

Department of Illinois SUVCW

131st Mid Term Encampment

Held Oct. 25, 2014 at

Tuscola, Illinois

The 131st Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form By DC James Lyon at 1:06 pm with Dept. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country.

The Roll of Dept. Officers was called with the following results:

Dept. Commander: James Lyon – Present

Dept. Chief of Staff: Steve Westlake, PDC - Present

Dept. SV Commander: Paul Zeien, Jr – Present

Dept. JV Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup–Present; Ron Clark–Absent; Jody Switzer- Absent

Dept. Counselor – Vacant

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

Dept. Signals Officer – Paul Zeien, Jr. – Present

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher – Absent

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Present

Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter – Present

Dept. Guide/Guard: Henry Reienke IV – Present

Dept. P. I.: John Bigwood - Present

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Bob Kurek – Absent

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Organizer: Ron Clark – Absent

Roll Call of Camps:

Gen. George A. Custer Camp #1 (Wilmette) Present
Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 (Aurora) Present
Gen. John A. McClernand Camp #4 (Springfield) Present
Capt. Frank Reed Camp #24 (Tuscola) Present
John A. Logan Camp #26 (Rockford) Present
Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (Sycamore) Present
Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 (Peoria) Present
Col. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Present

Total representatives present: 27

DC Lyon had the pleasure of introducing Nat'l. P. I. Greg Carter representing CinC Campbell who shared a few words on behalf of our CinC.

Minutes of the 131st Annual Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance:	\$11350.73
Income:	
New members:	327.00
Balance as of May 10, 2014:	\$11677.73
Expenses:	
Nick Kaup Awards	103.31
Steve Aarli Sec. supplies	91.63
Jerry Kowalski PA rental	75.00
Camp #1 new mbrs.	46.00
Overpay/wrong Deposit	22.35
Camp #4 new mbr.	16.50
Nat'l/PDC badge (2)	160.00
Camp #26 new mbrs.	33.00
New Mbr Chris Gomez	16.50

Total Expenses:	\$646.79
New Balance:	\$11030.94

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. The Dept. Audit Committee reported that the Treasurers books had been audited and found to be in good order.

Dept. Officer and Camp Commander reports were emailed prior to the Encampment for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

Dept. Monuments Officer Greg Carter PCC highlighted some information on a Marker in a cemetery in Henry, Ill. and that a request for financial aid to restore the marker and add a bronze plaque to the base signifying the history of the monument. A motion was made, seconded and passed to apply to National for restoration funds and the Department to make up any balance that maybe due in the restoration cost.

Dept. P. I. Bigwood reported he sent out forms to the Camp P. I.'s to use to make reports to him.

Dept. ROTC Officer Shipper handed out folders for the Camps ROTC Officers with lists of those schools and Colleges who have ROTC programs.

Dept. Guide/Guard Reienke highlighted a couple of activities.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dept. Sec. Aarli reviewed a few letters that were previously sent to the Dept. Officers and Camps.

AWARDS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Dept. Signals Officer Paul Zeien reported that he will send the "Rail Splitter" to all members via email attachment to save on postage. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a hard copy of the "Rail Splitter" to our Real Sons as they may not have use of computers.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to assess each Camp \$65.00 annually to offset the cost of the liability Insurance supplied by the Department. This was amended and passed to read that the \$65.00 will be remitted with the filling of the Camps Annual report (Form 27).

Bro. Larry Werline (Camp 4) gave a report on the Lincoln Funeral Train activities in Springfield May 1 – 3, 2015.

PDC Terry Dyer gave a brief update on the Dr. Stephenson Plaza. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Dept. of Ill. reimburse Bro. Zeien \$352.00 for the cost of brochures for the Stephenson Plaza.

Nat'l. P. I. Greg Carter and DC Lyon reported on the Nat'l. Encampment held in August 2014.

Bro. Bill Johnson proposed to advance \$1000.00 for 2016 medals and use \$1000.00 that maybe forthcoming from Nat'l for medals and hope to have some ready prior to 2015 Nat'l. Encampment. Motion passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have Bro. Chuck Wright produce drawings of President Lincoln and Dr. Stephenson to sell at next Nat'l. Encampment in Richmond, Va.

Camps were encouraged to buy 2016 fund raiser bonds for the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment with the understanding that excess funds will be refunded to the Camps.

A resolution was prepared prior to the Dept. Encampment and emailed to the membership in regards to extending fraternal relations from the Dept. of Illinois to the Dept. of Sons of Confederate Veterans and that a like resolution be drafted to present to the Nat'l. Encampment in 2015. See attachment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this resolution and act upon it.

In compliance to DC Lyon's General Order #5, Bro Werline and Dept. Sec. Aarli drafted the following proposed by-laws change for the Dept. of Illinois: Add new sections 5 & 6 to Article X Encampments:

Section 5: The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: a) All Past Commanders In Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy and have served to the end of that term, the sitting Commander in Chief, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. b) One (1) delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one (1) additional delegate for every ten (10) Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and its own elective officers (except Aides). (c) Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary, Camp Treasurer or Camp Secretary/Treasurer continuously for ten (10) years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments. (d) Any Brother serving as Department Secretary, Department Treasurer or Department Secretary/Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten (10) years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments. (e) All delegates and alternate delegates to a Department Encampment must be elected to such office at their respective Annual Camp meeting. (f) Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Department Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint Brothers to fill vacancies. (g) A Camp which fails to pay its per capita dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports shall not be entitled to representation in Department Encampments. (h) Voting on all matters requiring a vote brought before the Department Encampment including election of Department Officers, delegates and alternates to the National Encampment are vested solely with the delegates as listed above. (i) All delegates to the Department Encampment as prescribed above will be registered and a list compiled prior to the Encampment and a report made to the Encampment after opening ceremonies are done.

Section 6: The membership of the National Encampment shall be constituted as follows: a) All Past Commanders in Chiefs, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and present Commander in Chief and Department Commanders. b) Of one (1) delegate from each Department whatever its membership and one (1) additional delegate for every twenty five (25) Brothers or major fraction thereof in good standing based upon the Department Annual Report next preceding the National Encampment. c) Any Brother serving as Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, or Department Secretary/Treasurer holding office as such for ten (10) consecutive years may have bestowed upon the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment. d) All delegates and alternate delegates to a National Encampment must be elected to such office at the Annual Department Encampment. If a Brother is not duly elected, the Department Secretary shall not issue a delegate or alternate delegate card to such Brother. e) Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time National Encampments are held, may be filled by the Department Commander, or the Chairman of the Department delegation. The Department Commander in all instances having the priority or right to so appoint. f) If the Department fails to pay its per capita dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in National Encampment meetings. In addition, should a Departments report(s) be deemed incomplete by the National Secretary, they shall be returned for correction. Should such reports not be immediately corrected and returned, the National Secretary may petition the Council of Administration for a ruling that such Department be deemed to have failed to make reports.

Add new Sections 5 – 8 to Article XV Elections:

Section 5: Members of the Department Encampment as specified in Article X Encampments Section 5 (a) – (i) shall apply and shall be the only members allowed to make nominations and cast votes during election of Department Officers, Department Delegates and Alternates to National Encampments.

Section 6: Order of Officer elections are Department Commander; Sr. Vice Commander; Jr. Vice Commander; Secretary; Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer; three (3) Department Council members; Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampments. Elections for each office must be completed prior to balloting on next Officer when there are multiple names for a particular office.

Section 7: Those interested in running for an elected Department Office, may submit to the membership of the Department of Illinois, a brief biography of themselves sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Encampment via Department newsletter or email.

Section 8: If there are multiple candidates for any elected Department Office, each candidate may be given up to three (3) minutes to speak on their own behalf prior to balloting. ~~**Candidates may be asked to retire from the room during a five (5) minute discussion period by the voting delegates.~~ When there are multiple names for a particular office, balloting will be by paper ballot.

******An amendment to this proposal was made, seconded and passed to strike this line. A motion was then made, seconded and passed as amended to accept these amended by-law changes.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$141.93; Marc Finnegan Rail Splitter expenses \$224.52; Bill Shipper ROTC awards up to \$110.00(will forward receipts to Dept. Treas.); Total: \$476.45 motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

Annual Encampment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2015 Annual Dept. Encampment on May 9, 2015 in Rockford at the Veterans Memorial Hall and hosted by Camp #26.

Initiation of new members: None

Dept. Officer Elections: None

Installation of Officers: None

Announcements & Good of the Order: It was announced that the next meeting of the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment planning committee will be held on Nov. 1, 2015 at Applebee's in Belvidere, Ill.

DC Lyon started a Passing of the Hat collection with proceeds going to Dept. Guide/Guard Harry Reienke to start a College fund for his new baby daughter.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Jim Lyon formally closed the 131st Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW