

US Grant Camp 68, SUVCW

Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2019

Greenbriar Country Club, Kirkwood, MO

Members Present: PDC John Avery, PCinC Donald Palmer Jr, PCC Mark Coplin, PCC Robert AuBuchon, PDC Martin Aubuchon, SVC – Fletcher Camp PCC Sumner Hunnewell, Member Craig Mathews, Member Jim Morrison, Member Jim Gallen, Member Jim Stebbing, PCC Robert Amsler Jr. and new member Matt Zahradka.

Spouses of many were also present but not listed in this record.

The meeting was held at the Greenbriar Country Club beginning at 8 pm and was proceeded by Dinner and a dinner speech by Jim Gallen on Civil War Soldiers who also Fought in the Spanish American War. After the dinner and speech, the brothers assembled and were following the rituals of the order, the Officers were sworn in by PCinC Donald Palmer Jr. After this, the form 22 was signed and the meeting ended.

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Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2020

Frailey's Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd, St Louis 63128

Present: Bob Petrovic, Craig Mathews, Sumner Hunnewell, Michael Witt, Bob Aubuchon, Jim Stebbings, Joe Miller, Marty Aubuchon, Mark Coplin, Don Palmer, Greg Wolk, Walt Busch, Vincent Heier, Steven Leicht, Bob Amsler.

Meeting Opened: 1902 hrs. Pledge led by Commander Amsler and prayer by Vincent Heier.

Minutes – None present for December Meeting as none prepared. Walt to prepare a generic minutes listing main items (Walt wasn't there) and present them at the next meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report (below) approved on motion by Bob Petrovic and second by Craig Mathews. Treasurer section is subject to audit.

US Grant Camp Jan 2020 Secretary Treasurer Report

Let us all remember and toast our member, the late Donald Alwine.

The following members still have dues unpaid. They are considered delinquent after March 15, 2020:

John Avery; Neil Cantwell; Gerhard Ewig; Bill Griffith (reported not renewing); Dennis Hannon; Miceal Hannon; Harold Hunt; Chris Hunter; Dan Jackson; Steve Leicht; Craig Mathews; Raymond Meyer; Don Palmer; John Palmer; Bob Petrovic; Larry Von Behren; Carl Wattenberg Jr; New Member Not Paid Yet – Msgr Michael Witt; Mike Woulfe.

Nineteen have paid so far or are life members. Walt Busch & Martin Aubuchon have joined the ranks of life members. We now have 5 lifers.

Submitted Grant Camp Quarterly Report to the Department as well as our Election of Officers form.

Got a meeting set up with the Julia Dent Grant Camp at St Louis bread Co – Grasso Plaza Gravois on Feb 7 at 930 AM to set up joint calendar events for the next year. Need at least one other member to come with me to discuss these and set them up.

E-Mail from Michael Pierce, Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet is March 14 from 9 to 3 at The Lemay Pavilion. If interested contact stlreb@att.net

I had an idea about two two new products we can sell one is a brass id card and the other was for ladders to attach to our current name tags.

The brass id card I think we should get approved as an alternative to the cheap ID card Sons uses for life members. We would want them to recognize this as an official card. Price \$14 Suggested Price \$25 plus \$5.00 postage

The other is for an option to have a name tag with holes punched in it so that ladders can be added and then we sell the ladders as well. Nametag cost \$7.60 Price \$13.00 + \$3.00 for each jump ring Shipping \$5 up to three badges with ladders

I am also suggesting, although we don't need the ok to do it, that we increase the regular nametag price to \$13 with shipping \$5 for up to four badges.

Finally, agenda for tonite needs to include a general discussion about calendar of events.

Treasurer Report

US GRANT CAMP #68 SONS OF UNION VETERANS – MISSOURI Since Books were audited						
DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery	On Statements
12/15/2019	179	Arch Engraving Invoice 215709		-30.40	-30.40	
12/15/2019	4116	Jon Pennington Dues & SVR	38.00			
12/16/2019	DEP	DEPOSIT			38.00	
12/18/2019	6488	Martin R Aubuchon Donation to Sherman Flag Fund	51.00			
12/21/2019	5365	Morrison Donation to Equipment Fund	50.00			
12/31/2019	DEP	Deposit			101.00	
1/12/2019	1184	Mike Hudson SVR & Dues	38.00		38.00	

		<i>TOTALS</i>	19,038.62	-17,335.31	2,027.60
<i>Committed Funds</i>			<i>Committed Funds</i>		
<i>Sherman Flag Fund</i>	131.00				<i>\$467.76</i>
<i>Equipment Fund</i>	162.25				<i>\$1,597.84</i>
<i>SVR Fund</i>	\$174.51				
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$467.76</i>				
			<i>Total in Checking</i>		
					<i>\$2,027.60</i>
			<i>Undeposited Funds</i>		
					<i>\$38.00</i>
			<i>Total</i>		
					<i>\$2,065.60</i>

Commander's Report

Walt to prepare minutes of December 2019 meeting.

Would like members to take the lead on running events we have.

Grant Remembrance Day – Martin Aubuchon

Sherman Remembrance Day – No one so far

56th USCT Remembrance Day – No one so far

Memorial Day – No one so far

Walt to buy 100 foot (with surge protector) for events.

Donation for free Christmas Dinner: Mark Coplin gave donation to Charitable Foundation

Senior Vice Commander's Report: Sumner met with 2021 Organization Crew; helped out at Banquet; working with committee on redesign of national website.

Junior Vice Commander's Report: Craig talked to few people about membership.

Department News: Reviewed upcoming meeting dates. Encampment enrollment is on the web.

John Avery stated he is staying as our camp ROTC officer although resigned from Dept.

Sending out e-blast about donations for 2021 and the medal set.

Bob, Walt & Sumner gave brief 2021 update.

Business/Good of the Order:

Dan Jackson had knee surgery and is doing well.

Steve Leicht still has 12 SUVCW coffee mugs that can be sold or used as gifts by us.

Mark Coplin stated Christmas badge orders non-existent. Wanted to plan for ad in Banner. Approval given.

Martin Aubuchon – program is needed for Grant Day.

Civil War Trivia - January 13 , 2020

1. Who was the only Native American to reach the rank of general in either army before the surrender of Robert E. Lee?
2. Who was the highest-ranking member of the "Fighting McCooks"?
 - a. Robert Latimer McCook
 - b. Henry Christopher McCook
 - c. John James McCook
 - d. Alexander McDowell McCook
3. Artillerymen from which state served the famous siege mortar "Dictator" during the siege of Petersburg?
 - a. New York
 - b. New Jersey
 - c. Rhode Island
 - d. Connecticut
4. What was the nickname of the 14th Brooklyn regiment?
 - a. Fire Lions
 - b. Bobcats
 - c. Red Legged Devils
 - d. Blue Giants
5. Dred Scott and his wife Harriet remained a slaves their entire lives? True or False
6. Which of these battles was NOT fought in Kentucky?
 - a. Kock's Plantation
 - b. Mill Springs
 - c. Perryville
 - d. Rowlett's Station
7. Who was older, Joseph E. Johnston or Jefferson Davis?
8. Abraham Lincoln and William T. Sherman first met in 1864? True or False
9. Of the following, who is NOT depicted in the rock carving at Stone Mountain?
 - a. Robert E. Lee
 - b. James Longstreet
 - c. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
 - d. Jefferson Davis
10. What happened on this day during the Civil War?

Fun Fact – **When was the word INFANTRY first used?** - The word infantry was borrowed from the Romance languages - from the Latin *infanteria*, a "foot soldier" who served in groups composed of those soldiers who were too-inexperienced or too low in rank for membership in the cavalry. As a meaning for an organized type of combat troops, the word dates to 1579 in the French *infanterie* and Spanish *infanteria*.^[1] However, in military history it has become a common English term to apply to troops from earlier historical periods.

Meeting closed with Vincent Heier leading prayer at 2006 hrs.

SECRETARY – TREASURER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2020

I apologize for not getting out a mailing to **members nearing delinquency**. The following members have yet to pay: Neil Cummings, Gerhard Ewig, Bill Griffith (advised not renewing), Dennis and Miceal Tamas, Harold Hunt, Chris Hunter, Daniel Jackson, Frank Mathews, Raymond Meyer, Robert Petrovic, Larry Von Behren, Michael Woulfe.

I have the proposal for the **life member ID card** and the **ladder badge** to submit to national for their April meeting. I heard from Member Pahl who advised he thinks that national won't approve an ID card that the national Quartermaster doesn't provide them. I am planning to rework our proposal a little to attempt to combat that line of thinking.

Communique from Member Greg Wolk *US Grant Symposium, 2020 edition.*

The speakers appear at the Soldiers Memorial on Saturday, July 24. The speakers are: 1) Keynote address by Cindy Lovell, formerly Executive Director of the Mark Twain Home in Hartford, Connecticut, and before that ED of the Boyhood Home in Hannibal; 2) Grant portrayal by Curt Fields of Tennessee; 3) Andy Hahn, Executive Director at the Campbell House Museum; and 4) Nick Sacco from the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.

Tucker Blythe attended our most recent meeting, and he has proposed that the Historic Site host a reception late afternoon or early evening on July 23. We'd like very much for the annual ceremony commemorating his death to be held on that occasion as part of whatever program Tucker will be planning. The Symposium speakers will be there, and we'll be looking to generate much publicity for that event as well as the Friday program.

Walt speaking at Civil War Museum on Feb 15 for their meal/speaker series. Have maxed out at 90 guests. 30 are on the waiting list. Speaking on *Lost Tales of Price's Raid*.

EVENTS: Marty Aubuchon, Sumner Hunnewell and I met with Joan Koechig of the Julia Dent Grant Camp on Feb 7 at Paneras in Affton. We came up with the following dates for events with the plan to share the stage and effort to advertise with them.

Department Business Meeting – March 14 10AM – Jefferson City

Memorial Day -- May 25 Our Program Starts around 11 AM – Jefferson Barracks

June 5 & 6 – Department Encampment – Bass Pro Shop Independence, MO

Grant Remembrance Day – July 18 10am Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) (Unless we change for above)

National Encampment – Aug 13-16, Atlanta Marriot Buckhead Hotel and Convention Center, 3405 Lenox Road North East, Atlanta, GA 30326

56th USCT Ceremony -- Aug 30 - 1 PM - Civil War Museum

Note: Since Jefferson Barracks is being so unhelpful with this event, I contacted the MCWM and they said they would be glad to make it a big event with us. I thought we could have the ceremony, give

a talk in their dining area, and then tell everyone that we will be presenting a wreath at the gravesite and anyone wanting to follow us can. JB can't stop us from a group presenting a wreath.

Allied Orders Conference – Oct 2 & 3 Murphysboro – Logan Museum. Sumner is setting this up.

Department Business Meeting – Oct ____ Jefferson City

Sherman Remembrance Day – Oct 25 1PM – Calvary Cemetery and maybe luncheon speech at Lemp Mansion or some other restaurant in St Louis

TREASURER REPORT

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	IN	OUT	BANK ACTION
1/12/2020	1184	Mike Hudson SVR & Dues	38.00		38.00
1/13/2020	6484	Greg Wolk SVR & Donation in lieu of Dues	35.00		
1/13/2020	12029	Rev Michael J Witt Dues with Initiation	45.00		
1/13/2020	2417	John Avery SUV & SVR Dues	38.00		
1/13/2020	1268	Craig Mathews Dues (to be refunded if becomes Lifer by 3/31)	55.00		
1/13/2020	5576	Steven Leicht Dues, SVR Dues & \$2.00 Donation	40.00		
1/13/2020	5455	Don & John Palmer Dues & SVR	76.00		
1/13/2020	Cash	Sumner Hunnewell Donation from free dinner to split between equip and Sherman	40.00		
1/23/2020	DEP	Deposit			367.00
2/8/2020	Cash	Sumner - 2 sets of Address Labels/no Postage	8.00		
		TOTALS	19,038.62	- 17,335.31	2,394.68

Committed Funds		Committed Funds	\$576.76
Sherman Flag Fund	178.00	Uncommitted Funds	\$1,825.92
Equipment Fund	206.25	Total in Checking	\$2,394.68
SVR Fund	\$192.51	Undeposited Funds	\$8.00
TOTAL	\$576.76	Total	\$2,402.68

AGENDA FOR _____ 2020 MEETING

PRESENT: _____

BILLS TAKEN IN OR MONEY REC'D: _____

OPENED AT _____ HRS PLEDGE _____ PRAYER _____ LED BY _____

MINUTES APPROVAL YES _____ NO _____

SECRETARY TREASUER REPORT APPROVAL YES _____ NO _____ SUBJECT TO AUDIT

COMMANDER'S REPORT: _____

SVC REPORT: _____

JVC REPORT: _____

REPORT FROM DEPT MEETING _____
