

US Grant Camp 68
Meeting 10/8/17
Frailey's Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd

Present: Comdr Mark Coplin, PCinc Don Palmer, John Avery, John Palmer, Walt Busch, Bob Aubuchon, Bob Petrovic, Marty Aubuchon, Mike Hudson, Jim Stebbings, Sumner Hunnewell and Bob Amsler Jr

SEVERAL MEMBERS BEGAN PAYING DUES - FEEL FREE TO SEND 2018 DUES \$35 MEMBERSHIP + \$3 IF YOU WANT TO INCLUDE SVR DUES TO "US Grant Camp 68" c/o Walt Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026.

Opening Ceremonies led by Cmdr Coplin at 1900 hrs with Prayer and Pledge

Minutes read and motion to approve by John Avery with Second by Sumner Hunnewell. Passes

Secretary and Treasurer's reports reviewed. Motion to accept both with Treasurer report subject to audit by Bob Petrovic and Second by Mike Hudson. Passes. Discussed idea about sale of name tags and possibility of selling logos that appear to be etched glass. Walt to get prices.

Commander's Report

Sherman Camp – Jack Grothe called me after our meeting last month. He had not heard anything and wanted to know our stance. I shared with him that we sent a letter to the Sherman Camp Commander Noel in June. Per Jack – Noel did not share the letter with anyone else in the camp. I sent a copy to Jack. It sounds like Sherman camp will be folding. No details as of yet.

[Dept Meeting held 10-14-17. Commander Burd reported the camp is closing and not taking Our deal. Camp refused help to keep camp afloat by Sumner Hunnewell and Walt Busch. Letter to be sent to Sherman members advising how they can transfer in the department. Jack has been telling out of state members to go elsewhere and not stay in MO. Walt]

Placed **one more badge order and mailed out 2.**

Senior Vice Commander Report: Mike Hudson – None

Junior Vice Commander Report : Bob Aubuchon – Attended Eureka Historical Society meeting on 10/2. Advised them of our work and need for work at Inks Cemetery. 10/7 – Attended Battle of Wentzville

Department meeting on 10/14 – Walt, Don and Bob plan on attending. Jim Stebbings reports that he is good with what Dale has on the historical paper program we are trying to implement. Plan is to give one senior a prize of \$150 for the winning historical paper on a topic covered during the years 1812-1878. [Dept Meeting – voted to approve this for this year with chance to make permanent after this year – Walt]

Trivia

1. In 1864 how long had it been since a president was re-elected?

2. Who enacted the first draft in American history? Who was exempted from the draft?
3. Which post-Civil War presidents had owned slaves (prior to the Civil War)?
4. Other than Lincoln and Douglas, who ran for president in 1860?
5. Stephen Douglas died on June 3, 1861, likely of exhaustion. What had he been doing?
6. What southern governor was deposed when he tried to stop his state from seceding?
7. How did Lincoln hold Maryland in the Union?
8. What future Supreme Court Justice was a union officer badly wounded at both Ball's Bluff and Antietam?
9. Who replaced Jeb Stuart when the Rebel cavalry commander died at the Battle of Yellow Tavern in May 1864?
10. Which baseball commissioner was named after a Civil War Battle?

Old Business:

56th Colored Infantry Monument – John Avery reports that Sarah is amenable to us taking the project over. Motion by John with Second by Walt to take over project and to let John Avery work out details. Passes.

Christmas Party – After much discussion it was decided to move our Christmas dinner to **Trattoria Toscana – Gravois about 100 feet north of Lindbergh (Behind BP Gas Station)**. **The dinner will be held on December 6 starting at 6pm.** Discussion was made during this time that group appetizers might be desirable. Someone asked how that was taken care of at Greenbriar and Walt reported that Don always paid for those. Upon learning this, Bob Amsler made a motion that we make a resolution of thanks to Don for doing this for the past several years. Walt Busch 2nd. Motion passes.

As several members say the food there is good, Marty Aubuchon made a motion 2nd by Walt to hold Christmas Dinner at Trattoria Toscana on 4th or 6th and if unavailable to hold it at Greenbriar. Passes [Cmdr Coplin has made reservations]

Last Union Soldier of St. Louis County to be held at St Monica's Catholic Cemetery in Creve Coeur on Nov 4 at 11 am. Need SVR members. Mark Coplin to send flyers to local TV. [Walt filed info with St Louis Post]

Sherman Day – Jack Grothe is wanting to move the day for better weather, but Sherman camp is closing so unknown what is to be done. It should be held on Feb 25 at 2pm. [Walt sent e-mail to Jack wanting to know if it is being planned or not for next year]

New Business:

Eureka Historical Society presentation on Oct 28 about 1pm. Holiday Inn at Six Flags. If interested contact Bob Aubuchon or Ms. Listner 636-438-4429

Commander Burd has asked each camp to **donate \$100 for the Stephenson Monument** in Illinois. Bob Petrovic says that the monument hasn't even obtained half the money they need to do it and have lost some donations offered to it because of inactivity. Sumner Hunnewell made a motion to purchase a brick for the monument. 2nd by Marty Aubuchon. Ayes – Sumner and Jim Stebbings. Nays – everyone else. Motion fails.

Commander Burd wants to know **who in the camp is holding Department property?**
[To Walt's knowledge – the only department property held by any camp member are the records he holds and he has informed the commander of the things he holds]

Nomination of Officers:

Commander – Bob Amsler, Jr

SVC – Sumner Hunnewell

JVC – Bob Aubuchon

Sec/Treas – Walt Busch

Council – Mike Hudson and Jim Stebbings

Nominations from members can be sent in by e-mail or from the floor at next meeting.

Good of the Order:

Walt Busch reports that the CRA Conference was held on Oct 6 in Cleveland and that he and Bob Petrovic attended. Next year will be in Valparaiso IN. In 2019 trying something new and running it in conjunction with Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies. Would like to see several members of our camp participate.

Meeting Closed at 2030 with Prayer led by Mark Coplin