heier. Cher Petrovic, our regular photographer, then took group shots. The camp officers for 2015 are:

Commander: Bob Aubuchon, PCC  
SVC – John Palmer (possibly the youngest SVC ever)  
JVC – Mike Hudson  
Sec/Treas: Walt Busch, who would gladly give up this job if  
he could just convince Mark Coplin to take it again  
Council: Bob Petrovic, who is running for National JVC in 2015.

The meeting was closed by 8:10 pm.

### **Secretary's Report for January Meeting**

#### Meeting Reminders:

Our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month except August and December. We meet at 7 pm at Frailey's Grill, I-55 and Butler Hill Rd. in the Schnucks Shopping Mall. All are invited. We will also be supporting Sherman Day, Lincoln Remembrance Day, and Memorial Day this Spring. Although we haven't started any plans, it is likely we will once again work in conjunction in July with U.S. Grant National Historic Site in Affton for Grant Remembrance Day.

Dues Now Due. 13 Members are paid/or life members. Membership dues are \$35. Dues to be SVR are \$3 for a total of \$38.

Checks Payable to US Grant Camp 68 can be sent to:

Walt Busch  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
Fenton, MO 63026

#### Correspondence:

- 1) From Mike Pierce, Friends of Jefferson Barracks. Annual Swap Meet is Feb 28 and costs \$15 for a 6 foot table if Camp wants to have a table.
- 2) Missouri Unionist is out and all members should have received it.
- 3) Private e-mail from Randy Baehr in answer to my question about Sherman Day. Sherman Day to be held – March 1.

#### Treasurer's Report

My accounting balances with the December statement provided by the bank. – Of course subject to audit. Transactions from 11/12/14 to 1/6/15 are listed below.

US GRANT CAMP #68 SONS OF UNION VETERANS - MISSOURI

Trans Date	Trans #	Trans Notes	Taken In	Taken Out	Check Acc Trans
11/12/2014	DEP	Deposit above			\$198.00
12/8/2014	7823	John Soucy Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/8/2014	5555	Carl Wattenberg Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/8/2014	6277	David Appleton for 2 badges	\$20.00		
12/10/2014	DEP	Deposit 3 checks above			\$96.00
12/09/14	Cash/2419	Rec'd \$40 From Amsler for Heier Dues and Amsler SVR Dues, Convert to Ck 2419 Walt Busch to Mail to Bank a Check instead of cash	\$40.00		
12/12/2014	DEP	Deposit Check 2419 by Mail			\$40.00
12/12/2014	1681	Hinderberger - Found Check for 2014 Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/30/2014	3551	Pennington Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
12/30/2014	1044	Stebbins Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
1/2/2015	DEP	Deposit			\$114.00
1/4/2015	221	Steve Leicht Dues & SVR	\$38.00		
1/6/2015	DEP	Deposit			\$38.00
TOTALS			\$18,274.62	-\$16,173.21	\$1,595.30
			<b>TOTAL</b>		
			<b>Check &amp; Savings</b>		\$1,595.30

<b>Committed Funds</b>	
SVR Fund	\$158.51
Total	\$158.51
<b>TOTAL MONEYS</b>	
Total Checking	\$1,595.30
Total Savings	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
Total	\$1,595.30
<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b>\$158.51</b>
<b>Uncommitted Funds</b>	<b>\$1,436.79</b>