

Department of Illinois SUVCW
127th Mid Term Encampment
Held Oct. 30, 2010 at
Bloomington, Illinois

The 127th Mid Term Encampment was open in due form by Commander Terry Dyer at 12:30 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.: Marc Finnegan
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli
Dept. Treasurer: Bill Johnson
Dept. Chaplain: Dave Eisele Pro Tem
Dept. Council: Jim Zingales
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien
Dept. Eagle Scout Officer: Tom Oestreicher
Dept. ROTC Coordinator: Nick Kaup

The roll of Camps were called with the following present:

Gen. Custer #1 - Present
Gen. Sheridan #2 - Present
Gen. McClernand #4 - Absent
Frank Reed #24 - Present
John A. Logan #26 - Present
Col. Bryner #67 - Present
Simon Schaffer #134 - Absent
Col. Hecker #443 - Present

Guests Acknowledged - None

Minutes of the 127th Annual Encampment of May 8, 2010 were read, approved and ordered placed on file.

Officer Reports: The reports of the following Dept Officers were read approved and ordered to be placed of file:

Dept. Commander Dyer
Dept. SVC Nylund
Dept. JVC Finnegan
Dept. Treas. Johnson
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien
Dept. Eagle Scout Officer: Tom Oestricher
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Camp Commanders Reports: the following camp reports were given and placed on file:

Custer Camp #1 Bro. Bigwood CC
Sheridan Camp #2 Bro. Westlake PCC PDC
McClermand #4 Report read by Dept. Sec. Aarli
Reed Camp #24 None available
Logan Camp #26 Bro. Carter CC
Bryner Camp #67 Bro. Lionel Kinney C. Treas.
Schaffer Camp #134 None available
Heckor Camp #443 Kirk Dermint CC

Communications: Dept. Sec. Aarli read General Order #5 from CinC Brad Schall concerning the observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 2010. and that all Sons should take part in some type of activity to honor our Veterans.

Presentation of Awards: SUVCW Memorial University graduates were announced being Bro. Jon Lickey PCC Camp #67 June 2010 and David Amendola Camp #2 Sept. 2010

Old Business: Several reports were given on ongoing Department projects. Illinois CW monument at Altoona, Ga. Resolution currently going through the Ill. House for future vote.

New Business: Brief discussions were held for ideas on possible Camp fundraisers.

Also of concern were many ROTC/JrROTC schools that do not recognize the SUVCW ROTC awards.

A discussion arose about next April's Lincoln Tomb/Petersburg Cemetery observance and what changes could be made to the Schedule to allow more participation at both events.

A motion submitted in writing by our Dept. Chaplain Kowalski to allow some form of mileage per diem for travel expense for our Dept. Commander was read. A discussion followed with a concern about tax liability as being a form of earnable income. The motion was tabled until the May encampment for further review.

JVC Marc Finnegan presented an idea on the possible restoration project for Dr. Stephenson's burial plot and marker. Adding some type of terracing, solar lighting for a flag pole, etc. A motion was made, seconded and passed to form a special committee consisting of PDC Stuart Stefany, JVC Marc Finnegan, DC Terry Dyer and Eagle Scout Officer Tom Oestrieher.

Hecker Camp #443 JVC Garry Ladd spoke on the subject of film maker Ken Burns will be hosting a talk at S. Ill. University about the 150th anniversary of the Civil War as well as the "Civil War Road Show" that the College will be hosting on April 20, 2011 at 7:30 pm. Bro. Ladd also stressed the idea that the Dept. of Ill as well as the local Camps should tap into local Community Colleges to promote the upcoming CW Anniversary. Camp Commander Dermint also reported he plans to put together a DVD that would be a good recruiting tool.

Bro. Tom Oestreicher announced that if any of the members were interested polo shirts with the SUVCW medal members name and Camp name and number embroidered on them, he would take orders at a cost of \$25.00. Also available are dark blue lined jackets with the same embroidery as the shirts for \$40.00.

Dept. Sec. Aarli submitted a list of proposed by-law changes to the Dept. of Ill. SUVCW by-laws. Proposed changes were received by the members present and a ballot was handed out to the six camps present with the other two to be mailed to Schaefer Camp #134 and McClermand Camp #4. These by-law changes to be discussed and balloted on at the next respective Camp meeting with the ballots returned to the Dept. Secretary no later than Jan. 5, 2010 for counting and results to be announced. Most of these proposed changes are house keeping or clarifying specific sections.

Bills: The following bills were submitted and approved by the membership:

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| Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. postage, ink and printer paper | \$ 72.87 |
| Baxters American Grill Encampment lunch | \$1036.02 |
| Total: | \$1108.89 |

Receipts: Donations to offset Lunch: \$ 288.00

The 128th Annual Encampment of the Dept. of Illinois SUVCW will be held on May 14, 2011 at the GAR Hall in Peoria, Ill. Lunch at 11:00 am meeting to start at Noon.

Elections: On vote of recommendation by the Dept. of Illinois SUVCW Council and vote of approval of the Encampment, Bro. Steve Aarli was elected to fill the unexpired term as Dept. Secretary until the May 2010 Annual Encampment.

With no further business to come before the Encampment, Commander Dyer closed the Encampment in due form at 4:15 pm.

Submitted in F. C. L.,
Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.