

US Grant Camp 68, SUVCW

Business Meeting 11/13/17

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

Present: Mark Coplin, Walt Busch, Martin Aubuchon, Bob Petrovic, John Avery, Don Palmer, John Palmer, Mike Hudson, Jim Stebbings, Sumner Hunnewell, Neil Cantwell, Jon Pennington and arriving at 1925 hrs, Bob Aubuchon. Nomination of Officers – Bob Amsler on speaker phone. Guest: Greg Wolk of the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation.

Opening Ceremonies began at 1855 hrs with Prayer and Pledge led by Commander Mark Coplin

Minutes, Secretaries Report and Treasurer's Reports presented and on motion to approve with the treasurer's report subject to audit made by Bob Petrovic and Seconded by Martin Aubuchon. Passes.

Commander's Report

1. **Sherman Camp** – the oldest camp in our state and possibly west of the Mississippi is closing effective January 1. Brother Grothe transferring to St James Camp. **Neil Cantwell** has become a member of this camp. No other info on the 26 other brothers yet. We welcome Brother Cantwell and also a new member **Tim Heggemeier** to our camp.
2. Mailed out info to major news outlets regarding our ceremony on Nov 4 for St Louis County Lst Soldier.
3. Attended Nov 4 August Moreau Last Soldier Ceremony.
4. Placed order for 3 more name tags.

Senior Vice Commander Mike Hudson's Report: attended Moreau event. Knows of an 1861 replica Springfield for sale if anyone wants one. The Marriot he works at may be sold or downgraded to another hotel name by next year and should not be considered for 2021 encampment if Missouri gets it.

Junior Vice Commander Bob Aubuchon absent when report called for. Attended Moreau event and also marched in Veteran's Day parade.

Department Info: Commander Burd would like our camp to begin using Google Calendar.

National Info: Bob Petrovic stated we need to get a bid in on **2021 national encampment** according to Commander-in-Chief Day as Rhode Island also wants it for that year.

Greg Wolk of the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation and Missouri Humanities Council

Coordinator spoke about the Grant Trail and its expansion into Kentucky, but also the need for a trail marker in the area of Sulphur Springs, MO. Sulphur Springs was a stop in Jefferson County along the Iron Mountain Railroad south of Kimmswick. Sumner Hunnewell lives in the area and said he would work with Greg on this.

Civil War Trivia:

1. Who was installed as president first. Lincoln or Davis?
2. "Morgan's Christmas Raid" included Christmas of what year?
3. Which Union cavalry officer was famous for his love of dogs
4. Who wrote A Diary from Dixie?
5. During the war, control of the Marine Corps was transferred to the army? T/F
6. What 5 Civil War Generals had World War II tanks named after them?
7. Where was the "Last Capitol of the Confederacy"?
8. In what year was the first official Thanksgiving celebrated?

9. T/F Before the war, John C Frémont resigned from the army after having been found guilty of mutiny.
10. Approximately how many dollars did John S Mosby and his men ride off with during the “Greenback Raid”?

Fun Fact: W.T. Sherman “War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueler it is, the sooner it will be over.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **56th USCT Ceremonies** at Monument in Jeff Barracks – set for 10am on May 5
2. **December 6** – Speaker Ideas? It was suggested that with the officer initiation we don’t do A formal topic.
3. **Sherman Day** – We are taking it over. Walt looking into dates that are historical. Sherman actually took over the “Department of Missouri” after the war on 06/27/1865 so that could be a date, but for this year we opt by motion by Walt Busch and second by Martin Aubuchon to hold Sherman Day on March 25 as in March 1869 he became General of the Armies.
4. **Department Property:** Again Walt has some paper records and old Sherman camp records.
5. **Window sticker:** Walt checked into producing these as a camp project and at \$3 per sticker and being required to by a minimum of 200, felt that we don’t need to be spending that money right now. Even though the project is a good idea.
6. **Grant Remembrance Day** set for July 21 (need to confirm with White Haven)
7. **Last Soldier of St Louis City** – Walt working on project. [Letter sent to Director of JB Cemetery after the meeting requesting permission to place a marker].

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Future events** – we need to publicize more and get more groups involved (Legion, VFW, Boy Scouts, local schools), put flyers in local libraries, etc.
2. **Facebook:** We have a Facebook page and don’t use it. Marty said he will get info to run it and work on it.

ELECTION OF 2018 OFFICERS

Nomination of Officers:

Commander – Bob Amsler, Jr

SVC – Sumner Hunnewell

JVC – Bob Aubuchon

Sec/Treas – Walt Busch

Council – Mike Hudson and Jim Stebbings

After 3 calls for additional nominees, Walt called Bob Amsler who was out sick, put him on speaker and asked if he still wanted the job. Did and since no other nominees, Don Palmer seconded by Marty Aubuchon made a motion for the secretary to cast one vote for the ballot. Passes with Mike Hudson objecting.

Commander Coplin closed meeting with prayer at 2020 hours.