

US Grant Camp 68
May 9 2016 Meeting
Frailey's Grill, I-55 7 Butler Hill Road

Roll Call: Mark Coplin, Don Palmer, Walt Busch, John Palmer, Bob Aubuchon, Bob Petrovic, Martin Aubuchon, John Avery, Mike Hudson, Jim Stebbings, and at 1922 hrs – Fr Heier.

Opening Ceremony 1905 led by Commander Coplin

April minutes approved on motion by John Avery.

Secretary & Treasurer's reports approved on motion from Mike Hudson with Treasurer report subject to audit.

Commander's Report –

Mailed out 2 badges

Attended Lincoln Ceremony in Springfield – “not as big as I remember”

Putting together a GAR uniform for Memorial Day

Wrote letters to the Post-Dispatch, The Call, Suburban Journal about

Memorial Day event and posted to the Post-Dispatch on line calendar

No Senior Vice Report

Junior Vice Report: Bob Aubuchon reports has a bugler for Memorial Day and also for the White Haven event in July.

Department Report: Martin reports the encampment is June 4. Walt reports not many signed up yet. Reviewed the proposed by-law change and voted to support it. 2019 We will hold the national encampment in Branson. Ed Krieser and Bob Petrovic are the committee to prepare for it.

National Report: None

Civil War Trivia: See attached

Old Business:

Grant Death Day – 23 July 10 AM – Will not be working with Greg Wolk's group on it as Our goals are too separate. Don to give a history of the GAR, John Avery to be Master of Ceremonies

Memorial Day – May 30 – Donation by Carl Wattenberg and by Bob Aubuchon along with \$25 tip money given to John Avery to cover the horse/hearse. Don will be giving the presentation

56th USCT Ceremony – 19 Aug 10AM – Nothing new

ROTC Awards – we missed the timing to nominate a most outstanding cadet. Walt Reported that Jack Grothe gave out the U City one we issued.

New Business:

Mark Coplin wants to bring back formal initiation and issuing of member certificates.

This was moved by John Avery and 2nd by Marty Aubuchon and passes; however, Cards will still be issued to members who do not show up at meetings and they will be members.

Lineage Fair at St Louis County Library on June 18 at 10am. Don, Walt and Mark all Agreed to work a SUVCW table. Others welcome.

Don made a resolution (attached) that we (National SUVCW) support National Park Service by giving funds for preservation projects to aid in our being a 501c3.

Don wants our department to vote on it at the upcoming encampment and have it presented at the 2016 National Encampment

Walt suggested all battlefields/historic sites and not just NPS ones. Motion by Mike Hudson to vote to approve and modify as needed. Walt seconded and it passes.

Good of the Order:

Father Heier reports 5/25/16 the St Louis Civil War Roundtable will host a talk on the *Marines at Harper's Ferry*

Bob Petrovicv suggested sending the Grant Coins Ad to Greg Wolk and see if we can get it published in the Grant Symposium booklet [Email sent 5/11/16]

Martin Aubuchon said that this Sunday is an Eagle Scout court of honor on Grand Ave. – If interested get with Marty.

Cmdr Coplin had Fr Heier close with prayer at 2040 hrs.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, at the 2015 National Encampment, a motion was passed to donate residual Memorial Grant funds each year to battlefield preservation efforts within the National Park Service, state parks and local sites.

Whereas, the National Park Service requires significant financial resources to cover Civil War battlefield preservation needs and does not have the financial resources to cover all of these needs.

Whereas, the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has applied for 501c3 status and has a need to increase the amount of charitable contributions above and beyond current levels in order to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service.

Whereas, "Preservation" is a key element of the SUVCW brand, and specifically, battlefield preservation is a key preservation initiative under the Vision 2020 strategic plan.

Be it resolved that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be directed to expand approved battlefield preservation efforts and establish a formal battlefield preservation program, including its own fund, with the purposes of providing annual contributions to the National Park Service to (1) support battlefield preservation efforts, (2) increase the percentage of financial resources considered charitable by the IRS and (3) address a key initiative under the Vision 2020 plan.

Trivia – Civil War - May 2016

1. In 1863, President Lincoln appeared before a secret morning session of congressional Committee on the Conduct of the War. Why was he there and what did he testify?
2. Who commanded the U.S. army troops that retook Harpers Ferry from Brown?
3. Sometimes the Federals named battles after steams, the Rebels after towns. By what name did the Confederates refer to these battles?
- Antietam - Bull Run - Stone's River
4. Who surrendered to General U.S. Grant after the Siege of Vicksburg in 1863? How many days did the siege last?
5. Which notorious outlaws were part of Quantrill's troop?
6. What disastrous assault did Gen. Grant admit was a mistake? What was the cost of that mistake?
7. What did Stonewall Jackson suck compulsively during battle? What did he often do with one of his arms while in the saddle?
8. Who was Stand Watie?
9. Union General John Pope frequently said that his headquarters were in the saddle. What did his detractors say?
10. Who was "the Rock of Chickamauga"?