

US Grant Camp #68
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Meeting – 10 Sep 2018
Frailey's Grill, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd, St. Louis, MO

Present: Walt Busch, Don Palmer, Bob Aubuchon (left shortly after meeting started due to other issues), John Avery, Marty Aubuchon, Bob Petrovic, Mark Coplin, Joe Miller, Cmdr Bob Amsler, Sumner Hunnewell and Guest: Bill Griffith & Greg Wolk, St. James Camp

Pre-Meeting: Bill Griffith advised he plans to join. He was given membership material. He gave us his e-mail. Don Palmer gave us member John Palmer's new e-mail as he remains hidden deep in the south on an important information gathering mission.

1903 Hrs – Cmdr Amsler began the meeting with **the pledge of allegiance and prayer.**

Commander's Report: Cmdr suggested LaRusso's on Hampton near I-44 for our **Christmas Dinner.** After some discussion and a suggestion that some prefer Greenbriar a vote was taken. Although split, the majority voted to go to LaRusso's. Walt advised he won't be able to go as that is the week of his surgery. For LaRussos: Walt, Bob Amsler, Sumner, Mark Coplin, John Avery No: Marty & Don. December 12th may be the date and Walt suggest Greg Wolk, chair of the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation give a short talk at the meeting and we pay for his dinner.

Cmdr asked Marty for his report on our **Grant Remembrance Day** with the National Park Service. Marty said had good weather, good crowd turnout. Don Palmer gave the keynote. Walt Busch gave a program later on *Orders Numbered 11: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly.* Walt said he had a good turnout for that as well. Walt also reported that this is the first time he advertised this event on his e-mail list of about 200 people. He thinks that might have helped a little. Don suggested get the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* on the list as well. [Walt checked and it is on the list.]

National Encampment – Don, Sumner and Bob attended. Sumner submitted report on the Encampment for the *Unionist*. Don and Bob said the event was not well attended, but it was One of the least controversial encampments ever. 501-C-3 was discussed as always. 2019 will Be in Cleveland and 2020 in Atlanta. Bob commented that the costs of the encampment were Too high and Sumner reported that the Campfire dragged on and on. Don Shaw is the new Commander-in-Chief. They still have not given us 2021, it appears that Bob is not interested in Running it since time is running out to prepare properly for it. Walt suggested that we corner The commander-in-chief at the Allied Orders Conference and again bring up that there needs to Be a system/procedure in place to determine where encampments are held. Don sending e-Mail to commander-in-chief or someone about this issue.

1918 hrs – Bill Griffith left for previous engagement.

Interested in Running for Office. Contact Walt. Nominations at October meeting. So far Bob Amsler Said he would run again for commander. Walt saw the writing on the wall and said if no one Else wants Sec/Treas he would take it again.

SVC Sumner Hunnewell reported he was at the Encampment. See 30 Sep *Unionist* for his report.

JVC Bob Aubuchon's written report;

Attended 7-28/29 Waynesville Encampment

8/8 – Cleaned up Inks Cemetery in Eureka

8/12 – Attend Col. Hecker Ceremonies in St Louis & Summerville Il

9/5 – Received E-mail from Dept JVC Joe Rainey about Bill Griffith, potential member, and sent Him a letter about meeting.

Secretary's Report for September Meeting

1. Sent out e-mail on Grant Ceremonies

2. Sent out e-mail on Col Frederich Hecker Ceremonies with the German Community here on August 12, starting at 10am at Benton Park.
3. Check out my books on Kindle also am bring my new one "Lincoln's Brat: The Controversial General Thomas Ewing" to the meeting. \$20 if you want one.
4. Website is up to date

Website Report

Traffic	US GRANT CAMP		Uniques	Visits	Uniques	Visits
Date Pulled	9-Sep-18		8/18/2018	19	38	9/5/2018 16 20
Report Range	11-Aug-18	9-Sep-18	8/19/2018	19	36	9/6/2018 25 37
Grouping	day		8/20/2018	13	17	9/7/2018 20 61
			8/21/2018	7	30	9/8/2018 22 30
Key Stats			8/22/2018	14	20	9/9/2018 20 44
	Count	Trend	8/23/2018	17	21	9/10/2018 7 33
Unique Visits	556	3	8/24/2018	6	9	
Page Views	1123	3	8/25/2018	27	58	
Avg Pages	2.0198	0	8/26/2018	13	18	
			8/27/2018	26	62	
Comparisons			8/28/2018	21	35	
	Uniques	Visits	8/29/2018	16	21	
8/12/2018	16	24	8/30/2018	24	48	
8/13/2018	23	31	8/31/2018	20	66	
8/14/2018	29	62	9/1/2018	21	26	
8/15/2018	27	66	9/2/2018	22	38	
8/16/2018	14	55	9/3/2018	21	43	
8/17/2018	11	18	9/4/2018	20	56	

TREASURER REPORT

BALANCES WITH AUGUST 31, 2018 STATEMENT, NO OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Date of Action Type Memo \$ IN \$ Out

ACTION					
30 June 2018	INT	Interest	0.07		0.07
10 July 2018	Cash	Donation for Bugle from Bob Aubuchon	50.00		
10 July 2018	Cash	Raffle of Book for Equipment Fund	6.00		
10 July 2018	DEP	Deposit			79.00
21 July 2018	247	Void			
21 July 2018	248	Cher Petrovic 505937 for Grant Day		-30.00	-30.00
31 July 2018	Int	Interest	0.07		0.07

01 August 2018	249	Arch Engraving 204298 for \$15.20 204591 for 23.34 204894 for \$91.20.		-129.74	-129.74
07 August 2018	Electronic	Deluxe Check Checks Printed		-17.90	-17.90
17 August 2018	121	Arch Engraving Invoice 205248		-15.20	-15.20
17 August 2018	2660	James Crane Badges	15.00		
17 August 2018	1024	Kinsman Camp SUVCW Badges	156.00		
17 August 2018	1855	Shane Milburn - Nametag	15.00		
17 August 2018	1422	Lincoln Cushing Camp Nametags	15.00		
17 August 2018	8247	Alan Petit chack for nametag	11.00		
17 August 2018	DEP	Deposit			212.00
31 August 2018	INT	Interest	0.06		0.06
TOTALS			19,038.62	-	17,335.31

Committed Funds	
Sherman Flag Fund	0.00
Equipment Fund	6.00
SVR Fund	\$58.51
TOTAL	\$64.51
TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$1,549.32
Undeposited Funds	
Total	\$1,549.32

Committed Funds \$64.51
Uncommitted Funds \$1,484.81

Sec/Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve this and minutes with treasurer's report subject to audit by Bob Petrovic, 2nd by Marty Aubuchon. Passes

Our donate to the camp for a taste of food brought to the meeting raised \$30. [Walt \$10, Bob Amsler \$10, Marty Aubuchon \$5 and Greg Wolk \$5]. Money to go into Sherman Flag maintenance fund

Discussion about Boy Scouts allowing girls in. After some discussion. Cmdr Amsler is going to write a Letter to the CinC about how we are to deal with female courts of honor.

2005 hrs – John Avery leaves

Don Palmer reports that **QM Wheeler is stepping down** and that Jim Lyons of Illinois is being considered As his replacement.

JROTC – Air Force discontinuing allowing medal to be worn.

Sumner – showed picture of the **Sterling Silver 1890 GAR Canteen** he saw in Boston

Grant Trail - Greg Wolk reported that the Grant Trail is starting a Springfield, IL to Quincy, IL route. He is to send link to Walt who will put it on our website. Usgrantrail.org

Grant Symposium – 26 Oct, Mexico, MO usgrantrail.org/symposium . Walt to post info on our website.

Greg Wolk reported that the stone has not yet arrived for his **Gr-Gr-Grandfather Francis Xavier Hildebrand, Private 21 IL Inf, at St Monica's Cemetery**. John Avery will probably be MC.

Grant Camp Seal – Bob Petrovic gave a sample to Cmdr. Amsler, to check with Jim Pahl if the design is ok.

Sherman Flag Light – to get bid to put light on flag. Tabled for one month on motion by Sumner and Second by Marty. Passes.

Sumner reports that there will be a ceremony for James Ogle at Napaville, Hwy Z&A Hillsboro, MO. Sunday 30 Sep.

Trivia –

1. Which young officer, a veteran of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Sherman's March, later wrote *The Devil's Dictionary*.
2. How did he (answer 1) define "diplomacy."
3. What is the name of the young soldier at the center of Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage*
4. Where is the real TARA, on which the plantation in *Gone with the Wind* is based?
5. What Southern spy was known in France as "La Belle Rebelle?"
6. Who was left behind when Jefferson Davis and his cabinet evacuated Richmond in April 1865?
7. What was the most widely prescribed and damaging drug?
8. Who did the Democrats nominate for president in 1864? How did he do?
9. What affliction did Jefferson Davis have?
10. How did Congressman Preston S Brooks of South Carolina respond to a denunciation of proslavery settlers by Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner in 1856?
11. Who held a séance in the White House during the Civil War? Who was that person trying to contact.

Fun Fact – I had no faith in the sabre as a weapon. I only made the men draw their sabres to prevent them from wasting their fire before they got to closer quarters. John S. Mosby.

2050 hrs – Commander Amsler **closes** meeting with Prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT FOR OCT 2018 MEETING

1. 9-13 Email from John Avery reporting we have permission to put a light on the pole at Sherman's Grave.
2. I sold 7 of my books at the last meeting and have donated \$35 to the camp for the equipment fund.
3. November 3 – 11am at the Civil War Museum at JB – we are to work table with DUV. I plan on being there.

4. Bill Griffith sent in his dues. I am not planning to turn these in until near January so he doesn't have to pay now and turn around and pay again.
5. I am taking membership dues NOW. Unless we vote at next meeting to change them, dues are \$35 with additional \$3 [\$5 for officers] to SVR fund if you are a member of that.
6. Website has been updated as needed.

WEBSITE

595 unique visits in last 30 days as of 9/26
 1,164 pages views in same period.
 1.9 average pages per unique visit.

week ending 9/26 we had 129 unique visitors that week
 199 page views in same week

Treasurer Report for the October Meeting

DATE	#	Description	IN	OUT	BANK ACT	STATEMENT
8/31/2018	INT	Interest	0.06		0.06	8/31/2018
9/10/2018	Cash	Shot Drink Donations to Flag Fund	30.00			
9/10/2018	2955	Walt Busch - Donation Equip Fund for Selling Books to Members	35.00			
9/20/2018	7671	Bill Griffith Membership and initiation dues	45.00			
9/26/2018	Dep	Deposit			110.00	
TOTALS			19,038.62	-	17,335.31	1,659.32

Committed Funds		Committed Funds	\$129.51
Sherman Flag Fund	30.00	Uncommitted Funds	\$1,529.81
Equipment Fund	41.00	Total in Checking	\$1,659.32
SVR Fund	\$58.51	Undeposited Funds	
TOTAL	\$129.51	Total	\$1,659.32

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER MEETING

PRESENT:

Prayer –

Pledge –

Minutes of Last Meeting Motion_____ 2nd_____ Passes Y/N-_____

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report Motion_____ 2nd_____ Pass Y/N___Auditable

Commander's Report:

SVC Report:

JVC Report:

State, National or Central Region Business:
