

US Grant Camp 68 SUVCW
Meeting Minutes 9 Jan 2017
Fraileys Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd

Present: Bob Aubuchon, Bob Amsler, Marty Aubuchon, Jim Stebbings, Don and John Palmer, Bob Petrovic, Walt Busch, Mark Coplin, Mike Woulfe, and arriving at 1910 hrs – Jon Pennington. Guest – Dept JVC Sumner Hunnewell.

Prior to meeting dues were collected along with several donations. Bob Aubuchon paid for another member and also advised to take out of his donation the \$10 late fee to reinstate a member who skipped a year.

Meeting began at 1858 hrs with Commander Coplin leading the prayers and the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes, Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were then read with a motion to accept all by Bob Petrovic and 2nd by Mike Woulfe. Treasurer's report of course subject to audit.

Commander's Report

Christmas Dinner – Thanks again to Don and Kim Palmer. Several members discussed finding another place a little less expensive in the hope that it will attract more members.

Shipped out 3 badge orders.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 issue – they are making money on our badges reselling them to camp members. No problem with that but we are to send letter to make sure they do not sell outside their camp in this manner.

New Member – Patrick Levitt – 17 years of age contacted by Bob Aubuchon. [Walt has signed him up sending him a card and membership certificate and invited him to next meeting. Since the dues he paid national were more than sufficient, Walt also signed him up for one year of SVR].

Senior Vice Commander – No Report

Junior Vice Commander – 1 new member (above)

Department and National Reports – Dept meeting in March. Don Palmer needs to confirm time & permission to fire muskets at Vicksburg and program approval.

Civil War Trivia

1. Who was the commanding officer for the Union Army at Antietam?
2. In theory, an infantry regiment contained how many men?
3. What was the minimum age of volunteers for the 37th Iowa "Greybeard" regiment? (30, 45, 55, 65)
4. Who was known as "The Wizard of the Saddle" ?
5. We know the battle as - what is the other name it is known by?
Shiloh- ? Pea Ridge - ? Seven Pines - ? Winchester- ? Perryville - ? Wilson's Creek-?
6. In which state where the Palmetto Guards formed?
7. During the Civil War, all telegraph messages were sent in Morse Code. T or F
8. How much did it cost to buy an exemption from the Union draft of 1863?
9. What future president bought his way out of service in the war?
10. By the end of the 1863 what percentage of the rebel army was absent (with or without leave).

Fun Fact – What happened on this date in 1861. The Union merchant ship, Star of the West, is fired upon as it tried to deliver supplies to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, SC. This incident was the first time shots were exchanged between the North and the South, although it did not trigger the Civil War. Jon Pennington – presented a book review *Sioux Dawn & Long Winter Gone* by Terry Johnston and recommended both as good cavalry reading.

Old Business –

1. ROTC – received and e-mail from Dept and sent it to Dan Jackson and John Avery about more possible ROTC schools that could be sponsored.
2. Christmas dinner discussion continued. Old Steakhouse – Kimswick mentioned by Mark Coplin. Walt suggested keeping it in the area around Kirkwood and mentioned J Greens and Helen Fitzgeralds. Continue discussion.

New Business –

1. Our website switched to Dept of Mo responsibility and Walt suggested we pay \$50 annually for them to keep our files on line or as back up files. Motion by Don Palmer to do this. Second by Marty Aubuchon. Passes.
2. Grant Day in July – Marty to report back.
3. Sherman Day in February – Sherman Camp holds this event, but is it going on this year? Jack Grothe wants to make it an event with WW1 reenactors as well.

Good of the Order - Marty passed out two notices from the National Patriotic Instructor (attached)

Meeting closes 2008 hrs with prayer.

Secretary / Treasurer Report for February 2017 Meeting

1. Continue to get notices about Jeff Barracks Swap Meet.
2. Feb 22 – St Louis Civil War Roundtable at Royal Orleans 6pm Bonnie Vega and her topic will be "On the Altar of the Nation:The Aftermath of the Civil War".
3. Outstanding Dues if you know how to contact any of these people.
Don Alwine, Andrew Clooney, Barney Combs, Phil Hinderberger, James Elliott Hoskins, Christopher Hunter, Dan Jackson
Currently stand at 26 members for 2017.
4. Form 22 has been submitted to department.
5. made address labels for a guy in CA. needed new stickers for it and they cost \$28.00 for 100 sheets of 30. These are big enough to be used as either return labels or mailing labels. For 90 labels the Cost is around \$1.00 and we sell them for \$5 (incl shipping) so making a good profit. Asked Cmdr Coplin for reimbursement. He approved, but I haven't written check yet.

Treasurer Report – Account balances with 1/31/17 statement

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery
1/8/2017	6294	Carl Wattenberg Dues & SVR & Donation	50.00		
1/8/2017	6606	John Avery Dues & SVR	38.00		
1/8/2017	5392	Steve Leicht Dues & SVR & Donation	40.00		
1/8/2017	1246	Jim Stebbings Dues & SVR	38.00		
1/8/2017	955	Ken Roberts	35.00		
1/8/2017	2683	Walt Busch - Busch Bros Dues & SVR	114.00		

1/9/2017	153	Arch Engraving Inv 76044 & 76792		-136.80	-136.80
1/10/2017	DEP	Deposit Above 6 Checks			315.00
1/9/2017	3197	Bob Petrovic Dues & SVR	38.00		
1/9/2017	5262	Don & John Palmer Dues & SVR	78.00		
1/9/2017	9416	Mike Woulfe Dues & SVR & Donation	50.00		
1/9/2017	6252	Marty Aubuchon Dues & SVR	40.00		
1/9/2017	3974	Harvey Hutchison Sales	15.00		
1/9/2017	2689	Walt Replace Cash Bob Aubuchon & James Egbert Dues & SVR & McAtee \$10 late fee & Donation of \$14	100.00		
1/17/2017	7077	Dennis Hannon & Michel's Dues	70.00		
1/17/2017	1445	Fr Richard Frank Dues	35.00		
1/22/2017	DEP	Deposit			426.00
1/30/2017	2356	Dwight Prade Membership Dues & SVR	38.00		
1/31/2017	154	Arch Engraving		-60.80	-60.80
2/7/2017	155	Missouri SUVCW - Levitt Membership		-34.00	-34.00
2/7/2017	2105	Patrick Levitt Membership & SVR Dues Initial Membership	30.00		
2/7/2017	2697	Walt Busch Check to Convert Cash - Patrick Levitt Membership & SVR Dues Initial Membership	20.00		
2/8/2017	DEP	Deposit			88.00

TOTALS

\$1,988.73

Committed Funds	
SVR Fund	\$192.51
Total	\$192.51

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,988.73
Undeposited Funds	0
Total	\$1,988.73

Committed Funds \$192.51
26 Members times \$696.00
per capita
Uncommitted Funds \$1,100.22

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National Patriotic Instructor
Monthly Patriotic Instruction
January, 2017

January is the time for resolutions for the new year. A part of our history that we do not educate the public on are the estimated 400 women who fought in the Civil War disguised as men. These women when discovered were put in jail. Many stay undiscovered for a long period. Here are some women to discuss at your Camp Meetings.

Sarah Rosetta Wakeman enlisted as Private Lyons Wakeman and served as a private in the 153rd New York Infantry Regiment. She fought in a battle in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, in 1864. Shortly after the battle, she became very ill and died at the Marine General Hospital in New Orleans. At the time of her death, her true gender was not known. In fact, her headstone reads Lyons Wakeman.

Sarah Edmonds, who enlisted as Franklin Thompson, served with the 2nd Michigan Volunteers and fought in several battles, including the Siege of Yorktown, the Battle of Williamsburg, and the Second Battle at Manassas. In 1863, she contracted malaria and left the army to prevent doctors from discovering her gender. She was charged as a deserter. After recovering from her illness, she worked as a female nurse. After the war, Edmonds revealed herself to her fellow soldiers, and they helped her convince the government to lift the desertion charge. It took an act of Congress and eight years, but Edmonds was cleared of the desertion charge and was given a military pension.

Also featured are those women who may not have posed as male soldiers but who nonetheless pushed gender boundaries to act boldly in related military capacities, as spies, nurses, and vivandieres ("daughters of the regiment") who bore the flag in battle, rallied troops, and cared for the wounded. Let us not forget these brave women who fought for our Country Standing By the Union as the Boys in Blue did.

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December is the month for showing Charity. This is an everyday attribute for the Sons of Umon Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). It is also the celebration of Jesus Christ birth. We know that the Boys in Blue that formed the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) lived the motto Charity throughout their lives. They pushed for the Soldiers Widow Home and pensions for the veterans.

President Abraham Lincoln also appealed to Congress and the Nation in his Inaugural address, . . .to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan." His results resulted in the creation of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in March of 1865. Due to the negative connotations of Asylum it was renamed as the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in 1873. This was the later to become known as the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

After the war, General Sherman stayed in contact with war veterans. Many times he responded to a knock at his door to greet one of those who had served under him standing on his stoop, wishing toy homage to "Uncle Billy." Sherman would give the veteran coins from his own pocket and thanked the man for his service to the Union. He showed charity by this act.

Let us keep this tradition in showing charity to our fellow Brothers and Sisters. Yours In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity.