

**US Grant Camp Meeting
January 8, 2018
Frailey's Grill & Pub
I-55 & Butler Hill Rd, 63128**

Present: Bob Petrovic, Martin Aubuchon, Robert AuBuchon, Mark Coplin, Walt Busch, John Palmer, Don Palmer, Robert Amsler Jr, Neil Cummings, Sumner Hunnewell

1900 hours – Cmdr Amsler opened the meeting with pledge of allegiance and Mark Coplin acted as Chaplain for prayer.

Minutes for November and December 2017 were read and voted approved on motion by Bob Petrovic and 2nd by Mark Coplin

Secretary – Treasurer Report reviewed. Approved on motion by Sumner Hunnewell with second by Don Palmer. Treasurer Section subject to audit.

Secretary Report for the January 2018 meeting

1. DUES OF \$35 ARE DUE FROM MEMBERS:

- Check to US Grant Camp 68 mailed to Walt Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026
- 2. John Avery reports at St Louis History Museum – 1/11/18 7pm-9pm – Program: Voices from the Grave with Greenwood Cemetery
- 3. E-Mail from Mike Pierce regarding Friends of Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet
Date: March 24 2018 Time: 9 am – 3 pm Vendor fee is \$15 per 6 ft table. Vendors are actually renting a 6’x 6’ space with 1 table for each space so designated.
- 4. Gave talk on Pilot Knob battle and General Ewing to the Company of Military Historians on 12/11.
- 5. James Gallen of Sherman Camp has joined our ranks this month. Don Bell advised me that he wants to join the closest camp so he may be joining ours. Marvin Greer from out of state looking at us to transfer in from VA. Andrew Clooney former member is probably rejoining
- 6. Made up the Grant Camp part of the *Unionist* newsletter
- 7. Form 22 was submitted to the department secretary.

Treasurer’s Report Balances with the 12-29-17 Statement

Treasurer Report Doc No Description Money In Money Out Bank Action

12/7/2017	236	Arch Engraving 626571		-22.80	-22.80
12/7/2017	237	Mark Coplin reimb for Don P Gift & postage		-62.00	-62.00
12/7/2017	4879	Coplin Dues & SVR	38.00		
12/7/2017	335	Ben Jones Badge	15.00		
12/7/2017	23863812862	Ben Jones Badge	15.00		
12/7/2017	6386	John France Badge	15.00		
12/7/2017	2279	Jason Krajnyak Badge	15.00		
12/7/2017	11946	Michael Spaulding	20.00		
12/19/2017	4279	James Gallen Dues	35.00		
12/28/2017	DEP	Deposit			153.00
12/29/2017	INT	Interest	0.07		0.07
1/8/2018	6664	Carl Wattenberg Dues & SVR & Donation	50.00		

TOTALS 19,038.62 -17,335.31 1,842.88

Committed Funds	
SVR Fund	\$102.51
Total	\$102.51
TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,842.95
Undeposited Funds	50.00
Total	\$1,892.95
Committed Funds	\$102.51

Uncommitted Funds

\$1,790.44

Commander's Report-

Wants us to do more community outreach. Library talks, etc. Cmdr to give talk to Civil War Roundtable on 1/24

Senior Vice Commander – Hunnewell – Nothing to report.

Junior Vice Commander - B. AuBuchon – Nothing to report.

Department Encampment – Bennett Spring State Park – to be confirmed. Some info on website already.

National – Bob Petrovic reports still pursuing 2021 but that Rhode Island wants it also. Bob working on a new proposal.

Trivia - Civil War -

1. How many days did the "Siege of Vicksburg" last? a. 33 b.47 c. 59 d.82
2. What was the Confederates last stronghold on the Mississippi?
a. Vicksburg b. Fort Hindman c. Fort Donelson d. Port Hudson
3. In which beleaguered city did the "Cracker Line" end?
a. Vicksburg b. Chattanooga c. Atlanta d. Richmond
4. Which Confederate General possessed a red "battle shirt"?
a. DH Hill b. AP Hill c. James Longstreet d. Nathaniel P Banks
5. Jefferson Davis married the daughter of which president of the United States?
a. James Polk b. Zachary Taylor c. John Tyler d. Andrew Jackson
6. Was General George A. Custer promoted to brigadier-general before or after the Battle of Gettysburg?
7. Who played the lead role of Henry Flemming in the 1951 movie The Red Badge of courage?
a. Bill Mauldin b. Rock Hudson c. Audie Murphy d. Andy Devlin
8. What was the monthly pay of a Union private at the end of the war? a.\$11 b. \$12 c.\$S16 d.\$18
9. No man of color won the Medal of Honor for service in the US Navy during the war. T or F
10. According to the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, established by Congress in 1990, how many battlefield sites were identified as "class A" (battles having a decisive influence on a campaign and a direct impact on the course of the war)? a.12 b.28 c.45 d.62

Fun Fact - In 1862 the United States and the Confederacy agreed that medical officers be treated as noncombatants. Although the agreement was haphazardly applied, most captured surgeons were allowed to tend their wounded without interference by opposing forces and, if captured, were immediately released.

Main Business:

56th USCT Ceremony on May 5. Walt will get with Jefferson Barracks Cemetery about this Ceremony and Memorial Day so that we make sure we have permission to operate both. Walt will also try to get in touch with Intervets about advertising it. Walt will check on getting a cannon salute. [Steve Allen with Turner Brigade told Walt after the meeting that he will bring his gun.]

Sherman Remembrance Day – March 25 1PM – Where is flag for pole. Neil to check with Jack. Talk about getting more out of the ceremony and it was suggested for one that we invite all to dine with us at someplace like Hodaks.

Grant Remembrance Day – July 21 – Marty handling. No updates yet.

Last Soldier St Louis City – No response yet from JB Cemetery. Walt will check with them when he goes to talk about the other issues above.

Facebook posts – Marty is signed up as an administrator of our page. He says he needs to get with James Dixon to see what he needs to do to work on it. Dixon advised Marty can edit as long as he is logged in to his Facebook account.

Meeting closed at 2022 hrs with Mark Coplin leading the prayer.

Secretary Treasurer's Report for the February Meeting

I've contacted the director of Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, Jeff Barnes, on 1/26. He said he didn't have the letter I sent in on getting approval for the Last Soldier of St Louis City Marker Placement. I e-mailed him the letter again that day. He acknowledged receipt and said it will take a while for an answer.

I also got the form from him for doing ceremonies in the cemetery and have filled them out. I am awaiting camp officer review before I submit them. The cannon is set up and I've been in contact with the SCV also. The ceremony's format needs to be locked down and then we can start advertising the events (56th USCT Ceremonies on May 5 and Memorial Day on May 28). Jeff Barnes has approved both of our ceremonies there this year.

As an aside, I took the JB form for ceremonies and created a fill-in pdf for it. Anyone who wants one, just ask me.

I've sent out letters to all who haven't paid yet.

I've filled in the form 990Ns for both us and the department. I've also notified the department of this.

I've started working on a website for the US Grant Camp. Discussion. WIX or WEEBLY.

BY-LAWS CHANGE REQUIRED

Our By-Laws read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII: BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the **CAMP** by a 2/3 vote of the **MEMBERS** and **ASSOCIATES** present at the **CAMP** meeting, provided however that a copy of the proposed amendment had been submitted in writing to the **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER** and the Camp membership at the previous Camp meeting.

That being the case, as this is pursuant to a national requirement, I recommend that the secretary insert the correct information relating to our camp and that we pass at the wording that follows and insert it in our by-laws and then forward it to the Department Commander for final approval. This, of course, is after some wording is changed as below to make sure we are in compliance. Any editing of the numbering of the articles necessary shall also be performed by the secretary. A final copy of the new by-laws will be e-mailed to members.

We also need to vote on getting 501c3 papers filled out.

The way our articles probably should read without numerical assignment yet.

ARTICLE _____ - Organization:

The Camp shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Missouri. [we are incorporated under the laws of Mo so this needs to be straightened out]. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. [We and most other camps are still 501c4, we need to do the 501 c3 paperwork and until then this is not true].

ARTICLE _____ - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes:

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the incorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b)

by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE _____ - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: All property of the Camp/Department/Other Unit shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six

months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp/Department/Other unit shall not be divided among its members.

Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of Missouri.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this camp, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

Treasurer Report

Date	Info	Income	Output	Bank Action	Statement	
1/8/2018	6664	Carl Wattenberg Dues & SVR & Donation		50.00		
1/8/2018	4280	W Green Dues		35.00		
1/8/2018	Cash	Sumner Hunnewell SVR		3.00		
1/23/2018	2376	Dwight Prade Dues		35.00		
1/24/2018	DEP	Deposit				123.00 1/31/2018
1/31/2018	5312	Don and John Palmer Dues		78.00		
1/31/2018	5455	Steven Leicht Dues		38.00		
1/31/2018	INT	Interest		0.08	0.08	1/31/2018
2/1/2018	117	Arch Engraving 627748			-15.20	-15.20
2/2/2018	9513	Michael Woulfe Dues, SVR & Donation		50.00		
2/2/2018	15726	Don Alwine		38.00		
2/2/2018	1310	Jim Stebbings Dues		35.00		
2/2/2018	3952	Jon Pennington Dues & SVR		38.00		
2/4/2018	7087	Dennis & Michel Hannon Dues & SVR		76.00		
2/4/2018	6638	John Avery Dues & SVR		38.00		
2/7/2018	1026	Andrew Clooney Membership & Reinstatement Penalty		44.00		
2/7/2018	Cash	Andrew Clooney Reinstatement		1.00		
2/7/2018	DEP	Deposit				436.00
TOTALS				19,038.62	-	17,335.31 2,386.83

Committed Funds	
SVR Fund	\$132.51
Total	\$132.51