

**US Grant Camp 68 SUVCW  
Meeting 06-12-17  
Frailey's Grill,  
I-55 and Butler Hill, St. Louis**

**Present:** Mark Coplin,PCC; Walt Busch,PDC; Marty Aubuchon, PDC; John Avery, PDC; John Palmer, Don Palmer, PCinC; Bob Aubuchon, PCC; Bob Petrovic, PDC; Don Alwine; Jim Stebbings; Sumner Hunnewell; Bob Amsler, PCC; Fr. Vincent Heier; Visiting: Dept. Commander Randal Burd, Jr., PDC

Meeting **began at 1900 hrs.**

**Minutes reviewed, Secretary Report and Treasurer Report reviewed.** Walt Made Motion to approve minutes. Seconded by John Avery and passes. John Avery made motion to approve Sec/Treas report with Treas report subject to audit. Marty Aubuchon seconded and passes.

**Commander's Report**

Acted as secretary last meeting

Sent out 2 more badge orders

Attended Vicksburg Monument Rededication. Stayed at Duff's on the Green. The mansion was there during the siege and was hit by cannon fire. Turned into a hospital.

Attended Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks and thanks to John Avery for running it.

Received e-mail from Noel about Sherman camp merger. He would rather it be done sooner

Than later. Walt to prepare letter of support from our camp to theirs. [Done] May try To meet with them to work out issues by September.

**Senior Vice Commander** Mike Hudson –still with family health issues, keep in prayers. [Learned of wife's passing as preparing this. – Prayers, as always, important at times like these.]

**Junior Vice Commander** Bob Aubuchon – attended Vicksburg and Memorial Day.

**Department/National Report –**

Randall Burd reports that **501-C-3** is a reality with national but not depts. or camps yet.

**Vicksburg Memorial** – Had extra programs to pass out from the event, 22 ribbons and 160 coins Left. Scott LNM Unk – gave copy of original 1917 Peace Ceremonies to several people [Walt has posted them on the department website.

**National Encampment in Michigan** – Who is attending: Walt Busch, John Avery, Bob Petrovic, Don and John Palmer, and maybe Marty Aubuchon.

**2020 Encampment Committee** is formed and Bob Petrovic is beginning to work on Dept Proposal

Dept Commander Burd **presented Marty Aubuchon** with the **Frank Blair Award** for Outstanding Dept. Member.

**Civil War Trivia**

1. What did the first state flag of Missouri look like?
2. What did the letters 'AD' and 'BC' mean when worn on a Union cap?
3. In the 1852 agreement on the exchange of prisoners, a general officer was equal to how many enlisted men? a. 1 b. 20 c. 50 d. 60
4. By 1860, the United states was the only country left in the western hemisphere where slavery was still legal. True or False

5. Nathan Bedford Forrest attempted to disband the Ku Klux Klan because he thought its violence had gotten out of hand.
6. The CSS H.L. Hunley was the only confederate submarine to attack a us Navy vessel. True or False
7. What term did the US Army use to describe all of the horses, equipment and men assigned to operate one piece of field artillery?
8. What was the first National Military Park in the United States?
9. What nickname did Confederate soldier Richard Rowland Kirkland acquire during the battle of Fredericksburg?
10. What was the reason that the Vicksburg residents decided to celebrate their first 4<sup>th</sup> of July since 1863 in 1947?

Fun Fact - In 1958, the United states passed a law which enabled the last two surviving Confederate veterans to draw Federal pensions. [Walt's extra fun fact - the two were liars and were never in the Confederate army or navy. The last about 10 Confederates all lied in later years about serving the Cause.]

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Party** – Bob Petrovic - Either decide in July on somewhere else or return to G Greenbriar County Club

**Elections in November** Mark Coplin cannot run again for Commander, but can for Secretary/Treasurer

**Last Soldier St Louis County – August Moreau** Project will cost \$895. Attempting to get maximum from national for the project [Walt sent in paperwork after the meeting]. Will still need several hundred dollars. \$300 from National. Attempt to get \$300 from Past Commander's fund from Dept of MO. Camp agreed to kick in \$200. Some still will be needed.

Marty Aubuchon reports that **Grant Remembrance Day on July 22** at White Haven is being planned by NPS Staff member Shawn Williams.

John Palmer reports that the ***Hardscrabble will be out shortly.***

**The Colored Infantry Monument Ceremonies** at JB were not held last year. John Avery to see if they are being held this year.

#### **New Business:**

**Vicksburg Photos** shared with Camp

Fr. Heier asks if Grant Camp would **support an event held by the St Louis Civil War Roundtable.**

While we need more information, we are supportive of such an effort.

John Avery picked up a \$130 **PA System** for the Memorial Day event and wanted to know if the Camp would pay for it. Camp recommended **returning it** as we have access to one.

Representative Warren Love gave **two Missouri flags** to Mark Coplin. One was presented to Randal Burd for the department and **Walt Busch made a motion that passed to buy a pole for the other one to be used by our camp.**

2012 – Fr Heier led closing ceremonies.

**SECRETARY REPORT FOR JULY 10 MEETING**

Fr. Richard Frank wants to join the forming Camp Lilly in Jefferson City. Transfer paperwork has been sent out for him to do that. Until the camp forms, he is still with us.

Dr. Chris Jessen of the Newburg School Dist will also be joining us shortly. This may be another in-out going to Lilly Camp.

Been in contact with one Thomas Flaspoler also about joining, but he hasn't taken the plunge yet.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Date                      Item#    Description                      Money In    Money Out    Bank Action

4/7/2017	613900	Ron Laboe Membership and fee	45.00		
4/7/2017	DEP	Deposit			100.00
4/11/2017	104	Dept of MO Per Capita		-911.75	-911.75
4/24/2017	105	Arch Engraving #621653		-22.80	-22.80
4/24/2017	106	Nat'l Dues for Sup Membership Sumner Hunnewell		-5.00	-5.00
5/31/2017	107	Arch Engraving 622142 & 622465		-159.60	-159.60
6/9/2017	Ck	Jim Floyd Check for badge	12.50		
6/9/2017	DEP	Deposit			12.50
6/22/2017	1393	Lincoln Cushing Camp for Badges	56.00		
6/22/2017	1097	Sherman Camp for Badges	93.00		
6/22/2017	1394	Lincoln Cushing Camp for Badges	14.00		
6/22/2017	7534	Dennis Brown for badges	132.00		
6/23/2017	DEP	Deposit			295.00

**TOTALS**

19,038.62

-17,335.31

1,508.88

**Committed Funds**

SVR Fund

\$69.51

Total

\$69.51

**TOTAL MONEYS**

Total Checking

\$1,508.88

Undeposited Funds

\$0.00

Total

\$1,508.88

**Committed Funds**

**\$69.51**

**Uncommitted Funds**

**\$1,439.37**