

**US Grant Camp 68, SUVCW**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**11 Sep 2017**  
**Frailey's Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd. 63128**

**Present:** PCC Mark Coplin, Walt Busch, Bob AUbuchon, Don Palmer, John Palmer, Mike Hudson, Jim Stebbings, Don Alwine, Fr. Vincent Heier, Sumner Hunnewell, Bob Petrovic

**Opening Ceremonies** at 1902 hrs, with Fr Heier leading with prayer and remembrance of the 9-11 victims. Pledge led by CC Mark Coplin.

Reading **Minutes and Treasurer Report** (No activity on Secretary Report): Reviewed. Minutes and Treasurer Reports to be approved with treasurer's report subject to audit. Call for vote from the chair. Passes.

**Commander's Report** –Mark Coplin

Sherman Camp- still no response about merger issue.

Two more badge orders & have more in works

Mailed out 3 orders. John Avery delivered 2 at National and Walt made

Deposits to accounts.

Attended and spoke at Grant's Remembrance Day Event at White Haven on July 22

Will not be seeking another term as Camp Commander.

**Senior Vice Commander's Report** – Mike Hudson

Thanks to all for donation to Osgae Beach dog shelter from the camp in memory of wife.

**Junior Vice Commander's Report** – Bob Aubuchon

July 22 – Grant Remembrance Day

Aug 8 – Cleaned up Inks Cemetery, Eureka, MO

Aug 19 – Attended 56<sup>th</sup> USCT Ceremony at Jeff Barracks. Found it canceled

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Attended Waynesville Reenactment

Sep 10 – Attended living history at White Haven

**Department Report – October 14 is business meeting.** Walt and Bob so far attending.

**National Report** - Don Palmer advised that at the encampment there was discussion over the flag/monument controversies. Ed Krieser of Lincoln Camp got a Lifetime Achievement Award. Don received a meritorious service letter for running the Vicksburg Committee.

**C-in-C has our complaint** about not being able to find **licensed sale items** on the website (without really digging). He and webmaster advised they are revamping the site and will incorporate that into the updates.

**Issues with 2021 Encampment.** Missouri has been given the run around since 2013 about holding another encampment. Walt made a motion and seconded by Sumner Hunnewell that our camp petition the department commander to request the C-in-C to get developed some guidelines for turning in encampment bids (for which several were discussed). SEE ATTACHED FOR DRAFT!

**Civil War Trivia**

1. What are some of the other names by which the civil war is known?
2. Which state or states still have a Confederate battle flag on their state flag?
3. Which Union general has been falsely credited with the early development of baseball?

4. How were Confederate officers below the rank of brigadier chosen?
5. What date was the "Black Thursday of the Confederacy,,?"
6. Where in the United states was slavery first officially abolished?
7. What was the official name of Andersonville prison?
8. According to the Constitution of the Confederacy, how long was a presidential term in office?
9. What US Army rank did Robert E Lee hold when he resigned his commission in 1861?

Fun Fact - Nathan Bedford Forrest quote - "No damn man kills me and lives."

### **Old Business**

**Christmas Party** – Should we go ahead and have Kim Palmer set up date at Greenbriar Country Club? Bob Petrovic gave commander a list of places that are cheaper and have rooms. Commander to check into a couple and we decide in October. Discussion was made about the 2nd Tuesday being in conflict with other parties for some members and it was decided to try to shoot for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December.

**56<sup>th</sup> USCT Monument** – Where do we go from here? John Avery needs to be here as he has been in contact with descendants. Thanks to Walt for sending out the article. Walt suggests May 16 as a ceremony date as a date the monument was made or Mid-September as more of a remembrance of the date of death for many of them.

**Last Soldier August Moreau – Date Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** – Need to get with St. Monica's to confirm date [Walt has left it on answering machine].

**Sherman Day – February** – What's Going On? Cmdr Coplin to try to find out.

**National History Essays** – Jim Stebbings – trying to figure out what is going on at Department meeting. [Walt has talked to a judge and we can set it up that only a winner matching our criteria can get the award – which means we may not have to award it every year].

### **New Business-**

Sumner needs to be **added to Grant camp e-mail list** [Done]

**Nominations for 2018 Officers** will be held next month followed by voting in Nov and installation in Dec. Who will be stepping up? [Rumor is that Sumner Hunnewell is willing to stand for some office other than Commander and that there is a petition going around to relieve Walt of sec-treas and draft Mark Coplin].

### **Good of the Order**

**Sumner – Parade in Arnold** this weekend 9-16. St. Johns Lutheran Church looking for some people in CW uniforms.

**Walt – Sep 23 & 24 – Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment**

**Meeting closed** with prayer at 2015 hours led by Commander Coplin as Fr Heier had left about half way through the meeting.

Secretary – Treasurer report to be handed out at October meeting.

[Proposed Draft Resolution on next Page]

*The US Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,* respectfully presents this petition to Department Commander Randal Burd, Jr, and the Department of Missouri representatives meeting in October, 2017, for the betterment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

*Whereas,* the department of Missouri has since 2013 attempted to annually submit paperwork to hold a national encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War within the state of Missouri, and;

*Whereas,* except for 2016, where the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic caused the desire to hold the event in the state in which the Grand Army of the Republic was founded, our applications have been rebuffed, refused, or ignored, and;

*Whereas,* we have found that the procedures for submitting an application for an event are nonexistent and because of that we have had our petitions brushed aside for all applications up to and including the 2020 national encampment, and;

*Whereas,* there has often not been more than one other application presented, but our applications are rebuffed without a sufficient, if any, explanation;

*Now therefore,* we, the members of U.S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans, meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017, have unanimously voted that the Commander-in-Chief be requested by the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to either require the national officer in charge of the encampment site committee to establish procedures with deadlines for all applications, and;

*That* no decision will be made as to where the encampment will be held prior to that deadline, and;

*That* the national encampment site committee must vote on which application they chose, and;

*That* said vote showing the ayes and nays of each member of said committee must be shared with all applicants showing why one site was chosen over another.

*Or, That* the commander-in-chief exercise his rights to establish such guidelines of his own accord.

*Respectfully submitted, in fraternity, charity and loyalty,*

*Mark Copin,* PCC, Commander –US Grant Camp #68

Attested by:

*Walt Busch,* PDC, Secretary-Treasurer – US Grant Camp #68  
Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

DATE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Amount Rec'd	Amount Paid Out	Montgomery	On Statements
7/19/2017	DEP	Deposit			16.00	7/31/2017
7/25/2017	159	Arch Engraving Inv 623326		-30.40	-30.40	
8/9/2017	160	Arch Engraving 623925		-30.40	-30.40	
9/4/2017	224	Kerry Langdon for CRA	30.00			
9/4/2017	225	Wanda Langdon for CRA	30.00			
9/4/2017	4304	Alan Teller for CRA	50.00			
9/4/2017	2743	Walt Busch for CRA	30.00			
9/5/2017	DEP	Deposit			140.00	
9/11/2017	111	Walt Busch for domains		-35.34	-35.34	
9/11/2017	3377	John Egar for Cra	30.00			
9/11/2017	112	GAR - Central Region Assoc		-170.00	-170.00	

<b>TOTALS</b>	19,038.6 2	-	17,335.31	2,162.74
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<b>Committed Funds</b>	
SVR Fund	\$69.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69.51</b>

<b>TOTAL MONEYS</b>	
Total Checking	\$2,162.74
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,162.74</b>

**Committed Funds                    \$69.51**

**Uncommitted Funds                \$2,093.23**