

Department of Illinois SUVCW  
128<sup>th</sup> Mid Term Encampment  
Held Oct 29, 2011 at  
Tuscola, Illinois

The 128<sup>th</sup> Mid term Encampment was open in due form by  
Commander Terry Dyer at 12:25 p.m. followed by the pledge of  
allegiance.

The roll of officers was ordered with the following officers present:

Dept. Commander: Terry Dyer  
Dept. Sr. Vice Comm.: Everett Nylund  
Dept. Jr. Vice Comm.: Absent  
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli  
Dept. Treasurer: Bill Johnson  
Dept. Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski  
Dept. Council: Nick Kaup  
Dept. Council: Steven Westlake  
Dept. Counselor: Randall Abbott  
Dept. GAR Highway Officer: Bob Kurek  
Dept. Organizer: Ron Clark  
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien  
Dept. Eagle Scout Officer: Tom Oestreicher  
Dept. ROTC Coordinator: Nick Kaup  
Dept. Monuments/Memorials Officer: Greg Carter

The roll of Camps were called with the following present:

Gen. Custer #1 - Present  
Gen. Sheridan #2 - Present  
Gen. McClernand #4 - Present  
Frank Reed #24 - Present  
John A. Logan #26 - Present  
Col. Bryner #67 - Present  
Col. Hecker #443 - Present

Total representatives present: 34

Minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of May 14, 2011 were read, approved and ordered placed on file.

**Treasurers Report:**

Beginning balance as of Oct. 29, 2011	\$14810.84
Income:	
New member dues:	278.50
Camp per capita:	528.00
Calanders	30.00
Total:	\$15647.34
Expenses:	
Nat'l. per capita	4517.00
Jerry Kowalski Rental of sound system & savor	140.00
Steve Aarli Dept. Sec. supplies/postage	117.64
Mulligans Battery use of cannon for Lincoln Tomb/ Dr. Stephenson event	150.00
Tom Oestreicher Eagle Scout Certificate postage	45.82
Mike Gregory Sabors (6E2)	217.92
Nat'l. Dues for new members	198.75
Nat'l Encampment Table rental	20.00
Nat'l. Encampment program book advertisement	40.00
Total:	\$ 5447.13
Ending balance as of May 14, 2011:	\$ 10200.21

**Dept. Officer Reports:** With the exception of DC Dyer, as agreed at the May Encampment, all other Dept. Officers reports were submitted in advance and distributed to the Dept. Officers and Camp Commanders prior to the opening of the Mid Term Encampment. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

**Camp Commanders Reports:** As agreed at the May Encampment all Camp Commander Reports were submitted in advance and distributed to all Camp Commanders and Dept. Officers prior to the opening of the Mid Term Encampment. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

**Communications:** Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson reported on some of the financial aspects as presented at the Nat'l. Encampment in Reston, Va. saying that it will be required that the Dept. and Camp EIN numbers as well as Dept. and Camp Treasurers names and addresses be submitted to Nat'l. by May 1, 2012.  
DC Dyer also reported on the Nat'l. Encampment.

**Presentation of Awards:** DC Dyer called up CC Kirk Dermint and Bro. Bob Mohrman of Col. Hecker Camp #442 and presented them, on behalf of CinC Shall, the Marshall Hope Award - Most Outstanding Newsletter for the Camps newsletter.

It was also announced that our Dept. Commander Dyer was presented the Meritorious Service Award by CinC Shall.

DC Dyer called up Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson and Dept. Secretary Steve Aarli and presented them with an Outstanding Service Award on behalf of their diligent service to the Dept. of Illinois as Dept. Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

**Old Business:** Short discussion on misinformation by National as to who was going to appoint committee for the 2016 National Encampment slated to be held in Illinois. G. A. R. 150<sup>th</sup> also in 2016.

**New Business:** The Dept. Council members reported that they had audited the Dept. Treasurers books and found them to be in agreement.

It was with some sadness that DC Dyer announced that Simon Shaffer Camp #134 in Lacon, Ill. Had surrendered its charter. Vte by the Camp membership was unanimous in its decesion with little explanation as to why it wished to close.

The resignation of CC David Dellinger as Dept. Council and that of Bro. Justin Mierekord as Dept, Guide/Guard were accepted and DC Dyer declared both positions vacant immediately.

DC Dyer announced that there is interest in forming new Camps in the areas near Vandalia, Murphysboro and Quincy. Bro. Greg Carter who is attending college in Quincy is trying to promote interest in a Camp there as well as a Ladies Auxillary.

### **New Business Con't:**

Eagle Scout Coordinator Bro. Tom Oestreicher and Bro. Jim Lyon are in the process of forming a new Camp in Sycamore and have 15 new members already set to start. They have started the application process and hope to have their Charter after the first of the year.

Dept. Council members Steven Westlake, PDC and Nick Kaup, PDC suggested the name of PDC Ron Clark to fill the unexpired term of CC David Dellinger who resigned from the Dept. Council. A vote by the Encampment representatives was unanimous to elect PDC Clark to fill this position.

DC Dyer appointed Bro. Steve Wheat a member of Hecker Camp #443 to fill the position of Dept. Guard/Guide for the balance of the term due to the resignation of Bro. Meierkord.

The following proposed Dept. by-law changes proposed by PCC Joe Hutchinson having been received and distributed to the Camps prior to this Encampment according to Department by-laws were separately read and acted upon as follows:

**Art. III Sec. 3:** add "Life Members are exempt from the National per-capita tax and otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership." **Passed.**

**Art. VII Sec. 3:** delete "appoint a" and replace with "submit a slate of candidates for the offices of" and add at the end of section "Those present at the Department Encampment shall then approve or disapprove the proposed slate by majority vote of those Brothers present, either by voice vote or secret ballot." **Defeated.**

**Art. VII Sec. 6:** add at end of Section "with notice and reasons given to the Camps prior to action being taken." **Defeated.**

**Art. VII add new Sec. :** "Section 7: That any Department of Illinois Officer can be recalled for good reason, before expiration of term at any Department of Illinois Encampment by a majority vote of no confidence by the Camp Commanders and Department Council of Administration. The reasons to be communicated to the Camps beforehand." **Defeated.**

**New Business con't:**

**Art. X add new Sec.** “Section 4: That the Department Commander or Committees proposing projects or events that may incur expenses to the Department must have the approval by majority vote of those Brothers in good standing attending a regularly scheduled Department Encampment prior to the expenditure. If possible expenses occur between Department of Illinois Encampments, a vote by the Camp Commanders and the Department of Illinois Council of Administration must be held with a majority in favor before said expenses will be approved. The decision of the Commanders and C. O. A. will be communicated to the Camps in a timely manner.” **Defeated.**

**Art. XIII add new section:** Section 6: “That the Department Commander or Committees making decisions which concern the entire Department must have approval by majority vote of those Brothers in good standing attending a regularly scheduled Department Encampment. If possible decisions occur between Department of Illinois Encampments, a vote by the Camp Commanders and the Department of Illinois Council of administration must be held with a majority in favor before said actions will be approved. The decisions of the Commanders and C. O. A. will be communicated to the Camps in a timely manner.” **Defeated.**

The following proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Department of Illinois as submitted by Dept. Sec. Steve Aarli, were received and distributed to the Camps prior to this Encampment according to the Department by-laws and were separately voted upon.

**Art. III Sec. 5** Delete current wording and replace with: “Junior Members. Males between the ages of six (6) and fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications in Section 1.” **Passed.**

**Add new Section:** “Section 6: Junior Associates. Males between the ages of six (6) and fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications in Section 2.” **Passed.**

**Add new Section:** “Section 7: All classes of membership are to be consistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the National Organization SUVCW.” **Passed.**

**Art. VII Sec. 3:** Delete “Dept. Genealogist, Dept. Director of the Civil War Registry and all other Dept. special aides as he may deem necessary for such service as he may designate.”

**Add** “ Dept. Guard, Dept. Signals Officer and any other Department Officer as he may deem necessary.” **Passed.**

**Art. VII Sec. 4:** Change limit of Department Commanders term from **two (2) to three (3)** consecutive years. **Withdrawn.**

**Art. VIII Sec 1B: Add:** “Perform all other duties listed in the Job Description for Department Commander in the National Organization SUVCW Constitution. **Passed.**

**Art. VIII Sec. 2: Add:** “ Perform all other duties listed for Sr. and Jr. Vice Commander as listed in the National Organization SUVCW Job Description for the Sr. and Jr. Vice Commander. **Passed.**

**Art. VIII Sec. 3, 4 & 5 Add to each Section:** “As well as all other duties listed in the National Organization SUVCW Department Officers Job Description.” **Passed.**

**Art. VIII Add new Section:** “Section 6: All other appointed Dept. Officers shall perform the duties of their respective office as listed in the National Organization SUVCW Dept. Officers Job Descriptions.” **Passed.**

**Art. IX Sec. 1 & 2** Delete in its entirety and replace with: “Sec. 1: The Department Commander has the authority to establish such committees and appoint the Chairman as are necessary for the proper operation of the Department.” **Passed.**

**Art. XVIII add two (2) new sections:** “ Sec. 4: Each Camp shall adopt a set of by-laws consistent with Department of Illinois and National SUVCW by-laws. Camp by-laws and any amended Camp by-laws are subject to the approval of the Department of Illinois Commander.

Sec. 5: A copy of each Camps by-laws shall be sent to the Department of Illinois Secretary SUVCW to be kept on file.” **Passed.**

**Art. XIX Sec. 1:** Delete Sec. 1 and replace with the following: The order of business shall be as follows: 1) Opening of Encampment; 2) Roll call of Officers; 3) Roll call of Camps; 4) Introduction of Guests; 5) Dept. Officers reports; 6) Camp Commanders reports; 7) Communications; 8) Presentation of awards; 9) Old Business; 10) New Business; 11) Bills; 12) Set time and place for next Encampment; 13) Initiation of new members; 14) Nomination of Officers; 15) Election and Installation of Officers; 16) Closing ceremonies.” **Defeated.**

**Bills:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

Steve Aarli supplies as Dept. Sec.	96.01
Hirschbeim Trophies 2 plaques	75.60
Total:	\$ 171.61

**Set time & place of next Encampment:** Spring Encampment to be held on May 12, 2012 at the Fargo Hotel in Sycamore, Ill. 11:00 am lunch, with Encampment to follow.

**Initiation of new members:** The following Brothers from Col. Hecker Camp #443 were duly initiated into the Order by Chaplain Jerry and DC Dyer. Bro's. Steve Wheat, Paul Buechler and Ken Thompson.

**Nominations of Officers:** Dept. Council Members Westlake, Kaup & Dellinger presented their slate of proposed Elected Officers for 2012 as follows:

Dept. Commander:	Kirk Dermint Camp #443
“ “ “	John Bigwood Camp #1
Sr. Vice Commander:	Jody Switzer Camp #2
Jr. Vice Commander:	Marc Finnegan Camp #2
Secretary:	Steve Aarli Camp #26
Treasurer:	Bill Johnson Camp #26
Council (3)Members:	Nick Kaup Camp #1
	Terry Dyer Camp #26
	Ron Clark Camp #4

Bro. Tom Oestreicher was nominated from the floor to be placed as a candidate for Dept. Council. He accepted the nomination. Elections will be held at the Annual Encampment in May 2012.

**Elections:** Bro. Ron Clark was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Dellinger as a Dept. Council member through May 2012.

With no further business to come before the Encampment, Commander Dyer closed the Encampment in due form at 3:10 pm.

Submitted in F. C. L.,  
Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.  
Dept. of Ill. SUVCW