

## Secretary's Report for the 8 May 2017 Meeting

**Gentlemen—**

I know I usually send this behind the minutes, but wanted to make sure we covered some items at the meeting as I will not be there.

1. Moreau Last Soldier Monument – John Avery getting me prices for the marker. Camp needs to vote on how much they will give to the project. Recommend \$100 plus ask members for donations. The paperwork for a grant needs to be in during June.
2. You need to vote on who are your delegates for the department encampment. So far, only Don & John Palmer, Jim Stebbings and I are signed up for in this camp. The following members receive an automatic vote at encampments if they attend

PCC Robert Amsler; PDC Martin Aubuchon; PCC Bob Aubuchon; PDC John Avery; PCC David Busch; PDC Walt Busch; PCC Mark Coplin; PCC Richard Frank; PCC Dan Jackson; PDC Steve Leicht; PCinC James Pahl; PCinC Don Palmer; PDC Robert Petrovic (total 13 PCC/PDC/PCinC votes)

We have 34 members so we also get one delegate for camp status plus 3 more. Total 4. Of which, I would recommend that we vote John Palmer and Jim Stebbings and any other members known to be going to Branson as delegates with all other members of the camp being voted in as alternates.

3. I have not received info about date and time for Memorial Day Civil War part and Vicksburg to put on calendars. I can do this while I am away.
4. Eads Award form has been submitted

Treasurer Report as of 4/27/17

3/11/2017	Cash	Glenn Alsop payment on \$40 coin set. Still owes \$20	20.00		
3/10/2017	15619	Don Alwine Dues & SVR	38.00		
3/13/2017	5051	Chris Hunter Dues & SVR Dues	38.00		
3/13/2017	3559	Steve Doyle Address Cards	15.00		
3/13/2017	6611	Secord Name Tags	39.00		
3/13/2017	1389	Cushing Camp Name Tags	18.00		
3/22/2017	DEP	Deposit			168.00
3/21/2017	6634	H Hunt Dues	35.00		
3/24/2017	8657	Paul Hauser \$20 for Vicksburg Coins, money to go to Dept	20.00		
3/27/2017	157	4th Mil Dist SVR Dues 2nd MO		-132.00	-132.00
3/27/2017	158	Dept of MO \$50 for Grant Camp Net & \$20 for 2 coins		-70.00	-70.00



**US Grant #68 SUVCW**

**10 Apr 2017 Meeting**

**Frailey's Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd**

Present: PCC-CC Mark Coplin, JVC- PCC Bob AuBuchon, Sec-Treas PDC Walt Busch, PDC Martin Aubuchon, PDC Bob Petrovic, PCinC Don Palmer, John Palmer, Jim Stebbings, Chaplain- Fr Vincent Heier (arrived 1915)

Meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance at 1903 hrs by Commander Coplin

Minutes read, Secretary Report read & Treasurer Report reviewed. Motion to pass all by Martin Aubuchon with treasurer's report subject to audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Aubuchon. Passes

Commander's Report

Working on Vicksburg Monument – Flag or Bunting

Placed order for 3 more badges

Senior Vice Commander – No Report

Junior Vice Commander – Bob Aubuchon tried to contact member Elliott about not renewing for this year.

Department Report – Do we as a camp want to run a national encampment (as most of the department work will fall on us) . Bob Petrovic to send us copy of the national manual to consider.

Vicksburg Memorial Ceremony update by Don Palmer. All is proceeding. Some officials have responded. Walt asked about getting a brief description of time and event that he could post on local calendars on the web (KDHX, Fox 2, etc). Mark said he would get it to me.

Civil War Trivia held

1. What cap symbol denoted membership in the Confederate Medical Service attached to an Infantry Corps? a. Star b. Diamond c. Snake d. Cross
  2. After Andersonville, which prisoner-of-war camp experienced the most deaths amongst its prisoners? a. Point Lookout b. Camp Douglas c. Elmira
  3. Which former Union general became the first president of the National Rifle Association? a. Joseph Hooker b. Ambrose Burnside c. John M. Schofield d. Joshua Chamberlin
  4. Which of these states did Lincoln NOT win in the 1860 presidential election? a. New York b. California c. Maine d. Maryland
- Which of these states did Lincoln NOT win in the 1864 presidential election?
- a. New Jersey b. New York c. Pennsylvania d. Maryland
  5. T or F - There are NO Confederate veterans buried in Arlington National Cemetery?
  6. How many soldiers died in POW camps?
  7. What caused the greatest number of deaths during the war?
  8. Were more wounds caused by artillery, bullets, or hand to hand combat?
  9. To which party did Lincoln belong when he was elected to Congress in 1846?

10. Lincoln and Douglas shared what aspect of their legal training?

Fun Fact — “These men were our enemies a moment ago; they are our prisoners now. Take care of them.” Albert Sidney Johnston to his doctor before he bled to death at Shiloh

Issue:

Sherman Camp discussion. A lot of items were discussed. Much discussed before and after in emails. Some Sherman Camp members have approached ours about merging the two camps, particularly, merging and changing camp name to something like Grant-Sherman. All but one seemed willing to merge the camps or to help Sherman camp stay afloat (Walt said he would help with the paperwork, others said they could organize Sherman Day, etc). Walt made a motion which was seconded by Marty Aubuchon to have the commander write a letter inviting them to join or offering our assistance. It was not voted on. Changing our camp name to a mix was not met favorably. Some felt that there would be no problem with there being a Sherman division within our camp (something national by-laws allows), but to change the camp name we largely agreed not to do that. Walt was to write a letter for Commander Coplin to send to Sherman Commander. It was brought up that last year we voted that we would vote on Sherman members individually and allow a black ball. [Walt checked with National Counsel after the meeting and blackballing is out. We could vote each member in individually, but it would be by majority vote. – Since that time several more members have replied in favor of merger if needed – Commander Coplin advised Walt to not write the letter yet and that discussion will be held again next meeting before a reply is drafted].

Old Business

Memorial Day at Jeff Barracks – Commander Coplin talked to John Avery about doing an old GAR Ceremony for the crowd. Walt again suggested getting info to him for calendars.

Jack Grothe mentioned having a WWI Presentation at the ceremony in remembrance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the war, but Commander has not heard more about this or seen a proposal.

New Business

1. Christmas party – where? Needs to be some place cheaper to encourage more members and wives to come. Everyone research and offer suggestions to Commander Coplin. One suggestion is Helen Fitzgerald’s on South Lindbergh.
2. Last Soldier Graves – Walt wants to know if group will support him putting in for money for markers of St Louis’s last soldier and St. Louis County’s last. [Update – St. Louis is buried at JB and they will NOT allow marker; St Louis County’s is buried at St Monica’s Catholic Cemetery in Creve Couer and we have their permission to proceed.]
3. Eads Award – Walt had group go over what all was done this past year so he could put in the Eads Award.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mark Coplin at 2035 hours.